

# 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

May has been a busy time, commencing with the Australia My Country prize-giving function on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May. More than a hundred parents, siblings, relatives and school teachers attended to witness Jonathan O'Dea, NSW State Member for Davidson and Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Treasurer, present certificates and prizes to all the winners. Our thanks to Jonathan for again making time in his very busy schedule to attend, and then mentioning our sub-Branch in the NSW Parliament Community Recognition session.

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> saw Bill Hardman and myself in Albury for the RSL NSW annual Congress, which was a busy event. We will update you at our June General Meeting.

On the social front our Christmas in July day trip saw us overwhelmed by requests for tickets to the extent that we now have a waiting list for cancellations. Our apologies to those who have missed out – but we did our best.

Guest Speaker at our May General Meeting was Mark Franklin, Customer Service Manager at Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery. Mark updated us on many initiatives, features and improvements being undertaken, including the new War Memorial soon to be completed.

Winter is fast approaching, so rug up and look after yourselves.

John Scifleet

### What's On

#### General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 6th June

Winter Yulefest Day Trip

10.30am

Tuesday 3rd July



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### AUSTRALIA MY COUNTRY



## Membership

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

WAKE Keith Dennis Oborn NAVY  
TREMAIN Keith ARMY  
AXAM Sidney Francis ARMY  
MCKENTY Graham Bruce ARMY  
LAWLESS Frank Allan ARMY

Our sincere condolences are passed onto family and friends.

Current membership totals 429

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.

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

Notwithstanding a drop of 50% in rainfall for the first four months this year (840mm-2017/405mm 2018) the shrubs and lawn have accepted regular watering and fertilizing to remain looking healthy.



### 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](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)*

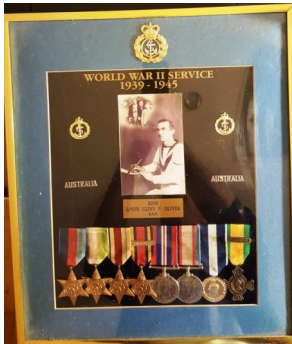
## WINTER YULEFEST DAY TRIP

*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.



### **CAN YOU HELP?**

In 2011, whilst clearing out items from a house Peter Krug owned in Willoughby, NSW, and which had been rented to a number of parties from 2001 until 2011, he found a framed memorial to a **RAN serviceman, L/STR Clive F. Oliver, service number 11258**.

The item displays WWII service medals and photos of Mr Oliver and a family portrait, which you can see in the photo. Please also share this with your contacts, as Peter Krug would like to return this to his descendants. If you or your contacts can help, please contact **Peter Krug** :

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## The Women's Auxiliary

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th June at 12.30pm, followed by our very popular BBQ, Cost is \$12 per person. If you haven't put your name down, or are now unable to come, please call Rae on 99727385 to help with catering. We hope to see you all there for a fun afternoon, catching up with a glass of wine.

Then, the following meeting is on Monday 2nd July at 1pm. Our Guest Speaker is Natalie Dixon from FerrovialYork, talking to us about the road upgrades around the new Northern Beaches Hospital. I think it will be of interest to everyone. Sub-Branch members are very welcome to join us around 1.30 pm, after our monthly meeting. To our Ladies on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery.

**Regards**

**President Annie Betts**



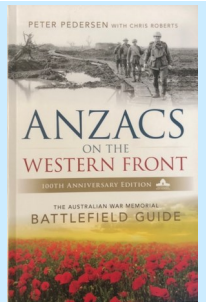
## ANZAC SERVICES



## Book Review

### “Anzacs On The Western Front”

ANZACS ON THE WESTERN FRONT is an excellent Battlefield Guide prepared by Dr Peter Pedersen, a former infantry officer, whose seminal work was a biography of General Sir John Monash. The book is a must have guide for anyone who wishes to visit the Western Front battlefields. The sub-Branch has two copies of the book, presented by the Hon Tony Abbott, MP and the Forest Rugby Club, in our Reference Centre should members wish to review or borrow it.



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HANSARD – 15 MAY 2018

### AUSTRALIA MY COUNTRY COMPETITION

**Mr JONATHAN O'DEA (Davidson) (13:31):** On Saturday 5 May I attended the awards ceremony for the "Australia My Country" 2018 competition, which is run annually at the Forestville RSL Club by its sub-branch. Students from year 3 to year 10 are encouraged to enter an art work, poem or essay and the entries reflect the Anzac sacrifice: Loyalty, history, service and pride in being an Australian. The competition is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with our Australian history in a creative and diverse way, and to pay respect to the Anzac memory. The standard of entries was outstanding.

I congratulate the students who participated in the competition this year and commend Forestville sub-branch President John Scifleet and his team for another successful year in running the event for the local community.

# Dates to Remember in 2018

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

## **\*\* MEETING CHANGE \*\***

Our normal meeting room for our General Meetings on Wednesday 06 June is not available due to the State of Origin. So, please note that this General Meeting will be held in the View Room, just down the corridor from our normal venue. We look forward to seeing you then in the View Room for this meeting only.

## **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.

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

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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>