

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

Another busy month for your Committee, and for RSL NSW. Vice President Sandy Howard, Northern Beaches District Council President Bill Hardman and I have been in Albury 27/31 October for the RSL NSW State Congress. We will now have to update you on State Congress outcomes at our General Meeting on Wednesday 6th November, and in our December sub-Branch newsletter.

At our General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd October, the Forestville RSL Club Board Vice President, Bill Hardman, updated our sub-Branch members on upcoming changes at the Club commencing in October, as part of the overall improvement program. Our sub-Branch, as always, continues to enjoy an excellent relationship with the Club CEO, Ian Thomson, and staff.

Committee members attended the Widows Group Luncheon on Monday 21st October, hosted by the sub-Branch. We all enjoyed an excellent lunch served by the Club. Congratulations to President, Margaret Campbell, her Committee and members for all of your wonderful efforts in supporting and caring for each other.

Arrangements are in hand for our Remembrance Day Service at 10.30am on Monday 11th November, the 100th anniversary of the first Armistice Day commemoration in 1919, now our Remembrance Day commemoration service. We will also be unveiling a WWI plaque at the Cenotaph, honouring five Frenchs Forest residents who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force. Our thanks to sub-Branch Treasurer, Alastair Turnbull, for his efforts and time in researching this, resulting from a sub-Branch Committee visit to the Anzac Memorial Hyde Park earlier this year. On display at the Hyde Park Memorial are 1701 soil samples from around NSW, from where these volunteers enlisted, including Frenchs Forest.

Bob Connors our Travel Officer has excelled himself with a Seven Hills RSL Coach Trip on Tuesday 19 November, including a visit to Old Government House in Parramatta Park. Thanks again for all of your hard work, time and effort, Bob! Tickets are available for purchase from Club Reception.

Our Welfare Officer, Robin Tapp, has organised a session on RSL Tribute training for member funerals, as we need to increase the pool of members who can perform RSL Tributes. It will be held on Friday 22nd November 2019 from 10am to 11am in the Conference Room next to the sub-Branch office. We strongly encourage you to attend. Further details are available elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our sub-Branch Christmas Dinner is coming up on Sunday 1st December at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Club in the Flight Deck Room. Tickets at \$40 per person will be available from the sub-Branch Office at 9am on Monday 4th November, and afterwards from Reception at the Club. Dress is Jacket and Tie for Gentlemen, Semi-Formal for Ladies. Further details are available elsewhere in this newsletter.

Enjoy our warmer weather, and call us if you need assistance.

Warm Regards,
Bob Lunn

What's On

General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 6th November

Guest Speaker

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Seven Hills Coach Trip

9am Tuesday 19th November

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Christmas Dinner

6pm for 6.30pm

Sunday 1st December

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General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 4th December



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Membership

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

ARMOUR, William - Navy
HANSON, Allan Thomas - Army

We have pleasure in welcoming a transfer-in from North Bondi
LTCOL Nicholas de BONT

Membership totals 410 made up of the following age groups:
Over 90 - 64, 80 - 169, 70 - 120, 60 - 29, 50 - 22, 40 - 6

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

Changes to your Membership Details

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 Garden

Area is now maintained by our resident greenkeeper.



MEMORIAL PAVERS

All new pavers will be laid prior to Remembrance Day. Orders are now being taken for **Anzac Day** in April 2020 and will close Monday 16th March.

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

Email: membership@forestvillersl.org.au

AGM 2020 - COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS PROCESS

1st December: Nomination forms available

15th February: Nominations close

March 2020 Newsletter: Include list of nominations received

AGM: Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm – ballots as necessary

SUN DOCTOR - GUEST SPEAKER 6th NOVEMBER 2019

We are privileged to have **Doctor Jaqueline Kramer-Maier** as our November guest speaker. Dr. Kramer-Maier works at our local Sun Doctor surgery and counts several of our members as patients.

Naturally, her theme will be on the detection and prevention of skin cancer, a scourge that affects us all!

With summer shortly upon us, skin cancer prevention is a major discussion point which concerns our families and friends. Please heed her advice!

The mission statement of the franchise:

We offer the highest certainty around the detection and treatment of skin cancer.

We stop at nothing to give our patients the best possible care and outcomes at every point in their journey.

Our doctors are highly trained and our results are processed in our own specialist pathology laboratory – which is the biggest in Australia and does nothing but skin cancer.

Our clinics and labs use state-of-the-art technology to improve the patient journey and enable the highest standards of medical care.

RSL AUXILIARY

The Committee and I would like to thank all the ladies who were able to come to our Fashion Parade on Monday 14th October, and for the groups making up tables of their friends. We hope most were able to find something special to take home, and had an enjoyable afternoon.

Of course the day would not have been possible without the hard work of my Committee and some of our Auxiliary ladies helping on the day. Our thanks to the sub-Branch for their continued support, to Kim and Tim helping out with the catering, to Club CEO Ian and staff assisting us throughout, to Malcolm for preparing the room and also there on the day for the clean-up, and of course our very important bar staff. Thanks again to each and every one of you.

