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RSL TO SEEK NEW CEO FOR NSW BRANCH

The NSW Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia will start an immediate search to recruit a new State Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, to replace Mr Chris Perrin, who has resigned after ten years in the position.

The NSW State President of the RSL, Mr Rod White, said no effort would be spared in finding the best person for the challenging task of leading the League on a day to day basis.

"The RSL is, and always has been, a vibrant organisation that has worked for the welfare of veterans and their families," said Mr White.

"Over the past hundred years it has grown to be a significant charitable enterprise in its own right, extending its reach to veterans and serving personnel through our welfare arm DefenceCare and RSL LifeCare which is one of Australia's biggest operators of retirement accommodation.

"So we need someone with a military service background who is familiar with veterans' issues and needs, who understands the importance of commemorative activities, and also is highly credentialed in business administration."

Mr White has paid tribute to Chris Perrin's contribution over the past decade, noting that he had brought fine leadership to staff at ANZAC House and had overseen a number of changes in the interests of greater efficiency.

Mr Perrin had been appointed CEO of the NSW Branch of the RSL in February 2005 after a career in the Royal Australian Navy, which included active service aboard HMAS Success during the First Gulf War in 1990-91. Mr Perrin had acted as a trustee of the RSL Welfare and Benevolent Institution, as Custodian of both the ANZAC Memorial and the Cenotaph, and as a director of the RSL-owned Hyde Park Inn.

Mr White said the NSW Branch Chief Financial Officer, Ms Annette Mulliner, will fill the role of acting State Secretary/Chief Executive Officer until the appointment of a permanent CEO.