

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

We're half way through a very busy 2022 for our Committee members, and our Committee volunteer Sue Duchesne.

Having given the requisite 30 days notice at our General Meeting on 1st June, at our General Meeting on 6th July, our members will be asked to endorse our Committee recommendation that Committee member, and Ceremonial Officer, John Balfour OAM, be nominated for a Meritorious Service Medal, the highest honour which can be bestowed on a member. Nominees must be a Life Member, with 30 years continuous League membership, and have given 25 years continuous outstanding service. JB, as he is affectionately known, meets all these criteria. His nomination will then proceed for endorsement at the Northern Beaches RSL District Council meeting on Tuesday 19th July, and then submitted to RSL NSW by the stipulated deadline of 31st August.

On your behalf, we take this opportunity to thank the Committee and members of the RSL Auxiliary. Over the period of our Anzac commemorative services, the RSL Auxiliary was able to raise \$2014, a great result considering some of the COVID-19 restrictions which were in place. Well done, President Annie Betts, Committee and RSL Auxiliary members!

The RSL NSW State Congress 2022 will be held in Newcastle 31st October and 1st November. Our sub-Branch Delegates will be Vince Williams CSC, and VP Sandy Howard. I will attend as Delegate for Northern Beaches RSL District Council.

We were pleased to see 233 entries from 21 area schools for the Australia My Country (AMC) competition, down around 10% on last year, which is still a commendable result given the COVID-related issues these schools have been facing. Judging took place on 28th May. Prize winners were awarded at the AMC Presentation Ceremony on 18th June at the Club by our sub-Branch Secretary, Brigadier Vince Williams, CSC (Retd). We thank our Committee Members who co-ordinated the AMC program in 2022 for our sub-Branch: John Balfour OAM, John Scifleet, and Kevin Leary, supported by our Committee members. Well done, all! We also thank our Active Committee Volunteer, Darryl Bullock, our resident photographer, for always being available to pictorially record these sub-Branch events and activities.

Our next event will be the Commemoration Luncheon on Sunday 14th August, commemorating all wars, campaigns, and battles. Full details are included in this newsletter. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Members who are Facebook users are encouraged to access our sub-Branch Facebook page directly through Facebook, or also through our sub-Branch website if you click on the Facebook icon available in various areas of our website. Give it a try, this will give you access to daily posts on our sub-Branch Facebook page, including RSL, DVA and many other updates. Take care with the cold weather and call us if in need.

Bob Lunn

What's On

General Meeting
Wednesday 6th July
7.30pm
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General Meeting
Wednesday 3rd August
7.30pm
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Commemoration Luncheon
Sunday 14th August
11.30 for 12 noon



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

Membership

Membership totals: **415** (including RSL Auxiliary)

Sadly, we report the passing of the following dear members:

KOHLHOFF, Michael Lester ... ARMY UK
DELL, Francis Humphrey ... RAF
SMITH, Noel Stanley ... ARMY
LOUDON, Bruce Jeyes ... RAAF
COMBER, Denis Francis ... ARMY

We welcome new members:

MIDDLETON Marcus John ... NAVY
WATSON, Rhonda ... RSL AUXILIARY

Introductions from our members, family and mates

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

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For all Membership enquiries please get in touch with our **Membership Officer**: membership@forestvillersl.org.au
or via phone **02-9451 1221**

General Meeting - Wednesday, 1st June 2022 COMMEMORATING THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY THE WAR CAME TO SYDNEY ON THE NIGHT OF 31st MAY 1942

Special guests included **RSL NSW President, Ray James OAM JP**, and **Pauline James OAM, Coordinator, RSL NSW Auxiliaries**. Pauline James made a presentation of a Thank You For Your Service quilt to Judy Hardman and their son Karl, as Bill Hardman OAM was in RNSH. Ray James presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sandy Howard, Vice President, and a Letter of Appreciation to Sandy's wife, Marj.



2 June 2022

Bob Lunnion
Forestville RSL subBranch
22 Melwood Ave
FORESTVILLE NSW 2087

Via email: President@forestvillersl.org.au

Dear Bob,

Thank you kindly for the opportunity to address the members of the Forestville RSL subbranch last evening at the General Meeting 1st June 2022.

It was great to meet with members on a face to face basis and to receive their feedback on the strategic plan and the way forward for the league.

As the President of the League in NSW I realise that our volunteers are and always will be our greatest asset, and I am extremely grateful of the ongoing support of the Forestville RSL subbranch members' and their dedicated service and commitment to supporting fellow veterans and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Ray James OAM
RSL NSW State President

Forestville RSL sub-Branch & Northern Beaches RSL
District Council



RSL Tribute Training

Monday 1st August 2022

Forestville RSL Club Forest Room

RSL NSW has a Standing Policy with established guidelines on the essential elements to ensure the protocol and dignity of an RSL Tribute at funerals of veterans. When requested by a family member, for the funeral of a veteran, regardless of RSL membership, an RSL Tribute can be accorded, without exception to time, day, or season. Any member can perform an RSL Tribute, using these established guidelines.