Our November General Meeting is on Monday 4th at 1pm. Our Guest Speaker is Diana Noyce with a talk entitled: *Fateful Feast - The Final Repast on RMS Titanic*.

The talk provides an exquisite look at the obsession with etiquette, fashion and its love of fine food. We are looking forward to this talk, so come along and enjoy the experience, maybe bring some flippers! Visitors welcome.

We have Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November commencing at 10.30am. We will be selling poppies at the Club on Thursday to Saturday 7th, 8th and 9th November, and also on Remembrance Day. Looking forward to catching up with you then.

At our 4th November meeting we will be taking names for our Christmas Lunch, as yet to be organised with our new Club caterers. New members are always welcome, please phone me on 94020882. Ladies on the sick list, we hope to see you soon.

Regards
President Annie



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 1030

Our traditional Remembrance Day service will take place at the Cenotaph at Forestville RSL Club commencing at 1030, this being the 100th anniversary of the first Armistice Day commemoration in 1919, now our Remembrance Day commemoration service. We will also be unveiling a WW1 plaque at the Cenotaph, honouring five Frenchs Forest residents who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force.
Refreshments will be served in the Club after the ceremony.

Forestville RSL sub-Branch

*** CHRISTMAS DINNER ***

6pm for 6.30pm Sunday, 1st December 2019

For sub-Branch, RSL Auxiliary, Widows Group, members and partners only.
Tickets on a cash-only basis are \$40 per person and are available from the sub-Branch Office at 9am on Monday 4th November, afterwards from Club Reception. The price includes three courses, drinks and lucky door prizes.

Tables are numbered and you can choose your table when booking.

Please supply all names with your booking.
Dress: Jacket & Tie for Gentlemen; Semi-Formal for Ladies.

The Club Bus will be running from 5pm to 11pm for your convenience. This is a free service.
Please contact Club Reception on 9451 1011 to book your pickup.

Please note there will be NO ENTRY to the Flight Deck before 6pm.

ROBIN GEOFFREY TAPP 50 YEAR CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION—2ND OCTOBER 2019

We were delighted to present Vice President Robin Tapp with his 50 Year Certificate at our General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd October 2019. Robin was joined on the evening by his daughter Gemma and her husband Ken, pictured here with President Bob Lunnnon.

Congratulations, Robin!



SEVEN HILLS RSL & OLD GOVT HOUSE TRIP - Tuesday 19th November

We will leave from the lower car park at 9.00am, returning at around 3.45pm. **Please park in the lower car park, as we will be on tour all day.** First stop is Parramatta Park, for Morning Tea followed by a tour of Old Government House. Then we will proceed to Seven Hills RSL Club for lunch, followed by a tour of their new RSL War Memorabilia Walk. Afterwards, there will be time to use the Club facilities, before departing at 2.30pm for Forestville.

Tickets at \$40 per person on a cash-only basis are on sale from Club Reception, on a first-come first served basis.



WWI PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY

We are seeking the descendants of the following WW1 enlistees from the Frenchs Forest NSW area:

**William Leslie CARNEY
William MORRISON
William James POUND
Alexander William SHEPHERD
Alfred THOMPSON**

The Forestville RSL sub-Branch will be unveiling a plaque in their honour at our Remembrance Day Service to be held on Monday 11th November 2019 at our Cenotaph at 22 Melwood Avenue, FORESTVILLE commencing at 10.30am. Relatives are invited to attend.

Please forward contact details, together with proof of relationship to enlistee, to treasurer@forestvillersl.org.au or contact Alastair Turnbull on 02 9451 1221 on Mondays (9.00 till 2.00) or Fridays (9.00 till 12.00).

Dates to Remember in 2019

Wednesday 06 November	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting Sun Doctor—Guest Speaker
Monday 11 November	*	1030 Remembrance Day Service
Tuesday 19 November	*	Seven Hills Coach Trip
Wednesday 20 November	*	1200 Narrabeen War Veterans Luncheon
Sunday 01 December	*	1800 sub-Branch Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 04 December	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting

RSL TRIBUTE TRAINING FOR MEMBER FUNERALS FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 10AM TO 11AM

Our sub-Branch continues to receive requests from families for an RSL Tribute to be presented at the funeral of their loved ones. We therefore have a need to increase the pool of members who can perform RSL Tributes at funerals of sub-Branch members.

An RSL Tribute training session will be held on Friday 22nd November 2019, from 10am to 11am, in the Conference Room next to the sub-Branch office.

The training will explain the process involved, and printed handouts will be available. Please contact our Welfare Officer, Robin Tapp, by Monday 18th November latest if you wish to attend this training session, and assist with RSL Tributes in future. Robin can be contacted on mobile: **0425-318531**; or email: robgtapp@bigpond.net.au.

Significant Anniversaries

October and November are noteworthy for the following significant dates:

13th October - 80th anniversary of the appointment of Blamey as Commander of the 6th Division 2nd AIF

11th November – 100th anniversary of the first Armistice Day commemoration in 1919, now our Remembrance Day commemoration service

15th November – 80th anniversary of Menzies announcement that compulsory military training for “home service” was to be re-introduced

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.

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*“And the world is a little poorer, for a soldier died today”
...Lest We Forget...*

