

The Returned & Services League of Australia

# Forestville sub-Branch

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Report

May I begin my first monthly report by saying a big thank you to all involved in allowing me the privilege of becoming your President. I accept the role with both pride and humility.

Pride because I am indeed proud to lead such a wonderful organisation, and humble because I succeed a man whose achievements at sub-Branch, District Council and State Branch levels have been outstanding. Well done, **Bill Hardman**, and congratulations on your justly deserved award of the prestigious Order of Australia Medal.

Our thanks also to these recently retired Committee members:

**Robin Tapp**, former Vice President and Welfare Coordinator supreme, who will be sadly missed. Robin will continue to organise funerals for all sub-Branches in the Northern Beaches area. Thank you, Robin.

**Alastair Turnbull**, who has done such a sterling job as Treasurer and has kindly agreed to stay on whilst a replacement is found. (Would-be Treasurers please form a queue outside the sub-Branch office door!).

**Mervyn Whiting**, who actually retired in December 2016 and whose contribution has already been acknowledged. Many thanks, Merv, for continuing to edit and produce our monthly newsletter for January to March this year. Much appreciated.

Our Committee (see page 3) will continue to monitor the welfare and wellbeing of our present members, whilst at the same time actively seeking to enrol new and younger members to ensure the long term future of our sub-Branch.

Australia My Country entries will be collected the week ending Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Judging will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, so would all of you wonderful judges please note your diaries accordingly.

Look after yourselves and enjoy the cooler Autumn weather (albeit somewhat wet!). Best wishes to all.

**John Scifleet**

### Whats On

ANZAC Sunday march

23rd April at 1440

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ANZAC Service

23rd April at 1500

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ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Tuesday 25th April at 0530

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## Membership Update

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear members;

**CLARKE Kenneth Charlie ARMY**  
**BOWEN Llewellyn RN/RAN**  
**HOWITT Allan Stuart ARMY**  
**CHAFFER Brian Frederick ARMY**  
**McAULAY David Andrew ARMY**

Our sincere condolences are passed onto family and friends.

Current membership totals 457.

Introductions from our members, family and mates for new membership are always welcome.

## Changes To Your Membership Details

To ensure that our records are maintained up to date we would appreciate your advice of any change as soon as possible including new address, phone number, email address, next of kin and any other personal information.

Also please call us if you wish to check any of your information.

Email address is:

**[membership@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)**

**Geoff Brown**  
**Membership Officer**

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

Thanks to our volunteers for preparing the area for ANZAC Day.

### Memorial Pavers

Paver orders for the past 6 months closed on 24th March and will be laid prior to ANZAC Day.

Cost for pavers for sub-Branch members is \$35.

**Geoff Brown, Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway Co-ordinator**



## Special Request to Members

We can send each monthly newsletter to you electronically by email. This will help us to be more sustainable and save time in the preparation and filling of envelopes and reduce our mailing costs etc.

Please advise your email address details to us at: **[membership@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)**

We appreciate your cooperation!

## 2017 ANZAC EVENTS

### Sunday 23rd April

The March starts at the corner of Starkey Street and Warringah Road at 1440

The ANZAC service will then be held at the Forest Club at 1500.

### Tuesday 25th April

The ANZAC Day dawn service will commence at The Forest Club at 0530 for an 0540 start followed by breakfast with a \$2 per person charge or \$5 per family of Mum, Dad & the kids.



## Meet the new committee!

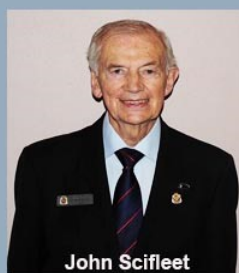
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*John Scifleet*

**Vice President**  
*Bob Lunnon*

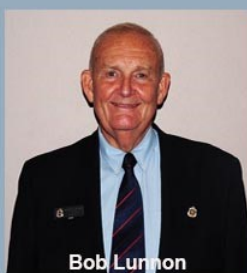
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*Tony Mooney*

**Treasurer**  
*TBC*

**Committee**  
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*Geoff Brown*  
*Sandy Howard*  
*Geoff Stanwell*



John Scifleet



Bob Lunnon



Tony Mooney



Geoff Brown



Geoff Stanwell



John Balfour OAM



Sandy Howard

Forestville sub-Branch Committee 2017

## The Women's Auxiliary

Our AGM was held on the 6th March with our popular BBQ. Thanks to our Chefs and Kitchen Helpers.

Our thanks to Bill Hardman for chairing the meeting and for all the work he has done while President of the sub-Branch. Our thanks also to Judy Hardman for being our Patron. We wish them all the best.

The Committee is as follows: President Ann Betts, Vice President-Rae Stoddard, Vice President-Caryl Flint, Hon Secretary-Barbara Norton, Hon Treasurer-Carol Anstiss, Social Secretary-Jan Taylor, General Committee: Carolyn Finlay and Shirley Mashman. Also our thanks to Jill Scifleet for accepting to be our Patron. We welcome our new members and I would like to thank the Committee for their continued support, and for their hard work. We are looking forward to a successful 2017.

The April Meeting will be on Monday 3rd at 1.00 pm. It is a general meeting with our Guest Speaker Ros Klumpes from Assisted Dogs Australia, so that should be very interesting. If you could bring something yummy for afternoon tea that would be great. For those on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery.

We will be selling badges at The Club in the foyer from Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd April from 6.00 pm. For the first time we have been asked to sell badges at Bunnings at Belrose on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd. We will have badges for sale at the Dawn service.

Our Anzac March is on Sunday 23rd 2.30 pm to 3.00 pm.

The Women's Auxiliary will be serving refreshments after the March, as well as after the Dawn Service which will be held on Tuesday 25th at 5.30 am.

So please consider buying your badges at the club, as this is one of our main Fund Raisers for the year and we thank you for your continued support.

We would like to congratulate John Scifleet and the incoming sub-Branch committee. We look forward to a fun year ahead and working with them again this year.

Another member of the Women's Auxiliary will be sadly missed, with the passing of Jan Hannon. Jan was a member for many years and served as Vice President. Jan also looked after our welfare. We could always rely on Jan to keep us informed on the progress of any of our ladies on the sick list and, if any needed help, Jan was always willing to offer help or advice. We could always count on Jan to be the life of the party. We offer our sincere sympathy to her sister Christine, and her daughters Katie, Sara and their families.



**Annie Betts**  
**President**

# Dates to Remember in 2017

Wednesday 5th April	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Saturday 22nd April	***	0900 AMC Judging
Sunday 23rd April	***	1440 ANZAC Sunday Street March
Sunday 23rd April	***	1500 ANZAC Service at RSL Club
Tuesday 25th April	***	0530 ANZAC Dawn Service
Wednesday 3rd May	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Saturday 13th May	***	1100 Australia My Country Presentation
Wednesday 7th June	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 5th July	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 2nd August	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 13th August	***	1200 VP Day Luncheon
Wednesday 6th September	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 4th October	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Monday 23rd October	***	1200 sub-Branch Widow's Luncheon
Wednesday 1st November	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Saturday 11th November	***	1030 Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 15th November	***	1200 Narrabeen War Vets Luncheon
Sunday 3rd December	***	1800 sub-Branch Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 6th December	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting

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***“And the world is a little poorer, for a soldier died today”***

***...Lest We Forget...***