



2025 Annual Report

MELTON RSL SUB-BRANCH (ABN: 23226415772)

DECLARATION

Per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013, The Responsible Persons [Nora MONTGOMERY, Reginald COOKE, Sam WELHAM] declare that in the Responsible Persons' opinion:

- a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Responsible Person 1 Responsible persons' declaration

Nora MONTGOMERY (annotated but not signed)

Dated this 10th day of May 2026

Responsible Person 2 Responsible persons' declaration

Reginald COOKE (annotated but not signed)

Dated this 11th day of May 2026

Responsible Person 3 Responsible persons' declaration

Sam WELHAM (annotated but not signed)

Dated this 9th day of May 2026

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INTRODUCTION

It is my pleasure to present this Annual Report covering the Calendar Year 2025 for the Melton RSL Sub-Branch. Throughout 2025, the Sub-Branch continued to strengthen its commitment to veterans, their families, and the broader community, building on the foundations established in previous years. The Committee remained focused on ensuring that veterans' welfare, advocacy, and inclusion were not only priorities in principle, but clearly reflected in the activities, partnerships, and culture of the Sub-Branch.

During the year, the Melton RSL Sub-Branch further enhanced its engagement with government agencies, local representatives, and community organisations, resulting in improved access to services and greater visibility of veterans' needs within the City of Melton. Collaboration with neighbouring Sub-Branches and Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs) continued to grow, fostering a stronger and more unified support network across the region.

A highlight of 2025 was the recognition of several events hosted by the Sub-Branch being registered with "RSL Active" – a section of RSL Victoria, which funds programs for veterans. This recognition has allowed our Sub-Branch to continue our fantastic veteran engagement initiatives whilst receiving much needed funding from ANZAC House. Coupled with our improved veteran advocacy service, and the addition of a second DVA trained advocate, our Sub-Branch has seen a very successful 2025.

Guided by the enduring motto of the Melton RSL Sub-Branch — *"We move Forward, because we move Together"* — the year demonstrated that collective effort, mutual respect, and shared purpose remain the driving forces behind the Sub-Branch's continued progress and positive impact.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last 12 months have been full of activity, from our ever increasingly popular ANZAC and Remembrance days to the fund raising and of course our welfare activities. We have also been active with our community involvement with various schools, aged care, state and federal members, council involvement and a number of activities that were new to our normal focuses and actively approaching leaders of the health area. The exposure of the Melton RSL has also increased with support from the local Star newspaper.

- **ANZAC and Remembrance Day**

- Both ANZAC and Remembrance days were very well attended, both by service members and members of the public. Both activities demand a large amount of work to organize and coordinate. There was also involvement with ANZAC and Remembrance Day activities at Aintree with input and representation from Melton RSL and Caroline Springs RSL.

- **Community Activities**

- During the lead up to ANZAC Day we had various visitations to Schools, early childhood Centre's and elderly care facilities. Appropriate modified ceremonies were carried out to the delight of all who were present. I trust that this will continue well into the future.
- Of particular note was our invitation to the railway construction site to give a presentation and sell badges at their "tool box" meeting prior to ANZAC Day. It was an extremely well attended by staff and workers who contributed very well to our sales of badges and memorabilia. The construction company also donated the proceeds from the "gold coin" charge for the egg and bacon breakfast that they provided. We have tentatively been invited back prior to ANZAC Day.

