

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

Our 65th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6th March was well attended. March is also a busy month for our Committee with preparations for our Anzac Sunday March and Service, and Anzac Day Dawn Service, well under way.

AMC entries will be collected from schools in the week ending Friday 29th March, then entered into our database for judging on Saturday 6th April. We ask all of you wonderful judges to please keep this morning free of other obligations from 9am to 12 noon.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April, with our ANZAC Sunday March and Dawn services dates as noted below.

With the RSL NSW Act proclaimed on 31st December 2018, under our charity status, for our Anzac Day Dawn Service, we can now only provide free breakfast to past and current Service members wearing their medals. The cost for others, including members of the public, will be \$10 per person, adult or child. These details are on display in the Club, and in the Club's social media activities, in order to ensure members of the public are aware of this change. We would appreciate your assistance in explaining this change to members of the public as well.

On the social scene, sub-Branch members, and members of our RSL Auxiliary and Widows Group, enjoyed a wonderful luncheon cruise of the Nepean River on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler. Feedback from those who attended has been very positive, especially the excellent luncheon we enjoyed.

From RSL NSW we have no specific information at this stage to pass on, but we will keep you advised. Locally we can report that our Vice President Sandy Howard attended a meeting of the Warringah Australia Remembers Committee at Manly on Friday 15th March. This is an active group under the auspices of Tony Abbott, Federal Member for Warringah.

We also hosted the AGM of the Northern Beaches District Council on Tuesday 19th March, which is an increasingly important part of our overall operations, with Bill Hardman as President.

Best wishes to all and, as usual, call if you need assistance.

Bob Lunn
President

What's On

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday - 3rd April

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7.30pm

Wednesday - 1st May



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Anzac Events

**Anzac Sunday
Street March & Service**
Sunday 14th April 2019
1440 - March - Forestville Memorial Hall
1500 - Service - The Forest Club Cenotaph

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Thursday 25th April 2019
0530 - Arrive at The Forest Club
0540 - Dawn Service followed by breakfast (see note below)

ANZAC EVENTS

See page 3 in this newsletter for more information about the 2019 Anzac events and provision of breakfast following the Dawn Service on Anzac Day.

Membership

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

GREEN, Peter John

Current membership totals : **420**

Introductions from our members' family and friends for new membership are always welcome.

Changes to your Membership Details

Advice of change to personal details - new address, phone number, email address and in particular **next of kin address and other details** would be appreciated. Call us if you wish to check any of your information on 02 9451 1221 or email membership@forestvillersl.org.au

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

Recent rain has been welcome for the cenotaph and memorial garden area. Forest rain March 235mm.



MEMORIAL PAVERS

Orders for new pavers have been forwarded for engraving. These will be laid prior to ANZAC Day.

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***

RSL AUXILIARY

We held our AGM on 4th March and your Committee remains the same: Annie Betts – President, Rae Stoddard - Vice President, Caryl Flint - Vice President, Barbara Norton - Secretary, Carol Anstiss - Treasurer, Jan Taylor - Social Secretary, Caroline Finlay and Shirley Mashman - Committee. I would like to thank these ladies for their continued support and staying on the merry-go-round for another year, and to our men behind the scenes.

We are looking forward to working with President Bob and his sub-Branch Committee again this year and we wish them a successful 2019.

Our April Meeting is on Monday 1st at 1pm with our Guest Speaker, Anna Delong, who is a Holocaust Survivor. I am sure it will be of interest to us all. If you are a visitor, please arrive around 1.20pm for 1.30pm and join us for a cuppa. All are welcome!

We have a busy month in April with our Anzac Sunday March on the 14th at 2.30pm from the Memorial Hall on Starkey Street, and the Service at the Club at 3pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

We have been invited to sell Anzac Badges at Bunning's Belrose again this year, so we will be there on a few days prior to Anzac Day. We will be selling Anzac Badges in the foyer at the Club, and of course also at the Anzac Sunday March and Service, and Anzac Day Dawn Service. We thank you for your continued support.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service will be on Thursday 25th April at 5.30am so we hope you can make it. The Committee of the Auxiliary will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits at both services.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Our May Meeting is on Monday 6th at 1pm and we are also having a Jewellery Sale, maybe you can find yourself a Mother's Day present. Again, visitors are very welcome.

For those on the sick list, we hope to see you soon.

**Regards
President Annie**

GUEST SPEAKER

General Meeting 3rd April RSL LifeCare at Home

RSL LifeCare at Home is designed to provide you with personalised in-home care and support services. We understand that people feel the most comfortable and relaxed at home and families know that their loved ones are safe and happy. RSL LifeCare provides the services that ensure your choice to live at home can be fulfilled.

Sally Wills, our local manager will be speaking to us on 3rd April at the next General Meeting.



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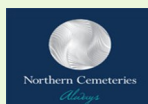
ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 25th APRIL 2019

REVISED BREAKFAST ARRANGEMENTS

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ANZAC HEROES IN THE FOREST

An '**ANZAC Heroes in the Forest**' free guided tour of the picturesque Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery will be held on Wednesday 24th April 2019, 9.30am - 12 noon. Join us to hear amazing stories of the many heroic diggers who served Australia in all military engagements, and who rest peacefully at Frenchs Forest. You will be enthralled and entertained by the narratives and biographical accounts based on the history of Australia's involvement in world hostilities.

Bookings are essential. For more information and bookings, please email Beth Robertson, FFBCfriends@aapt.net.au, PH: (02) 9452 2396 [9am-5pm].



The Nepean Belle day trip was a great day. Fabulous time had by all!



Dates to Remember in 2019

Wednesday 03 April	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting NSW Lifecare - Guest Speaker
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

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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/>