



# The Returned & Services League of Australia

## Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

### NEWSLETTER

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*Seasons Greetings to all sub-Branch members and your families. May your Christmas be joyous, peace filled and full of family fun, friendship, food and frivolities!*

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

End of year is always a busy time for your Committee, with finalisation of financial reports, preparation of budgets and various events.

The RSL NSW State Congress 2020 is an online event. Sub-Branch Presidents will individually participate online. Those of you registered for email updates from RSL NSW will receive information direct from them after the online Congress. We will also update you further in our February 2021 newsletter. The CEO of RSL NSW, Jon Black, will be presenting the Strategic Plan as a way forward, which will be distributed as soon as it is finalised. The RSL NSW website is also a very good resource for up to date information on all matters.

Our Remembrance Day Service was attended by 100, under COVID-19 rules. Manly Warringah Pipe Band again were in attendance, and they joined us afterwards to play from the balcony adjoining the Forest Room, where we provided hospitality for all attendees after the service. As part of our Remembrance Day Service, with our Padre, Rev. Gavin Parsons in attendance, we dedicated our new memorabilia cabinets on the mezzanine level of the Club, as part of the Steps of Remembrance project. This project was largely driven and facilitated by Alastair Turnbull, our past Treasurer, supported by Ashleigh Wheeler who provided her museum curation experience to the memorabilia presentation. Thank you, Al and Ashleigh, for this wonderful contribution to the sub-Branch and the Club. Our sincere thanks go to Ian Thomson, Club CEO, and all Club staff, for their part in making the Steps of Remembrance a reality.

On your behalf, we thank our Committee members; Committee volunteers; Cenotaph and Memorial Garden volunteers Norm Reynolds, Bob Connors and Di Connors; photographer Darryl Bullock; Travel Officer Bob Connors; and our Club caterers; for all of their support throughout the year. Special thanks also go to President Annie Betts and the RSL Auxiliary, and President Margaret Campbell and the Widows Group, for their ongoing support and cooperation. Our gratitude goes to Ian Thomson, RSL Club CEO, and to all Club staff, for another wonderful and memorable year. Many innovations are being introduced at the Club, which have been appreciated and supported by our sub-Branch members.

**We wish to remind each of our Affiliate members of the requirement, as part of their membership responsibility, to attend at least three General Meetings annually. We do record General Meeting attendance of all Service and Affiliate members, and we will be following up with Affiliate members who do not meet this attendance requirement. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

We have listed on page 4 of this newsletter all the **Dates to Remember** for inclusion in your 2021 diaries. Our sub-Branch Office will be closed from COB on Monday 21st December 2020 and will re-open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Contact details during this time are listed on page 4.

Best wishes to each of our members and families for a Joyous and Peace-Filled Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please call us if you are in need.

Best Regards,  
**Bob Lunnon**

#### What's On

##### 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: **399**

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear members:

**ADAMSON** Richard Ernest George    RAAF  
**SIDDONS** Robert George                ARMY

*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



### MEMORIAL PAVERS

All new pavers have now been laid. Orders will now be taken for ANZAC Day, closing on Monday 15 March 2021.

### 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)**

## Steps of Remembrance



Our **Steps of Remembrance** were dedicated by our Padre, Rev. Gavin Parsons on Remembrance Day 11th November, 2020



## **RSL AUXILIARY**

Congratulations to the sub-Branch for a wonderful Remembrance Day Service. The Committee and I would like to thank the sub-Branch for all the help they have given us throughout the year. We would also like to thank Ian and staff for their support in what has been a very difficult year, we appreciate all their efforts to keep us safe.

At the sub-Branch Christmas Luncheon on 6th December the Auxiliary ladies will be selling Raffle Tickets 3 for \$5. We will be sitting at the entrance of the Flight Deck. We would like to thank the sub-Branch members for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. We will be drawing the winners at the lunch this year, the prizes will be \$50 Coles-Myer vouchers which I am sure we could all use. Good luck!

Our next meeting is on Monday 7th December at 12 noon followed by our very special Christmas Luncheon hosted by the sub-Branch. We are looking forward to having some of the sub-Branch Committee members joining us for lunch, so that should liven up the afternoon. If you need any more information or you need to cancel call Rae on 99727385 by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Hope to see you there. We will be drawing the remaining raffle prizes so you can get your tickets on the day.

A big thank you to my Committee for their commitment in 2020, it certainly has not been an easy year but we are looking forward to 2021 and continuing our good work. On behalf of our Committee we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a happy & healthy 2021. Ladies on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery, if you need assistance please call me on 94020882.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Our first meeting for 2021 is on Monday 1st February at 12.30pm followed by lunch.

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.**

## FREE COMPUTER TRAINING FOR RSL MEMBERS, AFFILIATES & AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Sessions are as follows:

**Club Five Dock** - 66 Great North Road, Five Dock  
1st & 8th December 2020

- Apple iPad &/or iPhone classes from 10am to 11am
- Android smartphones &/or tablets from 11.30am to 12.30pm
- Windows 10 from 1pm to 2pm

**The Juniors** - Maroubra, cnr Anzac Parade & Haig Street,  
Maroubra 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

- Apple iPad &/or iPhone classes from 10am to 11am
- Android smartphones &/or tablets from 11.30am to 12.30pm
- Windows 10 from 1pm to 2pm

To register, please call Christine David on 0401-017-459 or send an email to [chris@it4retirees.com.au](mailto:chris@it4retirees.com.au) as places are limited.

## \*\* CHRISTMAS LUNCH \*\*

11.30 for 12 noon on Sunday, 6th December 2020

Dress: Jacket & Tie for Gentlemen;  
Semi-Formal for Ladies

The Club bus will be running from 10.30am to  
4.00pm 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 11.30am

## DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES (DSH) INSURANCE

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, DSH Insurance has expanded eligibility requirements to now include all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) with at least one day of full time service. This means more than 600,000 additional ADF personnel and veterans (including reservists and peacekeepers, as well as widows and widowers of those ADF members) can now access home building insurance regardless of their type or length of service. DSH Insurance is administered by DVA.

Key benefits include the absence of an excess, the premiums can be paid monthly which equal the annual total, and more. Click on this link to access the latest DSH Newsletter for full details:

[https://www.dsh.gov.au/sites/default/files/insurance\\_docs/DSHI-newsletter-2020october.pdf](https://www.dsh.gov.au/sites/default/files/insurance_docs/DSHI-newsletter-2020october.pdf)

Alternatively, you can also search for additional information on the DSH website:

[www.dsh.gov.au](http://www.dsh.gov.au)

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY EDUCATION GRANTS FOR 2020

The recipients from our  
2020 program will be  
presented with their Awards  
at our General Meeting on  
2nd December, 2020

## Remembrance Day 2020





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

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 25 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

December is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 18 December 1915: Evacuation of Anzac completed
- 09 December 1940: Battle of Sidi Barrani begins
- 05 December 1950: PLA occupying Pyongyang

### 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)

## sub-Branch Office

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

**Australian Death Notification Service**

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