- Our volunteers have been extremely active during the lead up to ANZAC and Remembrance Days selling badges and memorabilia and overcoming a number of challenges. This exposure to the public is invaluable for the Melton RSL in both communicating with the public and potential membership gains.
- **Welfare**
 - Our welfare activities have increased from just a number clients to two drawers now full of clients being looked after. We have been getting referrals from DVA, ANZAC House, other RSL's and VVA. To the advocates, a very large thank you for the invaluable work that you are doing, which can be daunting at times. Very much appreciated by the executive and I am sure by all of your clients.
 - A number of funerals were attended during the year and RSL funeral services were carried out.
 - The Saturday BBQ's have really started to take off with increasing patronage over the year. We are starting to see new members, both young and older attending. Having a speaker at the BBQ's will continue this year.
 - The model club also is forging ahead with greater numbers attending the second Saturday get together. The assistance of a very experience modeler has also increased the interest and professionalism of the finished product. An exhibition of the models was held at the Melton library and very well covered by the Star newspaper. The Melton council also provided an afternoon tea for the people who organized and contributed to the activity.
 - RSL Active provided the funds for a pistol shoot at the Melton Pistol Club where a number of pistols were provided for target shooting. A great day was had by all.

- **Outside Strategic Meetings**

- Attendance at the RSL state conference and other ANZAC House online meetings.
- Regional RSL meetings have been held and representatives from Melton RSL have attended.
- Meetings were held with Woodlee Developers (Aintree) concerning ANZAC and Remembrance Day activities and other proposals were presented.
- A meeting was held with the State Member with a view to what grants we may be able to access.
- We have also had support from our Federal Member
- Informal meetings with Melton councillors concerning moving forward our welfare activities. This has progressed with a meeting with two permanent staff of the Melton Council.
- A meeting was held with the CEO of Western Health with a view of tying into the health system facilities for our welfare. Unfortunately, at this stage, there are no appropriate facilities available at this stage.
- During the year, we have had a great deal of exposure to the community from a number of communications with the Star Newspaper. This has been of great value to us in getting our message out to the community.

Again, thank you for all your hard work and assistance during 2025.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

29 April 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of RSL Melton

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of RSL Melton, which comprises the Treasurer's Profit & Loss Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 as at 31 December 2025 and the 2025 Annual Information Statement. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the needs of the members.

Committee of Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of Management are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, I have become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the not-for-profit entity's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and its performance for the year ended 31 December 2025; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

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2025 ACNC REPORT**



Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of RSL Melton does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 including:

- (a) Giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

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Melton RSL General Account
28-30 RESERVE ROAD
MELTON VIC 3337

ABN 23 226 415 772

ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT
For the year ending 31 December 2025

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME/RECEIPTS

1. Grant and Sponsorship	\$ 18,500.00	
2. Interest	\$ 3.92	
3. Member Subscriptions	\$ 2,813.86	
4. Merchandise Income	\$ 45,569.59	
5. Other income/receipts	\$ 300.00	
6. Other income/RSL Active Grants	\$ 600.00	
Total income/receipts	\$ 67,787.37	\$ 67,787.37

EXPENSES/PAYMENTS

7. Remittance ANZAC Appeal	\$ 7,319.05	
8. Military Compensation & Wellbeing	\$ 6,314.12	
9. Ancillary Activities	\$ 359.80	
10. Social Inclusion	\$ 2,715.27	
11. Meals at sub branch/function	\$ 575.86	
12. Donations	\$ 3,315.00	
13. Office Expenses	\$ 150.94	
14. Honour & Awards	\$ 339.60	
15. Insurance	\$ 160.76	
16. Meetings OGM & AGM	\$ 633.78	
17. Membership	\$ 2,059.66	
18. Memorabilia & Memorial	\$ 725.39	
19. Merchandise Expenses	\$ 26,595.99	
20. Welfare Expenses	\$ 360.00	
21. Post Box Rental	\$ 271.00	
22. House Maintenance	\$ 2,621.62	
23. Secretary Expenses	\$ 1,581.90	
24. Treasurer Expenses	\$ 277.29	
25. Donation To RSL Agency	\$ 7,135.62	
26. Remembrance Day Purchases	\$ 956.83	
Total expenses/payments	\$ 64,469.49	\$ 64,469.49
Net surplus/(deficit)	\$ 3,317.88	\$ 3,317.88

BALANCE SHEET EXTRACT

ASSETS	\$ 156,029.64
27. Total Assets	
LIABILITIES	
28. Other Liabilities	\$ -
NET ASSETS/LIABILITIES	\$ 156,029.64

I certify that the above statements is true and correct account of the year activities.

