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

EXPIRY DATE: 18 September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF STATE TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2020

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

Examination of the nominations lodged by sub-Branches for the election of State Treasurer to fill the casual vacancy for the period until 2020 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 Treasurer. The candidates are listed below in alphabetical order.

STATE TREASURER

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

CHIN P.

COUTMAN B.A.

HAYES-WILLIAMS W.B.

HUTCHESON J.M.

JACOBSEN N.

A draw was conducted under the supervision of the Returning Officer at 2.00 p.m. on 21 July 2017 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.

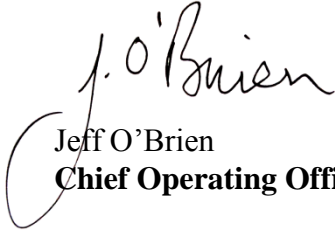
Ballot papers are to be returned so as to reach the Returning Officer, ANZAC House, 245 Castlereagh Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000, no later than the close of business on **Monday 18 September 2017**.

For the information of members:-

Annex 'A' to this Circular contains personal particulars and details relative to RSL activities of the nominees for State Treasurer 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 "J. O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeff O'Brien

Chief Operating Officer/Assistant State Secretary

Philip CHIN (Taxation)	
Date/Place of Birth:	27 May 1983, Sydney NSW
Occupation:	Risk and Quality Manager
Particulars of Service:	Australian Army Reserve, Royal Australian Army Pay Corps, current Serving Member enlisted 2007. Postings: Army Financial Services Unit, Army Compliance and Assurance Agency, HQ 8 th Brigade
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	Australian Defence Medal.
RSL Service:	RSL member since 2013. Held the position of Honorary Treasurer of the Taxation sub-Branch for 4 years.
Business Skills:	Currently a manager at the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) responsible for the risk management of the export market development grants program. Previously an assistant director at the ATO managing 4 compliance teams.
Director/Management Training:	Completed various leadership, governance and management courses at university and as a part of the CPA program.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	Member of the Certified Practising Accountants Australia (CPA) Master of Risk Management (Business Operations) Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Finance)
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	
General Information:	My skills and experience will support the change required by State Branch to remain relevant to the public and Defence Force members, and modernise governance practices to give confidence in how State Branch operates. My experience in risk management will allow the organisation to balance controls with the need to get things done.
Nominated by:	Taxation

Benjamin Arthur COUTMAN (Cardiff)	
Date/Place of Birth:	31 October 1947, Tamworth NSW.
Occupation:	Retired Accountant Academic.
Particulars of Service:	2 years National Service, 9RAR, South Vietnam.
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	National Service Medal, Defence Medal, Australian Active Service Medal, Vietnam Star, Vietnam Medal.
RSL Service:	Current 2 year Honorary Treasurer Cardiff RSL sub-Branch. Member of review panel to review Structure of State RSL.
Business Skills:	Certified Practicing Accountant. Conducted a range of consultancies for training in both the public and private sector. Management and business advisor. Background in Business, Training, Auditing, Research & Financial Management.
Director/Management Training:	Completed mandatory Director training for Clubs NSW. Conducted various training programmes for public and private sector organisations. Taught Accounting & Finance at Graduate and MBA level.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	CPA Aust, Formerly CA Fiji, Member CDI (Club Directors Institute), Academic Qualifications BBus (NRCAE), PGDAFM (USP). Since 1989 held various positions at universities in the South Pacific including Professorial Appointment as an Associate Professor and Head of Accounting and Finance at the University of Fiji and a Senior Fellow at the University of the South Pacific. USP degrees are recognised in Australia as being equivalent.
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	Director Cardiff RSL Club Ltd. Part of Senior Management Team – University of Fiji. Assistant Head of School Social and Economic Development – University of the South Pacific.
General Information:	Committed to accountability, transparency and good governance for the member of the League. To return the RSL to being the pre-eminent ESO in NSW. To ensure that the RSL puts the laudable objectives to the forefront of all decision making. To ensure efficient and effective control of financial resources.
Nominated by:	Cardiff

William Bruce HAYES-WILLIAMS (City of Sydney)

