

The Returned & Services League of Australia

Forestville sub-Branch



Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2022

Contact editor via email: newsletter@forestvillersl.org.au or via post: 22 Melwood Ave, Forestville, NSW 2087

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings! On 2nd September, several Committee members attended The Men's Shed Open Day in Belrose. We would have liked other sub-Branch members to attend as well, in support of The Men's Shed, who work closely with us to provide white crosses for member funerals. Our sub-Branch appreciates this support of our members in this way by The Men's Shed.

On 3rd September, five Committee members attended the Merchant Navy Day Commemoration Service at the Mosman Art Gallery adjacent to the Mosman War Memorial, sponsored by Mosman Council. We would have also liked to see sub-Branch members attend this important service, now that the Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch has been approved by RSL NSW as a Chapter of Forestville RSL sub-Branch, with their members now members of our sub-Branch. The service was led by their President, Don Kennedy OAM, capably supported as MC by Secretary, Merrill Barker. Sadly, this was the last Merchant Navy Day Commemoration Service to be held in Mosman. For this reason, we would have appreciated more of our sub-Branch members being in attendance, especially as Don Kennedy OAM is Patron of our Forestville RSL sub-Branch.

Our Committee members attended the 68th Birthday Luncheon of our Forestville RSL Auxiliary on 5th September in the Flight Deck Room, capably led by RSL Auxiliary Coordinator, Annie Betts. We remembered the embryonic stage of our sub-Branch back in 1954, followed later that year with the formation of the Women's Auxiliary "to raise vast sums of money over the years, and provide tea and coffee at Anzac and Remembrance Day Services". This still holds true today and we thank our RSL Auxiliary members for their support of our sub-Branch in many ways, including their primary focus of fundraising in support of veterans and their families in need throughout NSW.

Other meetings and events we were represented at during September included: RSL Auxiliary members at the RSL NSW Auxiliaries Workshop at the Anzac Memorial on 7th September, which I attended online; I attended the District Presidents' Council Meeting at Anzac House on 15th September; Secretary, Vince Williams CSC, Sandy Howard, VP, and I attended the Northern Beaches District Council Meeting at Pittwater RSL Club on 20th September; and Past President and Schools Liaison Officer, John Scifleet, attended the Killarney Heights High School Year 12 Graduation on 21st September at Dee Why RSL Club. Thanks, John. John Scifleet and John Balfour OAM attended the Pittwater House Cadet Unit Ceremonial Parade on 31st August.

Our Remembrance Day Commemorative Service preparations for Thursday 11th November are well under way. Further details are provided in this newsletter. Should you wish to attend, registration is necessary, limited seating will be provided, as well as post-Service hospitality. We are delighted that Manly Warringah Pipe Band will again be joining us.

We are planning our Christmas Luncheon for Sunday 4th December at 11.30am for 12noon. This will be a joint Christmas Fundraising Luncheon with our RSL Auxiliary. Further details will be provided in our November newsletter, restricted numbers will apply. We encourage you to be generous and actively support our Forestville RSL Auxiliary fundraising activities in the remainder of the year, particularly up to and on Remembrance Day, the Fashion Parade on 21st November, as well as our joint Christmas Fundraising Luncheon on 4th December.

Finally, with possible changing circumstances to our meetings and commemorations, we encourage you to continually refer to the Dates to Remember section in each of our monthly newsletters for full details of all upcoming activities and events. Please call if you need assistance.

Bob Lunnon
President

What's On

General Meeting
Wednesday
7.30pm, 5th October

General Meeting
Wednesday, 2nd November
7.30pm

Remembrance Day
Commemorative Service
Friday 11th November
10.15am for 10.25am



In this issue

- Membership Update
- RSL Auxiliary
- Dates to Remember
- Significant Anniversaries
- Contact details
- Pre-paid Pavers
- SCAMWATCH
- Membership
- Remembrance Day
- RDE Grants
- Richard Gordon Certificate
- Merchant Navy Day
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Veterans Health Week

RIP
Queen
Elizabeth II



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

Membership

Membership totals: 434 (including 5 Honorary members & RSL Auxiliary)

Sadly, we report the passing of the following dear members:
BUCHANAN, Norman James ... RAAF

We welcome new member:
OFNER, Brendan Pending Affiliate

27 "transfers in" Merchant Navy Members (Life, RSL and Affiliates)

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

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens

MEMORIAL PAVERS



Please note Orders for
Remembrance Day
close on Thursday 29th September



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.

You are invited to ...

Forestville RSL Auxiliary Fashion Parade



***Affordable Women's Clothing**
Available in sizes 8-26
Purchase clothing on the day
EFTPOS available*

Date: Monday, 21st November

Venue: 1st Floor Flight Deck, Forestville RSL Club
22 Melwood Ave, Forestville

Tickets: \$15 includes light refreshments & Sparkling Wine on arrival - limited number of tickets available

Phone: Carol 9452 2189 or 0409251 618
(tickets available from early October)

Helping a good cause. Proceeds go to supporting Veterans and their Families in need

General Meeting 7th September, 2022

Richard Gordon

25 years of service representing our sub-Branch on the Forestville War Memorial Playing Fields Community Committee



RSL AUXILIARY

It is with sadness that we pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II who was Patron of RSL Australia, what a wonderful example she was to us all her devotion to duty and family will long be remembered.

