

The Returned & Services League of Australia

**Forestville**  **sub-Branch**

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

**NEWSLETTER**

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*Seasons Greetings to all sub-Branch members and your families. May your Christmas be joyous, peace filled & full of family fun, friendship, food and frivolities!*

### President's Report

The end of the current Calendar Year is upon us. Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December completes 2017 but also indicates Financial Year end for all RSL entities. So we are busy preparing year end financial reports and 2018 budgets.

On RSL NSW matters we can report the public enquiry conducted by Patricia Bergin SC has concluded and all who appeared have provided final verbal and written submissions. A full report will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

Meantime, changes are being made at RSL NSW and we suggest you should read the State President's latest report for more detail. For those who may not have internet access, we can provide a hard copy at our December General Meeting if required.

November and December are busy times of the year as we attend High School Year 12 presentations plus other Public School functions as part of our community service. This is a very pleasant duty which opens one's eyes to our wonderful young people's achievements and awareness of the RSL movement's objectives. The future of our country is indeed in good hands.

My thanks to fellow Committee members, lady volunteers, garden volunteers, photographer Darryl Bullock, Travel Officer Bob Connors and Club caterers for their continuing support and assistance since March this year. Thanks also to our Womens Auxiliary and Widows groups for their usual wonderful cooperation and goodwill. Finally to Denis, our RSL Club CEO and staff, our thanks for your ongoing cooperation.

As this is my last report for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to assure all members of your Committee's awareness of the need to conduct our sub-Branch affairs in a proper and professional manner at all times, on your behalf.

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year to all. As always, call us if you are in need.

**John Scifleet**

### Whats On

- \*  
Monthly General Meeting  
7.30pm  
Wednesday 6th December
- \*  
Christmas Dinner  
6.00pm for 6.30pm  
Sunday 3rd December

### Int his issue:

- Membership Update
- Women's Auxiliary News
- Dates to Remember
- Contact details
- Prepaid Pavers
- Pymble Players
- Harbour Cruise
- November Guest Speakers
- Remembrance Day 2017
- Office Hours (Christmas / New Year)

## Membership

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

**CASS, Frank Charles RAAF**

Our sincere condolences are passed onto families and friends.  
We have pleasure in welcoming two new sub-Branch members:

**Ronald Hugh LITTLEFAIR ARMY  
Robert Stewart WHITE RAAF**

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.  
**Contact us if you wish to check any of your information.**

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

As we asked for last month, the rain has come and, with our fertilising we are sure will bring on the new spring growth to our lawn and shrubs as we were hoping.

## Memorial Pavers

### **Prepaid Pavers:**

Members are reminded that you can order and prepay your own paver at any time 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)*

## **THE BLONDE, THE BRUNETTE & THE VENGEFUL REDHEAD**

**8pm—Thursday 8th March, 2018**

**@ The Pymble Players—cnr Bromley Ave & Mona Vale Road, Pymble**

We have secured a group booking for the Pymble Players, one of Sydney's leading community theatre groups, for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 8PM. The play is entitled The Blonde, The Brunette & The Vengeful Redhead.

You will be responsible to getting yourselves to and from the theatre, located at the corner of Bromley Avenue and Mona Vale Road, Pymble (eastern side of the Pacific Highway). Carpooling is recommended.

Tickets on a cash-only basis are \$10 per person (normally \$27) and are available from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December on a first come first served basis. This price includes refreshments at interval, as well as programmes. There will be a Lucky Door prize.

## The Women's Auxiliary

We sadly report the passing of Mavis Percy OAM in October. Mavis was a foundation member of the Women's Auxiliary, an active member for over 20 years, including President for several years and became a treasured Life Member. Sincere condolences to her family and friends.

We welcomed Narrabeen War Veterans for a Christmas Lunch on 15<sup>th</sup> November, along with their carers. Thanks to the sub-Branch and Club for making the day possible. Everyone had a great time.

