

The Returned & Services League of Australia Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

Contact editor via email: newsletter@forestvillersl.org.au or via post: 22 Melwood Ave, Forestville, NSW 2087

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PLEASE CLOSELY READ THIS REPORT AND ALL ARTICLES FOR ALL CHANGES

March and April have been extremely busy months for your Committee. All the changes made were initially communicated to our members in our April newsletter. This newsletter will now update you on arrangements made for ANZAC Day, and the next few months.

RSL NSW has detailed below all the options for your families to commemorate ANZAC Day. Included are fundraising opportunities through a national online ANZAC Appeal, where funds raised in NSW will support veterans and their families in NSW through DefenceCare and Veterans Sport Australia.

Your Committee has responded to a very kind offer from our Padre, Rev. Gavin Parsons, from St David's Anglican Church in Forestville. Jointly we have developed a VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICE including our ANZAC Day Dawn Service traditions. It is available for you to download from YouTube, and play it in your own living rooms, at a time suitable to you and your family, be it at dawn, or later on ANZAC Day.

The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5m4BV8x0y1TlvEfn4fw-tg>

As a result of COVID-19, Ethinvest has reported a reduction in the value of our investments. However, we are still tracking above average returns and are well-prepared for future investment opportunities.

The Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service at North Head on Friday 29th May has been postponed indefinitely.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunnon

What's On

Anzac Day Dawn Service
5.30am

Saturday 25th April 2020

CANCELLED

*

General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 6th May

CANCELLED

*

General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 3rd June

CANCELLED



In this issue:

- Contact details
- RSL Auxiliary News
- Membership Update
- Dates to Remember
- Significant Anniversaries
- Anzac Arrangements 2020
- Fundraising

How You Can Commemorate ANZAC Day 2020

There's no doubt that ANZAC Day 2020 will be very different to ANZAC Days of previous years. While we will not be gathering at services or marches, there are still ways to acknowledge ANZAC Day and ensure Australian servicemen and servicewomen are appropriately remembered.

1. Record yourself reciting the ode or sharing a message of support for veterans. Respond "Going" to our ANZAC Day 2020 Facebook event. Then use the hashtag #ANZAC Spirit and share how you'll be commemorating privately, as well as who you'll be remembering this ANZAC Day.
2. Light up the dawn. At 6am on ANZAC Day, go to the end of your driveway or stand on your balcony and listen to a brief commemorative service. Together – even while apart – we'll remember those who served and sacrificed. You can sign the pledge to light up the dawn at rslanzacspirit.com.au
3. Tune into live services and virtual commemorative services. The ABC will be broadcasting a 5.30am service from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. There will also be a 10am service from the ANZAC Memorial in Sydney that will be broadcast on ABC and streamed live.
4. Reach out to a mate who might be alone. Many people are alone during this time of isolation. It's an opportunity to invoke the ANZAC value of mateship and check to see how a mate is doing.

Donate to the ANZAC Appeal online at anzacappeal.com.au. Donations support Australian veterans and their families in need.

Donations in NSW support services provided by RSL DefenceCare and Veteran Sport Australia.

Useful Links

rslanzacspirit.com.au
anzacappeal.com.au

Show your support by using this [ANZAC Spirit Facebook profile picture frame](#)



Dates to Remember in 2020

Saturday 25 April	*	0530 Anzac Day Dawn Service
		CANCELLED
Wednesday 06 May	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
		CANCELLED
Wednesday 03 June	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
		CANCELLED
Wednesday 01 July	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting
		TBA

RSL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

As we go into our second month without a meeting, I hope you are all taking care and only going out when necessary. Please pick up the phone and give each other a call and have a laugh, keep active if possible.

As we do not have ANZAC Sunday and Dawn Services this year, we can still remember those who sacrificed for us, say a prayer for them and for all our returned and currently serving men and women. We also say a prayer for our doctors, nurses and hospital staff and for all the other essential services who are keeping us safe at home.

On a more cheery note, April birthdays include: Annie Betts, Betty Morrison, Rae Stoddard, Shirley Mashman, Margaret Cliff and June Booker. A big thank you to Bob and the sub-Branch Committee for keeping the office open for those in need. If any ladies need assistance, please give me a call on 94020882.

Regards
Annie Betts
President

Significant Anniversaries

May 2020 is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 18 May 1915:** MajGen Bridges, Commander of the Australian Division, dies from wounds suffered on Gallipoli
- 19 May 1915:** Jacka's VC action at Courtney's Post
- 19 May 1915:** Simpson and his donkey KIA
- 10 May 1940:** Germans invade the Low Countries and France
- 10 May 1940:** Churchill becomes UK Prime Minister
- 01 May 1945:** 26 Bde land on Tarakan
- 08 May 1945:** VE Day
- 11 May 1945:** 6 Div AIF capture Wewak
- 15 May 1945:** PTE Ted Kenna's VC action at Wewak

Membership

Total 405

Sadly we report the passing of the following members:

CLARK Kenneth Frank - RN
LEE Michael Frank Lander - RAF
McGRORY Claris Olga - AAMWA

sub-Branch Office

Office: secretary@forestvillersl.org.au
Phone: (02) 9451 1221
Monday: 0900 to 1200 and 1245 to 1400
Thursday: 0900 to 1200 (from 7th May)

Secretary & General Enquiries:
Vince Williams
Phone: 9451 1221 Mobile: 0417 430 389

President: Bob Lunnon
Phone 9452 4078 Mobile: 0499 977 111

Treasurer:
Phone: (02) 9451 1221

Welfare, Funerals & Public Relations:
Stuart Hablethwaite
Phone: 9451 1221 Mobile: 0402 626 485

Membership:
membership@forestvillersl.org.au

Newsletter Editor:
Bob Lunnon
Phone: 9452 4078 Mobile: 0499 977 111
Email: newsletter@forestvillersl.org.au

Australia My Country:
John Scifleet
Phone: (02) 9451 1221 Mobile: 0428 118 889

Pensions: (02) 9451 1221

Joint Padres
Rev. Dave Lanham Phone: 9975 5410
Rev. Gavin Parsons Phone: 8012 2020

Travel Officer:
Bob Connors
Phone: (02)9451 9494

Widows Group:
President: Margaret Campbell
Phone: 9452 5561

RSL Auxilliary:
President: Annie Betts
Phone: 9402 0882 Mobile: 0478 044 566

New Affiliate Member:

* **MEPPEM** Warren David

Transfer Out:

* **MARSH** Kenneth John

Transfer In:

* **HAMBROOK** Michael Hamilton

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:

membership@forestvillersl.org.au

"And the world is a little poorer, for a soldier died today"



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