

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 our sub-Branch and Committee members. Firstly, an update on Bill Hardman, Life Member, President of Northern Beaches District Council, and Club President. We reported last month that Bill underwent a medical procedure, an esophagectomy, in Royal North Shore Private Hospital on Tuesday 15th September. After initial recovery there for over two weeks, Bill came home on Friday 2nd October to continue his rest and recuperation. He is walking unaided, on blended and soft foods, smiling and talking normally. We wish Bill and Judy well and look forward to seeing them out and about in the not too distant future.

I attended the Northern Beaches District Council meeting on Tuesday 15th September at Narrabeen RSL Club, chaired by Vice President Alan Wright in Bill Hardman's absence. Primary discussions were around better processes to be implemented for transitioning ADF members to join the RSL; and the upcoming RSL NSW 2020 Board Election, where only three existing Directors are standing for re-election.

The RSL NSW 2020 Board election is an important opportunity for eligible members to have their say in the composition of the Board of RSL NSW over the next three years. Candidate profiles are available on the RSL NSW website.

Eligible members are being asked to complete two ballot papers: one ballot is for President; and the other is for the remaining seven elected Director positions.

For those voting by mail, ballot papers were included in the current issue of Reveille, and the last date for postal votes to be mailed is 10th November 2020.

For those voting online, where voting opened on 5th October, you can go to the RSL NSW website, click on the Vote Now button which takes you to the Link Market Services voting portal, then follow the prompts to cast your vote, and online votes can be submitted up until 5pm on 24th November.

We are now a one-member one-vote organization, so casting your vote is extremely important. Should you need any assistance with this process, please contact the sub-Branch office.

Preparations for the installation of our 12pdr SBML at the Forestville RSL Club entrance are proceeding well, in time for Remembrance Day. The concrete slab to carry this 1800kg cannon was placed on 7th October, and we thank our Active Committee Volunteer, Jimmy Murphy, for his excellent work through the entire process. The plinths on which the cannon rests had been ordered, then the cannon was craned into place on 23rd October, a protective glass fence was installed the following week, and the Club will be installing additional downlighting. This entire process has been a huge task, but it is a very worthwhile and rewarding one, as a joint effort between the Club and the sub-Branch. Please enjoy our warmer weather, and call us if you need assistance.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunn

What's On

General Meeting
7.30pm
Wednesday 4th November
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General Meeting
7.30pm
Wednesday 2nd December
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Christmas Luncheon
Sunday 6th December
11.30 for noon



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COVID-19 SAFETY PLANS

A plan will be in place for each event. Maintain 1.5m distancing. Remain seated at all times. Club Marshal in place. Please follow all directions provided. Thank you for your co-operation.

Membership

Membership totals: **402**

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear members:

TREAGENT Joyce Leonie ... AAMWS
LOWE George Albert ... ARMY

We welcome new members:

Tim DUCHESNE RN/RAN
Dr Noel Eatough ARMY

And new Service Member transferred from Grafton:
John WOODWARD

The new "perpetual" membership cards have finally arrived and were posted along with the September Newsletter.

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



MEMORIAL PAVERS

The latest order was placed on Tuesday 6th October and these 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

FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH UNIFORM SHIRTS & JACKETS

Polo shirts and jackets are now available for purchase, **pre-paid orders only** as follows:

POLO SHIRTS: navy/white, 80% polyester/20% cotton, shoulder and back contrast panels, XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL.
Subsidised cost per shirt is \$35.

SOFT SHELL JACKETS: navy, water resistant and windproof, 2 way zip front, 2 zippered front pockets, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL.
Subsidised cost per jacket is \$85.

Sample shirts and jackets are available in the office for your viewing and sizing. Please place your orders through Stu Hablethwaite, our Welfare Officer, on 94511221, or by email at welfare@forestvillersl.org.au. Bulk orders will be arranged so you will be advised when your order is ready for collection - cash on delivery please.

Stuart will be available at General Meetings from 6.45pm to 7.15pm with sample shirts and jackets, for pre-paid sales and taking orders.



Polo Shirt & Soft Shell Jacket

RSL AUXILIARY

Leading up to Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November, we will again be selling Poppies and Badges in the foyer of the Club prior to Remembrance Day and on Remembrance Day itself. So, please come and say hello, and purchase one of our handmade poppies done by our clever ladies.

On 2nd November we are having our first meeting since March, and we are looking forward to welcoming back over 40 ladies. It was lovely to catch up and hear all the news over a cuppa and afternoon tea. At our November meeting we will be taking names for our Christmas/Birthday Lunch provided by the Sub-Branch, which will be something to look forward to.

We are having a **BIG BOOK SALE**, all books are 50 cents, so you will be able to settle back over the holidays with a good book. **PLEASE BRING BAGS**, everyone is welcome to come and have a look.

New members are always welcome. Any ladies on the sick list, if we can help, please call me on 94020882. As always, a big thank you to Bob and the sub-Branch Committee for all their help over the past months.

DATE TO REMEMBER: Monday 7th December, General Meeting at 12noon, followed by our Christmas/Birthday Lunch at 1pm.

Regards
President Annie

RSL MONEY

RSL Money's Veterans Rewards Account
New to RSL Money

Features include:

- ◆ 1% Cashback on PayWave purchases under \$100*
- ◆ Annual donation to your sub branch
- ◆ Free withdrawals around Australia at up to 7,000 participating ATMs

For more information and to register your interest, please contact Ann Roach @ RSL Money on 0418 400 143.

