

# 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

Greetings to all!

Our General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd February was a busy one. We welcomed Barry Brown as a transfer-in Service member from Dee Why RSL sub-Branch.

Then, Secretary Vince Williams delivered his comprehensive Secretary's Report, which included three motions for endorsement by members. Firstly, based on my President's Report in the February newsletter as a preamble regarding membership fees for 2021, members present unanimously approved our Committee proposal that subsidising 2021 membership fees is a welfare issue affecting all sub-Branch members. The sub-Branch will therefore pay these for all members, in a non-discriminatory way, as part of our charitable purpose. This was then confirmed to Bill Hardman, President of Northern Beaches District Council, by the 15<sup>th</sup> March deadline, as requested by RSL NSW.

Secondly, at the Northern Beaches District Council meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, it was agreed that sub-Branches incorporate as soon as possible. Our Committee proposed to incorporate as a Company Limited by Guarantee, providing us with greater legal protection and trustees will no longer be required. We will also be required, as part of this process, to have our company name registered with ASIC: Forestville RSL sub-Branch Ltd. This proposal was unanimously endorsed by members present.

Thirdly, members present unanimously endorsed the Committee's proposal that Peter McAskill JP join our Committee as Membership Officer. Peter was accordingly presented with his Committee tie. Welcome, Peter! It's wonderful to have you on board with us.

We are still however looking to fill the position of Treasurer, a role which is not as onerous now that we have engaged the services of a bookkeeper for a few hours each week. We encourage you to give serious consideration to nominating your services as Treasurer for 2021-2023.

We have our AGM coming up on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Forest Room at Forestville RSL Club. We hope as many members as possible will attend. We look forward to seeing you then.

Our sub-Branch will host the Northern Beaches District Council AGM at Forestville RSL Club on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, with Bill Hardman OAM in the chair as President.

Finally, our ANZAC Sunday and ANZAC Day services are subject to COVID-19 rules, which could change. Please refer to the notices in this newsletter.

Please enjoy yourselves as we move into our (hopefully) milder Sydney autumn weather, and call us if you are in need.

Best Regards,  
**Bob Lunn**

#### What's On

**AGM**  
7.30pm  
Wednesday, 3rd March

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**General Meeting**  
7.30pm  
Wednesday, 7th April

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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: 401

*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**

Orders are now being 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)***

## **RSL AUXILIARY**

Our next meeting is on Monday 1st March at 12.30 pm for our AGM, followed by our General Meeting and lunch. The President of the sub-Branch, Bob Lunnon, will stop by to tell us about what is happening with the sub-Branch.

Thank you to all the ladies who put their name down for lunch at our last meeting. Anyone who doesn't wish to come please give Rae a ring on 99727385. We need to know cancellations by Wed 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please ring Rae so we can advise Catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

We would like to thank Sandy Howard, Vice President of the sub-Branch for his very interesting talk about his time as a pilot with Qantas at our last meeting. It was a fun afternoon with many funny stories.

Our yearly Subscriptions are now due and we will be collecting \$10 at our meeting. Anyone who can't attend, please leave your name and money in an envelope in the Auxiliary Box at reception so we can have numbers finalised for the sub-Branch.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER :**

General Meeting Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 followed by lunch and our Guest Speaker.

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

Regards  
**Annie Betts**  
President

## **WIDOWS GROUP NEWS**

A warm welcome back to all widows for 2021. We unfortunately have had a number of our members pass away over the last few months. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

After no meetings in 2020 due to COVID-19, our first meeting for 2021 was on 15<sup>th</sup> February. It was good to catch up and hear everyone's news.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11am for 11.30am. Nomination forms for our Committee are available. Our Guest Speaker will be Joy from Pink Ladies – the volunteer Ladies Committee at Royal North Shore Hospital. We look forward to you joining us for a very interesting and helpful talk.

Our thanks to Bob Lunnon and the sub-Branch Committee for their help over the past year. We know they will be there to assist us again when needed.

To our ladies not in the best of health, we wish you a speedy recovery and early return to our meetings.

