

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

Here we are half way through the current calendar year and how hectic the last six months have been for your Committee and our helpers, Sue and Leonie.

My congratulations to all concerned for their determination and perseverance with the many tasks currently in hand.

On the social scene, we have Christmas in July coming up, plus VP Day Luncheon in August plus others later in the year, so make sure you get your tickets promptly as they become available.

The NSW RSL Secretary's report issued 15th June, contained some positive information which seems to reflect a change in attitude by senior management.

Expressions of interest have been called for suitably qualified and experienced RSL NSW members to participate in the review of the current Constitution – due for completion by September this year. This is a real step in the right direction. We will keep you informed of progress.

Congress 2018: A collection of photographs and videos of presentations at Congress will soon be available on the RSL NSW website. We will source these for your information as more and more become available.

Last but far from least, please don't forget the unveiling of our commemorative benches in the Cenotaph and Memorial area on Wednesday 4th July at 3.45pm for 4pm. All sub-Branch members are invited and please wear full "rig" with medals.

Take care with the cold weather and call us if in need.

Regards,

John Scifleet



What's On

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Commemorative Benches

3.45pm for 4.00pm

Wednesday - 4th July

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 4th July



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Membership

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

HARGREAVES, Thomas Cecil ARMY
GIBSON, Warwick Neal ARMY

Our sincere condolences are passed onto family and friends.
We welcome new member:

SHARP, John Wallace

Current membership totals 427.

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.

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

Work this month has been on the preparation of the site for two new commemorative benches located in the Memorial Walkway backing to the bowling green. Rainfall for May 32mm and years 2017—889.5mm to 2018—433.5mm



Memorial 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*

WINTER YULEFEST DAY TRIP

*The Waterview Restaurant
Berowra Waters*

**SOLD
OUT**

Tuesday, 3rd July

We will leave from the lower car park at 10.30am, returning at around 4.15pm, 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.



PLEASE NOTE

Recent correspondence from the Administration Services Unit of the NSW Department of Justice has advised the following:

New South Wales Justices of the Peace are PROHIBITED from witnessing/certifying ANY of the following documents:

- Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Proof of Life forms Queensland
- Land Title documents
- Laminated Citizenship Certificates

If you require an Enduring Power of Attorney to be witnessed it CAN BE be witnessed by a Solicitor or Court Registrar.

RSL Auxiliary

At our Monday 2nd July meeting at 1pm, our **Guest Speaker Natalie Dixon** will update us on the road upgrades around our new Northern Beaches Hospital, which will be of interest to everyone. Sub-Branch members are very welcome, please join us about 1.30pm after our meeting.

At RSL NSW State Congress in May, a motion was carried that the name Women's Auxiliary be amended to RSL Auxiliary, which is now reflected in the heading of my report. More details on this at our next meeting.

For your diaries, **Guest Speaker Nicola Pellegrini** at our Monday 6th August General Meeting will update us on our new Northern Beaches Hospital. Guests are very welcome. To our Ladies on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery.

Best Regards
President Annie Betts



UNVEILING OF COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES MARKING THE CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE DAY ON 11th NOVEMBER 1918

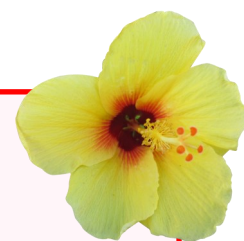
The sub-Branch is holding a special service on Wednesday 4th July where **The Hon. Tony Abbott MP** will be the principal speaker at the unveiling of two Commemorative Benches which commemorate the Centenary of Armistice Day on 11th November 2018.

This date has been chosen as it is the centenary of the Battle of Hamel which took place on 4th July 1918 and was strategically crucial in the closing stages of World War 1 under the innovative leadership of Sir John Monash

The President and Committee of Forestville sub-Branch cordially invite you to attend the service. Those attending should arrive by 3:45pm, the service will commence at 4:00pm and conclude around 4:30pm, following which refreshments will be served in the Club. Medals are to be worn.

For more information on the Battle of Hamel, on YouTube you can access a talk on 24th May 2018 by Dr Aaron Pegram, Australian War Memorial historian, on Hamel: The Orchestrated Battle 4 July 1918, or use this link (note: the talk is for around 70 minutes):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53ksc_YyvSY&feature=youtu.be



VP DAY LUNCHEON Sunday 12th August 2018

**THIS FUNCTION IS ONLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE RSL SUB-BRANCH, RSL AUXILIARY
AND THEIR PARTNERS and SERVICE WIDOWS**

The Luncheon will commence at 12 noon, with the doors opening at 11:30am

- TICKETS:** On sale from Monday 9th July, initially from the sub-Branch office and then from the Reception desk of the Club.
- COST :** \$40.00 per person (cash only please)
- CLUB BUS:** Will be available from 10:30 am, until late afternoon, with bookings for the bus being made personally at the Reception desk of the Club or by phoning the Reception desk on 9451 1011.
- DRESS:** SMART CASUAL with an Hawaiian theme.
- MENU:** A two course meal, "Main and Dessert", will be served with alternates on each course with refreshments and lucky door prizes.



Forestville Memorial Playing Fields WWI Memorial Pathway QR Code Installation

With the help of a DVA STS Grant, we have recently been able to complete the installation of the QR code blocks on the plinths at each end of the Memorial Pathway and in the centre of the memorial wall.

Quick Response [QR] codes were invented by the Japanese automotive industry as their parts number bar-codes were becoming too long and difficult to read. A mobile phone with a QR reader app, once exposed to the QR code, will provide an instant link to the applicable webpage enabling instant reference to the data on the plaques:

<http://www.forestvillersl.org.au/memorial-pathway/>

*If you wish to install the app on your phone we recommend:
Apple IOS – "QR Reader" and Android IOS – "QR Scanner"*

Our thanks to Northern Memorials P/L and PLAQUES.COM.AU for their support.



Dates to Remember in 2018

Tuesday 03 July 2018	**	Winter Yulefest Day Trip
Wednesday 04 July 2018	**	1600 Commemorative Benches
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 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:

http://rslnsw.org.au/update-member-details?utm_source=Sub-Branch+Secretaries&utm_campaign=3d693c698e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_08_18_SP_Report&utm_medium=email&utm_content=

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.

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.

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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>

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>