

# 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 2nd February was a busy one. We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill Hardmann OAM, along with a Letter of Appreciation to Bill's wife Judy. Bill has been a member of the League since 1978, and his Certificate of Appreciation included a most fitting citation: "For distinguished service and outstanding leadership to RSL NSW". Bill's record of service to the League is:

**1978: joined the League; 2002: Committee Member, Forestville RSL sub-Branch; 2003/4: Secretary, Forestville RSL sub-Branch; 2004/17: President, Forestville RSL sub-Branch; 2012: Life Member of the League; 2008/11: President, Northern Beaches District Council; 2011/14: Vice President, Northern Beaches District Council; 2014/22: President, Northern Beaches District Council; 2008/11 and 2014/16: State Councillor, RSL NSW; 2016/17: State Treasurer, RSL NSW.**

Certificates/Letters of Appreciation for Committee service were also presented to: President, Bob Lunnion and his wife Barbara; Immediate Past Secretary, Tony Mooney JP and his wife Myra; and Ceremonial Officer, John Balfour OAM JP.

Secretary Vince Williams delivered his Secretary's Report, which included two motions for endorsement by members. Firstly, a motion to introduce a special membership category of Honorary Member, to include community leaders not otherwise eligible for Service and Affiliate membership, valid for the tenure of their appointment. Secondly, a motion to purchase black wool blend blazers for Committee members and Active Committee Volunteers to wear on formal occasions as part of our new sub-Branch uniforms. Both motions were endorsed by members.

Our AGM is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</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 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Under COVID conditions, some of the sub-Branches in our District will be able to join this meeting on Zoom.

Our Anzac Sunday March and Service on 24<sup>th</sup> April and Anzac Day Dawn Service on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April are both subject to COVID-19 rules, which could be subject to change. Please refer to the notices in this newsletter for further details.

In the hope that COVID will be kinder to us, we have scheduled a full day coach tour to the Anzac Memorial Museum, Centennial Park and the Southern Beaches on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Details are in this newsletter. We hope you can join us.

Late last year, our Joint Padre Rev. Gavin Parsons informed us that he was moving on to Wahroonga Anglican Parish in early 2022, with his replacement to be advised. In the meantime, we are delighted that Rev. Sanghyeon (Daniel) Nam, of Forestville Uniting Church, and a South Korean Army veteran, has accepted our invitation to become a sub-Branch Joint Padre. We will welcome Rev. Nam at our AGM on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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

Regards

Bob Lunnion

#### What's On

**AGM**  
7.30pm **Wednesday**  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

**Anzac Sunday March & Service**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Anzac Dawn Service**  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022



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

## Membership

Membership totals: 378

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear member:

**VINCENT David Alan Keith ... RAAF**



*Introductions from our members, family and mates for new membership are always welcome.*

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens

### MEMORIAL PAVERS

Orders are now being taken for Anzac Day. Orders close on March 16 2022.

### 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](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au)

For any **Changes to Membership** details please see following:

From 2022, there are no membership fees payable to be a member of 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 via phone **02-9451 1221** or email : [membership@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au) including if you wish to rescind your membership for any reason.

### FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7.30pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm in the Forest Room of Forestville RSL Club.

Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

## "EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PREVENTING SUICIDE"

**OPEN ARMS – VETERANS AND FAMILIES COUNSELLING  
OPERATION LIFE: SUICIDE ALERTNESS FOR EVERYONE (safeTALK)**

Most people with thoughts of suicide signal their distress and invite help. If these opportunities are missed, dismissed or avoided they can leave people more alone and at greater risk. In safeTALK you will learn how to become more alert to suicide prevention opportunities and how to offer help.

**WHEN:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 FROM 1pm – 5pm  
**WHERE:** Forestville RSL Club  
**REGISTER:** Please call 1 800 011 046 and specify the 3<sup>rd</sup> March Forestville safeTALK event.

## \*\*SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS FABULOUS TOUR \*\*

### ANZAC MEMORIAL MUSEUM & CENTENNIAL PARK SOUTHERN BEACHES TOUR

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**Comprising:**

- \* morning tea in Centennial Park
- \* guided tour of the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park
- \* 2 course lunch at the Coogee Legion Club overlooking the beach
- \* a coastline trip from La Perouse to Watsons Bay (taking in Maroubra, Clovelly, Bronte, Tamarama & Bondi Beaches)

**COST:** (heavily subsidized by the sub-Branch) \$40 per person

**TIME:** Departing 8.30am and returning approx. 4.30pm

**TICKETS:** on sale from Club Reception Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am then afterwards from the sub-Branch during office hours

**Watch this space for more details!**

## RSL AUXILIARY

Our first meeting is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm. It is our AGM, followed by our General Meeting and afternoon tea. If anyone would like to join the Committee, forms will be available on the day. Bob Lunnion will provide us with a Sub-Branch update. We would ask you to ring Rae on 99727385 if you wish to attend our March meeting, also we need to know cancellations by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March for catering purposes. Bookings and cancellations are essential. We look forward to catching up.

