

Duncan Walker

I offer myself as a Candidate for election to the position of President of the Cairns RSL Sub Branch or, alternatively, Board Member.

I served in the Army reserve for 30 years in very many positions. I moved through the OR ranks to Warrant Officer Class 2 and my posting at that rank was initially, CSM 51 Independent Rifle Company. When the unit was re-raised as a Battalion I accepted a commission in 1987. Again, I held several positions as an Officer including a term as OC Operational Support Company. Extra Regimental positions included Secretary and Treasurer of both the Sergeant's and Officer's Messes, President of Regimental Funds and President of the Regimental Audit Board.

With respect to the Cairns RSL group, I served as Treasurer for both the Sub Branch and the Club. I am happy to say the members of both committees worked very well together to develop the building into a great facility. When I retired both entities were working in harmony and providing great services for the Club Members and for Sub Branch members through PAWS.

My civilian occupation was an accountant and before retirement I operated my own business providing accounting and financial services.

My Board/Committee experience includes the approximate 20 years with the RSL. I have served on the Boards on a number of not for profit organisations. I held the position of President of the Board of General Purposes for Freemasons in this district. I have also held the position of President of the General Board of Directors for Freemasons Queensland. I am currently President of the District Board of Benevolence for Freemasons in this district.

I believe firmly in the RSL and the services it provides. I hold a dear place for the institution in my heart for the reason it helped my Father in various applications to the DVA after being held captive as POW under the Japanese at Changi, Sandakan and Kuching.

My experience includes, specifically, managing meetings, financial control, strategic planning, corporate governance and the many facets of managing organisations large and small.