Nora Montgomery (Treasurer)

I have audited the books, vouchers, bank records of the above mention fund and certify that in my opinion the books and record are kept in satisfactory manner and the statement is true and correct.

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Melton RSL Patriotic Account

28-30 RESERVE ROAD
MELTON VIC 3337

ABN 51 680 132 150

ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT
For the year ending 31 December 2025

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME/RECEIPTS

1. Other income/Interest	\$	0.59	
2. Other income/receipt	\$	-	
Total income/receipts			\$ 0.59

EXPENSES/PAYMENTS

3. Veteran Maintenance	\$	-	
4. Meals at sub branch/Function	\$	-	
5. Other expenses/Remembrance Day	\$	-	
Total expenses/payments			\$ -

Net surplus/(deficit) \$ 0.59

BALANCE SHEET EXTRACT

ASSETS

6. Total Assets \$ 22,428.18

LIABILITIES

7. Other Liabilities \$ -

NET ASSETS/LIABILITIES \$ 22,428.18

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ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT
For the year ending 31 December 2025

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME/RECEIPTS

1. ANZAC Appeals Collections	\$ 4,311.00	
2. RSL 50%	\$ 1,430.00	
3. ANZAC Appeals Collections (From General Account)	\$ 8,622.00	
4. Remembrance Day Appeals (From General Account)	\$ 2,860.00	
5. Other income/Interest	\$ 0.13	
Total income/receipts		\$ 17,223.13

EXPENSES/PAYMENTS

6. Benevolent Welfare	\$ 15,752.53	
7. Meetings OGM & AGM	\$ 810.11	
8. RSL House	\$ 11,482.00	
Total expenses/payments		\$ 28,044.64
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>- \$ 10,821.51</u>

BALANCE SHEET EXTRACT

ASSETS

9. Total Assets	\$ 1,461.73
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LIABILITIES

10. Other Liabilities	\$ -
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NET ASSETS/LIABILITIES

\$ 1,461.73

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME	GENERAL ACCOUNT	PATRIOTIC ACCOUNT	AGENCY ACCOUNT
Grants & Sponsorship	\$19,000.00		
Fundraising/Commemoration	\$45,000.00		
Membership Fees	\$2,800.00		
Appeals Collection			\$17,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$66,800.00	\$0.00	\$17,100.00

EXPENSES	GENERAL ACCOUNT	PATRIOTIC ACCOUNT	AGENCY ACCOUNT
Commemoration	\$1,000.00		
Activities General	\$500.00		
Remittance to RSL Vic	\$7,300.00		\$11,500.00
Welfare	\$15,000.00		\$15,700.00
Administration	\$5,170.00		\$800.00
Fundraising/Merchandise	\$26,000.00		
Membership	\$2,000.00		
Remittance to RSL Agency	\$7,100.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$64,070.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$2730.00	\$0.00	(\$10,900)
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EQUITY REPORT

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 31, 2025

The Melton RSL Sub-branch is a Lodger Unit within the Melton Country Club. It occupies an Office provided free of any financial charges, to carry out the Welfare related work of the Sub-branch. The Melton Country Club is a subsidiary of the Essendon (AFL) Football Club.

- The Sub-branch has no financial interest in the Country Club, nor does its own any assets within the Club.
- Within the RSL Office, a small amount of Office furniture and associated portable IT equipment is located. The Office was refurbished from Sub-branch funds during the fourth quarter of 2024.
- The change of equity within the Melton RSL Sub-branch during 2024 was purely the profit generated as shown in the financial statements. Cash at Bank is purely the only substantial asset of the Sub-branch.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2025 was another busy year for the subbranch. On the Membership front it has been a steady recruitment of new members. Since Christmas, our Secretary Sam and Advocate Bronwyn have been busily signing new members for the branch.

November through to the end of January has been extremely busy due to the membership renewal period. I have spent over 100 hours on the renewal process.

