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Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of our Committee members and lady volunteers, best wishes to all of our sub-Branch members, our RSL Auxiliary and Widows groups, and all of our friends and associates, for a happy and healthy 2020.

Beginning with an update on RSL NSW affairs and activities, you will have received an email in late 2019 from the RSL NSW Acting President advising that subsidisation of 2020 membership fees would be allowed, and from 2021 a more equitable system for all members across our State will be developed and implemented.

A draft RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2020-2025 has also been developed, and circulated to District Councils and sub-Branches for comment and input. Our sub-Branch will work with Northern Beaches District Council on a combined response. The draft Strategic Plan is available on the RSL NSW website for download, should you wish to review it, and provide any comments to Committee members if you wish.

Our AGM is coming up on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.30PM. We have been letting you know at many General Meetings late in 2019 that there will be several vacancies on our new Committee as Tony Mooney, Geoff Brown and Robin Tapp will be standing down at the AGM after many years of service on our sub-Branch Committee. We encourage you to give serious consideration to nominating your services for our Committee for 2020-2023. Nominations forms are available in the sub-Branch office, and will also be available at our General Meeting on 5th February.

The months ahead are going to be very busy indeed, so please refer to page 4 of your newsletter for "Dates to Remember in 2020" and note your diaries accordingly, be they digital or manual.

We all know of the devastation caused by the ongoing fires around our State and country. We are truly blessed with the commitment and dedication of all our emergency services personnel, and we thank each and every one of them for their service during this difficult and challenging time for all of us.

At the request of RSL NSW, our sub-Branch has donated \$10,000 to the RSL NSW Disaster Assistance Fund to be used for sub-Branches in NSW requesting funds to support veterans and their families in need as a result of the fires.

Drink lots of water during these hotter and drier periods we have been experiencing. As always, call us if in need.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunn

What's On

General Meeting
7.30pm
Wednesday 5th February 2020

AGM
7.30pm
Wednesday 4th March 2020



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Membership

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

CRANMER, Dr Venn—RAAF
FINCH, Eric Douglas—ARMY
BATEMAN, Leonard Michael—RN & RAN

We welcome a new Affiliate Member: Michelle Alison JOOSSE.
Member: Robert George STOCKWELL transferred to Toukley sub-Branch.

Membership totals: **405**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a new "perpetual" membership card issued shortly.

For the time being please retain your current 2019 card.

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 Gardens

Area is now maintained by our resident greenkeeper.



MEMORIAL PAVERS

Orders are now being taken for Anzac Day in April 2020 and these will close on Monday 16th March 2020.

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***

GUEST SPEAKER – FEBRUARY 2020

Jon Black, CEO of RSL NSW, will be the guest speaker at our General Meeting on Wednesday 5th February. Jon responded to our request for RSL NSW to provide us with a speaker to let us know how our \$10k contribution to the Disaster Assistance Fund is being utilised. We are indeed privileged to have him answer the call!

On announcing Jon's appointment in 2019, Acting President Ray James said: "I welcome Jon to the RSL NSW family and look forward to working closely with him with support from an experienced RSL NSW Executive Team. Jon's experience in leading a range of complex organisations with strong knowledge of governance practices is exactly what RSL NSW needs in our new CEO, with his service in the Australian Army ensuring there is strong knowledge of the challenges facing our members and the broader veteran community".

Jon's statement in response was: "It is truly an honour to be charged with leading RSL NSW, a revered and iconic 103-year old organisation that rightfully means so much to so many people. The sub-Branches and extraordinary volunteers are pillars of the community. We must enable and guide them so that they can continue the great work taking care of veterans and their families on a daily basis in communities across the state".

We look forward to welcoming Jon to our sub-Branch General Meeting on 5th February.



AGM 2020 – COMMITTEE NOMINATION 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

RSL AUXILIARY

Welcome back for 2020. We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas, and wishing you all a wonderful year ahead. The Committee and I are looking forward to working with Bob and the sub-Branch Committee again this year.

