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Forestville RSL sub-Branch

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NEWSLETTER

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July has been another busy period for the sub-Branch Committee. On Tuesday 18th July, Vice President Sandy Howard, Secretary Vince Williams, and I attended the Northern Beaches District Council meeting at Pittwater RSL Club.

I had also earlier attended a District Presidents Council (DPC) Meeting in Anzac House on Friday 30th June. I provided a report on that meeting to members at our General Meeting on Wednesday 5th July. A significant outcome is that you would have received an email in early July from RSL NSW letting you know that SOP1, **Funding Our Charitable Purpose**, has now been approved by the DPC and the RSL NSW Board. All sub-Branches, and RSL NSW, can now move forward with the Veteran Support Fund (VSF) as our key focus for supporting veterans and their families. This will ensure our collective activities are carried out in the name of RSL NSW to make all communities in NSW aware of the RSL NSW link to all activities funded by sub-Branches. This will strengthen RSL NSW branding, which in the past received little or no recognition.

At the DPC meeting, RSL NSW also shared with us 2021 Census data for our 10 sub-Branches across the Northern Beaches, comparing current membership numbers against ADF Ever Served data from the census. This will now be used for a "30 by 2030" goal for our Northern Beaches sub-Branches to have 30% of ADF Ever Served members in their respective catchment areas as members of a sub-Branch by 2030. Fortunately for us, and across the Northern Beaches, we are already well on our way to achieving this goal, which forms part of the RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021/2026.

There was also discussion on sub-Branch Incorporation as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), which our Committee is planning to achieve by 2026. The option for smaller sub-Branches to Incorporate as an Association is being explored by the RSL NSW CEO and Board, however there is concern that this model currently does not have provision for protection of assets.

Ticket sales for our Commemoration Luncheon on Sunday 13th August have been bubbling along, we thank you for your support. At this luncheon, we will commemorate wars, conflicts and battles which occurred over the period of July, August, September. Booking, payment (EFTPOS is available) and cancellation details are included in this newsletter. Please book soon if you have not already done so, the cut-off is Thursday 3rd August. Please note that cancellations are non-refundable after Thursday 10th August.

Our RSL Auxiliary monthly luncheon on Monday 7th August will not be a regular meeting. It will be a working bee to make poppies in readiness for fundraising around Remembrance Day. Auxiliary members will be crocheting, knitting, and sewing various forms of poppies. Demand is very strong in the community for hand-made poppies, so we encourage each of you to support our RSL Auxiliary members when they are selling poppies. The funds they raise will support the welfare of veterans and their families, especially those in need, as part of our charitable purpose.

The ACCC has a handy website called ScamWatch, which provides up to date information on recent scams, reporting of scams, and getting help if you've been scammed. Scams are becoming more and more prevalent, with some of our more vulnerable members especially at risk. So, for members who receive their newsletter by email, in the Useful Links section on page 5, we've been including a ScamWatch link for your use: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>. Highly recommended.

As always, your welfare and wellbeing are our main concern, so please call if you need assistance. And stay rugged up during the winter months still upon us.

Best Regards
Bob Lunnon

What's On

General Meeting
Wednesday 2nd August 2023
7.30pm
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Commemoration Luncheon
Sunday 13th August 2023
11.30 for 12pm
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General Meeting
Wednesday 6th September
2023
7.30pm



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Please consider the environment. Receive your Newsletter via Email.

Membership

Membership totals: **407** (plus 5 Honorary members)

Sadly we have lost the following members:
ROPER, Graham Edward NAVY

We welcome new members:
FOX, Natasha ARMY

Resigned
CARTY, Jan RSL AUXILIARY
ANSTISS, Carol RSL AUXILIARY

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

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 your responsibility to ensure your NOK contact details are correct and up to date. We therefore ask that you constantly ensure our Membership Officer is always aware of both your primary NOK contact details (eg your partner), as well as your secondary NOK contact details (eg a family member such as a son or daughter), are always correct.

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.

General Meeting - Wednesday 5th July 2023

WE WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS

At our General Meeting on Wednesday 5th July 2023, we welcomed two new members: Catherine Sturge as a transfer-in Service member who resides in Ashfield; and Wynne Kennedy as an Auxiliary member, accompanied by her husband Don Kennedy OAM, our sub-Branch Patron, and daughter Jennifer. It is wonderful to have you as members of Forestville RSL sub-Branch, Catherine and Wynne.



FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH - WALKING GROUP

OUR NEXT WALKING GROUP ON

WEDNESDAY 16th August - 0930 for 0945

As part of RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021/2026

SPORT & RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

Our next walking group will be on Wednesday 16th August at 0930 for 0945 from the Club entrance. All sub-Branch and Auxiliary members and partners, and dogs on a leash, are welcome to join us for a gentle walk, followed by coffee/tea in the Club, hosted by the sub-Branch. We hope you can join us in support of our individual wellbeing, health and camaraderie.

GUEST SPEAKER MAT BELL

General Meeting Wednesday 2nd August 2023

You will recall Mat Bell being inducted into our sub-Branch at our May 2023 meeting. We were discussing at that meeting the RSL NSW Sport and Recreation Program and the various activities which may be pursued. In post-meeting discussion, Mat mentioned that if there was a photography activity, he would be happy to act in presenting the activity to the sub-Branch. We have asked Mat to speak to us about the range of options one might introduce to the activity and the variety of photography outside family and hobby photos which we all take on our mobile phones.

RSL AUXILIARY

Our next gathering is on Monday 7th August, commencing at 1pm with a light lunch. There will be no official meeting. It will be a poppy-making workshop in preparation for our fundraising in conjunction with Remembrance Day on 11th November. Eighteen members are confirmed for our workshop. If you did not book at the July meeting, and you wish to be involved in the poppy-making, please contact Barbara Lunnon by mobile on 0411-351654 by 2nd August.

