



Forestville RSL sub-Branch

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

End of year is always a busy time for your Committee members, with financial reports, preparation and finalization of budgets, along with various end-of-year events.

The RSL NSW State Congress 2022 was a very successful event in Newcastle from 30th October to 1st November. Some sub-Branches also attended online, sadly about a third of sub-Branches across NSW did not attend at all, even though they could apply to the RSL NSW sub-Branch Support and Assistance fund if they required financial support to attend. Those of you who have registered for email updates from RSL NSW will receive updates on State Congress 2022 outcomes (the RSL NSW website is a very good resource for information on all of these matters). An update was also provided to members at our General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd November.

Our Remembrance Day Commemoration Service was attended by over 100 members and guests. Manly Warringah Pipe Band again were in attendance, and they joined us afterwards to play in the Main Bar area, where we provided hospitality for all attendees after the service.

On your behalf, at the end of another successful year, we thank our Committee members; Committee volunteer, Active Committee Volunteers, Cenotaph and Funeral volunteer Norm Reynolds, photographer Darryl Bullock, Travel Officer Bob Connors and our Club caterers for all of their support throughout the year.

Our gratitude goes to Ian Thomson, RSL Club CEO, his Club management team, and to all Club staff, for another wonderful and memorable year. Flexibility has been key over the past year or so, which has been appreciated and supported by all sub-Branch members.

We take this opportunity to thank all who supported our RSL Auxiliary fundraising in the lead up to Remembrance Day and on the day. Our heartfelt thanks also go to all of the RSL Auxiliary members who participated in the fundraising, as well as through the year, led by RSL Auxiliary Coordinator, Annie Betts, and Deputy Coordinator, Rae Stoddart. Special mention is also made of the various Probus, (church, U3A craft and other community members who produced 550 handmade and crocheted poppies for selling at Club Reception, and throughout the community. Thanks again to Ian Thomson, Club CEO, and his management team, for their support with our RSL Auxiliary fundraising activities at Club Reception, and the Fashion Parade on 21st November, in support of veterans and their families, especially those in need.

For our General Meeting on Wednesday 7th December, we are looking forward to having RSL NSW State President, Ray James OAM, and Pauline James OAM, State Coordinator NSW Auxiliaries, join us again. Ray James will assist with presentation of our 2022 Remembrance Day Education Grants to three recipients. It will be a full evening with a number of other special presentations to be made. We do hope you will be able to join us for our final meeting for 2022.

You may have noticed that our cannon at the front entrance of the RSL Club now has a triangle cradle to hold four cannon balls, as part of the display. We thank member John White and the Men's Shed in Belrose for their work in preparing this cannon ball cradle for us. Well done, John!

We have listed on page 4 of this newsletter all the **Dates to Remember** for inclusion in your 2023 diaries. Our sub-Branch Office will be closed from 1.00pm on Monday 19th December 2022 and will re-open on Monday 16th January 2023. Contact details during this time are listed on page 4.

Best wishes to each of our members and families for a Joyous and Peace-Filled Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please call us if you are in need.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunn

What's On

General Meeting
Wednesday, 7th December
7.30pm

Christmas Fundraising Luncheon
Sunday 4th December
11.30am for 12 noon

General Meeting
Wednesday, 1st February
7.30pm



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Please consider the environment. Receive your Newsletter via Email.

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

Membership

Membership totals: 426 (plus 5 Honorary members)

Sadly, we report the passing of the following dear members:
WOODWARD, John Henry ... ARMY

We welcome new members:

JAMES, Earle Alexander ... ARMY
MORRIS, Gregory Scott ... NAVY
SUTTON, Julie ... Honorary Member

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

Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens

MEMORIAL PAVERS



Please note Orders are being taken
for



Anzac Day 2023

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.

AGM 2023

COMMITTEE

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination forms available December 1st 2022

Nominations close 31st January 2023

AGM: Wednesday 1st March 2023

February 2023 Newsletter: Include list of nominations received

AGM: Wednesday 1st March 2023

AGM: Wednesday 1st March, 7.30pm – ballots as necessary



Drop In and Chat at the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park

Not feeling great and need a chat...

**Wondering what Opens Arms services might be good for you
and your family...**

Want to talk to someone that has lived the military life...

**Open Arms Veteran and Family Peer Advisors will be at the
Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney (lower floor, conference
room) on the following dates from 1200 – 1700.**

16th November 2022

7th and 21st December 2022

18th January 2023

8th and 22nd February 2023

8th and 22nd March 2023

5th and 19th April 2023

Pop in and say hi...

SCOTT REYNOLDS

CO-FOUNDER & VOLUNTEER, SALTWATER VETERANS

Our Guest Speaker at our General Meeting on Wednesday
2nd November 2022 was sub-Branch member Scott
Reynolds, Co-Founder and Volunteer of Saltwater Veterans.



RSL AUXILIARY

It has been lovely to be able this year to again have our monthly meetings and also to have our guest speakers. We had a very busy November with selling our tokens and poppies both at the Club and at Bunnings Belrose and Warringah Mall. Thank you to all of the Auxiliary members who helped, and to the ladies who made some lovely handmade poppies at home. Thank you to Barbara Lunnion for organising that.

In November we had our first Fashion Parade for a few years with close to 100 ladies enjoying the afternoon. Again, we thank all those involved for making this happen, as it is one of our main fundraisers of the year. The Auxiliary would like to thank both the sub-Branch and Ian Thomson, CEO of the Club, for being joint sponsors.

