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**HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HONOURABLE DAVID HURLEY AC DSC (Retd)
GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

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TO: ALL HONORARY SECRETARIES AND SECRETARIES OF RSL SUB-BRANCHES,
DISTRICT COUNCILS AND STATE COUNCILLORS

EXPIRY DATE: 28th September 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF STATE PRESIDENT FOR THE PERIOD 2014-2017

CLAUSE 15 & 16 AND BY-LAW NO. 6 & 7

Examination of the nominations lodged by sub-Branches for the election of State President to fill the casual vacancy for the period until 2017 has now been completed.

As more than one nomination has been received we will need to conduct a ballot to fill the casual vacancy of State President. The candidates are listed below.

STATE PRESIDENT

(To be elected by vote of all compliant sub-Branches)

STEPHENSON P.J.

BROWN J.A.

CROSTHWAITE R.C.

HARDMAN W.H.

HAINES J. E.

A draw was conducted under the supervision of the Returning Officer at 09.30 a.m. on 3rd August 2016 at ANZAC House to determine the order in which candidates appear on the ballot paper.

A ballot paper has been prepared and is enclosed with this circular. Voting is preferential, which requires every box on the ballot paper to be numbered in order of preference. The ballot paper should only be returned in the envelope provided i.e. – inside the white envelope marked ‘Ballot Paper’ which should be enclosed in the larger envelope addressed to the Returning Officer. Please also write your sub-Branch name in the space provided on the bottom of the envelope.

Please do not enclose any correspondence or material other than ballot papers in the election envelopes.

Ballot papers are to be returned so as to reach the Returning Officer, ANZAC House, 245 Castlereagh Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000, no later than the close of business on **Wednesday 28 September 2016**.

For the information of members:-

Annex 'A' to this Circular contains personal particulars and details relative to RSL activities of the nominees for State President as furnished by the nominating sub-Branch and candidates.

Information will also appear on the RSL NSW website www.rslnsw.org.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Kolomeitz', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Glenn Kolomeitz
STATE SECRETARY

Peter John STEPHENSON OAM (Toronto)	
Date/Place of Birth:	9 June 1951, Paddington NSW
Occupation:	Retired
Particulars of Service:	Royal Australian Navy 1967-1977 Able Seaman Weapons Mechanic Vietnam, Far East Strategic Reserve
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	Order of Australia Medal (OAM), AASM (Clasp Vietnam), Vietnam Logistics and Support Medal, General Service Medal (Clasp FESR), Australian Defence Medal and RAS Badge.
RSL Service:	Joined in 1985, Pensions Officer, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, President, State Councillor, Vice President Northern Country, Acting State President (Dec 2014-Mar 2015).
Business Skills:	Extensive management training with G J Coles and Woolworths Ltd managing Big W stores and Woolworths supermarkets – Advertising and Sales Promotions Manager W G Huthwaite, proprietor PMT Promotions.
Director/Management Training:	Five years as State Councillor/Vice President RSL NSW.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	Currently appointed to State Council/Executive RSL NSW.
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	RSL NSW State Council and State Vice President.
General Information:	It will be my intention as State President to encourage younger veterans to participate with the League and to consult at all levels to restore trust. I commit to listening and acting on members concerns by consulting with rank and file members and by ensuring that our mission is met.
Nominated by:	Boolaroo, Mullumbimby and Toronto

James Alexander BROWN (North Bondi)

