

# 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

On your behalf, I thank our energetic and extremely hard-working Committee members and Committee volunteers for what has been another busy month. We have a caring, well-oiled, progressive and industrious Committee, always with your interests at the forefront.

The RSL Funeral Tribute Training on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August at the Club was well attended by 21 participants, who were all grateful for having attended. There were representatives from the following sub-Branches: Forestville, Balgowlah, Harbord, Dee Why, Collaroy and Pittwater. Our thanks to Rev. Bob Durbin, President, War Vets Village RSL sub-Branch, and Chaplain, RSL Anzac Village at Narrabeen, who presented the training in a most professional and memorable manner. Please do your best to attend funerals of our members whenever you can, especially when an RSL Tribute is being provided.

At our General Meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, our Patron, Don Kennedy OAM JP, presented a number of certificates of appreciation to women who have supported our sub-Branch over many, many years. Firstly, to Maddy Shearer, who has been our Bugler at commemorative services since 2002, when she was 12 years old, attending Roseville Public School. Maddy has now moved to London, where some of her siblings are also living. She will be studying for her Masters of Education at the Royal College of Music in Kensington. The wonderful news is that Maddy will continue to assist us by email from London with sourcing buglers for our commemorative services. Thanks, Maddy! Enjoy the Old Dart!

Then, on the same night, Don Kennedy OAM presented certificates of appreciation to three consecutive Past Patrons of our RSL Auxiliary. Now that our RSL Auxiliary members are members of our sub-Branch, the only RSL Patron is Don Kennedy OAM. RSL Auxiliary Past Patrons who received certificates were: Judy Hardman 2004-2017, Jill Scifleet 2017-2018, and Barbara Lunnon 2018-2022. Our thanks, Judy, Jill, and Barbara.

Sub-Branch Secretary, Vince Williams, who is also Secretary, Northern Beaches RSL District Council, and I attended an RSL NSW Member Workshop on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August at the Anzac Memorial. This workshop was to finalize ongoing work around the Charitable Purpose Discussion Paper including appropriate revision of SOP1 and alignment with the SOP for the Veterans Support Fund; the RSL NSW Code of Conduct for employees, members and volunteers; the purpose and structure of the Written Directions Framework; and clarification of the Corporate Member requirement in the Draft Constitution for sub-Branches intending to incorporate as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 marked the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VP Day, the end of WW2. 83 members and guests attended our Commemoration Luncheon on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, commemorating all Wars, Campaigns and Battles in July, August and September. It was a very successful luncheon, our thanks to all who attended.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, I represented our sub-Branch, and Northern Beaches RSL District Council, at the Vietnam Veterans Day 2022 Commemoration Service at the War Memorial on Manly Corso. It was well-attended, and I also laid a Book Tribute: *Frenchs Forest Soldiers' Settlement*.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, VP Sandy Howard and I attended an Australia Remembers Northern Beaches and North Shore Committee meeting at Harbord Diggers. Planning for next year's Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service is now underway, among other events and activities.

Finally, it's Legacy Week from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, so please support Legacy fundraising. If you can assist with badge selling in our area, please contact sub-Branch member, and Northern Beaches Legacy member, Tim Becker, on 0411 185 668. Tim looks forward to hearing from you.

Spring is sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where the birdies is? Enjoy Spring, and call if you are in need.

**Bob Lunnon**  
President

#### What's On

*General Meeting*  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
7.30pm

*General Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October*  
Wednesday  
7.30pm



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

## Membership

**Membership totals: 403** (including 5 Honorary members & RSL Auxiliary)

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

BAIN	Douglas	UK ARMY
KEEN	Kenneth Henry	ARMY
GREEN	Edmund David	ARMY
COOKE	Russell Burdett	RAAF
WILSON	George Alfred	ARMY
FLEMING	David Charles	ARMY
ALDER	Gladys Evelyn	AWAS
KING	Colin George	RAAF
RASHLEIGH	Charles John	AIF
MITCHELL	Sidney John	ARMY

We welcome new members:

The Hon. Brad HAZZARD MP	Honorary Member
Jason Greayer WILD	ARMY
Cr Jose MENANO-PIRES	Honorary Member

*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

**Remembrance Day**

(Orders close 29<sup>th</sup> September)

### Prepaid Pavers:

*Members are reminded that you can order and prepay your own paver at any time if you wish.*

## 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.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

10.15am for 10.25am

Cenotaph

Forestville RSL Club

*Ticket Only  
Event ...*

*Limited numbers  
apply...*

Manly Warringah Pipe Band will play from 10.25am with our Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.35am, concluding after 11.00am. This will be followed by a march around the Club by the Band and post-Service hospitality provided by the sub-Branch for those who have registered to attend.