Regards,

**Margaret Campbell**  
President

## **AUSTRALIA MY COUNTRY (AMC)**

### **\*\*\* APPEAL FOR HELP \*\*\***

The 2021 AMC is well underway and the students of all our area primary schools have been invited to participate. It's a great topic "**Australian Military Aviation and the Centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force**" so there's plenty of scope for imaginative entries.

While the schools are coordinating their students' participation we would very much appreciate it if you could let your friends, children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, who go to a primary school in the Forest area, know about the competition and encourage their participation.

More information is available on our website at :

[www.forestvillersl.org.au/Schools/AMC](http://www.forestvillersl.org.au/Schools/AMC)

***Please note that entries close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May.***



## **FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**7.30PM WEDNESDAY - 3RD MARCH 2021**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in the Forest Room of Forestville RSL Club.

***Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting***

# ANZAC SUNDAY

SERVICE 2021



# ANZAC DAY

DAWN SERVICE 2021

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

**2.30PM FOR 2.45PM**

**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 2.45PM with our ANZAC Sunday Service commencing at 3PM, concluding around 3.30PM. This will be followed by a march around the Club carpark by the Band. Members of the sub-Branch and their families are invited to attend. Limited seating will be provided. QR code check-in by mobile phone will be necessary.

At the conclusion, under COVID-19 restrictions, the sub-Branch will be providing post-Service hospitality in the Forest Room for ticket holders. Manly Warringah Pipe Band will be playing on the balcony of the Forest Room.

*Since COVID-19 rules must apply, numbers are limited, so this is therefore a ticket only event. Tickets will be available for booking from the sub-Branch desk in the Club Foyer at 9.30AM on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, then afterwards from the sub-Branch office on Mondays and Thursdays. You will be asked to provide full name(s) & mobile contact details when you collect your tickets, to comply with COVID-19 requirements. The final cut off will be Wednesday 7th April, subject to availability. Thank you for your understanding.*

*The Club Bus will operate from 1.30PM until 5PM. Bookings are to be made personally at Club Reception or by phoning 9451 1011.*

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

**5.25AM FOR 5.35AM**

**AT THE CENOTAPH — FORESTVILLE RSL CLUB**

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

Limited seating will be provided. QR code check-in by mobile phone will be necessary.

At the conclusion, under COVID-19 restrictions, the sub-Branch will be providing complimentary breakfast in the Club Bistro for ticketed attendees.

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## REACHING OUT



The sub-Branch already reaches out to the families of ADF members in two ways.

The first is by encouraging involvement in the **Australia My Country** competition and the second is through the **Remembrance Day Educational Grants Program**.

However, we do not have a program for reaching out to ADF veterans and serving members of the ADF on the Northern Beaches.

Some of you will have heard the presentation by LTCOL Nick de Bont at our GM on 03 Feb. Nick provided excellent examples of how we can reach out effectively. A brief summary of these points is:

- Consider the fact that the younger generation is time poor and especially ADF members who serve in the reserve
- Promotion of contact with nearby units (representatives from HMAS Penguin, 7Bty 9Regt RAA and 2/17 RNSWR attended the meeting)
- Employment promotion of & for retired veterans in our community by establishing contact with local businesses
- Collate data of agencies supporting veterans making the RSL a single point of contact for this information
- Support sporting activities which engage veterans
- Widen the scope to engage the Northern Beaches District Council
- Engage the RSL Club Ltd management to promote welcoming ADF members and providing suitable discounts
- Promote understanding of the difference between the RSL sub-Branch and Club Ltd

Further and in line with our Strategic Plan, establish Wellness Support Officers to work with veterans as a first point of contact to assist with personal issues. As the initiative develops, we will keep you updated and a new website tab will have full information.

**Sandy Howard VP**

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

Wednesday 03 March 2021	*	7.30pm - AGM
Wednesday 07 April 2021	*	7.30 pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 18 April 2021	*	2.45 pm Anzac Service
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

March is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

**5th March 1941** – Deployment of 1 Australia Corps AIF to Greece commences

**28<sup>th</sup> March 1941** – Battle of Cape Matapan – RAN

**31<sup>st</sup> March 1941** – Rommel's counter offensive in North Africa

### **CHANGES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS**

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### **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.

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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/my-service](http://www.dva.gov.au/my-service)

**Australian Death Notification Service**

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