Date/Place of Birth:	24 June 1980, Sydney NSW
Occupation:	Research Director, US Studies Centre, University of Sydney
Particulars of Service:	Officer, Australian Army, Royal Australian Armoured Corps Postings: Sydney University Regiment, Darlington; 12/16 th Hunter River Lancers, Muswellbrook; Royal Military College, Duntroon; School of Armour, Puckapunyal; 2 nd Cavalry Regiment, Darwin; Al Muthanna Task Group, Southern Iraq; Combined Arms Training Centre, Puckapunyal; Headquarters Joint Operations Command, Garden Island NSW; Headquarters Joint Task Force 633, Baghdad Iraq; ISAF Special Operations Forces, Kabul Afghanistan; 1 st /15 th Royal NSW Lancers, Parramatta; 1 st Commando Regiment, Randwick; Land Warfare Studies Centre, Canberra.
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	Deputy Chief of Joint Operations Silver Commendation, AASM (Clasp Iraq 2003 and 'ICAT'), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Australian Defence Medal, NATO Medal (Clasp 'ISAF'), Army Combat Badge and RAS Badge.
RSL Service:	RSL Vice President North Bondi 2013-2016; Committee member 2012-2013.
Business Skills:	Worked as a management consultant at KPMG. Managed research teams and budgets at two research organisations (Lowy Institute for International Policy and US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney). Skilled communicator and author of two books and numerous reports on Australian defence policy. Extensive media interaction and public engagement; understand RSL organisation at national, state and local level; worked with a range of ex-service organisations and have a detailed understanding of veteran policy at a state and federal level. Understanding of international ex-service organisations as well as veteran policy in the United States particularly.
Director/Management Training:	Finance for non-financial managers course, University of Sydney CCE
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	Bachelor of Economics and Social Sciences (University of Sydney); Masters of Arts in Strategy and Policy (University of NSW); Diploma of Government, Diploma of Personnel Management (Royal Military College).
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	Advisory Council, University of Sydney Skills Training and Reintegration Initiative for Veterans Education (Strive)
General Information:	The continuing welfare of our veterans and their families depends on the RSL being strong, relevant and enduring. We must preserve the mateship and tradition that is at the heart of our organisation as we look to new ways to guarantee our financial stability and build greater strength as an advocate for veterans, to ensure that all generations of those who have served and those still serving have a voice.
Nominated by:	North Bondi

Robert Charles CROSTHWAITE OAM (Byron Bay)

Date/Place of Birth:	14 December 1945, Murwillumbah NSW
Occupation:	Retired (Company Director)
Particulars of Service:	National Serviceman from 1966 to 1967; Signed on as a “Regular Soldier” for 3 years from 1967 to 1970; Recruit training Kapooka (July/Sept 1996); Re Formed 8RAR at Enoggera (Aug/Sept 1996); 8 RAR preparation for Overseas deployment (1997); Served in Malaysia as peace keeping for 2 years, 1967/1969; Served in Vietnam, 1969/1970; Discharge, 1970; Served with 8RAR for my full period of enlistment, a total of 4 years.
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	Vietnam Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, The Australian Active Service Medal 1945/1975, The Australian Service Medal 1945/1975 (Clasp SE Asia), Infantry Combat badge, Return from Active Service Badge and National Service Medal.
RSL Service:	<p>Joined the RSL at Murwillumbah in 1972. President of the Byron Bay RSL sub-Branch for a total of eight years, Vice President for a total 17 years and Assistant Secretary from 2005 to 2009. Trustee of the Byron Bay RSL sub-Branch from 1999 to current. Committees from 1978 to current as a “Working committee person”. Became a Life Member of the RSL of Australia 28th November 1995. Received The RSL of Australia, “Meritorious Service Medal” in 2009.</p> <p>State Councillor of the RSL of NSW from 1991 to 1998, re-elected 2002 to 2016. Past Vice President RSL of NSW.</p> <p>Committees of the RSL of NSW: Future of the League (now Strategic Directions); Boundary’s Review Committee; Veterans Aged Care Forum; CCWA By-Law Review; Alternate Delegate to the CCWA; sub-Branch leases and Finance, which disbanded into Strategic Directions. Review of the RSL of NSW State Branch committees and their value in relation to “Corporate Governance”; Part of the Strategic Plan review committee; Australian Overseas Fund; Anzac House Trust</p>
Business Skills:	BE (Engineering); B Comm (Bachelor of Commerce); 2016 May, Just completed Module 18 Update to B Comm; A member of the
Director/Management Training:	“Australian Institute of Company Directors”; Continually Up-Skilling towards AICD Compliance; Other Directors Training Modules; Information and Technology; Continual Up Grading of skills;
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	Continual Community advice and signatures being a “Justice of the Peace”; Clubs NSW Training Module for “Board Members”.
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	<p>Board of State Councillor of the RSL of NSW from 1991 to 1998 and 2002 to current.</p> <p>RSL of NSW Past Vice President; RSL Age Care; and many other RSL Boards.</p>
General Information:	Representing the views of all “Service Persons”; Bringing open spirited debate to State Council; The communication chain to all membership be equal, balanced, in views, with modern technology enhancing communication. We must “Look Forward Outside the Square” into the future. Encouraging acceptance of the new generation of Veterans into our team.
Nominated by:	Byron Bay

