

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

It's been a year since I took over from John Scifleet as President of our sub-Branch. I thank our members for entrusting me with this privilege to serve you, and also thank our energetic and extremely hard-working Committee members and volunteers. We have a caring, well-oiled, progressive and industrious Committee, always with your interests at the forefront.

You are aware that for member funerals we offer an RSL Tribute. It is important for as many of us as possible to extend our support by attending member funerals. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to let our Membership Officer, Geoff Brown, know your email address, along with any ongoing changes in your personal details. This will then allow our Welfare Officer, Robin Tapp, to let you know by email the details of upcoming funerals of our members, as they occur. We thank you in advance for your support.

Our VP Day Luncheon on Sunday 11th August at the Club was very successful, with 106 in attendance. Our thanks to Secretary Tony Mooney, along with support from his wife Myra and Committee members, for his expert arrangements of this special event in our annual calendar.

Committee member John Balfour and I attended the Vietnam Veterans Day Memorial Service on Friday 16th August at the Manly War Memorial, along with Northern Beaches District Council President, Bill Hardman. Then, on Sunday 18th August, the Vietnam Veterans Day Service and Lunch at Club Palm Beach was attended by Vice President Robin Tapp, John Finlay, Bill Hardman, and me.

On your behalf, our sub-Branch Committee has been providing feedback on the draft Strategic Plan (particularly regarding membership development), and the draft Constitution, to our Northern Beaches District Council President, Bill Hardman. Bill is a DC7 member, consisting of 7 elected District Council Presidents, providing sub-Branch feedback to State Branch on the finalisation of the Strategic Plan 2019-2021, the RSL NSW draft Constitution, and SOPs, in readiness for State Congress in Albury in October.

The Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch is arranging a Merchant Navy Day commemoration service on Tuesday 3rd September commencing at 1100. The fine weather venue is the Mosman Cenotaph, Myahgah Road, Mosman, adjacent to the Allen Border oval. The wet weather alternative is the Mosman Masonic Centre, 44 Spit Road, near Spit Junction. Parking is limited in both locations, so public transport is highly recommended.

Our RSL Auxiliary is celebrating its 65th Birthday at their Luncheon on Monday 2nd September at the Club, also attended by sub-Branch Committee members. Congratulations to our RSL Auxiliary on achieving this wonderful milestone.

Spring is sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where the birdies is? Enjoy Spring, and call if you are in need.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunnon

What's On

General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 4th September

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd October



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Membership

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

MARTIN Robert Francis RAAF
MITCHELL Keith Edwin ARMY

We have pleasure in welcoming a new member:

Colin Frederick AMOS

Membership totals 412 made up of the following age groups;
Over 90 - 66, 80 - 170, 70 - 120, 60 - 29, 50 - 21, 40 - 6.

Introductions from our members, family and mates for new members are always welcome.

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

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

Our 37th Birthday Luncheon on Monday 15th July was enjoyed by all. Sub-Branch President Bob Lunnion and Committee members, together with Club CEO Ian Thomson, joined us. Our entertainer, Peter Eliot, performed well as usual. Our thanks to Tim, Kim, and staff for our very tasty and enjoyable lunch. As usual, Kim had our tables looking beautiful.

Then on Tuesday 16th July, we had a wonderful day trip to Gardens on Forest in Peakhurst to celebrate "Christmas in July". Many thanks to Bob Connors and the sub-Branch Committee for all the arrangements. Our ladies had a fabulous day.

At our Monday 19th August meeting we had a Guest Speaker, Catriona Pooke, from Mercy Ships Australia. Catriona's talk was about the work the dedicated Volunteers do in helping where badly needed. In 2018, they celebrated 40 years of service. Thank you to our ladies, your donations are greatly appreciated.

The 16th September meeting will be our popular BBQ with friendly chefs, John Anstiss and Dave Stoddart, doing the cooking. The sub-Branch Committee will be joining us. New members are welcome. Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month.

We wish a speedy recovery to members not in the best of health.

Warm Regards,

Margaret Campbell, President

RSL AUXILIARY

Our next Meeting is on Monday 2nd September at 12.00 noon. It is our 65th Birthday Lunch, then our meeting to follow at 1.00pm to brighten up our afternoon. Sub-Branch Committee members are joining us for lunch, so come along and join in the fun. We thank the sub-Branch for providing this Birthday Lunch as our ladies always look forward to the day.

At our 2nd September Meeting we will be selling tickets for our Fashion Parade to be held on Monday 14th October, so come around 12.45pm. **Tickets are \$15, which includes Afternoon Tea served after the Parade, and a glass of Champagne or Juice on arrival. Credit card and Eftpos payments are OK.**

The clothes for our Fashion Parade are supplied by Stafford, so you will have a wide range to choose from. I am sure you will find something special to take home. It has been 3 years since our last Parade, so we are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AND NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, so invite friends or neighbours, tables up to 10, but any number of tickets are available. They can be purchased by phoning Carol on 99707026. We also will have LOTS OF LUCKY DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE PRIZES.

The Fashion Parade is our main fundraiser of the year with the profits going to support of our RSL Defence Care families.

For our ladies on the sick list we hope to see you soon.

**Regards
President Annie**



VP DAY
LUNCHEON
Sunday 11th August
2019

View more photos on the website:

www.forestvillersl.org.au/photos



Guest Speaker at the August General Meeting
Noel Phelan

THE LOSS AND FINDING OF AE1



www.sea.museum/



Dates to Remember in 2019

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



Frank Harrison

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

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.

Please advise your email address details to us at:

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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>