

# 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

As usual April has been a very busy month for your Committee members including attendance at Anzac services at John Colet School in Belrose on 6th April, Belrose Country Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Forestville Public School on 27<sup>th</sup> April, and Terrey Hills Primary and Killarney Heights Public Schools on 29th April. Sub-Branch representatives also attended RSL commemorative services at RSL Anzac Village in Narrabeen on 20<sup>th</sup> April, and Terrey Hills Community and Collaroy Beach Sunset Services on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Our own Anzac services on Anzac Sunday 24th April and the Dawn Service on 25th April were very successful and well attended, under COVID-19 conditions, and rain permitting. Our thanks to those hardy volunteers for their help in placing chairs for seating, plus other duties. Special mention of the diligent and hard work behind the scenes goes to Vince Williams CSC, our Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, Kevin Leary, supported by Committee members and volunteers. Thanks also to our RSL Auxiliary ladies for their assistance, including fund-raising for the RSL NSW Veterans Support Fund over the Anzac period.

Our sub-Branch was represented by Vince Williams CSC and Sandy Howard on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Harbord Diggers RSL sub-Branch "Anzac Sportsmen of War" Luncheon. All proceeds will support this sub-Branch's Veterans Wellbeing Program.

The Australia Remembers – Northern Beaches and North Shore Committee is organizing a Defence of Sydney 80<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Service at 11am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at North Head, open to members and the public. This service commemorates the Japanese midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour on the night of 31<sup>st</sup> May 1942. Your sub-Branch representatives on this organizing committee are Sandy Howard, Vice President, and Bob Lunnon, as Interim President of Northern Beaches RSL District Council. **The Chair of the ARC, John Platt CSC, will be our Guest Speaker at our General Meeting on Wednesday 4th May, updating us on the Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service, and other ARC activities.**

At the General Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April, members approved our Committee and Trustee recommendation to make a donation of \$20,000 to RSL NSW in support of the Disaster Relief Fund, for use in flood affected areas in Northern NSW.

Entries in the Australia My Country competition close on 13<sup>th</sup> May. They will be collected from schools in the week ending 20<sup>th</sup> May. Marking then takes place on 28<sup>th</sup> May and winners will be announced at our AMC Presentation Ceremony on 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Forestville RSL Club with awards to be presented by the Hon. Jonathan O'Dea, BA, LL.M, MBA, MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly.

Are you a TPI? Please see the notice in this newsletter, inviting you to let our Membership Officer know, for our database. Also, you are able to join the TPI Association in NSW, if you are interested. If you have not already done so, we take this opportunity to remind you to make a donation to the Anzac Appeal 2022, 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.

**Bob Lunnon**  
President

#### What's On

**General Meeting**  
Wednesday 4th May  
7.30pm

**Anzac Memorial Coach  
Tour**  
Tuesday 31st May  
8.30am

**General Meeting**  
Wednesday 1st June  
7.30pm



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

## Membership

Membership totals: **419** (including RSL Auxiliary)

We welcome new members:

**WALTON**, Jeffrey Joseph ... RAAF  
**EVANS**, Michael Thomas ... NAVY

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

## Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens

### MEMORIAL PAVERS

New pavers have been 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](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.

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

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

**TICKETS:** on sale from the sub-Branch office during office hours, Monday & Thursday.

**Limited Tickets available! Contact Asst. Secretary, Kevin Leary**  
Email: [asstsecretary@forestville.org.au](mailto:asstsecretary@forestville.org.au)

## **ARE YOU A TPI?**

If you are a TPI, please let our Membership Officer, Peter McAskill, know so we can record your TPI details in our database. His email contact is: [membership@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:membership@forestvillersl.org.au), office phone (Mon and Thu): 02-94511221, or mobile: 0409-122025.

Next, there is a TPI Association in NSW which has monthly meetings and outings, and a future meeting is being planned soon at Forestville RSL Club. If you are interested in joining, please make direct contact with their President, Raymond Davis, by email on: [academy077@hotmail.com](mailto:academy077@hotmail.com). Alternatively, our member, John Finlay JP, can assist with membership information on mobile: 0428-676009.

## **RSL AUXILIARY**

It was wonderful that we were able to hold the Anzac commemorative services at the Club again this year.

We thank Bob and his Committee for their continued hard work in making both the Anzac Sunday March and the Anzac Dawn Service so very special. It is great that we can take the time to say thank you to the men and women, and their families, who gave and are still giving so much so that we can enjoy the freedom that we have today.

I would like to thank our Committee members for giving up their time selling badges at Bunning's Belrose and also at the Club, and for all of the members who continue to support our RSL Auxiliary as it is one of our main fundraisers. Also to Ian and staff who set everything up for us, your help is very much appreciated.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Our next meeting is Monday 2nd May at 1pm. We have a **Guest Speaker, Dan Giles, from Easy Link** explaining how easy it is to book them for your appointments or to go on outings especially for people who no longer drive. Dan tells me it is the best kept secret on the Northern Beaches. **Bookings are essential**, if you haven't already booked please call Rae 99727385 by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, we would love to see you.

**New members** always welcome, just give me a call 94020882 and come and see what we are getting up to. Ladies on the sick list, we are thinking of you and, if we can help, please call me on 94020882.

**Annie Betts, President**

## **ANZAC APPEAL FUNDRAISING**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, members of RSL NSW Auxiliaries from Sydney were in Anzac House preparing for Anzac Appeal activities in the Sydney CBD. Four members of our Forestville RSL Auxiliary, Judy Hardman, Marj Howard, Shirley Kellock and Barbara Lunnon, joined them to pack tokens to be used over the Anzac period. Funds raised from the Anzac Appeal are used to support our partner charity RSL LifeCare and the RSL NSW Veterans Support Fund. Thank you, Ladies!





# ANZAC SUNDAY

MARCH & SERVICE 2022



# ANZAC DAY

DAWN SERVICE 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](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)



## Dates to Remember in 2022 (Subject to change)

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

May is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

5<sup>th</sup> May 1942 - Battle of the Coral Sea commences (ends 8 May)  
 20<sup>th</sup> May 2002 - UNMISSET/Op CITADEL East Timor commences  
 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1942 - Kanga force deploys to Wau PNG  
 28<sup>th</sup> May 1902 - Boer War ends  
 30<sup>th</sup> May 1942 - RAAF participate in first 1000 bomber raid over Germany  
 31<sup>st</sup> May 1942 - HMAS *Kuttabul* sunk in Sydney Harbour by Japanese midget submarine

### 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

## 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)

## Military History Society of NSW

[www.militaryhistorynsw.com.au](http://www.militaryhistorynsw.com.au)