

The Returned & Services League of Australia

Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

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President's Report

As usual April has been a very busy month for your Committee members including attending Anzac services at John Colet and Kambora schools plus Glenaeon Retirement Village.

Our own Anzac services of the March and Service on Sunday 22 April plus the Dawn Service on 25 April were again very successful and well attended. Our thanks to those hardy volunteers placing chairs for seating, plus other duties. Special mention to the diligent and hard work behind the scenes by Tony Mooney our Secretary. Thanks also to our Women's Auxiliary ladies for their assistance.

Our two Vice Presidents Bob Lunnon and Robin Tapp represented us at the annual Resilience Luncheon at Dee Why RSL, where significant funds were raised for the Northern Beaches Veterans Centre.

On the social scene our Coach Trip and Harbour Cruise was a great success with 90 members and partners participating.

Our Committee members also enjoyed a BBQ hosted by our Widows Group. Thank you ladies.

Whilst on the subject of Committee matters please note that as from Monday 23 April our monthly Committee meetings will now be held on Mondays in lieu of prior Tuesdays. The office will close at 11.30AM instead of the previous 2PM on these days.

On RSL NSW matters, as agreed at our April General Meeting, we have replied to a request by RSL NSW to pay a levy in support of smaller sub-Branches. But we have requested a variation to the amount suggested for our sub-Branch. To date we have not received a reply.

Congress is again at Albury this year from Sunday 20 May to Wednesday 23 May. Bill Hardman will be attending on behalf of Northern Beaches District Council and I will represent our sub-Branch.

Please check your "Dates to Remember" in this newsletter and best wishes to you all.

John Scifleet

What's On

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd May

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 6th June

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Membership

Current membership totals **434**.

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 or next of kin would be appreciated.

Call 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

Thanks to our volunteers for the preparation of our area for our ANZAC services.



Memorial Pavers

All the recently ordered pavers were laid prior to ANZAC Day.

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.

GUEST SPEAKER – 2nd MAY 2018

MARK FRANKLIN, FRENCHS FOREST BUSHLAND CEMETERY

Mark Franklin is Customer Service Manager at Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery. He will update us on the new War Memorial at the Cemetery, which is currently under construction, along with a brief history of our long Military connection at Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery. It all began with the "Soldiers Settlement" of Forestville, which was established just after World War 1. There are many Military Heroes laid to rest in the park, as well as many members and their families. Mark's presentation will include a brief video, and some individual slides.

KOREAN PEACE CAMP 2018

The Korean Consul's Office has advised that descendants/children of Korean Veterans who are undertaking University or Tertiary/College studies can apply to visit Korea and attend a Peace Camp this year.

If you are aware of anyone who may be interested, please have them make direct contact with Allan "Shorty" Moffatt OAM, President FNSA and RANCBA (NSW Chapter), who will provide further details. His contact email address is: shortym@optusnet.com.au.

The Women's Auxiliary

Val Mahn a valued member of the Women's Auxiliary's husband John passed away just before Easter. John was a committed Club man being a member of both the Golf and Bowls sections and held a variety of positions. We extend our sympathy to Val, Graham and family. John will be greatly missed.

Thanks to all who participated in our Anzac Services this year and also to The Women's Auxiliary again doing a great job serving tea and coffee at both functions. Our thanks also to Club CEO Denis and staff for making our job so much easier setting it all up for us.

Our next General Meeting is on Monday 7th May at 1.00pm. Our **Guest Speaker is Natalie Kowalski** giving a talk on **Assisted Living**. Natalie also teaches art and does your colours for you, which I am sure will be of great interest to us all, so I hope you will be able to attend, and of course friends are very welcome.

We will be taking money and names at our May Meeting for our General Meeting on Monday 4th June at 12.30 pm, with our BBQ to follow, the cost of the BBQ is \$12.

Wishing those ladies on the sick list a speedy recovery.

Regards
President Annie Betts



WINTER YULEFEST DAY TRIP



The Waterview Restaurant Berowra Waters Tuesday, 3rd July 2018

Located right on the water's edge at scenic Berowra Waters, the Waterview Restaurant is perfectly located for our Winter Yulefest Lunch. The restaurant boasts fabulous views over luxury boats, to the sandstone cliffs covered with eucalypts.

Tickets on a cash-only basis will be on sale on Monday 7th May from the sub-Branch office, afterwards from Club Reception, on a first-come first-served basis.

On arrival you will be served a welcome Sherry, followed by a delicious entrée of French Vegetable Soup with a bread roll. The main course is Roast Pork Belly, Turkey and Roast Vegetables. Of course, no Christmas lunch would be complete without the traditional dessert of Baked Christmas Pudding and Brandy Custard, followed by Tea or Coffee.

Soft drinks and red and white wines will be served throughout the lunch. This year's entertainment at The Waterview is one of the founding members of our Australian pop music industry – Roland Storm.

We will leave from the lower car park at 10.30am, returning at around 4.15 pm, including a tour of the Dural, Galston and Cherrybrook districts. **Please park in the lower car park, as we will be on tour all day.**

The subsidised cost for sub-Branch members is **\$40 per person** including a three-course meal with wine/soft drinks and live entertainment, as well as sightseeing.

ANZAC SERVICE -John Colet School, Belrose

President John Scifleet and Vice President Bob Lunnon represented our sub-Branch at the ANZAC Service at John Colet School in Belrose on Wednesday 11th April, 2018. This was a full ANZAC Service in their grounds with bugler, choir, flag protocols, hymns and commemorations. Following this, we gave an ANZAC presentation to all students in their school hall, and answered their questions about ANZAC traditions and the role of RSL sub-Branches in the community. It was a reverential and heartfelt experience.



NOTICE TO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE COMMONWEALTH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY

JPs appointed in NSW can witness the Commonwealth Notice of Intention to Marry document pursuant to s42 of the Marriage Act 1961 (Cth).

Refusing to witness a Notice of Intention to Marry on the basis that the two signatories on the form are of the same sex even if that refusal was on religious grounds, would amount to unlawful discrimination under anti-discrimination legislation.

The Code of Conduct for JPs provides that a JP must not 'unreasonably refuse to provide justice of the peace services.' In this context, any refusal that breaches the law would be considered an unreasonable refusal under the Code of Conduct.

Accordingly, JPs appointed in NSW must not refuse to witness a Notice of Intention to Marry on the basis that the two signatories on the form were of the same sex. Any such refusal would be a breach of the JP Code of Conduct and constitute grounds for review of that JP's appointment which may lead to their suspension or removal as a JP.

Dates to Remember in 2018

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| Wednesday 02 May 2018 | ** | 1930 Monthly General Meeting |
| Wednesday 06 June 2018 | ** | 1930 Monthly General Meeting |
| Tuesday 03 July 2018 | ** | Winter Yulefest Day Trip |
| 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 |

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.

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.

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!

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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:

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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>

RSL NSW Mailing List Contact Details:

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

Sub-Branch Resources and Presentations:

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