

## CHAPTER 4

### SUB-BRANCH AND SUBSIDIARY ADMINISTRATION

#### Introduction

4.1 This Chapter is designed to highlight the major areas of administration that affect a sub-Branch or other subsidiary. It should be read in conjunction with the documents listed at paragraph 4 of the Foreword of this Regulation.

#### RSL Membership

#### Membership Eligibility

4.2 In accordance with the Clause 4.1 of the Constitution, membership of the League is open to persons as summarized below:

- (a) a person who, for a period of not less than 6 months, has been a member of the Australian Defence Force;
- (b) a person who was a member of the Australian Defence Force for a period of less than 6 months due to the person being discharged for medical reasons or other reasons outside their control;
- (c) a person who was a member of the Armed Forces of:
  - (i) any country presently or formerly a member of the Commonwealth;
  - (ii) any country or place presently or formerly a Crown Colony of the United Kingdom; or
  - (iii) the United States of America.
- (d) a person to whom (c) does not apply, but who has, in a theatre of conflict, either served with, supported or was otherwise engaged with the Australian Defence Force or the Armed Forces of those countries or places referred to in (c) above and who is an Australian citizen or a citizen of any of those countries or places;
- (e) a person who is an Australian citizen and who:
  - (i) was a member of the Armed Forces of another country or place which, during that time of conflict, was an ally of the Commonwealth; or
  - (ii) in a theatre of conflict either served with or supported or was otherwise engaged with the Armed Forces of such a country or place.
- (f) any person who is not otherwise eligible to be admitted as a Service Member but who:

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- (i) is an Australian Citizen and who for a period of not less than 6 months served in the Armed Forces of any other country or place not included in those countries or places referred to in (c) above, provided however that at no time during such service, the country or place was in conflict in war or war-like operations against the Commonwealth; or
  - (ii) for a period of not less than 6 months has been a member of a philanthropic organisation which was, during that period, formally accredited to and administered by the Australian Defence Force.
- (g) a person who is an Australian citizen and has served 10 continuous years as an "officer" or other rank instructor in the Australian Defence Force Cadets (this includes officers serving in the Australian Navy Cadets, Australian Army Cadets and Australian Air Force Cadets).

### **Membership Classifications**

4.3 There are two classes of membership of the League, those being:

- (a) Service members,
- (b) National members, (consisting of Life Members, Honorary Members, and Honorary Life Members.

Annex A of this chapter shows the Application for Service Membership form.  
Annex D of this chapter shows the Request for Transfer of Membership form

4.4 Sub-Branch Secretaries and/or Recruiting Officers are to ensure the prompt submission of membership applications and are to ensure that new members are welcomed to the sub-Branch in accordance with Annex B of this Chapter.

### **RSL Awards**

#### **Awards Criteria**

4.5 The criteria and nomination for RSL awards is contained in Chapter 2 of this Regulation. Awards that may be bestowed are:

- (a) Life Membership. (LM)
- (b) RSL Meritorious Service Medal. (MSM)
- (c) Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge. (COM)
- (d) Certificate of Appreciation. (COA)
- (e) 50 Year Membership Certificate.