

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

End of year is always a busy time for your Committee, with finalisation of financial reports, preparation of budgets, and various events as part of our 2022 planning.

The RSL NSW State Congress 2021 is again an online event on 6th/7th December. Those of you registered for email updates from RSL NSW will receive information direct, after the online Congress. We will also update you further in our February 2022 newsletter. This will include feedback on our motion before Congress to make the RSL badge more contemporary and forward-looking, particularly with regard to the flowers used to be more Australian, and the depiction of men and women across our three Services, while preserving the badge in all of its current shape. The RSL NSW website is also a very good resource for up to date information on all matters.

Our Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph was attended by 110 members & guests under COVID-19 rules. The Manly Warringah Pipe Band were again in attendance and joined us afterwards to play on Pickets and carry out a march through the Main Bar of the Club, where we provided hospitality for all ticketed attendees after the service.

On your behalf, for all of their support during the year, we thank our Committee members; Committee volunteers; Cenotaph and Memorial Garden volunteers Norm Reynolds, Jimmy Murphy, Bob Connors and Di Connors; photographer, Darryl Bullock; Travel Officer, Bob Connors; IT and sound support, Tony Mooney; and our Club caterers, operating under difficult staffing circumstances. Special thanks also go to President Annie Betts and her RSL Auxiliary Committee and members, 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 memorable and, at times, difficult year. During the Club lockdown closure, our sub-Branch was afforded rent relief by the Club, for which we are very grateful.

We wish to remind each of our Affiliate members of an ongoing requirement, as part of their membership responsibility, to attend at least three General Meetings annually, as we get back to normal operations during 2022. We do record General Meeting attendance of all Service and Affiliate members, and we will be following up with Affiliate members not meeting 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 2022 diaries. Our sub-Branch Office will be closed from COB on Monday 20th December 2021 and will re-open on Monday 17th January 2022. Contact details during this time are listed on page 4.

From 2022, there are no membership fees payable to be a member of our sub-Branch, RSL NSW and RSL Australia. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure your personal details, full contact details, and all Next of Kin details, are up to date at all times. All changes should be advised to our Membership Officer by phone on 02-9451 1221, or by email at: membership@forestvillersl.org.au, including if you wish to rescind your membership for any reason. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated.

With the cancellations of our Commemoration and Christmas Luncheons in 2021, your Committee has decided to hold a Commemoration Luncheon on Sunday 20th February 2022. Further details are included in this newsletter.

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.

Regards
Bob Lunnion

What's On

General Meeting
7.30pm - Wednesday
1st December, 2021
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General Meeting
7.30pm - Wednesday
2nd February, 2022
*

Commemoration Luncheon
11.30am for 12 noon
Sunday, 20th February
2022



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**CLUB COVID-19 SAFETY
PLANS IN PLACE....!**

Membership

Membership totals: 384

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear members:

CARLESS, Harold Noel ... ARMY
QUIRK, Peter ... ARMY
TURNER, Victor William ... NAVY
ROTHE, John William ... RAAF

We welcome the following NEW members:

DELL, Francis (Frank) Humphrey ... RAF
REYNOLDS, Scott Michael ... NAVY
WILSON, Leigh Marcus George ... ARMY
DONNELLY, Darrell James ... ARMY

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens

MEMORIAL PAVERS

Orders are now being taken for Anzac 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.



IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For all Membership enquiries please get in touch with our Membership Officer: membership@forestvillersl.org.au

For any Changes to Membership details please see following:

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WELFARE SERVICES

Our charitable purpose is the welfare of our members and their families.
Services our sub-Branch can provide include:

- Taxi vouchers for medical appointments or hospital stays
- Assistance with bereavements and funerals
- RSL Tributes, Bereavement payments to assist with funeral costs
- Support for the sick and/or infirmed
- Home visits to provide assistance where needed
- Provision of suggestions on external welfare services

This month we highlight **Support** for members during health and medical situations that affect mobility, requiring utilisation of transport in order to attend an appointment. The sub-Branch can provide Taxi Vouchers for this purpose. During extended or palliative care, the sub-Branch will also

consider issuing Taxi Vouchers to enable the member's partner to visit the member if there is no alternate available transport.

The sub-Branch's intention is to be both supportive and compassionate with situations not covered through DVA support and benefits. Members and their partners are encouraged to contact our Welfare Officer to discuss any medical or personal issues so that the sub-Branch can provide assistance or direction.

For assistance during office hours (Monday and Thursday) contact our Welfare and Funeral Officer, Stu Hablethwaite, 9451 1221 or by email: welfare@forestvillersl.org.au

For urgent after hours contact call mobile: 0402 626 485
Your confidentiality is assured.

RSL AUXILIARY

Congratulations to the sub-Branch for a wonderful Remembrance Day Service. It was lovely to see so many buying poppies and badges as this year has been a hard one for fund raising.

