

RESUME – CANDIDATE EAMON HALE

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Nominee Name Eamon Hale

Sub-Branch Hawthorn

Region 1



RSL Service History

Sub-Branch

RSL Membership

- Kew 2011
- Dromana-Red Hill 2017
- Tramways-East Melbourne 2018-2019
- Hawthorn 2019-Current

Sub-Branch Representation

- Dromana-Red Hill RSL General Committee 2017
- Hawthorn RSL Vice-President 2019-2022
- Hawthorn RSL President 2022 Hawthorn RSL General Committee/Immediate Past President 2023
- Hawthorn RSL Vice President 2024

RSL Victoria Responsibilities

- 2021-2022 Electoral Reform Advisory Group (Returning Officer, Acting Chair)
- 2022 RSL Victoria Royal Commission Working Group

Work Experience (Service and/or Civilian)

Service and/or Civilian

I joined the Australian Army Reserve in 2004, assigned to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps, whilst still in Year 11 of High School, and aged 17 years old.

In 2006, I began full-time Army service. My postings have included 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry), the School Of Armour, 3rd/4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment, Capability Acquisition Sustainment Group, and 4th Brigade Headquarters.

I have been a driver, gunner, and commander on ASLAV, M113A1, M113AS4, Bushmaster PMV-M, and G-Wagon SRV. I have been a Recruit Instructor, section commander, Motorised Specialist, Liaison Officer, Mounted Advisor, and Officer Cadet Instructor.

I have deployed on operations to Iraq on Operation Catalyst/Kruger, and Afghanistan on Operation Slipper, Operation High Road, and again Operation High Road.

In 2017 I left the Regular Army, transferred to the Army Reserve, and joined Victoria Police.

I remain a full-time Police officer, now undertaking duties as a Senior Constable and Instructor at the Police Academy

Service and/or Civilian Qualifications

- Driver/Gunner/Commander ASLAV, M11A1, M113AS4, Bushmaster PMV-M
- Australian Army Cavalry Sergeant.
- Cert IV - Policing

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Medals/Awards

Australian Active Service Medal (With clasp "Iraq 2003", and "ICAT")
Afghanistan Campaign Medal • Iraq Campaign Medal
Operational Service Medal (with "2" Device) • Defence Force Long Service Medal
Australian Defence Medal
NATO Non-Article 5 medal (With clasp ICAT)
NATO Non-Article 5 medal (With clasp Afghanistan) • Army Combat Badge
RLS Bronze Medallion

Statement of Suitability for appointment (max 400 words)

It's time for the generation who served in Iraq and Afghanistan to step up. I've transitioned from leadership in the ADF to leadership in the RSL. This includes serving on various RSL Victoria committees, such as the Royal Commission Working Group and the Electoral Reform Advisory Group.

With experience as a President, Vice President, and committee member, I bring a proven track record to the table. I understand the operations of RSL at a very high level. I've travelled extensively; I understand the challenges faced not only by metropolitan RSLs but also by often forgotten RSLs in country Victoria. This helps me understand what is critical for us to not just survive but thrive.

I have also built strong relationships with other RSL State Presidents, as well as politicians at state and national level. This allows me to collaborate in areas where there has been reluctance previously.

As Senior Vice President, my priority will be rebuilding trust between sub-branches and state branch. To do this, I will foster stronger relationships, support all sub-branches equally, and actively listen to veterans across the state whilst addressing concerns.

My advocacy will be wholistic; encompass veterans of all ages, and backgrounds, ensuring that no one is overlooked. I am dedicated to protecting veterans' entitlements and advocating for legislative improvements. I will ensure this is not just done behind closed doors, but openly. I aim to see the RSL fulfil its mandate as a strong advocate on veterans' issues. My views on this are transparent and can be found in my contributions to Australian Veteran News.

I am honoured to publicly represent veterans and am fighting for a league that is willing and able to advocate as it did historically. While proud of my achievements within the RSL thus far, I see this as just the beginning. At 37, I intend to be here for a long time yet.

I will be overt with my Veteran focus. These concerns include:

- Ensuring implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide,
- Ensuring veterans are not disadvantaged by government reforms,
- Making the RSL relevant to all veterans in Victoria, thereby growing service membership, and,
- Striving to make RSL Victoria the premier ESO in the country.

Ultimately, my commitment to you is simple: I will represent and publicly advocate for all veterans and make our league the best it can be.