**Members of the sub-Branch & their families are invited to register.**

**Limited seating will be provided for ticket holders.**

**Registration is required by 3<sup>rd</sup> November .**

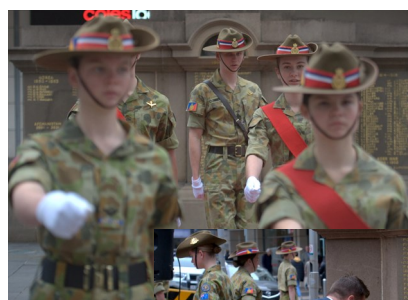
If you wish to attend please visit the sub-Branch office during office hours on Monday & Thursday or email our Assistant Secretary [asstsecretary@forestvillersl.org.au](mailto:asstsecretary@forestvillersl.org.au) with full name(s) and contact details.

**We look forward to you joining us for our Remembrance Day Service**

## Vietnam Veterans Day Memorial Service

### Manly War Memorial

18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022



## RSL AUXILIARY

Our last Patron's Day went off very well. We thank Barbara and the ladies who helped make it special, Shirley Kellock, Judy Hardman, Jill Scifleet, Barbara Chrisnall, with special thanks to Jackie Prettie for the lovely gift-wrapped raffle prizes.

Congratulations to Bob and his sub-Branch Committee for a very successful Commemoration Luncheon. It was a lovely afternoon to commemorate wars, battles and campaigns which took place in the months of July, August and September.

Our next meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September is starting at **12 noon** followed by our 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon sponsored by the sub-Branch. If you haven't put your name down please ring Rae on 99727385 by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September latest. We are looking forward to some of the sub-Branch Committee joining us.

Unfortunately, our Guest Speaker, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, had to cancel owing to Budget Estimates in NSW Parliament. We are hoping we might be able to catch up with him another time.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** General Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 1.00pm, with Guest Speaker Peter Scopes. We are also very excited to let you know we are organising a **FASHION PARADE** for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please mark this on your calendar, more details in coming newsletters.

All are welcome to come and check out our Book Table. All books are 50 cents. If you have books you don't want, in good condition, you can drop them off to us.

New members very welcome, just give me a call on 94020882. If any ladies need assistance we are only a phone call away.

**Annie Betts,**  
RSL Auxiliary Coordinator





## General Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

- \* Our guest speaker was Darryl Bullock
- \* Maddy Shearer sounded her last "Last Post" at Forestville RSL prior to departing for London, UK
- \* RSL Auxiliary Past Patrons awarded certificates by Don Kennedy OAM



### Remembrance Day Education Grants Program for 2022

This grant was first introduced in 2019 for 2020. The 2022 program is open to eligible applicants who will be entering Year 7 in 2023. It is to assist with the costs associated with transitioning to high school. The value of each grant is \$2000.

Letters have been sent to Primary Schools in our area with details for their newsletters.

We would appreciate your support with spreading information about this program to your family & friends with eligible applicants in Year 6 this year.

Further details on our Education Grants Program (EGP) are available on our sub-Branch website :

<https://www.forestvilliersl.org.au/school-grants/>

### OPEN INVITATION

The Men's Shed

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022

10.00am to 3.30pm

Uniting Wesley Gardens - Aged Care Village

2E, Morgan Road, Belrose - Parking in Morgan Road

- \* Woodworking, Hobbies & Drop-in centre for retired, older men, all tools & equipment provided
- \* Share a yarn, 'cuppa', muck about with wood in the company of other like minded blokes
- \* Work on own projects or help with community projects
- \* Woodworking demonstrations etc.

Contact Shed President, Tim O'Sullivan for further information mobile: 0418 191 121

## Commemoration Luncheon

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022



More photos can be viewed on our website  
[www.forestvilliersl.org.au/photos](http://www.forestvilliersl.org.au/photos)



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 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	*	10.30am Remembrance Day Service
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

### Merchant Navy Day Memorial Service



**Date:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

**Time:** 11.00am

**Place:** The Main Hall, Mosman Art Gallery, 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman, adjacent to the War Memorial and Allan Border Oval behind the Council Chambers at Spit Junction.

All are welcome to lay a wreath/tribute following the official wreath laying. Please also notify Merrill Barker if you are attending, no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**RSVP** mail: Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch, PO Box 6159, Narrabeena, NSW, 2099 or email: Mr. Merrill Barker, Hon. Secretary, [MerchantNavySB@rslnsw.org.au](mailto:MerchantNavySB@rslnsw.org.au) or phone: 0433 934 705.

*With our concern for COVID infection, we are arranging suitably spaced seating and request that all attending wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be available on arrival.*

### Significant Anniversaries

**SEPTEMBER is noteworthy for the following significant dates:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Merchant Navy Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> September 1942 – CPL JA French, VC at Milne Bay (Posthumous)
- 5<sup>th</sup> September 1942 – Japanese withdraw from Milne Bay
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1942 – HMAS Voyager runs aground at Batano Bay, Timor
- 25<sup>th</sup> September 1942 – Kokoda Trail counter offensive begins
- 27<sup>th</sup> September 1942 – Japanese begin withdrawal along Owen Stanley Ranges

### 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:

[forestvillersubbranch](#)

## 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)