

RESUME - CANDIDATE DESMOND CALLAGHAN OAM BJ JP

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Nominee Desmond Callaghan OAM BJ JP

Sub-Branch Broadford

Region 9



RSL Service History

Sub-Branch

RSL Membership

1978 Joined RSL Broadford Sub -branch

Executive Positions held:

- 1981-1982, 1998 President
- 1983-1988 Secretary
- 2001-2011 Secretary
- 1992-1994 Treasurer

Served on all Sub Committees:

- 2000 Awarded Life Member of the RSL
- 2011 Awarded Meritorious Medal of the RSL
- 2012-2024 Sub-Branch Delegate (Region 9)

State Branch/State Executive

- 2016 Elected to State Executive
- 2016-2018 Veterans Affairs, Welfare and Aged Care Co-ordinating Committee
- 2016-2017 Mufti Committee
- 2016-Current ANZAC of the Year Award Committee
- 2016-Current State Awards Committee
- 2016-Current State Executive Delegate for Region 8B and 9
- 2017-2022 The RSL Victorian Branch Risk, Audit and Governance Committee
- 2018 Elected State Vice President
- 2019 Awarded Certificate in Governance for Not-for-Profits
- 2021-Current Elected State Senior Vice President
- 2021-Current Property and Legal Committee
- 2024 Chair Management Advisory Group

Regional Committee

- 2016-2018 Regions 8A and 8C
- 2016-Current Regions 8B and 9

Other Voluntary Service History

- 1978-Current RSL Sub Branch Broadford
- 1981-2020 Board Member Nexus Primary Health – Broadford
- 1985-1994 St Patrick's Primary School Kilmore and Assumption College Kilmore
- 1986-1992 Hume 111 Little Athletics
- 1986-Current Seymour Legacy Group – Seymour
- 1990-Current Hon. Bail Justice
- 1991-2000 The Kilmore and District Hospital (Board Member)
- 1998-Current Justice of the Peace
- 2008-2016 Central Ward Councillor Mitchell Shire Council
- 2008-Current Goulburn Valley Road Safe

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Work Experience (Service and/or Civilian)

Service

1968 National Service, discharged 1970 – Served with 104 Sigs Squadron
Vietnam 1969-70

Civilian

1970-72 Employment Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, (Maintenance Dept)
1973-1981 Electrical Contracting Seymour
1981-2008 Maintenance Engineer Seymour District Memorial Hospital
2008 Retired

Awards

1987 Royal Australian Corps of Transport Museum Puckapunyal
1992 Certificate of Appreciation presented in grateful recognition of assistance and support provided to the Museum
1992 Certificate of appreciation Broadford Police and Citizens Charity Golf Day
1998 Recipient of the – Broadford/Kilmore Rotary Club. Community Service Award
1998 Certificate of Appreciation – Memorial Wall Appeal – Kilmore
1999 Mitchell Shire Council Australia Day Community Service Award
2000 Nominated Life Membership RSL Broadford Sub Branch/Awarded in November
2001 From Department of Human Services – Regional Director Hume Region
2001 From National Health and Medical Research Council – Health Volunteer Awards – Community Service
2001 From Attorney-General for Para-legal roles in Victoria
2001 From Prime Minister Hon John Howard MP, Federal Member Fran Bailey and Minister for Veterans' Affairs Hon Bruce Scott MP an expression of thanks from a grateful nation for contributing to Australia's effort in the Vietnam War.
2002 Community Champion Award – from Terrie Seymour (CEO Mitchell Community Health Services)
2005 Citizen of the Year – Mitchell Shire
2006 Mitchell Community Health Services – Certificate for outstanding Service, 1981 continuing in recognition and sincere appreciation of exemplary service, leadership and support.
Desmond A Callaghan JP Meeting Room – named in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to Mitchell Community Health Services.
2008 Regional Achievement and Community Awards.
2008 V/Line Volunteering Award – Certificate of Achievement Awarded.
2011 R&SL Australia – Meritorious Service Medal awarded and presented 09/11/2011
2014 OAM – Services to Community of Mitchell Shire
2020 RSL Victoria Australia Day Certificate of Achievement
2020 Life Member – Nexus Primary Health
2023 Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation

Medals

Medal of the Order of Australia
Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasp Vietnam
Vietnamese Campaign Medal
Australian Defence Medal
Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Statement of Suitability for appointment (max 400 words)

I have nominated and am seeking re election for the State Senior Vice President's position. I was elected to the State Executive in 2016 and State Vice President in 2018. In 2021, I was elected as State Senior Vice President. During this time, I have gained experience in many areas as outlined in my resume.

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I have completed and awarded the Certificate in Governance for Not-for-Profits conducted by Governance Institute of Australia.

Since 2016 I have acted in good faith and always in the best interest of the RSL on all of the Committees I have been involved with. I have continued to act with care and diligence in the duties and responsibilities assigned to me in accordance with the Charter and the State Branch Rules.

I have represented the State President Dr Rob Webster OAM as requested, on many occasions at functions held Statewide.

I have continued to support many Sub-Branches in Region 8B and 9 in any way that is needed. I have made myself available to all members if assistance is required in all aspects of the work we do within League. My passion and dedication to work with the Veteran Community has been with me since I joined the League in 1978.

If re-elected I will continue to represent RSL Victoria and your Sub-Branch to the best of my ability.