Deposit a minimum of \$1,000 per month (excluding transfers from other RSL Money or Australian Military Bank accounts) to become eligible for the 1% cash back offer. The cash back offer applies on contactless Visa PayWave purchases under \$100 and is capped at \$25 per month. Terms, conditions, fees and charges apply.

New product coming to RSL Money.

RSL Money is a business name of Australian Military Bank Ltd
ABN 48 087 649 741, AFSL & Australian Credit Licence Number 237 988.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



EDITORS NOTE: We are maintaining a Reserve list should restrictions change, please contact the sub-Branch office

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2020

**10.15AM FOR 10.25AM ON WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2020
AT THE CENOTAPH—FORESTVILLE RSL CLUB**

**TICKET ONLY EVENT – LIMITED NUMBERS APPLY
COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN IN PLACE**

Manly Warringah Pipe Band will play from 10.25am with our Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.35am, concluding after 11.00am. This will be followed by a march around the Club carpark by the Band.

At the conclusion, under COVID-19 restrictions, the sub-Branch will be providing post-Service hospitality in the Forest Room. Normal registration procedures will apply at Club Reception.

Since COVID-19 rules must apply, numbers are limited, so this is therefore a ticket only event. If you wish to attend please contact the sub-Branch Secretary on 02 9451 1221 or email secretary@forestvilliersl.org.au. You will be asked to provide full name(s) & mobile contact details. Thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to you joining us for our Remembrance Day Service.

SOLD OUT



*** CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ***

**Sunday 6th December 2020
11.30am for 12.00 at the Forestville RSL Club**

**TICKET ONLY EVENT – LIMITED NUMBERS APPLY
COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN IN PLACE**

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE RSL SUB-BRANCH, RSL
AUXILIARY & THEIR PARTNERS AND SERVICE WIDOWS
ONLY**

TICKETS: on sale from the sub-Branch desk in the Club Foyer at 9.15am on Monday 12th October, then afterwards from the sub-Branch office on Mondays and Thursdays. Please provide names, your Club membership number/s & mobile number/s when you pay (to comply with COVID-19 requirements). You can select your Table when you book.

NUMBERS: sadly (due to current COVID-19 restrictions) ticket sales are limited to 104.

COST: \$40 per person (cash only please)

ENTERTAINMENT: Jazz Trio

MENU: a three course meal will be served (with alternates on each course) with refreshments and lucky door prizes.

BUS: a bus will operate from 10.30am until 4pm. Bookings are to be made personally at Club Reception or by phoning 9451 1011.

DRESS: Jacket and Tie for Gentlemen; Semi-Formal for Ladies.

PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO ENTRY to the Dining Room prior to 11.30am.

FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH REMEMBRANCE DAY EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM FOR 2021

This grant was first introduced in 2019 for 2020. The 2020 program is open to eligible applicants who will be entering Year 7 in 2021, to assist with the costs associated with transition to high school. The value of each grant is \$2000. Letters have been sent to primary schools in our area, with details for their newsletters.

We would appreciate your support with spreading information on this program to your family and friends with eligible applicants in Year 6 this year. Further details on our Education Grants Program (EGP) for 2021 are available on our sub-Branch website.

GUEST SPEAKER

Wednesday 4th November, 2020

Sarah Miller, Accredited Practising Dietitian Fuel Your Life

Fuel Your Life is a national award-winning dietitian company. We are a team of 45 dietitians that provide nutrition counselling, education, and support for clients in the community. We are client focused & offer individual consults in the comfort of your own home. We aim to support the physical, mental health and general wellbeing of our clients with nutrition. Join guest speaker, Sarah, as she speaks about nutrition and the services **Fuel Your Life** provides in the community.

Dates to Remember in 2020/2021 (Subject to change)

Wednesday 04 November	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 11 November	*	10.25am Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 02 December	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 06 December (note date change)	*	11.30 for 12noon sub-Branch Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday 03 February 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 03 March 2021	*	7.30pm AGM
Wednesday 07 April 2021	*	7.30 pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 18 April 2021	*	2.40pm Anzac Service & March
Sunday 25th April 2021	*	5.30am Anzac Day - Dawn Service
Wednesday 05 May 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 02 June 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 07 July 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 04 August 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 15 August 2021	*	11.30am for 12noon VP Day Luncheon
Wednesday 01 September 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 06 October 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Monday 18 October 2021	*	12noon RSL sub-Branch Widows Luncheon
Wednesday 03 November 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Thursday 11 November 2021	*	10.30am Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 17 November 2021	*	11.30am for 12noon RSL Anzac Village War Veterans Luncheon
Wednesday 01 December 2021	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 05 December 2021	*	11.30am for 12noon Christmas Luncheon

Significant Anniversaries

November is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 11 November 1940: Battle of Taranto
- 01 November 1950: Chinese Communist forces (PLA) enter the Korean War
- 01 November 1955: Second Indochina War (Vietnam War) commences
- 09 November 1965: Battle of Gang Toi – 1RAR South Vietnam

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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Office Hours: Christmas/New Year
The sub-Branch office will be closed from COB Monday 21st December 2020 & will re-open Monday 18th January 2021

Please use above contact numbers where necessary

*"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/my-service

Australian Death Notification Service

<https://deathnotification.gov.au/>