

# The Returned & Services League of Australia

## Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

### NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As usual April has been a very busy month for your Committee members including attendance at Anzac services at John Colet School on 22nd April in Belrose, Killarney Heights High School and Terrey Hills Primary School on 23rd April, and Forestville Public School on 26th April. Unfortunately we were unable to attend commemorative events at RSL Anzac Village in Narrabeen, due to a conflict with our own services.

Our own Anzac services on Anzac Sunday 18th April and the Dawn Service on 25th April were again very successful and well attended, under COVID-19 conditions. Our thanks to those hardy volunteers for their help in placing chairs for seating, plus other duties. Special mention to the diligent and hard work behind the scenes by Vince Williams CSC, our Secretary, supported by Committee members and volunteers. Thanks also to our RSL Auxiliary ladies for their assistance, as always, including fund-raising for RSL DefenceCare and Veteran Sport Australia.

Our sub-Branch was represented on 16th April with a table at the Harbord Diggers RSL sub-Branch Inaugural "Anzac Sportsmen of War" Luncheon in honour of Tom Richards MC, a Rugby international, war hero and Olympian. All profits will support this sub-Branch's Veterans' Wellbeing Program.

At our General Meeting on 7th April, members unanimously endorsed the appointment of Ted Samojlowicz as our Treasurer, and he was presented with his Committee tie that evening. Our Committee members warmly welcomed Ted the next day in the office, where he was then presented with his sub-Branch polo shirts as part of our Committee member office uniform. Ted brings enormous knowledge and experience of finance and treasury matters. Welcome, Ted, it is wonderful to have you on board as our Treasurer.

At a meeting in Anzac House on 3rd March, attended by your President and Vice President Sandy Howard, RSL NSW outlined a forecasted funding shortfall of \$2.7m in 2021 resulting from a loss of income from the Hyde Park Inn, due to COVID-19. At the General Meeting on 7th April, members approved our Committee and Trustee recommendation to make a donation of \$20,000 to RSL NSW in support of their charitable purpose.

Entries in the Australia My Country competition close on 14th May. They will be collected from schools on 21st May. Marking then takes place on 29th May and winners will be announced at our AMC Presentation Ceremony on 26th June at the Forestville RSL Club with awards presented by the Hon. Jonathan O'Dea, BA, LL.M, MBA, MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly.

New contractors have been engaged for monthly maintenance of the Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens, as well as the Club grounds. Work has already commenced, especially in preparation for our Anzac commemorative services. Our thanks to John Scifleet for his great work on this project, to prepare the Memorial Gardens for the spring growing season.

Our sub-Branch, and the Club, now receive Flag Alerts from the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to make us aware of flag protocol, for example in the case of the death of Prince Philip HRH, which specified 10 April and 17 April as the only two days for half-masting of our flags. These protocols are applied by the sub-Branch for the Australian flags at the Cenotaphs at the Club and at Forestville shops.

If you have not already done so, we take this opportunity to remind you to make a donation to the Anzac Appeal, if you are able to do so, at: [www.anzacappeal.com.au](http://www.anzacappeal.com.au).

Please check your "Dates to Remember" in this newsletter, and get ready to rug up a little more as we get to the end of Autumn later this month.

Best Regards,  
**Bob Lunn**

#### What's On

**General Meeting**  
7.30pm  
Wednesday, 5th May

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**General Meeting**  
7.30pm  
Wednesday 2nd June



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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: **395**

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear member:

**BENNETTS**, Ralph Miles ... ARMY

We welcome new member:

**RICHMOND**, Daniel Aarien ... 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

Orders are now being taken for 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)**



## **EVERYMAN'S WELFARE SERVICE**

**"EVERYMAN'S IS IN THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING  
STORIES FROM PAST AND PRESENT SERVING MEN  
AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES. THOSE STORIES  
WILL BE DOCUMENTED, KEPT AND TREASURED FOR  
GENERATIONS TO COME"**

To do this we are humbly seeking assistance from our Supporters; RSL Clubs, sub Branches, Military/Ex Military organisations, present or past serving members (peacetime or war-time), and from those you may know who were involved with Everyman's and wish to share their story.

If you have a story or stories you wish to share, we would love to receive them (photographs are also most welcome).

***With your permission, your story may also be published in our  
On Patrol Magazine.***

**Ways to send your story to Everyman's:**  
Scan your story &

**Email: [admin@everymans.org.au](mailto:admin@everymans.org.au) or  
Post to:  
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## **RSL AUXILIARY**

It was wonderful that we were able to hold the Anzac commemorative services at the Club this year. Congratulations to Bob and his Committee for all the work they did to make our Anzac services so special, and a reminder of the sacrifices our service men and women have given and are still giving so that we can enjoy the freedom that we have today.

I would like to thank our Committee members for serving morning tea on Anzac Day, also for selling poppies and badges at Bunning's Belrose, and Forestville RSL Club.

The Committee and I appreciate the continued support of Club members and sub-Branch members in purchasing your Anzac Day badges and poppies from us, as the funds raised go towards supporting veterans and their families through RSL DefenceCare and Veteran Sport Australia, to help the families of service men and women serving overseas, and those who have returned home.

Ladies who were not at our April meeting and wish to come, or now unable to come, to our May meeting, please ring Rae on 99727385 so we can adjust the catering.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** General Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 12.30 followed by lunch, looking forward to seeing you there.

New members are always welcome just come along and join in the fun.  
Wishing those ladies on the sick list a speedy recovery, if you need any assistance please call me on 94020882.

Regards  
**Annie Betts**  
**President**

## ANZAC SUNDAY SERVICE

18th April, 2021



## HRH PRINCE PHILIP 1921-2021



### LIFELINE NORTHERN BEACHES - SUPPORT

Since 1968, **Lifeline Northern Beaches** (from Kirribilli to Palm Beach ) has provided crisis support and suicide prevention in our community.

#### *Your support is requested from Books to Bric-a-Brac*

We currently hold four GIANT book fairs during the year, mostly at St. Augustine's College Brookvale. Every dollar that we raise helps Lifeline continue to provide crisis support and suicide prevention services in our local community. Our call centre is located at Balgowlah. It costs \$27.96 to answer just one call that could end up saving a life. We are accepting donations of books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games at our new book depot location at 18 Roger St, Brookvale. Opening hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:30am-12:30pm. Call the Book Depot Manager, Grahame Marks, on 0439 613 005.

Also clothing, accessories, bric-a-brac can be taken to the Lifeline Distribution Centre at:

267 Harbord Rd, Brookvale  
Phone: 9939 9746

Sub-Branch member, Steve Clarke, has been a long time member of Lifeline Northern Beaches and, if you are having difficulties getting your donations to Lifeline, then please call **Steve on 0410 436 471** and he will collect suitable donations from your home.



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

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

May is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

20<sup>th</sup> May 1941 – Germans invade Crete

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

Will you please advise any changes to your personal details either by phone to our Membership Officer on (02) 9451 1221, or by email to:

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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.

Please advise your email address details to us at:

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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)

**Australian Death Notification Service**

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