With our Fashion Parade, Christmas Fundraising Luncheon, Friday night meat raffles in the Club, and of course our token and poppy selling at both Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, we are looking forward to putting in a nomination for the Lady Woodward Cup in 2023. We want to improve on our Third Place award in 2022.

Also, what would we do without Ian Thomson, Club CEO, the management team, and all Club staff for being there when we need anything, it is very much appreciated.

Thanks to Edi and his team who cater for our meetings and Birthday Lunch and of course our Fashion Parade. Edi goes out of his way to assist us. **To all Auxiliary members, thanks for your commitment, friendship and support.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Our first meeting of 2023 is on Monday 6th February at 11.00am followed by Lunch. At this meeting an RSL Auxiliary Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator are to be appointed by the members for 2023/2026.

We would like to wish all sub-Branch and Auxiliary members and their families a wonderful Christmas and a HAPPY & HEALTHY 2023.

Regards,

Annie Betts

RSL Auxiliary Coordinator



JOHN BALFOUR OAM MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTATION

General Meeting Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Our Ceremonial Officer, John Balfour OAM, being re-presented with his Meritorious Service Medal by President, Bob Lunnon, at our General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd November 2022. John was presented with his medal at the Opening Ceremony of the RSL NSW State Congress on Monday 31st October in Newcastle by our RSL NSW Patron, the Hon. Margaret Beasley AC, KC, Governor of NSW.



FORESTVILLE RSL AUXILIARY THIRD PLACE – LADY WOODWARD CUP 2022 PRESENTATION AT RSL NSW STATE CONGRESS 2022

As part of the Opening Ceremony of the RSL NSW State Congress 2022 in Newcastle on 31st October, our Forestville RSL Auxiliary was awarded third place in the Lady Woodward Cup. This was in recognition of our Auxiliary raising \$6,775.60 during 2022 for the RSL NSW Veterans Support Fund, supporting our community with visits to ill and infirmed veterans, involvement in local community activities such as homemade poppy making etc.

The award was accepted by President Bob Lunnon, and it was then re-presented to our RSL Auxiliary members attending our General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd November. Congratulations to all of our RSL Auxiliary members on this award, and another successful year!



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

11th November, 2022

Forestville RSL sub-Branch at the Cenotaph
More photos on website : www.forestvillersl.org.au/photos



RSL LIFECARE VETERAN SERVICES REMEMBRANCE GOLF DAY 2022

In Support of Veterans Services
Long Reef Golf Club, Collaroy
Friday, 4th November, 2022

I just want to say a big thank you to the sub-Branch Committee for enabling myself, Jenni, Dee and Elspeth to play in the **RSL LifeCare Remembrance Golf Day** at Long Reef Golf Club. We had a lovely day and can assure you we played our best for you (with lots of laughs and fun between)! Turns out we were the only all female team - so the competition was very 'tuff'! Despite that, we managed 3 birdies, mostly pars and some bogies that ended up with us being a total of 4 over in the end. It was a lovely day where I believe some good funds were raised for a very worthy cause, RSL LifeCare Veterans Services, - in support of veterans and their families in need. Many thanks to the sub-Branch Committee for the support! Regards, Sue, Dee, Jenni and Elspeth!
(Sue Duchesne, Committee Volunteer)



FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH & RSL AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022 - 11.30am for 12noon

Our Christmas Fundraising Luncheon is heavily subsidized by our sub-Branch, with a three course meal, refreshments, entertainment and great raffle prizes. There will also be 2023 RSL diaries, 2023 calendars, and some Christmas cheer available for those in attendance. Fortunately, our sub-Branch is well-resourced to be able to provide all of this for our members.

Christmas is a time of giving. Our charitable purpose is the support of veterans and their families, especially those in need. With this in mind, the focus this year at our luncheon will be on those veterans and their families around NSW which need our support, through the RSL NSW Veterans Support Fund.

We therefore ask you to come armed with cash and/or credit cards to support our fundraising raffle arranged by our RSL Auxiliary members, who will be selling raffle tickets during the luncheon with a variety of prizes. You will be able to support our fundraising by purchasing raffle tickets as follows: tickets \$2 each; 3 tickets for \$5; 9 tickets for \$10; 21 tickets for \$20; 60 tickets for \$50. The more tickets you buy, the more chances you will have to win great prizes! All in the spirit of giving to those in need at Christmas time, who are less fortunate than us. We thank you for your support.



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 2023 (Subject to change)

Wednesday 1 st February 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Friday 24 th February 2023	*	Purple Poppy Day (TBA)
Wednesday 1 st March 2023	*	7.30pm - AGM
Wednesday 5 th April 2023	*	7.30 pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 23 rd April 2023	*	2.40pm Anzac Sunday Street March & Service
Tuesday 25 th April 2023	*	5.30am Anzac Day Dawn Service
Wednesday 3 rd May 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 7 th June 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 2 nd August 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Sunday 13 th August 2023	*	11.30am for 12noon Commemoration Luncheon
Monday 4 th September 2023	*	11.30am for 12pm RSL Auxiliary 69 th Birthday Luncheon
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 4 th October 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Wednesday 1 st November 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Saturday 11 th November 2023	*	10.30am Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 3 rd December 2023	*	11.30am for 12noon Christmas Fundraising Luncheon
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting

Significant Anniversaries

DECEMBER is noteworthy for the following significant date:

1st December 1942 – HMAS Armidale sunk by Japanese aircraft near Timor

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

If you do not have an email address, you could have a family member or neighbour receive your newsletter by email and pass it onto you.

We appreciate your cooperation!

*“And the world is a little poorer, for a soldier died today”
...Lest We Forget...*



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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