

# 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 certainly has been a different few months for each of us, embracing a different world, being separated from our families and friends, socially isolating and distancing, and looking after each other as best we can. Our Committee members have been calling our members 80 and over to check on how everyone is travelling and whether our sub-Branch can assist.

For all of us, Anzac Sunday and Anzac Day were different this year. Our Virtual Church Service on Anzac Day in conjunction with St David's Anglican Church in Forestville was very successful. The service is available for download from our sub-Branch website if you missed it, it lasts around 30 minutes and is entitled Virtual Anzac Day Service 2020. We couldn't have done this without the wonderful cooperation of our Joint Padre, Rev. Gavin Parsons, from St David's. The service was accessed by over 1400 people on Anzac Day, an outstanding and extremely pleasing result.

Also on our sub-Branch website, if you click on Gallery under the Events tab and access Anzac Day 2020, you will find some excellent photos taken at our Cenotaph on Anzac Day by our sub-Branch photographer and member, Darryl Bullock. Many thanks, Darryl.

In March, we postponed collection of entries from schools in our area for our Australia My Country competition. They finally were collected from schools in the week commencing 25 May, and are being collated. When we are able to establish judging dates, and an award presentation, we will let you know.

**Due to COVID-19, there have been no General Meetings in April and May. We now have pleasure in inviting you to a Forestville RSL sub-Branch Member Update at 11AM on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020. It is an online Zoom meeting, which you can join using this link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82615025214?  
pwd=UVN2QWZSdVF5NzlgOFBIWXBCdXR3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82615025214?pwd=UVN2QWZSdVF5NzlgOFBIWXBCdXR3Zz09)

Meeting ID is: **826 1502 5214** & Password is: **member**

We hope you can join us. In the meantime, stay safe, stay well, and call if you need us.

Best Regards,  
**Bob Lunn**

#### What's On

**General Meeting**  
11.00am  
Thursday 4th June  
(Meeting via ZOOM)

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**General Meeting**  
7.30pm  
Wednesday 1st July  
**TBA**



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## Membership

Membership totals: 405

**Sadly, we report the passing of our dear member:**

**WULF** Colin Julius ARMY

**PLEASE NOTE:** The new 'perpetual' membership card will be 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](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens



The area is now maintained by our resident greenkeeper.

### **MEMORIAL PAVERS:**

Orders are now being taken for new pavers which will be laid prior to Remembrance Day.

### **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 our  
Membership Officer  
Email: [membership@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)**

## **AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP – PHILIP RICHARDSON**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April we received confirmation from RSL NSW that Affiliate membership has been approved for Philip Richardson, a local resident. We will induct Philip at a future General Meeting, when we have received Philip's credentials from RSL NSW, as they too have been working from home as a result of COVID-19.

## **Summary of Committee Resolutions March-May 2020**

- Purchase six "Caring Hands Light Horse" figurines for \$240 as AMC prizes.
- Endorse the RSL badge brief as sub-Branch recommendation for submission to the District Council.
- Wild Duck Promotions to provide quotations for Forestville RSL sub-Branch polo shirts.
- Sub-Branch weekly Committee office hours to be Monday and Thursdays commencing 4 May.
- Donate \$500 to the Manly Warringah Pipe Band following the cancellation of the Anzac Sunday event.
- Purchase the Pro version of Zoom for conference calls at \$238.
- Accept the quote of \$1725 for the new Life members board and updated Committee board.
- Donate \$1000 to St David's Anglican Church Forestville in appreciation of the online Anzac Day Church Service support.

## **RSL AUXILIARY**

Well, we are still in lockdown, so another month without our meeting. I hope you are all well and keeping safe. It was a different Mother's Day this year for us all. At least we were able to see some family and catch up with the grandchildren where possible.

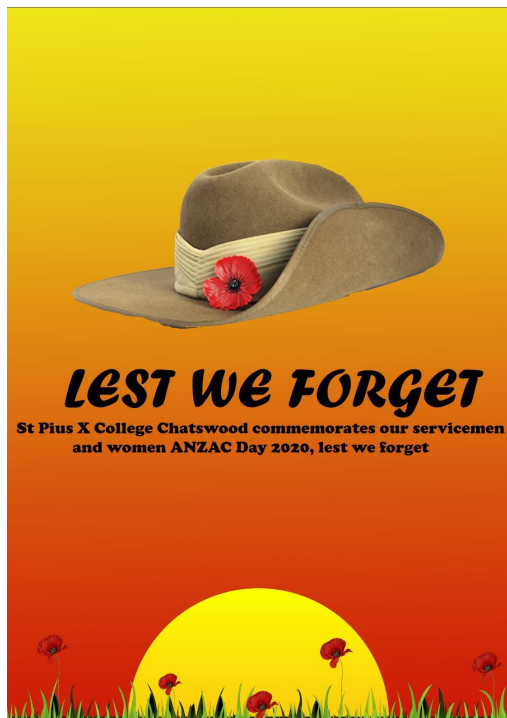
It has been lovely to talk to our ladies and have a laugh and to get to know you all so much better. There have been some lovely stories and I am sure we will have a lot to talk about when we can get back together. Don't forget to give someone a call and have a chat, I am sure it will be appreciated.