Our Next Meeting will be on Monday 10th of October at 1.00pm when we will have one of our favourite guest speakers, Peter Scopes, helping to keep us safely on the road. We are looking forward to seeing Peter again.

We had eight of our Auxiliary members attend the workshop at the Anzac Memorial on 7th September, it was very informative and great to hear other Auxiliary ideas and how they are adapting to our new roles. Barbara Lunnon has on behalf of the Auxiliary submitted our nomination form for **The Lady Woodward Cup**. I would like to thank Barbara, she has put in a great presentation so we will wait on the results.

Please ring Rae on 9972 7385 by Thursday 6th October if you wish to attend our October meeting. **BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL. DATES TO REMEMBER**

November Meeting Monday 7th at 1.00 pm we have a very interesting guest speaker followed by afternoon tea.

Friday 11th at 10.15am Remembrance Day.

We are very excited to be holding a Fashion Parade on Monday 21st November. Tickets will be on sale at our October meeting. Ring Carol on 0409 251 618. All proceeds go to Veterans and their families in need, so gather your friends and family and book a table, a glass of sparkles on arrival and afternoon tea will be served after the Parade tickets are \$15.

DECEMBER Sunday 4th 12.00 pm combined sub-Branch and Auxiliary Christmas Fundraising Luncheon Any ladies on the sick list if we can help please call on 94020882.

Annie Betts, RSL Auxiliary Coordinator

REMEMBRANCE DAY

11th November, 2022

10.15am for 10.25am
Cenotaph
Forestville RSL Club

Limited numbers
apply...

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 3rd 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 with full name(s) and contact details.

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



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.forestvillersl.org.au/school-grants/>

MERCHANT NAVY DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

MOSMAN ART GALLERY
SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2022
Don Kennedy OAM, President
Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch



FORESTVILLE RSL AUXILIARY

68th BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

5th September, 2022

Presentation of Certificates to
retiring
Committee members



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 5 th October 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Friday 11 th November 2022	*	10.15 for 10.25 am Remembrance Day
Sunday 4 th December 2022	*	11.30am for 12noon Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting

Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Health Week 1st - 9th October 2022 EAT WELL

Nutrition can affect all areas of an individual's health, including physical, mental and social health. Healthy eating and good nutrition, with a balanced and healthy diet can:

- * Contribute to a higher quality of life
- * Help maintain a healthy mind & body
- * Strengthen immunity & reduce risk & impact of infections
- * Reduce risk of certain lifestyle diseases & chronic conditions such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke & some forms of cancer

Significant Anniversaries

OCTOBER is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 2nd October 1943 – 9th Div capture Finschafen
- 14th October 1944 – Athens and Piraeus liberated by Allies
- 16th October 1967 – RAN helicopters deploy to Vietnam
- 18th October 1944 – HMAS Geelong sunk off New Guinea
- 23rd October 1942 – Second Battle of Alamein begins
- 26th October 1942 – PE Gratwick, VC at Miteiriya Ridge, Western Desert
- 27th October 1945 – First Australian Army Unit arrives in Japan
- 29th October 1970 – South Vietnam Unit commendation to 8RAR
- 31st October 1942 – SGT WH Kibby, VC at El Alamein

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!

sub-Branch Office

Office - Phone (02) 9451 1221

Hours:

Monday 0900 - 1200 / 1245 - 1400

Thursday: 0900 - 1200

Secretary & General Enquiries:

Vince Williams

Email: secretary@forestvillersl.org.au

Phone: 9451 1221

Mobile: 0417 430 389

President: Bob Lunnon

Email: president@forestvillersl.org.au

Phone: 9452 4078

Mobile: 0499 977 111

Treasurer: Ted Samojlowicz

Email: treasurer@forestvillersl.org.au

Mobile: 0417 532 936

Welfare & Funerals: Stuart Hablethwaite

Email: welfare@forestvillersl.org.au

Phone: 9451 1221

Mobile: 0402 626 485

Membership: Peter McAskill JP

Email:

membership@forestvillersl.org.au

Phone: 9451 1221

Mobile: 0409 122 025

Newsletter Editor: Bob Lunnon

newsletter@forestvillersl.org.au

Phone: 9452 4078

Mobile: 0499 977 111

Education Coordinator:

John Balfour OAM

Phone: 9451 1221

Mobile: 0418 412 354

Joint Padres

Rev. Dave Lanham Phone: 9975 5410

Rev. Sanghyeon (Daniel) Nam

Phone: 0425 477 003

Travel Officer: Bob Connors

Phone: 9451 9494

RSL Auxilliary

Coordinator: Annie Betts

Phone: 9402 0882

Mobile: 0478 044 566

*"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

Australian Death Notification Service

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

Scamwatch

www.scamwatch.gov.au

Military History Society of NSW

www.militaryhistorynsw.com.au