

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

March is always a busy month for your Committee with preparations for our Anzac Sunday March and Service on 24th April, and Anzac Dawn Service on Monday 25th April. These are well under way, in conjunction with the Forestville RSL Club.

Promotional activities are also in hand to publicise both commemoration services, in order to achieve greater attendance numbers, as in the past, with the general public able to participate this year. Further details are available in this newsletter. Members are encouraged to spread the word about these two commemoration services with your families, friends, and neighbours.

We are pleased to see more families requesting an RSL Tribute at the funeral of their loved one, as part of our welfare services to members. We continue to receive very positive feedback from families on how memorable and meaningful an RSL Tribute is, to have their service recognised in this way. It is also good to see more of our members attending these funerals as a mark of respect to our mates who have passed on.

At our AGM on 2nd March, with 55 members in attendance, we were delighted to present framed 50 Year Membership Certificates to 8 of 11 members who have achieved this significant milestone of membership with the League. The remaining members received their certificates either by delivery to their home, or by mail where appropriate, or posthumously in the case of the late Vic Turner BEM. His was presented to his Widow at the AGM. Further information and photographs are included in this newsletter.

Vice President Sandy Howard and your President, along with four other Committee members, hosted the AGM of the Northern Beaches District Council (NBDC) on Tuesday 15th March at Forestville RSL Club. This is an increasingly important part of our overall sub-Branch operations across the Forest area and the Northern Beaches. At this meeting, NBDC President Bill Hardman OAM announced his early retirement, and NBDC Secretary Deb Hendy also announced her early retirement, both with immediate effect. Nominations were called for both positions. The meeting endorsed Bob Lunnon as interim NBDC President, and Vince Williams CSC as interim NBDC Secretary. On your behalf, we offer congratulations to both of these Forestville RSL sub-Branch Executive Committee members on their NBDC roles, effective until triennial elections are held at the NBDC AGM in March 2023. At our sub-Branch General Meeting on Wednesday 6th April, we will be asking our members to endorse Bob Lunnon and Vince Williams CSC as our District Council Delegates, and Sandy Howard and Ted Samojlowicz as Alternate Delegates.

Your President attended the AGM of the RSL Auxiliary on Monday 7th March at Forestville RSL Club, and presented an update on our sub-Branch activities, including preparations for Anzac Sunday and Anzac Day commemoration services. The RSL Auxiliary will be undertaking their normal fundraising activities before and on Anzac Sunday and Anzac Day. Please ensure you support them by purchasing the merchandise they are offering. All funds raised by the RSL Auxiliary will be donated by our sub-Branch to RSL NSW, supporting veterans programs throughout NSW.

In these hopefully lesser days of social distancing, please let us know at the sub-Branch Office if you are in need of welfare assistance, that's why we are here. Best wishes to all.

Bob Lunnon

What's On

General Meeting
7.30pm Wednesday
6th April 2022

Anzac Sunday March & Service
Sunday 24th April 2022

Anzac Dawn Service
Monday 25th April 2022



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

Membership

Membership totals: 375

Sadly we report the passing of the following dear members:

FLAHERTY , Kevin Frances	ARMY
FOSTER , Cameron Manning	ARMY
KELLY , Peter William	ARMY
ILES , Robert James	ARMY

We welcome new member:

NAM (Reverend) **SANGHYEON** (Daniel) ARMY

Introductions from our members, family and mates for new

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens

MEMORIAL PAVERS

New pavers have been ordered and will be laid prior to Anzac Day. Orders can now be placed for laying prior to 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



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:

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 including if you wish to rescind your membership for any reason.

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

ANZAC MEMORIAL MUSEUM & CENTENNIAL PARK SOUTHERN BEACHES TOUR

Tuesday 31st 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 4th April 9.00am then afterwards from the sub-Branch during office hours

Watch this space for more details!