Date/Place of Birth:	12 June 1946, Fairlight NSW.
Occupation:	Retired.
Particulars of Service:	7 th Field Regiment, School Cadets.
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	None.
RSL Service:	A member of the RSL since February 2012.
Business Skills:	Senior financial roles in several large organisations including LendLease Corporation, Bramble Industries, NSW Government Property Service Group and Craig Mostyn Group.
Director/Management Training:	Attended Clubs NSW mandatory director training courses as well as many management seminars. Conducted various training programmes for public and private sector organisations. Taught Accounting & Finance at Graduate and MBA level.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accounts in Australia/New Zealand. Registered Company Auditor. Registered SMSF Auditor. Master of Business Administration degree. I have 16 years of professional experience in the field of accounting, auditing, taxation and secretarial practice.
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	President of City of Sydney RSL & Community Club Ltd.
General Information:	I have held senior financial roles at the organisations listed above. These consisted of implementing and upgrading computer accounting systems, preparation of procedures and processes for newly formed Government Agency, managing a complex and difficult taxation audit and documenting an entire export documentation system.
Nominated by:	City of Sydney

John Malcom HUTCHESON (Hornsby)	
Date/Place of Birth:	4 October 1927, Townsville Qld
Occupation:	Reg Tax Agent/Accountant & Property Specialist
Particulars of Service:	38 years in the Australian Regular Army & ARes (9 yrs). Active Service in Korea 3RAR & 28 Fd Engr Regt Aug-July 1953; Malaysia Aug-Oct 1953 (22SAS); SVN – 3 visits + Mar 1971-72 (CEAFV); SME (5 postings incl C0/C1); DES (Jun 1964 Dec 1968); Col Plans HQ 2 Div (Sep 1976-Oct 1982); 42 Cdo RM (Jan-Aug 1956); OC 2 Cdo Coy (Oct 1956-Jul 1958) etc.
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	MC (Korea); ACM (US-SVN); TSM (RVN) & Bar; Campaign Medals Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam.
RSL Service:	Joined 1970 (Liverpool RSL sub-Branch). Life Subscriber.
Business Skills:	<p>Director/Secretary of Private companies; AMDCCCL; Reg Tax Agent; Practicing Accountant; Court Expert Witness in Forensic Accounting; Mediator; Adjudicator & Court Expert Determiner.</p> <p>I continue to research and write about Australia's recent wars and peacekeeping operations with a view to understanding the needs of serving and discharged personnel to attract them to the RSL with a view to helping them in their daily life.</p> <p>With a strong background in business, finance and investing, I submit that I will be able to continually enforce the treasury needs of the RSL NSW State Office and assist the State Branches.</p>
Director/Management Training:	MBA (UNSW); PhD (UNSW) Financial Control of Contracts; Senior Lecturer & Visiting Professor – researching and lecturing in Director/Management of Organisations/companies in UNSW more than 20 years.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	BCom; MBA; AAUQ; PhD; FCPA; FCIS; FGIA; FAICD; FAIM; BE; FIEAust; FAIB; FAPI; FARIA; NPBR; NPER; CPEng; AAIBS; LGE; APIA; JP.
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	RUSIDSS NSW (V. Pres); Company Directors Association; Australian Society of Land Economists (NSW) – President; Aust Institute of Valuers & Land Economists NSW (V. President); Master Builders Association (NSW); Australian Institute of Builders (NSW).
General Information:	I have fought in Korea and served in peace and on Active Service. I have seen the body bags. I have helped the WIA from battlefields. I have faced the enemy and killed the enemy. As a consequence I understand the needs of current and future members of the RSL.
Nominated by:	Hornsby

Nathan JACOBSEN (Balgowlah)	
Date/Place of Birth:	4 February 1974, Canberra ACT
Occupation:	General Manager
Particulars of Service:	Royal Australian Navy from 1992 – 2000. Active Reserves 2002. Seaman Officer serving on HMAS Canberra, HMAS Westralia, HMCS Huron, HMAS Townsville, STS Young Endeavour.
Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards	None. Commendation for Leadership, Young Endeavour.
RSL Service:	RSL member since 2015. Member of Hyde Park Inn Board 2015-2016.
Business Skills:	Refer to General Information.
Director/Management Training:	AICD Foundations of Directorship.
Professional Qualifications and Affiliations:	Master of Business Systems (includes Accounting). Graduate Certificate in Management. Bachelor of Science degree (Mathematics, Computer Science).
Current and Previous Board Appointments:	Hyde Park Inn Board of Management 2015-2016. Fiduciary Committee.
General Information:	Relevant skills and experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and business transformation • P&L management last 20 years • Accounting, financial modelling • Investments and Trusts, including social impact funds • Board governance in a listed environment • Business systems and analytics • Project and program management
Nominated by:	Ingleburn