To assist sub-Branch Committees and members, Forestville RSL sub-Branch and Northern Beaches RSL District Council have arranged an RSL Tribute training session in the Forest Room, Forestville RSL Club, on Monday 1st August, from 2pm to 4pm, followed by refreshments.

This session will be facilitated by Bob Durbin, Chaplain and President of War Vets Village RSL sub-Branch. Bob has provided similar RSL Tribute training around NSW on behalf of RSL NSW. We thank Bob for offering to deliver this training session for us.

Members wishing to participate in this RSL Tribute training session should let Kevin Leary, Forestville RSL sub-Branch Assistant Secretary, know by Thursday 28th July latest by email at: asstsecretary@forestvillersl.org.au. Please include participant name/s, sub-Branch details, email and mobile phone contact details. Parking is available in the Club car park.

Australia My Country Awards Winners 2022

Congratulations to this year's winners. Photos can be viewed via our website:

www.forestvillersl.org.au/photos





COMMEMORATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, 14th August 2022

Forest Room

FORESTVILLE RSL CLUB

COMMEMORATING WARS, CAMPAIGNS, AND BATTLES

TIME:	The Luncheon will commence at 12 noon (doors open at 11:30am)
TICKETS:	On sale from 10.00am Thursday 16 th June from the sub-Branch office on Monday and Thursday mornings only. Please provide mobile phone number when paying.
NUMBERS:	Presently COVID-19 restrictions do not apply...
COST :	\$40.00 per person, by cash, and EFTPOS is also now available (Tap & Go).
MENU:	A three course meal will be served with alternates on each course, with refreshments
DRESS:	Smart Casual.
ENTERTAINMENT:	Will be provided.
RAFFLE:	Please be prepared with cash, and EFTPOS will also be available.
CLUB BUS:	The Club bus will operate from 10.30am until 4pm, with bookings to be made personally at Club Reception, or by phoning Reception on 9451 1011.
CANCELLATIONS:	Non-Refundable after Thursday 11 th August
CONTACT:	Kevin Leary, Assistant Secretary, at email: asstsecretary@forestvilliersl.org.au , or phone: 94511221

Australia Remembers Northern Beaches & North Shore DEFENCE OF SYDNEY – 80th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE



RSL AUXILIARY

What a wonderful meeting we had on 6th June with our special guest, Mayor of the Northern Beaches Council, Michael Regan. Michael outlined the challenges the Council has faced with the continued rain and potholes, and projects that have been put on hold waiting for materials which are in very short supply for various reasons. Council is also assisting downsizers looking to make a move to smaller dwellings.

RSL Auxiliary members do appreciate the time Michael gave us out of his busy schedule, interrupting his holidays as well. We look forward to having Michael at our future meetings to let us know how those projects are coming along that he outlined. Michael is also an Affiliate member of our sub-Branch.

Judy Hardman brought along the quilt that was presented to her and her son Karl. It is a **Thank you for Your Service Quilt**, presented to them by Pauline James OAM, the RSL NSW Auxiliary Co-ordinator, at the sub-Branch General Meeting on 1st June, as Bill Hardman OAM is currently in Royal North Shore Hospital.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Our next Meeting is on Monday 4th July at 1.00pm. Come along and join us for a catch up with friends. Please let Rae know by 30th June on 99727385, if you wish to attend, for catering purposes. Thank you for your assistance with this. Then, our Meeting and Patron's Day on 1st August at 1.00pm.

New members are very welcome, please just give me a call on 94020882. Those on the sick list, if you need any assistance, please call. Take care and keep warm.

Kindest Regards

Annie Betts

Forestville RSL Auxiliary Co-ordinator



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 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 <i>Commemoration Luncheon</i>
Wednesday 7 th September 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
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

JULY is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 1st July 1942 ... Sinking of the Montevideo Maru (1053 Australian POWs died)
- 2nd July 1952 ... Operation Blaze raid on Hill 227 Korea
- 7th July 1942 ... 9 Div in action 1st Battle of El Alamein
- 8th July 1942 ... 460 Sqn raid Wilhelmshaven
- 22nd July 1942 ... Start of Battle of Kokoda Trail
- 27th July 1942 ... Australian Womens Land Army formed
- 27th July ... Korean Veterans Day
- 31st July 1917 ... 3rd Battle of Ypres begins
- 31st July 1962 ... AATTV arrives in South Vietnam

ARE YOU A TPI?

TPI Association of NSW, Hornsby Branch

Meeting – Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 1pm

Forestville RSL Club – The Nook The TPI Association of NSW holds monthly meetings and outings. A meeting of the Hornsby Branch will be held on Tuesday 5th July at Forestville RSL Club at 1pm in The Nook. Refreshments will be served. If you are attending, or wish to join, please let our Life Member, John Finlay JP, know, for catering purposes. John can also assist with membership information. You can contact him on mobile: 0428-676009. If you are a TPI, please also 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, office phone (Mon and Thu): 02-94511221, or mobile: 0409-122025.

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/my-service

Australian Death Notification Service

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

Scamwatch

www.scamwatch.gov.au

Military History Society of NSW

www.militaryhistorynsw.com.au