William Herbert HARDMAN OAM (Forestville)	
Date/Place of Birth:	27 April 1945, Kellerberrin WA
Occupation:	Company Director/Financial Controller/Accountant
Particulars of Service:	1965-67 Army National Service; 1966-67 4RAR Borneo and Malaysia; 1971-78 – Army Reserve 16RWAR, Mortar Platoon Commander
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	Medal of the Order of Australia, GSM, AASM, ASM, Australian Defence Medal, NS Medal, PJM, RAS Badge, Infantry Combat Badge.
RSL Service:	Joined RSL Forestville sub-Branch in 1978; Committee Mar 2002–Nov 2002; Secretary 2002-2004; President 2004 to present. MWPDC Vice President 2007-2008 and President 2014-present; NBDC Vice President 2011-2014; Life Membership 2012.
Business Skills:	Senior Management Executive in the Finance Industry as a State Manager; National Administration Manager (Accounting, Personnel and IT); National Credit Manager. Australian Manager of Joint Venture Projects (developing projects from \$5 to \$600m including substantial Commercial, Industrial and Residential Developments across Australia). Financial Controller in the Manufacturing and Publishing Industries and Hotel Owner.
Director/Management Training:	Senior Management Development Program, Mount Eliza Graduate School of Management; Marketing Strategy Program, International Marketing Institute of Australia.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	FIPA (Fellow Institute of Public Accountants); FFA (Fellow Institute of Financial Accountants); Dip Law; MAICD (Australian Institute of Company Directors); MICM (Member Australian Institute of Credit Management); Justice of the Peace.
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	State Treasurer RSL (NSW Branch); Chair Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee; Trustee RSL Welfare and Benevolent Institution (RSL DefenceCare); Director RSL Custodian Pty Ltd; Hyde Park Inn Board of Management; ANZAC House Board of Management; Elected Councillor HCF Australia Ltd; A Director of Private Companies and Not for Profit Entities.
General Information:	Over a 42 year period the Nominee has gained a broad range of experience in Senior Management and Directorships in both the Corporate and Small Business areas. He has also been a Hotel(s) owner. He has experience in dealing with and negotiating with senior government representatives and senior corporate executives both in Australia and Overseas.
Nominated by:	Forestville

John Edward HAINES AM (Granville)	
Date/Place of Birth:	2 April 1937, Sydney NSW
Occupation:	Retired
Particulars of Service:	1966-1967 6RAR/2RAR South Vietnam; 1968-1997 28 Comwell Provost Unit – Malaysia/Singapore; 1971-1972 AFV Provost Unit – South Vietnam.
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	Member of the Order of Australia, AASM, Vietnam Medal, ASM (1945-1975), Centenary Medal, ADM, National Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and RAS Badge.
RSL Service:	Joined RSL in 1967; State Vice President Metropolitan; Honorary Secretary Western Metropolitan District Council; Trustee Granville RSL sub-Branch; Acting State President (2016); awarded Life Membership of RSL 1994.
Business Skills:	Operating my own business for some 10 years; my service as Lord Mayor and Councillor of a mayor city and my service in senior positions within the RSL has given the nominee the appropriate business skills and experience to hold the most senior position with the RSL NSW.
Director/Management Training:	Director Management Skills Training (LGA) 1997 Media Presentation Forum 1995.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	Professional Qualification training received in local government career as Lord Mayor and Councillor of Parramatta City Council.
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	ANZAC House Trust; Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Chairman; RSL Delegate ANZAC Dawn Service Trust.
General Information:	During my time as State Vice President I believe I have given loyal and valuable service to the RSL. I have served as Acting State President on many occasions, also I have served as chairman of the ANZAC March Committee, Chairman RSL Agenda Committee, Chairman RSL sub-Branch Support and Assistance Fund.
Nominated by:	Concord District, Granville, Ingleburn, Kogarah