Welfare Services

Our charitable purpose is the welfare of our members and their families. With this in mind, and the continuing effects of COVID-19 restrictions, here is an update on the services our sub-Branch can provide for our members and families:

- Taxi vouchers to use for medical appointments, or hospital stays
- Assistance with bereavements, funerals, and RSL Tributes if required
- Bereavement payments to assist with funeral costs
- Support when you are sick or infirmed
- Home visits to provide assistance where needed
- Provide suggestions on external welfare services available

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For assistance during office hours (Monday and Thursday), contact our Welfare and Funeral Officer, Stu Hablethwaite, on 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

We held our AGM on Monday 7th March. Bob Lunnon, President of the sub-Branch, came along to chair the meeting and gave us a talk on the happenings of the sub-Branch. I am very fortunate that all the Committee stood again, we have now been together for the last 6 years. They continue to do an amazing job. President Annie Betts, 1st Vice President Rae Stoddard, 2nd Vice President Caryl Flint, Secretary Barbara Norton, Treasurer Carol Anstiss, Committee Carolyn Finlay, Jan Taylor and Shirley Mashman. I would like to thank them for their continuing support and look forward to working with them again in 2022.

Ian Thomson, CEO of the Club, came along and explained the challenges the Club has faced over the last two years and what they hope to achieve in the future. I would like to thank Bob and Ian for taking time to come and talk to us.

Details of the Anzac Sunday March and Service, and Anzac Dawn Service, are included elsewhere in this newsletter. After the Dawn Service, Auxiliary members will be serving tea and coffee, so come and say hello. We will also be selling merchandise at the Club prior to Anzac Day, and at both services.

We thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts and activities.

Club CEO Ian has also given the opportunity to the different sections of the Club to participate in the Friday night raffles. Our Auxiliary's turn is on Friday 1st April, so please keep that in mind and come along and show your support. Then stay and have a lovely dinner at the Club.

DATES TO REMEMBER: Our next meeting is on Monday 4th April at 1.00 pm followed by afternoon tea. May Meeting on Monday 2nd at 1.00pm. Bookings are always essential, please call Rae on 99727385. New members are very welcome, just give me a call on 94020882. We have our very popular book table back, so come and pick up some great books for only 50c. All are welcome to come and have a look.

Any ladies on the sick list, we wish you well. If you need any assistance, please call me on 94020882.

Regards

Annie Betts, President

ANZAC SUNDAY

MARCH & SERVICE 2022



ANZAC DAY

DAWN SERVICE 2022

Sunday, 24th 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

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN MAY BE IN PLACE, IF REQUIRED

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, the sub-Branch will be providing post-Service hospitality in the Club 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 7th March, then afterwards from the sub-Branch office on Mondays (0900-1400) and Thursdays (0900-1200). You will be asked to provide full name(s) & mobile contact details, when you register. The final cut-off will be Thursday 14th 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.

Monday, 25th APRIL 2022

5.25am for 5.35am

AT THE CENOTAPH — FORESTVILLE RSL CLUB

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN MAY BE IN PLACE, IF REQUIRED

Members and the general public are invited to attend, on a standing room only basis.

At the conclusion of the Service, the sub-Branch will be providing a complimentary breakfast in the Club Bistro and Pickets for all attendees, which includes the general public. Marshals in yellow jackets will be handing out free tokens to attendees until 6.30am, which are to be redeemed for breakfast.

Free bar service will be available to veterans in uniform or wearing their own medals.



50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Over the last few years Forestville RSL sub-Branch has had 11 members achieve 50 years membership with the League. At Forestville's AGM on 2nd March 2022 eight (8) of these members were presented with their framed 50 Year Membership Certificates by President Bob Lunnon. The recipients were: Darrell Donnelly JP, Don Kennedy OAM JP and sub-Branch Patron, John Merchant, Peter Newland, the Late Peter Quirk (presented to his wife), Philip Skelton, Trevor Wallace and John Williams. Each member had their wife

accompany them. Unfortunately, George Armstrong and Kevin Vincent were unable to attend, and the family of the Late Vic Turner BEM who were away.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

John Balfour OAM being presented by Jonathan O'Dea MP with the Davidson Electorate Community Service Award on Friday 25th March, 2022.



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

Dates to Remember in 2022 (Subject to change)

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

Significant Anniversaries

April is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

2nd April 1982 - Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands
 6th April 1952 - 1 RAR arrives in South Korea
 9th April 1942 - HMAS Vampire sunk off Ceylon
 11th April 1917 - 1st Battle of Bullecourt
 15th April 1942 - Malta awarded the George Cross
 18th April 1942 - General Blamey appointed CinC of SW Pacific Land Forces
 25th April 1917 - RSL NSW granted its Charter

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

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

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

Military History Society of NSW

www.militaryhistorynsw.com.au