

**The Returned and Services League of Australia (NSW Branch) Annual State Congress 2023**

**NEX, 309 King Street Newcastle**

DATE	AGENDA ITEM   ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	DRESS CODE
<b>SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023</b>				
	<b>Welcome function</b>	<b>1700-1900</b>	NEX - The Avenue	Smart Casual Attire
	own dinner arrangements	-	-	
<b>CONGRESS EXHIBITORS (Monday and Tuesday)</b>				
	RSL NSW Strategic Plan with Peak Marketing RSL LifeCare Veteran Services Morgan Stanley National Centre for Veterans' Healthcare (NCVH) Open Arms Australian Military Bank Defence Health		NEX - The Avenue	
<b>MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023</b>				
	<b>Collection of delegate pack</b>	<b>0800</b>	NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Welcome</b> by Master of Ceremonies Jaimie Abbott	<b>0900</b>	NEX - The Arena	Suit with medals
	<b>Welcome to Country</b>		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Welcome</b> by RSL NSW President, Ray James		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Wreath Laying Ceremony</b> - Laying of wreath - The Ode - The Last Post - Minute Silence - Rouse - Australian National Anthem		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>RSL Pledge</b>		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Welcome</b> by Lord Mayor of Newcastle		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>RSL National President</b> Greg Melick		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Patron Address and Awards Presentation</b> Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW and Mr Dennis Wilson		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>State Presidents Shield</b> RSL NSW President, Ray James		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>RSL LifeCare Veteran Services Cheque Presentation</b> RSL NSW President, Ray James RSL LifeCare Chair, Ewen Crouch		NEX - The Arena	
	Morning Tea	<b>1030</b>	NEX - The Avenue	
	<b>Presentation 1 with Q and A</b> <b>Strategic Plan Update</b> ANZAC House Leadership Team	<b>1100</b>	NEX - The Arena	
	Lunch	<b>1230</b>	NEX - The Avenue	

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	<b>Presentation 2 with Q and A</b> <b>RSL LifeCare Veteran Services</b> Executive General Manager, David Anderson	<b>1330</b>	NEX - The Arena	
	Afternoon Tea	<b>1500</b>	NEX - The Avenue	
	<b>Presentation 3 with Q and A</b> <b>Veterans Policy Update including Royal Commission Update</b> Veteran Services and Policy Committee Chair, David McCann	<b>1530</b>	NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Wrap up and close of Day One</b>		NEX - The Arena	
	Shuttle bus from NEX to Bar Beach Bowling Club (and return)	<b>1645-1930</b>	Departs from King Street	
	Sport and Rec	<b>1700-1900</b>	Bar Beach Bowling Club (29 Kilgour Ave Merewether)	Casual Attire
	own dinner arrangements	-	-	
<b>TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023</b>				
	<b>Collection of voting device - sub-Branch DELEGATE ONLY</b>	<b>0800</b>	NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Welcome</b> by Master of Ceremonies Jaimie Abbott	<b>0900</b>	NEX - The Arena	Smart Casual Attire
	<b>Board Report</b> Chair, Sophie Ray		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>DPC Report</b> Chair, Derek Leslie		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Presentation 4 with Q and A</b> <b>Ask ANZAC House Open Forum</b> ANZAC House Leadership Team		NEX - The Arena	
	Morning Tea	<b>1030</b>	NEX - The Avenue	
	<b>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>	<b>1100</b>	NEX - The Arena	
	<b>President Report</b> RSL NSW President, Ray James		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Financial and Auditors Report with Q and A</b> RSL NSW CFO, Nicole Hasrouni and PKF Partner, Kym Reilly		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>AGM rules and procedures</b>		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Reports</b> - minutes from 2022 Annual State Congress - register of motions - endorse wording of constitution - financials - annual report		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Motions commence</b>		NEX - The Arena	
	Lunch	<b>1300</b>	NEX - The Avenue	
	<b>AGM continues</b>	<b>1400</b>	NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Rise of Congress</b> - Election results announced - President elect's remarks		NEX - The Arena	
	<b>Wrap up and Close of AGM</b> RSL NSW President, Ray James	-	NEX - The Arena	
	Close of Congress	<b>TBC</b>	NEX - The Arena	