The RSL NSW Board resolved last September that membership for 2022 will be fee free. This includes Affiliate, Associate and Auxiliary Members. I had a lovely card from Margaret Norman wishing us all the best for the coming year and thanking the sub-Branch for keeping her informed with Auxiliary news in newsletter. Margaret is at Estia Health in Manly Vale, she has taken up art and has a little garden to take care of. Denise her daughter said it is too difficult for Margaret to attend our meetings. We send our best wishes to Margaret. Please let me know of any of our members who are not well so we can forward on our best wishes to them in our newsletter and also let other members know, so they might be able to give them a call and offer any assistance.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**General Meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm

**Anzac Sunday March and Service:** 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm for the March

**Anzac Day Dawn Service:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30am, and Morning Tea  
Any ladies on the sick list if you need any assistance please call me on 94020882

Regards

President Annie

## AUSTRALIA MY COUNTRY (AMC)

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

The 2022 AMC is well underway and the students of our area primary schools have been invited to participate. It's a great topic:

**"31<sup>st</sup> May 1942, the day the War came to Sydney"**

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 primary school in the Forest area, know about the competition and encourage their participation.

For more information visit:

[www.forestvillersl.org.au/schools/amc](http://www.forestvillersl.org.au/schools/amc)

Please note that entries close

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

# ANZAC SUNDAY

## MARCH & SERVICE



# ANZAC DAY

## DAWN SERVICE 2021

### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022

2.15pm for 2.40pm ... **Anzac Sunday March**  
Forestville Memorial Hall, Starkey Street

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2.45pm for 3pm ... **Anzac Sunday Service**  
At the Cenotaph– Forestville RSL Club  
Anzac Sunday Service commences at 3pm

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

Ticketed seating will be provided in the Cenotaph area. QR code check-in by mobile phone may also be necessary. The general public can also attend, but they will be located outside the Cenotaph area.

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

*Tickets will be available for booking from the sub-Branch desk in the Club Foyer at 9.30am on Monday 7<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 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2022

5.25am for 5.35am

**AT THE CENOTAPH — FORESTVILLE RSL CLUB**

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**COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN IN PLACE**

Ticketed seating will be provided in the Cenotaph area. QR code check-in by mobile phone may also be necessary. The general public can also attend, on a standing room only basis outside the Cenotaph area.

At the conclusion of the Service, under COVID-19 restrictions, the sub-Branch will be providing a complimentary breakfast box in the Club Bistro and Pickets for all attendees, which includes the general public.

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*Thank you for your understanding.*



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

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

### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

#### GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022



**Bill Hardman OAM with his Certificate of Appreciation.**

Bill was presented along with his wife Judy, who received a Letter of Appreciation, by our sub-Branch Patron, Don Kennedy OAM JP, Life Member of the League, WW2 veteran & President of the Merchant Navy sub-Branch



President, **Bob Lunnon** and his wife Barbara; Immediate Past Secretary, **Tony Mooney JP** and his wife Myra; Ceremonial Officer, **John Balfour OAM, JP**

## Dates to Remember in 2022

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	*	11.30am for 12 noon Commemoration Luncheon
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	*	7.30pm - <b>AGM</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	*	7.30 pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	*	2.40pm Anzac Service & Street March
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	*	5.30am Anzac Day Dawn Service
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	*	8.30am Anzac Memorial Coach Tour
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	*	11.30am for 12noon Commemoration Luncheon
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	*	12noon RSL sub-Branch Widows Luncheon
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	*	10.30am Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	*	11.30am for 12noon RSL Anzac Village - War Veterans Luncheon
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	*	11.30am for 12noon Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting

### Significant Anniversaries

March is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 1<sup>st</sup> March 1942 – Sinking of HMAS Perth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1972 – Last RAAF flight out of Vietnam
- 4<sup>th</sup> March 1942 – Sinking of HMAS Yarra

### 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)

We appreciate your cooperation!

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

**Australian Death Notification Service**

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

**Scamwatch**

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