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# Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Report

Hi everyone.

Here we are in the month of June after a hectic but satisfying April-May.

Both our special days were highly successful with over 600 people attending our Sunday march and Service and over 1000 at our Dawn Service. Nice to see families and children turning up for these special occasions and well done to our hard working organisers and volunteers.

Bill Hardman and myself have just attended the annual RSL NSW State Congress at Albury from Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th May in our respective roles as Presidents of Northern Beaches District Council and Forestville sub-Branch. We will provide a detailed report as soon as possible.

Christmas in July will be held this year in the Windsor area with an initial tour of historical sites and buildings, followed by a 3-course meal and entertainment at the well known Fiddler Hotel. Date is Tuesday 4th July and tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 13th June.

Other forthcoming events are listed on page 4 so look after yourselves and as always, call if you need help.

**John Scifleet**  
**President**

### Whats On

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Monthly General  
Meeting  
Wednesday 7th June,  
7.30pm

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Christmas In July  
*Bookings Open June*

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## Membership Update

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear members:

**MULLANY, William Charles, ARMY**  
**FORD, Donald Frederick, ARMY**  
**BOOTH, Geoffrey David, ARMY**  
**BRAIN, James Edward, ARMY**  
**ALLBON, William Edward, ARMY**

Our sincere condolences are passed onto family and friends.

Current membership totals 453

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

*Geoff Brown, Membership Officer*

## 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***

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

Thanks again to our volunteers. The area looked great for our ANZAC services.

### Memorial Pavers

The latest Paver Orders were all placed prior to ANZAC Day. Orders are now being taken for Remembrance Day in November.

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



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

## Capt. OWEN ZUPP ... Guest speaker at the July Monthly Meeting

**“WITHOUT PRECEDENT”** - From humble rural beginnings, surrounded by drought and The Great Depression, Phillip Zupp forged an incredible life with little more than courage and tenacity. During World War II, he saw combat on the ground in New Guinea before patrolling the devastation of Hiroshima and Tokyo as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces. In Korea, Phillip flew 201 combat sorties amid intense ground fire and the enemy's ever-threatening MiG fighters.

## The Women's Auxiliary

Our next Meeting is on Monday 3rd July. It is a General Meeting with our very popular BBQ starting at 11.30 am. As usual we have our **Man Power Chefs** ready with the tongs so please put your name down and be part of the fun. If you were unable to attend our June meeting please ring me on 9402 0882 and I will put your name on the list.

Our Book Table will be back and we are also getting a few DVD's and CD's to sell which is great.

At our June Meeting we had the Illawarra Knitters for the first time we hope all who came had a enjoyable afternoon. New members are always welcome come along the 1st Monday of the Month around 1.00 pm and check us out.

If you are on the sick list and we can help please ring me on 9402 0882. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## ANZAC Sunday Service 2017



We were delighted to welcome local member Jonathan O'Dea, together with former councillors Michael Regan, Jose Menano-Pires and Julie Sutton. Inspector Robert Beazley headed up our Police support team. The Manly Warringah Pipe Band and our bugler Maddy Shearer were again outstanding. The Catafalque Party was provided by 201 Army Cadet Unit and

305 Squadron Air Force Cadets. The combined choir from the Forest Uniting Church and the school band from Killarney Heights High School provided music support. The Commemoration Address was given by the Director of Killarney Heights band, CMDR Phillip Anderson OAM (Retd).

## ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2017



We were fortunate that the weather was kind to us. Over 1000 people attended which was a great result. We loved Ron Wick's didgeridoo and his bagpipes as well as Maddy Shearer's bugle playing. The Catafalque Party was provided by 7 Light Battery 2/17 Royal NSW Regiment. The powerful Commemorative Address was delivered by LTCOL Clark Smith a current serving ADF officer and sub-Branch member.

Following the service, the RSL bistro produced over 900 hot breakfasts all in perfect condition.



# Dates to Remember in 2017

Wednesday 7th June	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday 4th July	***	Christmas In July The Fiddler, Rouse Hill
Depart 9.30am Price \$40		Includes 3 course meal, wine & entertainment
Wednesday 5th July	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Guest Speaker		Owen Zupp
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

## 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!

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

*...Lest We Forget...*

## Useful Links

Visit the following sites for more information:

### **Forestville RSL sub-Branch website:**

<http://www.forestvillersl.org.au>

### **Forestville RSL sub-Branch Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/ForestvilleRSLSubBranch/>

### **Forestville RSL sub-Branch Instagram page:**

[forestvillersubbranch](#)

### **The Forest Club website:**

<http://www.forestvillersl.com.au>

### **RSL NSW website:**

<http://www.rslnsw.org.au>

### **RSL Membership Advantage website:**

<http://www.memberadvantage.com.au/rslnsw>

### **The Veterans Centre Sydney Northern Beaches website:**

<http://www.vcsnb.org.au>

### **The Australian War Memorial website:**

<http://www.awm.gov.au>