Celebrating May Birthdays: Joy Nixon 1<sup>st</sup>, Judy Hardman 2<sup>nd</sup>, Margaret Campbell 5<sup>th</sup>, Jan Taylor 7<sup>th</sup>. Celebrating June Birthdays: Milly Slattery 22<sup>nd</sup>, Barbara Mapstone 25<sup>th</sup>.

As usual, a big Thank You to our sub-Branch for keeping the home fires burning.

Keep well, if I can be of assistance please call me on 94020882. Please also say a prayer for a couple of our ladies on the sick list.

Regards  
**President Annie**



Poster by Year 9 students from St Pius - Chatswood

**YOU are invited!**

### **FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH MEMBER UPDATE**

**11AM THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

Forestville RSL sub-Branch is inviting you to join an online Zoom meeting

**Time:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 11AM

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking the link below or go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) on your phone or desktop and "join" the meeting (details below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82615025214?pwd=UVN2QWZSdVF5NzIqOFBIWXBCdXR3Zz09>

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**Password:** member

### **SUB-BRANCH OFFICE – MYOB DATA ENTRY**

With our Treasurer position currently open, Committee members are sharing the work involved in managing Treasurer communications, payments, and monthly and quarterly reporting. There is an opportunity for a sub-Branch member with data entry skills to volunteer to assist our Committee with MYOB data entry. This would involve a few hours each week in the office, on Monday and/or Thursday, during our normal office hours. Training can be provided if necessary.

If you are interested, please let our Secretary know by phone on (02) 9451 1221; or email: [secretary@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:secretary@forestvillersl.org.au). Please include whether you already have the necessary skills, or would require training.

## **DoD: Replacement Medals Policy**

### **Living recipients**

- Living recipients of medals are entitled to one replacement set, in circumstances beyond the control of the holder of the medals.
- Replacement awards will not be provided until a period of two months has lapsed from the date of the loss to allow adequate time for recovery.
- Only awards that can be returned to the Directorate (eg broken or damaged) will be issued as Original. Medals that cannot be returned will be engraved with a 'D' for Duplicate.

### **Deceased Recipients**

- Replacements can be requested for losses since 1 December 1974.
- Lost or destroyed medals for deceased recipients can be replaced in circumstances beyond the control of the holder of the medals.
- Defence will only replace service medals it has authority to issue from within the Imperial and Australian Honours systems.
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### **Applications**

- To apply for replacement medals, please complete the Application for Campaign and Service Awards.

### **Purchasing Replicas**

- Replica medals are available from a medals dealer or a commercial military memorabilia outlet. Many of these replicas are high quality and can be difficult to distinguish from the originals.
- To request a list of your relatives entitled awards, please complete the Application for Campaign and Service Awards.

### **Government House Awards**

- If you are seeking replacement of Australian Gallantry, Distinguished Service, Conspicuous Service, Bravery or Order of Australia decoration, contact Government House in Canberra on 02 6283 3603.

## Dates to Remember in 2020

Thursday 04 June	*	1100 Update Meeting  <b>Meeting via ZOOM</b>
Wednesday 01 July	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting  <b>TBA</b>
Wednesday 05 August	*	1930 Monthly General Meeting  <b>TBA</b>
Sunday 16 August	*	1200 VP Day Luncheon  <b>TBA</b>

### Significant Anniversaries

June 2020 is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- **04 June 1940:** Dunkirk embarkation complete
- **10 June 1940:** Italy enters the war
- **22 June 1940:** France signs Armistice with Germany
- **10 June 1945:** 9 Div land in Brunei Bay
- **26 June 1945:** UN Charter signed in San Francisco
- **25 June 1950:** North Korean forces invade South Korea
- **10 June 1965:** 1RAR arrive in South Vietnam on HMAS Sydney
- **11 June 2010:** Roberts-Smith's VC action Afghanistan



Photo taken on VE Day by our photographer Darryl Bullock

### 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](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)

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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>

**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](http://www.dva.gov.au/myservice)