We reached a high of 208 active members in October 2025 but to date 21 or 18% of our current members have not renewed their membership. An email or a letter has been sent to each member on 2 occasions.

I attended Governance training at ANZAC House in October, and I enrolled in My Impact which tracks hours undertaken by Volunteers.

For approximately 4 months myself along with our Senior Vice President Russell Pettis also acted in the role of Branch Secretary, when the previous Branch's Secretary resigned.

I have attended a couple of Veterans BBQ days.

Recruitment is always a challenge, nevertheless we keep plugging away at recruiting new members.

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Membership numbers

Membership totals as of the 28th of February 2026.

Total financial membership	Mar 2025	Mar 2026
	183	195

	Jan 2025	Jan 2026
Membership type		
Service	91	94
Life	2	2
Affiliate	78	81
Social	12	17
Reintroduced		1
Lapsed at 31/01/26		21
New members signed		33
Resigned		7
Meritorious (Not counted in official roll)	3	3
Total lapsed members	155	169

*In renewal only in Nov, Dec and Jan each year



WELFARE REPORT

Since its establishment at the beginning of the year, the Welfare Office has continued to expand its support services for veterans. Our team now comprises two advocates, with Sam Welham joining the office. The addition of another advocate has strengthened our capacity to provide comprehensive support to both veterans and staff.

Throughout 2025, the office has experienced significant growth, receiving referrals from ANZAC House, other Sub-Branched, local Members of Parliament, and through word-of-mouth recommendations. Our clients now originate from a broad geographic area, including Geelong, Ivanhoe, the Ballarat region, Caroline Springs, Bacchus Marsh, Sunbury, as well as our own members.

Several veterans have engaged with the local gym through Pro Active Exercise Physiologists. Participation in these programs has facilitated social interaction among veterans, contributed to physical fitness, and supported mental health and wellbeing.

The Welfare Office has provided the following assistance to veterans during 2025:

- Weekly welfare checks coordinated with local police
- Occupational Therapy (OT) visits
- Support with claims and related documentation
- Ordering of medical documents and White Cards, as required
- Financial assistance and guidance

During the Christmas period, the office was fortunate to receive 20 hampers, which were distributed to veterans in need or to those requiring a morale boost. Three hampers were also allocated to the Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA) for distribution to additional veterans.

The Welfare Office remains committed to providing continued support and assistance to all veterans in need.



OFFICE BEARERS

The following members served in the roles described during the calendar year 2025:

ROLE	NAME	MEMBERSHIP TYPE
PRESIDENT	REGINALD COOKE	SERVICE MEMBER
PRESIDENT	STEPHEN COOK	SERVICE MEMBER
IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT	STEPHEN COOK	SERVICE MEMBER
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT	RUSSELL PETTIS AM	SERVICE MEMBER
VICE PRESIDENT (LEAGUE)	REGINALD COOKE	SERVICE MEMBER
VICE PRESIDENT (LEAGUE)	ANDREW DOBSON	SERVICE MEMBER
SECRETARY	SAM WELHAM	SERVICE MEMBER
SECRETARY	LISA DAVIDSON	AFFILIATE MEMBER
SECRETARY	ANDREW JEYNES	SERVICE MEMBER
TREASURER	NORA MONTGOMERY	AFFILIATE MEMBER
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	DALE BORTHWICK	SERVICE MEMBER
WELFARE OFFICER	BRONWYN FLACK	SERVICE MEMBER
WELLBEING OFFICER	ERIC PHILPOT	SERVICE MEMBER
APPEALS OFFICER	DANI OBRIEN	SERVICE MEMBER
COMMITTEE MEMBER	CARLA RICHARDSON	AFFILIATE MEMBER
COMMITTEE MEMBER	CRAIG KELSO	SERVICE MEMBER
VETERANS ADVOCATE	SAM WELHAM	SERVICE MEMBER
VETERANS ADVOCATE	BRONWYN FLACK	SERVICE MEMBER

***** END OF REPORT*****