

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

Here we are already in September, looking forward to the joys of spring weather.

On the home front we welcome back Alastair Turnbull our Acting Treasurer and his wife Denise who have been visiting family in the USA and UK. Our thanks to Bill Hardman for taking care of our Treasury in Al's absence. Bill and his wife Judy have enjoyed a trip to Hawaii. Committee travellers abound and Tony Mooney is now off to Canada and the USA with his wife Myra. Robin and Colwyn Tapp are also enjoying a Pacific cruise. John Balfour is Acting Secretary in Tony's absence.

Good news at the office with Vince Williams becoming a Committee member. This brings us up to full strength and enables us to spread our workload. Vince is a long-standing member of our sub-Branch, with an outstanding military career plus subsequent senior academic experience with Macquarie University.

This month will see your Committee members joining our Women's Auxiliary birthday luncheon on 4th September, followed by a Widows Group BBQ luncheon on the 18th September. Such a wonderful lifestyle!

Our next day trip is scheduled for Thursday 19th October to HARS Aviation Museum at Albion Park on the South Coast. Further details are in this newsletter and remember to get in early for your tickets, which will be on sale from Monday 11th September.

At our General Meeting on 2nd August, we had the pleasure of presenting RSL Life Membership to Don Kennedy. Don's record of achievement and his contribution to the RSL movement is a story in its own right. Well done Don, we're very proud of you.

At RSL NSW our new President and Councillors are hard at work cooperating with Justice Bergin and other investigators to resolve issues which have arisen and may still arise. Changes are being made to the NSW management structure which should help in the longer term. We will keep you advised as matters progress.

We have a guest speaker at this month's General Meeting. Peter Bradford was an RAAF helicopter pilot in Vietnam 1969-70 and should have some interesting stories for us to hear.

As always, our primary focus is the welfare and wellbeing of our members. So look after yourselves and call us if you need assistance.

John Scifleet

Whats On

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Monthly General Meeting
7.30pm

Wednesday 6th September

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HARS Day Trip
Thursday 19th October

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Membership Update

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

HERBERT Hilary Allan ARMY/RAAF
HIGHFIELD John RAF

Our sincere condolences are passed onto families and friends.

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

Peter FERRETT Rhodesian Army

Current membership totals 446

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.

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

With pleasure we advise sub-Branch member, Gordon Scott, has volunteered to join us on Team "B" working in the area. We sincerely welcome him to our happy group of workers. Well done Gordon. A new extension to the No2 flag pole has been finished and is ready for our special events.



Memorial Pavers

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

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

THE WIDOWS GROUP

Our next meeting is on Monday 18th September at 11AM for 11.30AM. It is a General Meeting followed by a BBQ, and Guest Vocalist Keff McCulloch. His music is highly recommended live entertainment for all occasions – rock/pop and jazz/guitar. We are looking forward to a good roll-up. Please contact me on 94525561 if your name is not on the list.

New members are always welcome, when you feel up to it. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month 11AM for 11.30AM for a light lunch of sandwiches and cakes & tea and coffee. Get well wishes to our ladies not in the best of health, we are thinking of you.

Margaret Campbell
President

The Women's Auxiliary

Our Guest Speaker for August, Karen Davis, was fantastic. Karen told us about her time in the police force which she joined when she was 19 and came into contact with various criminals which we read about today. She moved to various sections of the police force but the job eventually took its toll and Karen had a breakdown. She left the force and, after a long spell, began to write and so came her first book which took 4 years to complete and to get accepted by agents. It was a great afternoon and we had some of our sub-Branch pop in. Karen answered questions and we were able to buy some of her books which she was only too happy to sign. We will be looking forward to her next book.

Our next meeting will be on at **12noon on Monday 4th September, with our Birthday Lunch to follow at 1.00 pm.** If you haven't put your name down please do so as it should be a great afternoon with some of the members of the sub-Branch joining us for a bit of fun. For any train buffs, don't forget our Guest Speaker in October will be **Scott McGregor** telling us about his train travels and letting us know what he has organised for future trips. All are very welcome and his presentation should start about 1.30PM so please come and join us as it should be a very entertaining afternoon.

For those Ladies on the sick list we look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards
President Annie

HARS Day Trip



COACH TRIP TO HARS AVIATION MUSEUM THURS 19TH OCTOBER 2017

Departing Forestville RSL lower car park at 8AM, we will travel via the Princes Highway to Sublime Point for morning tea, then to the HARS Aviation Museum at Albion Park. After a tour of the museum, we will visit Albion Park RSL Club for lunch, then travel via Sea Cliff Bridge and Stanwell Park, returning to Forestville around 5PM.

Cost is \$40 per person. This price includes morning tea, HARS entrance fee, two-course lunch, and coach travel. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 11th September to Friday 6th October, on a first come first served basis.



LIFE MEMBER - DON KENNEDY

At our General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd August, President John Scifleet presented Don Kennedy with Life Membership of the Returned & Services League of Australia. Pictured is Don with his lovely wife Wynne and their two daughters. Congratulations, Don!



Dates to Remember in 2017

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

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2017

GUEST SPEAKER PETER BRADFORD

The Guest Speaker at our General Meeting on Wednesday 6th September will be Peter Bradford, UH-1 (Iroquois) Helicopter Pilot, 9SQN, RAAF, 1 Task Force, Vietnam, 1969-1970.

Sandy Howard
Committee Member

Special Request to Members

We can send each monthly newsletter to you electronically by email. This will help us to be more sustainable, 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

We appreciate your co-operation!

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

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

Forestville RSL sub-Branch Facebook:

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

Forestville RSL sub-Branch Instagram page:

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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>