Thanks to sub-Branch members for purchasing badges and tickets from us through the year. You are aware we could not sell poppies this year but gave them away. We are hoping everything will be back to normal next year. Thanks also to John and his Committee for all their help this year and for joining us at our meetings. We look forward to working with them again in 2018.

Our thanks to the Club management and staff and wonderful caterers for the effort they put into our various functions to make them a success. Someone is always there to give us a hand. Our next meeting is Monday 4th December at 12noon and Christmas Lunch at 1PM. We will sell Hamper Tickets at the sub-Branch Christmas Dinner on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Winners will be drawn at our Christmas Lunch and notified by phone to pick up their hampers from Club reception. Our first meeting for 2018 is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 1PM. I am sure you will be looking forward to sharing some of your Christmas stories with us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to my Committee for their work in making 2017 a very successful year. I am looking forward to having as much fun with them in 2018. We wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2018. For our ladies who have not been well, let's hope 2018 is better.

**Annie Betts, President**



### Guest Speakers November Meeting

Ferrovia York are the joint venture contractors to the RMS for the roadworks involved with the Northern Beaches Hospital. Kerry Morrison - Community Relations Manager, and Natalie Dickson – Community Relations Coordinator,

gave us a full update on current and future works progression which affects us all as we attempt to navigate our local area. If you wish to receive regular information by email, or attend community forums held every six weeks, please contact their Community Relations Team on 1800 014 307, or by email at: [nbhcommunity@ferrovialyork.com.au](mailto:nbhcommunity@ferrovialyork.com.au). For an animated presentation of what the final road project will hopefully look like, you can visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRPE11I2IRQ>.

### WIDOWS GROUP

Our thanks to the sub-Branch for all of their good work and support during 2017. Whenever needed, they were there to assist. Our ladies are looking forward to the sub-Branch Christmas Dinner on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, which is always enjoyed by all. Our last meeting for the year is our Christmas Luncheon on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon for 12.30PM. On behalf of our Committee, I pass on our best wishes to you and your families for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy 2018.

Our first meeting for 2018 will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11AM for 11.30AM. It will be a good time to catch up with friends and talk about the happy events over the holidays. New members are always welcome, just come along on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 11AM. Get well wishes to our ladies not in the best of health, we are thinking of you.

**Margaret Campbell, President**

### Coach Trip and Harbour Cruise -Thursday 12th April 2018

For your 2018 diaries, we are organising a coach trip for members including sightseeing and a Captain Cook Cruise on Sydney Harbour with buffet lunch on Thursday 12th April 2018. Full details will be included in our January/February newsletter and tickets will be on sale in February 2018.



**11th November 2017**



## Dates to Remember in 2017/18

Wednesday 06 December	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 07 February 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 07 March 2018	**	1930 AGM
Thursday 08 March 2018	**	2000 Pymble Players
Wednesday 04 April 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Thursday 12 April 2018	**	Coach Trip & Harbour Cruise
Sunday 22 April 2018	**	1440 ANZAC Sunday Service & Street March
Wednesday 25 April 2018	**	0530 ANZAC Dawn Service
Wednesday 02 May 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 06 June 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 04 July 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 01 August 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 12 August 2018	**	1200 VP Day Luncheon
Wednesday 05 September 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 03 October 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Monday 22 October 2018	**	1200 RSL sub-Branch Widows Luncheon
Wednesday 07 November 2018	**	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 11 November 2018	**	1030 Remembrance Day
Wednesday 14 November 2018	**	1200 Narrabeen War Veterans Luncheon
Sunday 02 December 2018	**	1800 sub-Branch Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 05 December 2018	**	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, save time in the preparation and filling of envelopes and reduce our mailing costs.

### Office hours - Christmas / New Year

The sub-Branch Office will be closed from COB Monday 18th December 2017 & will re-open on Monday 15th January 2018

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