

RESUME – CANDIDATE JOHN MCNEILL

STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBER (METRO)

Nominee Name John McNeill
Sub-Branch Dandenong-Cranbourne
Region 2



RSL Service History

Sub-Branch

RSL Membership

- o Dandenong-Cranbourne RSL Sub-Branch

Work Experience (Service and/or Civilian)

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- o Aussie Veterans Coffee Co – Director – 2017 -present
- o Victorian Veterans Council Member 2022 - Present
- o National Junior Vice president APPVA National - 2014 - 2018
- o Level 3 Advocate Aussie Veterans Association 2012 - Present
- o Board of Management Dandenong/Cranbourne RSL 2016 - 2021
- o Chairman of the Australian Veterans Alliance 2016 - Present
- o Member of the Operational Working Party (Department of Veterans Affairs) 2017 - Present
- o Member of the Young Veterans Forum (Department of Veterans Affairs) 2015 – 2017
- o Aussie Veterans Prison Outreach Program 2019 – Present
- o Aussie Veterans Psycho-social Program 2017 – Present
- o Royal Commission Working Group 2016 – Present

Awards

- o Australian Service Medal – Timor Clasp
- o National Emergency Medal – Bushfire Clasp
- o Australian Defence Medal
- o Timor Solidarity Medal

Statement of Suitability for appointment (max 400 words)

In 2006 I joined the Australian Army and served in Townsville with the First Battalion. I deployed on Op Astute in 2007 to Timor Leste. Sadly I was medically discharged at the end of 2009 due to injuries I sustained throughout my service.

Since leaving the ADF I have dedicated my time to improving the lives of our Veterans and their families. I do this through my advocacy, which I'm currently a LVL 3 advocate.

In 2017 I started Aussie Veterans Coffee, which has seen us develop a psycho – social program here in Victoria with the help of many like minded ESOs and Veteran businesses. And with the support of these ESOS and businesses, we have now opened our own Veteran rehab centre out in Boronia.

I have been representing Veterans issues at National and State levels for many years, where I have sat on a variety of boards, committees and working groups.

During my time working in the veteran community, I have developed an extensive network of contacts throughout the Veteran landscape here in Victoria and around Australia. This has enabled me to run successful veteran initiatives and more importantly hear first hand about the issues impacting our community.

I look forward to the opportunity in bringing my experience and expertise to the RSL and working with the current committee and all members across the State to provide the best outcomes for our Veterans and their families