

# 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

September as always has been a busy month with invitations to functions, presentations and other events, which are all important parts of our ongoing involvement with the community at all levels.

We have attended our Women's Auxiliary birthday luncheon, our Widows Group BBQ luncheon, the Annual Army Cadet Parade at Pittwater House and the Forest Netball Club annual prize-giving function.

We have also attended the Killarney Heights High School Graduation program, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon of the Forest Community Men's Shed and the opening of the new Lotus Pavilion at Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium.

The RSL NSW enquiry has now gone public as you would all be aware, so we have no updated comments to offer at this stage. We can however advise that we are currently completing a survey requested by RSL NSW, which may hopefully help to resolve the current problems of fundraising issues in time for poppy and badge sales to proceed for Remembrance Day this year.

Our Coach Trip to HARS Aviation Museum at Albion Park on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October is almost sold out. However, we encourage you to get in promptly for your tickets.

From an uncertain start with only seven Committee members following our AGM elections in March this year, we can now report we have a "full house" of ten members. Combined with the ongoing assistance of our two charming and capable ladies, we can now manage our overall workload in a more professional manner to meet the ever increasing requirements of Government and Statutory bodies.

Enjoy the spring weather and call us if you need assistance.

**John Scifleet**

### Whats On

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Monthly General Meeting  
7.30pm  
Wednesday 4th October

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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:

DONNELLY Noel Joseph RAN  
CRITOPH Walter George ARMY  
VIZER Audrey Catherine WAAF  
COOK Ronald John ARMY  
EWIN Russell Winthrop ARMY

Our sincere condolences are passed onto families and friends.

Current membership totals 441.

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.

Call us if you wish to check any of your information.

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

All quiet on the Eastern front. Watering the lawns and plants is the major effort with so little rain during July/Aug/Sept. We are ready to welcome spring and new growth and hopefully showers.

"A Team" workers Norm and Geoff have just completed 9 years on the job.



### Memorial Pavers

All new paver orders have now been sent to the engravers. Once received, they will be laid prior to Remembrance Day.

#### Prepaid Pavers:

**Members are reminded that you can order and pre-pay your own paver at anytime if you wish.**

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



### PITTWATER HOUSE

#### ANNUAL ARMY CADET PARADE TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

President John Scifleet and Acting Secretary John Balfour represented our sub-Branch at the Pittwater House Annual Army Cadet Parade on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## The Women's Auxiliary

In September we had our 63rd Birthday Lunch. A big thank you to our caterers Kim & Tim. Everyone enjoyed the menu, and thanks also to our lovely Taylor behind the bar. We had some of the Sub-Branch committee join us to add spice to the afternoon and again we thank them for making our Birthday Lunch possible.

Our October Meeting will be on Monday the 9th at 1.00 pm followed by **our Guest Speaker Scott McGregor** who will be giving a presentation about his train travels. I am sure he has some very interesting tales to tell us, so all you **Train Buffs** are very welcome as are all sections of the Club and of course the sub-Branch. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoy a cuppa with us.

Our November Meeting is on Monday the 6th at 1.00 pm with a **Surprise Guest**, so please keep this date free. All are welcome.

Any ladies interested in joining the Women's Auxiliary give me a call on **94080882**, come along and have a chat and a cuppa. Our meetings are once a month on the first Monday. For those ladies on the sick list hope to see you soon.

Regards  
President Annie

## Collecting Memories

Are you an early resident of the Forest Area? Did you move into the area during the residential subdivision of the 60s, 70s and 80s?

Dee Why Library Local Studies unit would love to collect memorabilia from residents who were part of the first subdivision of the area, before this information is lost.

### What are we looking for?

Any pre 1950s photographs and documents. Post 1950s residential development photographs and documents such as:

- ◆ Buying your block of land, photos and documents
- ◆ Choosing your house – brochures and documents
- ◆ Building your home
- ◆ Life as a young family in the 1960s, 70s, 80s
- ◆ Photos of both the interior and exterior of your home.
- ◆ Publicity brochures advertising the sale of the land in the area
- ◆ Subdivision plans and maps.
- ◆ Documents on – getting the water connected or electricity or gas. Did everyone have telephone? Copies of early electricity, gas and water bills.
- ◆ Sporting clubs and other Community Clubs and recreation activities from the 60s 70s and 80s including photos and brochures.
- ◆ Businesses



If you could write a small paragraph about when you moved into the area, why you moved here and a little of what life was like, that would be great.

Please contact Michelle Richmond at Dee Why Library on 99422616 or email at [michelle.richmond@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michelle.richmond@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au). We can also scan your photos and documents and return them to you.



Looking East from Roselands Avenue  
Frenchs Forest 1970



Rupari Place, Belrose



### Guest Speaker - Peter Bradford

Our Guest Speaker at the General Meeting on Wednesday 6th September was Peter Bradford, UH-1 (Iroquois) Helicopter Pilot, 9SQN, RAAF, 1 Task Force, Vietnam, 1969-1970. Peter spoke from the heart about his many operational experiences, and touched our hearts and minds as well. Thanks, Peter!

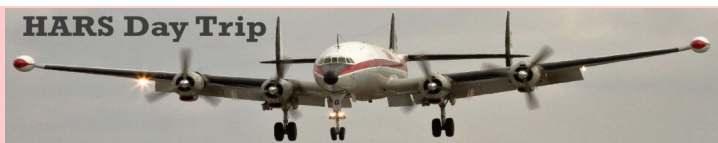
**Sandy Howard**  
Committee Member



# Dates to Remember in 2017

Wednesday 4th October	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Thursday 19th October	***	HARS Aviation Museum Coach Trip
Monday 23rd October	***	1200 sub-Branch Widow's Luncheon
Wednesday 1st November	***	1930 Monthly General Meeting
	***	Guest Speaker - Kerry Morrison. Progress of NBH road works
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

## HARS Day Trip



*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 are on sale to Friday 6th October, on a first come first served basis.*

## 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](mailto: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...*

# 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 Forestville RSL 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>