

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

We're half way through a very busy 2019 for your Committee, and our volunteers Sue and Leonie.

My sincere thanks to all Committee members for taking up the slack while Barbara and I were in the Holy Land and Egypt from 28 April to 27 May. We had a very memorable trip, and we are happy to now be home, although the temperature change from 45C in Luxor to 8C in the Forest when we arrived home was hard to take!

Many of our Committee and members attended the Warringah Australia Remembers 77th Anniversary Commemorative Service on 31st May at North Head, MC'd by James Griffin, NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans, and Member for Manly. The Guest Speaker was Peter FitzSimons AM, Journalist and Writer. Special thanks were extended to the Hon. Tony Abbott, who initiated this commemorative event as the Federal Member for Warringah.

Some of our Committee members and Trustees also attended an RSL NSW Governance Training session on Tuesday 4th June at Hyde Park Inn.

On the social scene, we have our Winter Yulefest coming up on Tuesday 16th July, plus our VP Day Luncheon on Sunday 11th August with tickets on sale on Monday 8th July (see separate notice in this newsletter for full details). Please make sure you get your tickets promptly when they become available.

Northern Beaches District Council President, Bill Hardman, is a member of the Review Panel re-drafting our proposed RSL NSW constitution. A draft has been sent to all District Council Presidents for review, following which it has been shared with sub-Branch Committees. We hope to be able to share this draft with members soon. The objective is to have the final re-drafted RSL NSW constitution available to sub-Branched and members for review, well in advance of State Congress in Albury in October this year.

Bill Hardman, Tony Mooney and I, along with other Northern Beaches sub-Branch Presidents and Secretaries, on Friday 7th June attended a get-to-know-you session at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park with James Griffin, particularly in his recently-appointed role as Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans.

We offer congratulations to recipients of awards in the Queen's Birthday 2019 Honours List: sub-Branch member Ian Meek OAM of Belrose, for services to the community of Belrose; and Maureen Dillon OAM of Manly, wife of sub-Branch member David Dillon, for services to the community of the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Take care with the cold weather and call us if in need.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunn

What's On

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday - 3rd July

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Xmas in July

16th July

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VP Day Lunch

11th Aug



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Membership

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

FINDLATER Raymond Allen NAVY
PATTERSON Robert ARMY
KNIGHT William Edward ARMY

We have pleasure in welcoming new affiliate member
Lindley (Lin) David SINTON
Member Richard N WHITAKER transferred to Terrigal sub-Branch
Current membership totals : **418**
Made up of the following age groups:
90 and over (70), 80 (173), 70 (120), 60 (29), 50 (20), 40 (6)

Introductions from our members' family and friends for new members 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 on a Monday or Friday morning or email membership@forestvillersl.org.au

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

Area is now maintained by our resident greenkeeper.



MEMORIAL

Orders are now being taken for Remembrance Day in November 2019 and will close on Monday 16th September.

PAVERS

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

Winter Yulefest

The Gardens On Forest
Peakhurst

Tuesday 16th July 2019

Depart: 09.00 Return: 16.30 (approx.) **SOLD OUT**

En route to Peakhurst we will pause at Cabarita Park for morning tea and enjoy great views over Kendall Park and Parramatta River. There will be a brief tour of Lugarno Peninsula taking in views over the picturesque Georges River. Upon arrival at The Gardens on Forest you will be served a welcome drink followed by a two course Christmas luncheon. Entertainment will be celebrating Olivia Newton-John with Dorothy Cooper.

WIDOWS GROUP

Our May meeting was our Biggest Morning Tea "PINK DAY". It was a great success, our ladies all looked good in their Pink Attire. Best Dressed were Adele Donnelly and Pat Ford. Best Homemade Cakes also went to Adele Donnelly, as well as Janet Wierzbicki. A big THANK YOU to all of our ladies, your donations were greatly appreciated by Cancer Council NSW.

Our June meeting Trading Table was well presented, everyone's old treasures were well received and appreciated.