Our first meeting this year is on Monday 3rd February at 1pm. Our Guest Speaker is Julia Lever talking about getting your Affairs in Order before you lose your marbles, so that should be very interesting. Visitors are very welcome, just come along around 1.30pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 2nd March is our AGM followed by our General Meeting and refreshments. We will be taking names and money at our meeting on 3rd February, when we will give more details after we meet with the caterers.

Anyone wishing to join the Committee, nomination forms will be available at our 3rd February meeting.

If you can't be at our 3rd February meeting and wish to come to our AGM on 2nd March, give Rae a call on 99727385 and she will put your name down. We hope to see you there.

Any ladies on the sick list, if you need any assistance, please call me on 94020882.

Regards
President Annie

GEORGES RIVER, BOTANY BAY CRUISE SOUTHERN BEACHES TOUR THURSDAY 26th MARCH 2020



Join us for a cruise on the beautiful Georges River, including morning tea on the shores of Botany Bay en route to the wharf. Departing from Sans Souci, we explore many of the sparkling bays and inlets on one of Sydney's prettiest waterways.

Cruising with Bass and Flinders Cruises in a bright modern catamaran, our experienced skipper will give an excellent commentary during our three hours on board.

We pass through areas such as Sylvania Waters, Kogarah Bay, Blakehurst and Oatley before the million dollar real estate gives way to the tranquil beauty of the National Park. Our cruise includes a welcome drink and an excellent lunch.

This afternoon we will tour the southern beaches, following the coastline from La Perouse through Maroubra, Coogee, Bronte, Tamarama, Bondi and up to Watsons Bay. We will return through Vaucluse, Rose Bay and Double Bay, taking in some of the areas where those who can't afford to live in the Forest area try to console themselves!

The subsidised cost for sub-Branch members and partners is \$40 per person, including morning tea, three hour commentary cruise, excellent lunch with tea or coffee and coach transport. Departure at 9am, returning approximately 5 pm.

Tickets on a cash-only basis will be on sale from Monday 10th February from the sub-Branch office, afterwards from Club Reception, on a first-come first-served basis.

SIDNEY JOHN HOLLINGS

100 YEARS OLD ON 24th DECEMBER 2019 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CENTURY SID – NOT OUT!

Our thanks to you and your family, Sid, for joining us at our sub-Branch Christmas Dinner on Sunday 1st December 2019 to celebrate your 100th Birthday. It made it very special for all of us. Well played, Sid!



Bill Hardman OAM, Sid Hollings & Bob Lunnon

Trip to Old Government House and Seven Hills RSL



Pictured here on the front steps of Old Government House - Parramatta during the Coach trip (19th November 2019) are:

Ian Thomson (Club CEO), Sandy Howard, Bob and Barbara Lunnon, Tony and Myra Mooney.



Our day trip to Old Government House in Parramatta followed by lunch at Seven Hills RSL Club on Tuesday 19th November was very successful.

Dates to Remember in 2020

Wednesday 05 February 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 04 March 2020	*	1930 AGM
Wednesday 01 April 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 19th April 2020	*	1440 Anzac Sunday Service & Street March
Thursday 25th April 2020	*	0530 Anzac Day Dawn Service
Wednesday 6th May 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 3rd June 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 1st July 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 5th August 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 16th August 2020	*	1200 VP Day Luncheon
Wednesday 02 September 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 07 October 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Monday 19th October 2020	*	1200 RSL sub-Branch Widows Luncheon
Wednesday 04 November 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Monday 11 November 2020	*	1030 Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 18th November 2020	*	1200 Narrabeen War Veterans Lunch
Wednesday 02 December 2020	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 06 December 2020	*	1800 sub-Branch Christmas Dinner

Significant Anniversaries

February is noteworthy for the following significant dates:
 4th February 1945 – Yalta Conference (Churchill, Stalin, Roosevelt)
 19th February 1945 – US forces land on Iwo Jima

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](https://www.instagram.com/forestvillerssubbranch)

The Forestville Club website:

<http://www.forestvillersl.com.au>

RSL NSW website:

<http://www.rslnsw.org.au>

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>

DVA Australian Defence Veterans' Covenant

www.dva.gov.au/myservice