

# The Returned & Services League of Australia

## Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

## NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018

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### President's Report

July has been a busy month commencing with Christmas in July at Berowra Waters on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, which was a great success all round with good food, service and entertainment for all who attended.

Then followed the unveiling of our commemorative benches on the afternoon of 4<sup>th</sup> July. Our thanks to the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Member for Warringah, for his attendance and insightful speech, and joining us in the Club afterwards for refreshments.

Our July General Meeting took place that evening, with a fascinating presentation by our guest speaker, Robin Tapp.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July saw the Widows Group kindly invite Executive Committee members to their 36<sup>th</sup> birthday luncheon. This was a most enjoyable luncheon, attended by 42 of their members.

Looking ahead we have the VP Day Luncheon coming up – see details in this newsletter.

Last but far from least, we are working towards a solution to the new transport arrangements for pickup and return for meetings and functions, which we trust will satisfy most requirements.

As always, your welfare and wellbeing is our main concern, so please call if you need assistance.

Regards  
John Scifleet

### What's On

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#### General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 1st August

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#### VP Day Luncheon

11.30am for 12 noon

Sunday 12th August



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### Winter Yulefest 2018 A great time had by all!



## Membership

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

WILLIAMS Jean Heather

Our sincere condolences are passed onto family and friends.  
We have pleasure in welcoming two new sub-Branch members:

Bruce Robert O'Hagen NAVY  
Stephen Peter O'Brien NZ NAVY

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

Two new commemorative benches have been installed in the Memorial Walkway at the southern end facing the Cenotaph. Look wonderful.

### **The Forest**

**Rainfall** June 138mm and YTD 2017-1047mm and 2018-571mm



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

## **VP DAY LUNCHEON** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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:** will remain on sale until Monday 6th August unless sold earlier, from the Reception desk of the Club.
- COST :** **\$40.00 per person** (cash only please)
- TRANSPORT:** pickups will be available from 10:30 am, returns completed by 3.30pm, 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.

## RSL Auxiliary

Our next Meeting is on Monday 6th August at 1pm. Our Guest Speaker, Nicola Pellegrini, will be talking about our new Northern Beaches Hospital, which will be of interest to all of us. Guests are very welcome, just come along around 1.20pm.

At this meeting we will be taking names for our Birthday Lunch on Monday 3rd September, thanks to the sub-Branch. I am sure some of the sub-Branch Committee will also join us for a few laughs.

If you are unable to come to our August meeting, and would like to attend our Birthday Lunch, please give Rae a ring on 99727385. We look forward to seeing you all there.

New members are always very welcome, please just give me a call on 94020882. 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 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1918

Our magnificent new benches to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice in 1918 were unveiled by the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Member for Warringah, at a ceremony held in the Cenotaph precinct on Wednesday 4th July.

Mr. Abbott was joined by our 3 Life Members, Bill Hardman OAM, John Finlay and Don Kennedy to complete the unveiling.

The date is significant in that it was the centenary of the Battle of Hamel led by GEN Sir John Monash including US troops under Australian command in their first battle of WWI.

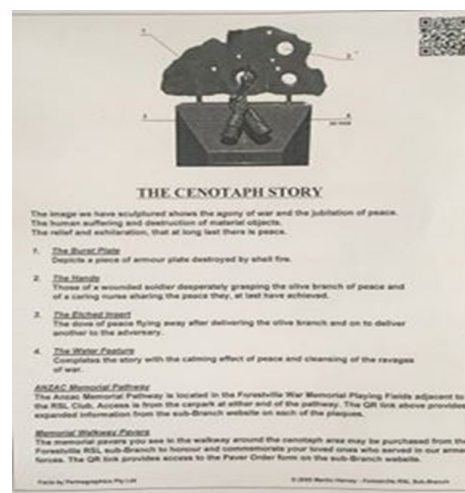


## MEMORIAL PATHWAY AND CENOTAPH QR CODES

Wednesday 4th July saw the culmination of our project to upgrade the Memorial Pathway and Cenotaph with QR code blocks, which provide direct digital access to our website with the historical data of the plaques.

Committee member Sandy Howard is seen explaining to the Member for Warringah, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, the concept of the project. A significant contribution to the cost was through a Saluting Their Service Grant from DVA, which was supported by the Member for Warringah.

The QR code blocks for the Memorial Pathway and Cenotaph are shown below. Details on how to load a QR reader app on your mobile phone were included in our July 2018 newsletter.



# Dates to Remember in 2018

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

## GENERAL MEETING TRANSPORT UPDATE

Forestville RSL Club has outsourced its Club bus operation, which is now time-based and can become expensive if not managed appropriately. This has necessitated a change in transport arrangements for sub-Branch members attending monthly General Meetings and events/functions such as VP Day and Christmas Dinner etc.

For attendance at General Meetings, the bus has been organised for pickups commencing from 6PM, and returns completed by 10PM. For VP Day Luncheon, the bus has been organised for pickups commencing from 10.30AM, and returns completed by 3.30PM. All bookings within these times are to be made through Club Reception.

### 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:

Many thanks for your cooperation!

[www.rslnsw.org.au/update-member-details](http://www.rslnsw.org.au/update-member-details)

## 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.

Please advise your email address details to us at:

[membership@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)

## 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:**

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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:**

<http://www.rslnsw.org.au/update-member-details>

### **Sub-Branch Resources and Presentations:**

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