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Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Good news is always nice to hear, so we are very pleased to advise that Robin Tapp our Welfare/Funerals Coordinator, has resumed active service after a brief and well-earned respite from Committee duties. Well done and welcome home young Robin, your return will help to spread our overall Committee workload.

On the RSL NSW scene, we have not received any further official advice at this stage but we can confirm that a meeting of the State Council is scheduled for 31st July. We will keep members informed when further information is received. Meantime we wish our newly appointed State Councillors every success in the difficult tasks that lie ahead.

Our Christmas in July bus trip on 4th July to the Windsor area was a very pleasant day (see page 3) except for a very poor quality lunch. This matter has been raised with the bus company involved, which will hopefully see improvement by this venue.

Our website is under review as promised and we are pleased to report that a current update has been completed on the first stage of this project. We will keep you advised of progress as planned stages of the upgrade are achieved.

During July our Widows group held their 35th birthday luncheon and kindly invited Bob Lunnon, Tony Mooney, Jill and myself to join them on this happy occasion. Thank you ladies, this gesture is indicative of the close and long standing association between our two groups.

A reminder that our VP Day Luncheon will be held on Sunday 13th August. Tickets are available at Reception, so we suggest you purchase them promptly if you haven't already done so. This is a most enjoyable event so don't miss your opportunity to be there.

Finally, only one more month of cold weather to go, so please look after yourselves and call if you need us.

John Scifleet
President

Whats On

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Monthly General
Meeting

Wednesday 2nd August,
7.30pm

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VP Day Luncheon
Sunday 13th August
12.00 Noon

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Membership Update

Sadly, we report the passing of the following dear members:

JOHNSON Peter Stanley ... ARMY
MCTIERNAN Edwina Morley ... ATS
BOND Norma Ethel ... WAAAF

Our sincere condolences are passed onto families and friends.

We have the pleasure of welcoming one new sub-Branch member:

David Stanley SHEEKEY

Current membership totals 447.

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

Changes To Your Membership Details

Your advices of any change to personal details eg new address, phone number, email address, next of kin would be appreciated.

**For all Membership enquiries: Please get in touch with Geoff Brown,
Membership Officer and Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway Co-ordinator**

Email: membership@forestvillersl.org.au

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

We are still looking for one new volunteer for our "B" team. The job is not onerous being bi-monthly one work day a week for about one hour with times to suit you personally.

We would love to hear from one of our 266 Sub-branch members in the Forest area volunteering for this assistance.



Memorial Pavers

Orders are now being taken for Remembrance Day in November. Closing date for orders is 25th September, 2017. Cost for pavers for sub-Branch members is \$35.

The Reveille Magazine

If you still wish to receive the Reveille Magazine in its current hard copy format, please complete and return the included notice to ANZAC HOUSE.

The Women's Auxiliary

Our next meeting is on Monday 7th of August at 1.00 pm. As mentioned in our July Newsletter, we have **Guest Speaker Crime Fiction Writer Karen Davis** so it should be a very interesting afternoon to come and enjoy. I am sure Karen will be only too happy to answer any questions you might have regarding *How to get away with Murder*. Guests are very welcome so if you have friends or neighbours who enjoy a good mystery then bring them along. A number of ladies have put their name down for our *Birthday Luncheon*. If you haven't done so, you can do it at our August meeting or give me a ring on 94020882.

Our Book Table is going well so have a browse. We have children's books as well as some CD's and DVDs. All the money goes towards our *Christmas Hampers*. We welcome new members ... so if you would like to come along to one of our meetings we would look forward to seeing you.

Dates to Remember

Monday September 4th 12.00 noon General Meeting --- 1.00 pm Birthday Lunch.

Monday October 9th 12.00 noon General Meeting – 1.00 pm Guest Speaker Scott McGregor talking about his Train Trips to exciting places as well as some up and coming tours he is arranging.

Ladies on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery.

Regards
President Annie

Christmas In July Bus Tour

Tuesday 4th July, 2017



On a beautifully sunny Winter's day on 4th July, 61 of us set out in two buses from the lower carpark for a most enjoyable day, full of fun, sightseeing, friendship, food and dancing!

First was a tour of historic Windsor, including morning tea on the banks of the Hawkesbury River.

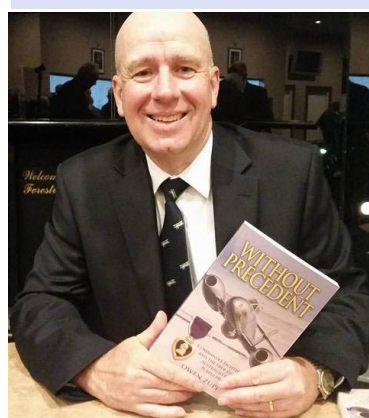
This was followed by our Christmas in July lunch at The Fiddler in Rouse Hill. We were entertained by the lovely Mrs Clause with lots of Christmas and foot-tapping popular songs. The songs encouraged many of us to enjoy some fun dancing. Our special thanks to Travel Officer Bob Connors for organizing a wonderful enjoyable day via On Course Tours. Well done Bob! We look forward to the next one.

Sue Duchesne
Committee Volunteer



Owen Zupp

July 2017 - General Meeting Presentation



It was my pleasure to welcome Owen to our July meeting before he spoke on his recent book, "Without Precedent".

Owen can be classed as a "total aviation person". Commencing his career as a flying instructor, through domestic flying for Ansett, to a change in international work for Qantas, then to his present appointment as an A320 captain with Jetstar. Owen has maintained contact with his roots by conducting evaluation flights for the aviation press, authoring 8 books on flying and his own private flying. Without Precedent is internationally acclaimed and our members were enthralled by the story of his father, Phillip Zupp. If you weren't there, you missed a good one!

Copies of Without Precedent are available for loan from our sub-Branch library.

Sandy Howard
Committee Member



Dates to Remember in 2017

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

VP DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday 13th August 2017

This function is only for members of the RSL sub-Branch, Women's Auxiliary and their partners and Service Widows

The luncheon will commence at 12 noon, with the doors opening at 11.30.

TICKETS—on sale from Monday 10th July, initially from the sub-Branch office and then from the reception desk of the Club.

COST—\$35 per person (cash only please)

CLUB BUS—will be available from 10.30am, until late afternoon, with bookings for the bus being made personally at the reception desk of the Club or by phoning the reception desk on 9451 1011.

DRESS—SMART CASUAL with an Hawaiian theme.

MENU—A two course meal, "Main and Dessert" will be served with alternates on each course with refreshments and lucky door prizes.

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*"And the world is a little poorer, for a soldier died today"
...Lest We Forget...*