

The Returned & Services League of Australia

Forestville



sub-Branch

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

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Seasons Greetings to all sub-Branch members and your families. May your Christmas be joyous, peace filled and full of family fun, friendship, food and frivolities!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

End of year is always a busy time for your Committee, with finalisation of financial reports, preparation of budgets, and various events.

Committee members have attended many High School Year 12 presentations, plus other Public School functions, and Cadet parades and dinners, as part of our community service activities and responsibilities.

On Tuesday 6th November, your Committee and members attended the opening of the War Memorial and Columbarium in Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery. The cemetery was resplendent with over 1200 Australian flags placed by the **Honour Our Fallen** association at the graves of our Forest Heroes. This is a growing activity in cemeteries across the Northern Beaches for both Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. We thank all of the adults and children who participate in this activity honouring our veterans.

Our morning Remembrance Day Service and afternoon Tribute were both very well attended this year by over 500 members and their families, and local residents. The Tribute featuring the Manly Warringah Pipe Band playing The Battle's O'er was followed by refreshments and the band parading through the Club playing many favourites including Amazing Grace, which was a very special moment for those in attendance.

The RSL NSW Extraordinary Congress will be held at the Wesley Centre in Sydney on Tuesday 4th December. Your sub-Branch will be represented by Vice President Sandy Howard as alternate delegate, and myself. RSL NSW will subsequently update us on outcomes by email, as our next newsletter is not due until late January 2019.

On your behalf, we thank our Committee members, lady Committee volunteers, Memorial Garden volunteers, photographer Darryl Bullock, Travel Officer Bob Connors, and our Club caterers, for all of their efforts and support. Thanks go to President Annie Betts and the RSL Auxiliary, and President Margaret Campbell and the Widows Group, for their ongoing support and cooperation. Our gratitude also goes to Denis Sullivan, RSL Club CEO, and to all Club staff, for another wonderful and memorable year.

We have listed on page 4 of this newsletter all the **Dates to Remember** for inclusion in your 2019 diaries. Our sub-Branch Office will be closed from COB on Monday 17th December 2018 and will re-open on Monday 14th January 2019.

Best wishes to each of you for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please call us at any time if you are in need.

Bob Lunnon

What's On

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Christmas Dinner

6.00pm for 6.30pm
Sunday 2nd December

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General Meeting

7.30pm
Wednesday 5th December



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Membership

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

LORRIMER, David Humberstone RN/RAN

Our sincere condolences are passed onto family and friends.

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

Douglas GILLING - RAN
John ANSTISS, Associate

Current membership totals : 424
Introductions from our members' family and friends 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



With more recent rain and excellent maintenance from our volunteers, the whole area was looking great on Remembrance Day. Commencing in December, this maintenance will be taken over by the current Club Contractor. A very special thank you & well done to Norm Reynolds, Mike Lee, Gordon Scott, Bob Butler & Geoff Brown.

MEMORIAL PAVERS

All new pavers were laid prior to Remembrance Day. New orders are now being taken for installation prior to ANZAC Day 2019.

Prepaid Pavers:

Members are reminded that you can order and prepay your own paver at any time if 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*

WIDOWS GROUP

Our thanks to the sub-Branch for all of their good work and support during 2018. Whenever needed, they are there to assist. Our ladies are looking forward to the sub-Branch Christmas Dinner on Sunday 2nd December, which is always enjoyed by all. Our last meeting for the year is our Christmas Luncheon on Monday 10th December at 12noon for 12.30PM.

On behalf of our Committee, I pass on our best wishes to you and your families for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy 2019.

Our first meeting for 2019 will be on Monday 18th February at 11AM for 11.30AM. We will have a guest speaker talking to us about dementia. It will be a good time to catch up with friends and talk about the happy events over the holidays. New members are always welcome, just come along on the 3rd Monday of each month at 11AM.

Get well wishes to our ladies not in the best of health, we are thinking of you. *Season's Greetings to All*

Margaret Campbell
President



RSL AUXILIARY

What a wonderful Christmas Lunch with the residents from Narrabeen War Vets on 14th November. It was lovely to see so many there having a wonderful day. Thanks to the sub-Branch for making the day possible and to Shannon and the carers who do such a fantastic job not just on the day but all year round. We must also thank Kim and Tim for providing such a lovely Christmas Lunch, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd December at 12pm followed by our Christmas Lunch at 1pm so come along for an enjoyable afternoon. If your name is not down please give me a ring on 94020882 before Friday 30th November. Also, if you need to cancel please let me know, otherwise the meal will have to be paid for. The cost for the lunch is \$35 for two courses with wine and squash. You will also have a chance to win a **Lucky Door Prize**.

At the sub-Branch Christmas Dinner on Sunday 2nd December, **the RSL Auxiliary ladies will be selling hamper tickets which are 3 for \$5**. We will be sitting at the entrance to the Flight Deck. We thank for your continued support again this year as it is one of our main fundraisers. We look forward to seeing you there.

The hamper tickets will be drawn at the Auxiliary Christmas Lunch on Monday 3rd December. We will phone the winners who can

collect their hampers from Club reception. Please do so as soon as possible. Wishing everyone the best of luck.

On behalf of The RSL Auxiliary, I would like to wish the sub-Branch Committee and members a Wonderful Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2019.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Our first meeting for 2019 is on Monday 4th February at 1pm. Our Guest Speaker is **Peter Scope** who is an expert on what we need to know to keep up our driving skills so we can continue to be as independent as possible. Peter is very happy to answer any questions you might have and he also has a lot of experiences to share with us.

Sub-Branch members are very welcome just pop, along around 1.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

For all our Ladies who are still not well we hope that 2019 is a better year for you. Looking forward to catching up soon.

Regards
Annie Betts, President

War Memorial Columbarium

Presenting a new development for French's Forest Bushland Cemetery

We announce the completion of our War Memorial which, with the help of The Returned and Services League Australia, will soon be registered as an official Australian War Memorial.

For more information please contact Mark Franklin:
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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018



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Left We Forget



Morning Service



Tribute



Dates to Remember in 2019



Wednesday 06 February	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 06 March	*	1930 AGM
Thursday 14th March	*	Nepean River Cruise
Wednesday 03 April	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 14 April	*	1440 Anzac Sunday Service & Street March
Thursday 25 April	*	0530 Anzac Day Dawn Service
Wednesday 01 May	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 05 June	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 03 July	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday 16 July	*	Christmas In July Coach Trip
Wednesday 07 August	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 11 August	*	1200 VP Day Luncheon
Wednesday 04 September	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 02 October	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Monday 14 October	*	1200 RSL sub-Branch Widows Luncheon
Wednesday 06 November	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Monday 11 November	*	1030 Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 20 November	*	1200 Narrabeen War Veterans Luncheon
Sunday 01 December	*	1800 sub-Branch Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 04 December	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting

Special Request to Members

Sending monthly newsletters to you electronically by email will help us to be more sustainable, save time and reduce our mailing costs etc.

Please advise your email address details to us at:

membership@forestvillersl.org.au

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday 14th March, 2019

We are organising a coach trip including sightseeing and a Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler Lunch Cruise on the Nepean River with buffet lunch. Full details will be in the Jan/Feb Newsletter and tickets on sale in February 2019.

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Office Hours - Christmas / New Year

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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:

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

Sub-Branch Resources and Presentations:

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

RSL Lifecare At Home

<https://rsllifecareathome.org.au/>