Our 37th Birthday Luncheon will be held on Monday 15th July. The Widows Group commenced in 1982 and, over the years, a number of ladies have been members, and we still have new ladies joining us. New members are always welcome. Our entertainer at our Birthday Luncheon will be Peter Elliott, his music is enjoyed by all. Sub-Branch President Bob Lunnon and some Committee members will be joining us, along with Club CEO Ian Thomson. It will be an enjoyable luncheon. Thank you to the sub-Branch for the Winter Yulefest day trip on Tuesday 16th July, our ladies are looking forward to it.

To our ladies who haven't been in the best of health, we look forward to seeing you at our 37th Birthday Luncheon.

Warm Regards

Margaret Campbell

RSL AUXILIARY

Our next meeting is on Monday 1st July at 1.00pm where we will be introducing our very interesting Guest Speaker, Noel Braun. Noel was born in 1932, commenced his working career as a country school teacher, and he has now written a number of books about his walks along the Camino de Santiago de Compostela through France and Spain. The book titles include The Day Was Made for Walking, I Guess I'll Just Keep on Walking etc. Noel has many a story to tell, so come along and bring a friend.

Dates to Remember:

Monday 5th August at 1.00pm is our Patron's Day and Barbara Lunnon has a surprise Guest for us.

Hoping to see our ladies on the sick list back soon.

Regards
President Annie

VP DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday 11th August 2019



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



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

- TICKETS:** on sale from 0900 Monday 8th 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 4 pm, 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.



Guest Speaker July General Meeting



Our guest speaker for our meeting on **Wednesday 3rd July** will be **Senior Constable Rochelle Bird** who is the Crime Prevention Officer for Northern Beaches Command. Rochelle will be speaking to us about **Cyber Security**; a very relevant topic with our reliance on the internet for so much of our communication activity these days. She will also have education material which you can take home for later perusal and to distribute to your family. Rochelle has been a police officer for 22 years working in general duties at Kings Cross before coming to the Northern Beaches. As Crime Prevention Officer, she is part of a team that engages with community groups about Cyber Safety. Her team also provide free security assessments to residents, retailers and commercial enterprises providing tips and recommendations on how to reduce risks of being victims of Crime.

Vietnam Veterans Day Events

Vietnam Veteran's Day Memorial Service

When: 11.00am - Friday 16th August, 2019
Where: Manly War Memorial,
The Corso Manly NSW 2095

The National Servicemen's Association & Affiliates Inc. and the Sydney Northern Beaches Sub-Branch will be holding a service to commemorate those who served our country during the conflict in Vietnam and associated theatres, especially the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Guests are kindly asked to be seated by 10.45am. Services commences 11am.

In the event of wet weather, the service will be held at St Matthew's Church, The Corso.

All are welcome to attend this service and there will be an opportunity during the service for the public to lay a tribute upon the memorial.

Service members should wear medals

Vietnam Veterans Day 2019 Service & Lunch

When: 11.00am, Sunday 18th August 2019

Where: Club Palm Beach
2087 Barrenjoey Road
Palm Beach

What: 11.00am - **Service**
12.00pm - **Drinks & Light Finger Food Lunch**

Cost: \$30 per person (if paid prior to day)
\$40 per person (if paid on the day)

Contact: Lynette Ferguson
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RSVP - Friday 9th August, 2018

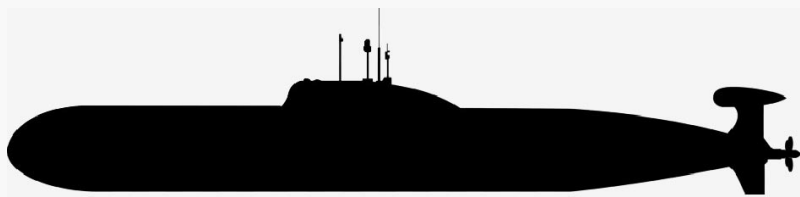
All are welcome to attend

Dates to Remember in 2019

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 21 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

August Guest Speaker

Noel Phelan
Australian National Maritime Museum
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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.

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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 Forestville 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/>

Vet Affairs News

<https://dva.gov.au/vetaffairs>