The Committee and I would like to thank Bob and his Committee for all the help they have given us throughout the year. We are looking forward to working with them again next year. Also a big thank you to Ian, Michelle, Malcolm, Paula, Brian and Janelle and staff for their support. It has been a very difficult year and we appreciate all their efforts to keep us safe.

A big thank you to my Committee for their commitment in 2021, it certainly has not been an easy year but we are looking forward to 2022 and continuing our good work.

Birthdays

December: Robyn Arundell 17th, Pat Dunn 19th, Barbara Chisnall 31st. **January:** Margaret North 3rd, Margaret Norman 8th, Barbara Nalder 23rd. Wishing you all a wonderful Birthday, hoping you can celebrate with family and friends.

To all our Auxiliary Ladies, we thank you for your friendship and continued support, looking forward to catching up next year. It was a shame we had to cancel our Christmas/ Birthday Lunch but on behalf of myself and the Committee we wish you all the best for the holiday season, and a Happy and Healthy 2022.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Our first meeting of 2022 is on Monday 7th February at 1.00 pm followed by Afternoon Tea. Please ring Rae on 99727385 to confirm you are coming by Thursday 3rd February so we can arrange catering. **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.** New Members are very welcome just give me a call on 94020882.

Ladies on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery, if you need assistance please give me a call.

Regards

President Annie

WIDOWS REPORT

It is good to get out to see our family and friends for lunch or dinner, and catch up on all the news.

Sadly, after considerable thought, we have cancelled our 13th December meeting and Christmas Luncheon. We felt we should consider the well-being of our ladies first, your health is very important, and we all want to enjoy Christmas with our families.

We thank the sub-Branch and Club management for their assistance during the past months of COVID lockdown. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

Our first meeting for 2022 will be on Monday 21st February, when we hope to have all our ladies back.

We wish everyone a very enjoyable Christmas, and trust 2022 will be a better year.

Best Wishes to All

Margaret Campbell, President

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2021



More photographs were taken on the day by sub-Branch photographer Darryl Bullock. These can be viewed on our website: www.forestvillersl.org.au/photos

Forestville RSL sub-Branch

*** COMMEMORATION LUNCHEON ***

Sunday 20 February 2022
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 24th January, then afterwards from the sub-Branch office. **You will be asked to provide full name(s), your Club membership number/s, & mobile contact number/s when you pay (to comply with COVID-19 requirements); as well as proof of full vaccination by Digital Certificate, or a letter from your medical professional.** You can select your Table when you book.

NOTE: Please contact our Assistant Secretary, Kevin Leary, for further details and pre-bookings at: asstsecretary@forestvillersl.org.au; or by phone during office hours (Mon & Thu) on: 02-94511221.

NUMBERS: ticket numbers will depend upon COVID-19 rules in place at the time.

COST: \$40 per person cash, or by direct debit through online banking by Thursday 10th February latest to Forestville RSL sub-Branch BSB: 062 170, account number: 0080 0042, with a reference stating CL and your surname, for example: "CL Lunnon"; and EFTPOS is also now available.

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 GENERAL MEETING ... 3rd November, 2021



Welcome to new member, Dr Doug Falconer, NAVY. Thank you to Jon Black, CEO and Nicole Hasrouni, CFO for updating us on what is happening at RSL NSW.

Significant Anniversaries

December is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

7th December 1941: (US time) – Attack on Pearl Harbour at the same time as landings on the Malay Peninsula (8th Aust time)

8th December 1941: 5PM Australia at war with Japan

10th December 1941: HMSs Repulse and Prince of Wales sunk

10th December 1941: Siege of Tobruk lifted

25th December 1941: Hong Kong falls

Dates to Remember in 2022

Wednesday 2nd February 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 20th February 2022	*	11.30am for 12 noon Commemoration Luncheon
Wednesday 2nd March 2022	*	7.30pm - AGM
Wednesday 06 April 2022	*	7.30 pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 24 April 2022	*	2.40pm Anzac Service & Street March
Monday 25 April 2022	*	5.30am Anzac Day Dawn Service
Wednesday 04 May 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 01 June 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 06 July 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 03 August 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 14 August 2022	*	11.30am for 12noon Commemoration Luncheon
Wednesday 07 September 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 05 October 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Monday 17 October 2022	*	12noon RSL sub-Branch Widows Luncheon
Wednesday 02 November 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Friday 11 November 2022	*	10.30am Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 16 November 2022	*	11.30am for 12noon RSL Anzac Village - War Veterans Luncheon
Sunday 04 December 2022	*	11.30am for 12noon Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday 07 December 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting

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Christmas & New Year Office Hours

The office will be closed from COB
Monday 20th December 2021 and
re-open on Monday 17th January 2022



SCAMWATCH

Computer scams are on the rise!
Beware of scammers and scams that can trick
you into making costly mistakes.
Keep up to date:
www.scamwatch.gov.au

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

*"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 Australia:

<http://www.veteranscentre.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

Australian Death Notification Service

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

Scamwatch

www.scamwatch.gov.au