

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

As 2018 dawns your Committee (and our lady helpers) wish all members, our Women's Auxiliary and Widows groups, plus all of our friends and associates a safe happy and healthy year ahead.

Beginning with an update on RSL NSW affairs and activities, we advise as follows:

- The year 2017 saw complete upheaval in the RSL movement in NSW, with many changes being made and many more to come
- So let us all resolve to get behind our RSL NSW staff and elected Councillors in their quest to bring our operating and governance standards up to the levels required by the Statutory and Regulatory authorities at both State and Federal levels
- Meantime we should, by the time you read this report, have received a regular update from our State President followed by the findings of Patricia Bergin SC – the convenor of the Public Hearing late last year
- The ACNC (Charities watchdog) report should also hopefully follow in the near future
- We will keep you informed as information becomes available

On the "Home Front" we will carry on with business as usual until such time as changes are advised by RSL NSW. In this regard our Strategic Plan, as outlined to members last year, will need to be partly put on hold in order to avoid any possible duplication or contradictions with expected changes at State level.

The months ahead are going to be very busy indeed, so please refer to your newsletter "Dates to Remember" page and note your diaries (digital or manual) accordingly. Speaking of diaries – they are finally arriving and you can pick up one at our General Meeting on 7th February or at the sub-Branch office.

For your information the annual State Congress for RSL NSW will again be held at Albury in May this year. By that time we should have more information and progress on all current issues.

Drink lots of water and stay well in the hot spell we are currently experiencing. As always, call us if in need.

John Scifleet

What's On

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Monthly General Meeting
7.30pm

Wednesday 7th February

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AGM
7.30pm
Wednesday 7th March



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Membership

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

FINNIE, Lorna ARMY
BRASH, Graham Mattieson RAAF
FARRER, Noel Arthur RAAF

Our sincere condolences are passed onto families and friends.

Current membership totals 438

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.

***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

With a small amount of rain since November for our lawn shrubs and hedges to survive we have supplemented with a lot of hand and sprinkler watering. Thanks goes out to our greenkeeper for his help and assistance in this matter.



Memorial Pavers

Orders for the next engraving will close on the 16th March, 2018.

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.

COACH TRIP AND HARBOUR CRUISE CELEBRATING NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2018



Enjoy this coach trip and harbour cruise for members, celebrating NSW Seniors Festival, departing at 9AM on Thursday 12th April 2018. Your coach trip includes sightseeing and morning tea. Your Captain Cook Cruise on Sydney Harbour includes a delicious buffet lunch featuring seafood and a full range of non-seafood and vegetarian dishes, dessert and cheeses, along with a full commentary. Tickets on a cash-only basis at \$35 per person will be on sale from Monday 12th February from the sub-Branch office, afterwards from Club Reception, on a first-come first-served basis.

The Women's Auxiliary

Welcome to 2018 and wishing you all a happy and healthy year ahead. Thank you to all for purchasing Hamper raffle tickets, our winners were Shirley Kellock, Stewart Hobson, Jan Carty, Edna Beasley, Barbara Mapstone, Margaret Cliff, Don Oxley, Colwyn Tapp, Sue Hayes-Williams, Barry Parkes and Annie Betts. I hope you all enjoyed them.

I would like to thank the sub-Branch Committee for all their help last year. We are looking forward to working with you all again this year.

A big thank you to the Women's Auxiliary Committee for all their hard work last year and looking forward to a fun-filled 2018.

Our first meeting for the year is on Monday 5th February at 1PM, followed by our Guest Speaker King Fong who is a club member talking about the early Chinese Settlers and the Gold Rush Days. All are welcome, it should be a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our AGM is on Monday 5th March at 12.30PM, followed by our General Meeting and then our very popular BBQ.

We will have nomination forms available, as well as new membership forms for those wishing to join the Women's Auxiliary. For those of you on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery.

**Regards
President Annie Betts**

Community Theatre Group Booking Pymble Players

"THE BLONDE, THE BRUNETTE & THE VENGEFUL REDHEAD"

8PM THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2018

THE BLONDE THE BRUNETTE & THE VENGEFUL REDHEAD



By Robert Hewett
Directed by Racquel Boyd

Enjoy the Pymble Players, one of Sydney's leading community theatre groups, on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 8PM. The play is entitled The Blonde, The Brunette & The Vengeful Redhead.

You will be responsible for 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 at \$10 per person (normally \$27) are available from Club Reception on a first-come first-served basis. This price includes refreshments at interval, as well as programmes. There will be a Lucky Door prize.

CNR BROMLEY AVENUE & MONA VALE ROAD, PYMBLE

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2018 GUEST SPEAKER – MICHAEL REGAN



Councillor Michael Regan was the first popularly elected Mayor of Warringah in 2008 and was re-elected by the community in 2012.

Under his leadership, numerous projects such as the completion of the Narrabeen Lagoon trail and the creation of the All Ability Precinct at Collaroy were implemented.

Warringah Council was awarded the A.R. Bluett Memorial Award, which recognises the best-performing council in the state.

The prestigious award acknowledged a wide range of accomplishments including organisational improvements, a sound financial position, collaboration with community groups and a strong emphasis on projects serving the arts community.

Council was also recognised for its excellent infrastructure renewal programs including the Forestville Sporting Facilities.

Prior to being elected to Council, Michael worked in the local government sector for nearly two decades in a range of roles including customer service, cleansing and town planning.

Michael is an Affiliate member of our sub-Branch.

In his role as Mayor of the new Northern Beaches Council elected in 2017, he will be speaking to set the tone for us for 2018 with council happenings which affect all of our lives.

Dates to Remember in 2018

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 etc.

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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:

[forestvillerssubbranch](#)

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>