

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

RSL NSW

The report covering the Public Inquiry conducted by Patricia Bergin SC, has been presented to the NSW Government and RSL NSW.

Whilst of necessity long and detailed the report has been condensed by Madam Inquirer to fourteen key recommendations, each with sub-headings. Space is limited here but major key points are as follows:

- Suggestion to upgrade or refine the current fundraising Charities Act to avoid confusion by users
- Reforms in governance and management procedures in many areas of RSL NSW and sub-Branch operations
- Recommended referral to NSW Police and relevant government authorities for possible action against some RSL NSW officials, past and present

Note: Much has already been done by RSL NSW to address many of the issues raised in the report. However more has yet to be done – including a complete review of the RSL NSW Constitution, which will hopefully be ready by April this year for consideration by Congress in May.

Coach Trip and Harbour Cruise – Thursday 12 April

This trip has been very popular and all tickets have been sold. Thank you for your support and we trust everyone will have a most enjoyable day.

Other Upcoming Events

Please refer to following pages and note your diaries (manual or digital).

May we mention specifically the following:

AGM - Wednesday 7 March at 7.30PM
AMC Competition Judging – Saturday 21 April at 9AM
ANZAC Sunday March and Service – 22 April at 2.40PM
ANZAC Day Dawn Service – Wednesday 25 April at 5.30AM

District Council AGM

Will be hosted by Forestville this year on Tuesday 20 March.

Best wishes to all and enjoy the Sydney autumn weather, which is almost upon us.

John Scifleet

What's On

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AGM

7.30pm

Wednesday 7th March

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Pymble Players

8.00 pm

Thursday 8th March



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Membership

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

JARDINE, David Paton ARMY
MORRISON, James ARMY
WATERS, Terrence Michael ARMY
TAPLIN, William Rupert ARMY
HOLMES, Sidney Maurice RAAF
MACINTOSH, Stewart Gregory ARMY

Our sincere condolences are passed onto families and friends.

We have the pleasure in welcoming two new sub-Branch members:

Robert Greenway HENDERSON ARMY
John Bernard STEVENS NAVY

Current membership totals 433

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

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

SubBranch member Bob Butler is welcomed by our fellow volunteers and has joined the maintenance team. We hope you will enjoy working in this special area. At the time of writing the rain is very welcome after a long dry spell.



Memorial Pavers

Orders for the next engraving will close on Friday 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.

***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***

COACH TRIP AND HARBOUR CRUISE THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2018 SOLD OUT!



Our coach trip and harbour cruise, celebrating NSW Seniors Festival, will depart at 9AM on Thursday 12th April 2018 **from the lower car park, so please park there as we will be on tour all day**. 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.

The Women's Auxiliary

Our next meeting is on Monday 5th March starting at 12 noon with our AGM. We thank sub-Branch President John Scifleet for chairing our meeting. We will then have our General Meeting followed by our BBQ for which we have some names down already, but if you haven't put your name down please ring Rae on 99727385 to let us know for catering purposes, the cost is \$12 for the BBQ.

At our meeting we will also be collecting your yearly subscription which will be \$7 as we will subsidise \$5.

There will be nominations forms available for anyone who would like to join our Committee.

At our Monday 9th April meeting at 1PM our Guest Speaker will be Natalie Dixon from Ferrovial York who are managing the Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrade project for Roads & Maritime Services. Natalie will be talking about what is happening with the road upgrades around the hospital, which should be of interest to us all. Sub-Branch members are very welcome to join us.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our AGM. Those on the sick list we hope you get better soon.

**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

Notice to Members – RSL Club

Please check your Forestville RSL Club membership card to ensure that it shows 2018 (or later) and **RSL**, not **Club Only**. If your Club card shows **Club Only**, please visit Club Reception with your RSL NSW membership card in order to have your Club card updated to show **RSL**.

Your co-operation is appreciated!

Special Notice to Members RSL NSW Mailing List Contact Details

To subscribe to the RSL NSW mailing list, or to update your contact details directly with RSL NSW, please use this link: [_](#)

[Click here to update details with RSL NSW](#)

Many thanks for your cooperation!

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.

Member Feature

Able Seaman Victor William Turner Naval History Review – December 2017



Victor Turner joined the RAN in August 1947 and was posted to *Rushcutter* in 1949. He qualified in RMS in January 1950 and was one of the navy team who went to Honiara in July 1950. He was awarded the BEM on 1 January 1952 for his bravery following the rescue of a Solomon Islands native from a burning stack of exploding 20mm ammunition on Honiara Island in 1951.

The citation stated: *He showed complete disregard for his personal safety in assisting the wounded native to safety and in returning to the danger area to another native whom he had seen. Turner knew well that a major explosion could have been expected at any moment and, in fact, numerous explosions did occur.*

As he was at sea in HMAS *Condamine* off Korea at the time the award was presented, his sister collected it from the Governor of Queensland in February 1953. He left the Navy in 1959 as a Petty Officer.

Dates to Remember in 2018

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:

[forestvillersubbranch](#)

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>

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