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Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July has been another busy month for the sub-Branch, and our Committee.

On Wednesday 3rd July, the Friends of Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery held a meeting and luncheon, which was attended by Vice Presidents Robin Tapp and Sandy Howard, member Kerrie O'Hagan, and me. The purpose of the meeting was to talk about ideas and initiatives involving the various events held at the cemetery, as well as identification and maintenance of the graves of WW1, WW2 and later veterans buried there.

Our July General Meeting took place that evening, with a presentation by our guest speaker, Senior Constable Rochelle Bird, Crime Prevention Officer with Northern Beaches Police Area Command. Our thanks to Vice President Sandy Howard for arranging an excellent array of guest speakers for our meetings.

Monday 15th July saw the Widows Group kindly invite Executive Committee members to their 37th birthday luncheon. It was a most enjoyable luncheon, with 41 members in attendance.

Our Winter Yulefest day trip to the Gardens on Forest in Peakhurst on Tuesday 16th July was an outstanding success all round with good food, service and entertainment for all who attended. Our thanks, as always, to our Travel Officer, Bob Connors, for a great job.

Also on Tuesday 16th July, Vice President Robin Tapp and I attended the Northern Beaches District Council meeting at Pittwater RSL Club where, among other issues, we discussed the draft RSL NSW Constitution. On that subject, as I indicated in my July report, the re-drafted Constitution will be made available to all members for review, well in advance of State Congress in Albury in October this year. We thank Bill Hardman for his ongoing work on the re-draft of the Constitution, as a member of the Review Panel, in addition to his role as President of the Northern Beaches District Council.

Looking ahead we have the VP Day Luncheon coming up on Sunday 11th August at the Club – see details in this newsletter.

Last but far from least, for some of our recent commemorative events, you are aware that Rev. Gavin Parsons, of St David's Anglican Church in Forestville, stood in for our Padre, Rev. Dave Lanham of Frenchs Forest Anglican Church. We are delighted to let you know that our sub-Branch is now blessed with having both Rev. Dave and Rev. Gavin as our Joint Padres. Their contact details are now available in our newsletter each month, so please make a note.

As always, your welfare and wellbeing is our main concern, so please call if you need assistance. And stay rugged up during our cooler months which are upon us.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunnon

What's On

General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 7th August

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VP Day Lunch

11.30 for 12 noon

Sunday 11th Aug

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 4th September



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CHANGES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Will you please advise any changes to your personal details either by phone to our Membership Officer on 02 9451 1221, or by email to: membership@forestvillersl.org.au

Membership

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

CURRAN OAM Kenneth Roy ARMY
PROCTOR Thomas Peter RAF
BLEECHMORE Brian Clive NAVY

We advise the following members:

Sidney Frederick ASHDOWN ARMY has resigned
Jack Frederick WILSON ARMY moved to South Africa and is no longer a member

Current membership totals : **413**

Made up of the following age groups:

Over 90 (68), 80 (170), 70 (119), 60 (29), 50 (21), 40 (6)

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

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Our Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway

Area is now maintained by our resident greenkeeper.



MEMORIAL PAVERS

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

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 37th BIRTHDAY MONDAY 15TH JULY 2019



RSL AUXILIARY

Our next Meeting is on Monday 5th August at 1.00pm. It is Patrons Day and Barbara Lunnon has arranged our Guest Speaker who is a friend of hers. Pat Clark lived in Starkey Street for 38 years, has worked as a Physio for 50 years in Adult Health Services, and 13 years at Hirondelle Rehab at Chatswood. She will be talking to us about health and safe, active living as we grow older. Pat hopes to reinforce things you already know and add some new ideas for maintaining levels of fitness in mind and body. It should be fun and informative. We hope to see you there.

At our August Meeting we will be taking names for our 65th Birthday Lunch to be held on Monday 2nd September, which is provided by the Sub-Branch. If you wish to attend, and can't make it to our August Meeting, please ring Rae on 99727385 to have your name added to our list.

On Monday 14th October, we welcome back our very popular Fashion Parade with clothes supplied by Stafford, so please keep the day free. More details next month. In the meantime, you will have plenty of time to let your friends know and arrange a table, as numbers are limited. We welcome new members, just come along to one of our meetings. To our ladies on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you 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 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.

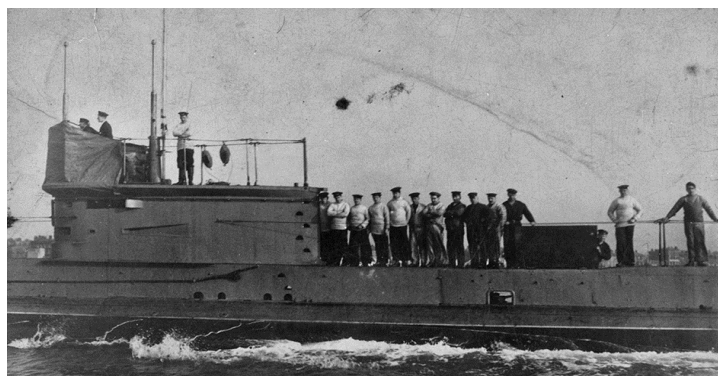
Guest Speaker August – Noel Phelan

THE LOSS AND FINDING OF AE1

AE1 was our first submarine. Commissioned in England on 28th February 1914 and arriving in Sydney on 24th May 1914 to a tumultuous welcome. This was the longest voyage of a submarine at the time. Submarines were also new at this time and seen as a "wonder weapon".

When war was declared AE1 and AE2 with most of the RAN ships including HMAS AUSTRALIA were tasked to seize the German facilities in New Guinea and the surrounding islands.

AE1 and HMAS PARRAMATTA were on patrol on 14th September 1914 near the Duke of York islands. AE1 was last seen on the afternoon of 14th September. When it did not return extensive searches were conducted after which AE1 was declared lost. There was no debris, no oil slick, no distress message, nothing.



During the following years 12 unsuccessful searches were conducted. Several were organised by Commander John Foster (OAM) a former RAN officer.

Come along and learn how AE1 was eventually found using the very latest technology on board the FUGRO EQUATOR and see photos of the wreck and the conclusions on what happened. Also learn why the location of the wreck will not be released.

Christmas in July 2019



Dates to Remember in 2019

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

Speaker - July General Meeting

Senior Constable Rochelle Bird, Crime Prevention Officer for Northern Beaches Command, addressed the members at our 3rd July General Meeting about Cyber Security, a very relevant topic with our reliance on the internet for so much of our communication activity these days. She gave a few examples of hacking, identity theft, remote access scams and phishing that had resulted in more than \$10,000,000 being taken from members of the Australian public in May 2019 alone. She also distributed educational material that was well received by the members. Vice President Sandy Howard expressed our sub-Branch appreciation for the presentation (also to Rochelle's "assistant" Sandra) and this was acknowledged with acclamation.

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>