Our sub-Branch Assistant Secretary, and RSL Auxiliary Coordinator, Kevin Leary, is your contact for bookings, and cancellations. Please contact Kevin by email on: auxiliary@forestvillersl.org.au; or by phone on 9451 1221 during office hours - on Mondays 9am to 2pm, or Thursdays 9am to 12noon.

The Guest Speaker at our 3rd July meeting was **Diana Noyce, Food Historian**, who thoroughly entertained us with stories of the Temperance Period which included the "Coffee Palaces" of the period.

New members are always welcome to join our RSL Auxiliary through our sub-Branch Membership Officer, Peter McAskill, at 9451 1221 during the office hours listed above, or by email at: membership@forestvillersl.org.au.

COMMEMORATION LUNCHEON

Sunday 13th August 2023
Forest Room, Forestville RSL Club

COMMEMORATING WARS, CAMPAIGNS, AND BATTLES

- Time:** The Luncheon will commence at 12 noon, with the doors opening at 11:30am, and no access prior to 11.30am.
- Tickets:** On sale from 9.30am from the sub-Branch office on office days. Please provide mobile phone number when paying.
- Cost:** \$50.00 per person, by cash, and EFTPOS is also now available (Tap & Go).
- Menu:** A 2 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 is also 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:** Please note that there will be no refunds on cancellations received on or after Thursday 10th August.
- CONTACT:** Kevin Leary, Assistant Secretary, at email: asstsecretary@forestvillersl.org.au, or phone: 94511221.

AUSTRALIA MY COUNTRY ART COMPETITION FOREST AREA PRIMARY SCHOOLS WINNING ENTRIES ON DISPLAY IN THE CLUB FOYER UNTIL 31ST AUGUST 2023



VIETNAM VETERANS DAY RSL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR WAR VETS VILLAGE, NARRABEEN - 2PM, FRIDAY 18th AUGUST 2023 PALM BEACH – 10.30AM, SUNDAY 20th AUGUST 2023

The service at War Vets Village on 18th August will be held in the Chapel adjacent to the Gallipoli building, Edmondson Drive, Narrabeen.

Form-up for the march at Palm Beach on 20th August is at 10.30am at Iluka Road, Palm Beach, with the march-off at 10.45am to Club Palm Beach (street closures will apply). The Knox Old Boys pipe band will lead the march, followed by Vietnam Veterans and then other sub-Branch members. The service commences at 11am in front of the Club. If you wish to lay a wreath, please let our sub-Branch Secretary know by 10th August at: secretary@forestvillersl.org.au.

Book Launch Invitation

John Ramsland's *Après la guerre: Anzac Stories 1919-1939*

A lively exploration of life stories of many ex-servicemen and women, both famous and anonymous, who returned to civilian life and how they were received. The truth-telling of their stories in peacetime has been neglected in the nation's collective memory.

The many individual and local post-war accounts of struggle and/or success, while self-contained, are calibrated against a dominant narrative of an Australian people caught in the rapid stream of social, political and cultural change. The silent witness of small or large war memorials across the nation's landscape are unlocked, revealing other stories.

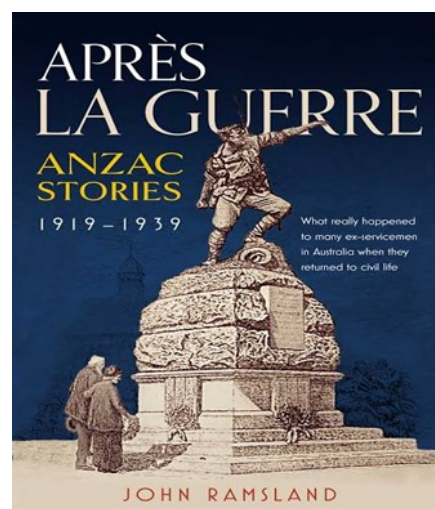
You are cordially invited with family and friends

When: Saturday, 12 August 2023; 2pm to 4pm

Where: The United Service Club, 57 Watt Street, Newcastle (between King & Church Streets)

RSVP: marie.ramsland@newcastle.edu.au; telephone: 0428 334 704

* *The Club Bar will be open, nibbles will be provided* * *Books available @ \$30 a copy*



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 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

August Significant Anniversaries

August is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 3rd August 1943 – LEUT H.R. Syme, GC, RANVR Mine Clearing Operations
- 3rd August 1962—Arrival of Australian Army Training Team in South Vietnam
- 8th August 1918 – Battle for Amiens begins
- 8th August 1918 – LT A.E. Gaby, VC Villers-Bretonneux
- 9th August 1918 – PTE R.M Beatham, VC at Amiens
- 12th August 1918 – SGT P.C. Statton, VC at Proyart
- 16th August 1918 – AFC Squadrons in raid on Somme
- 19th August 1943 – Japanese abandon positions in Mt. Tambu
- 21st August 1943 – Australians capture Komiatum
- 23rd August 1918 – LT W.D. Joynt, VC at Herleville Wood, France
- 23rd August 1918 – LT L.D. McCarthy, VC at Madam Wood, France
- 27th August 1918 – LCPL B.S. Gordon, VC at Bray, France
- 31st August 1918 – PTE G. Cartwright, VC at Road Wood, France

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.

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



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Useful Links

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Forestville RSL sub-Branch Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ForestvilleRSLSubBranch/>

Forestville RSL sub-Branch Instagram page:

[forestvillerssubbranch](https://www.instagram.com/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