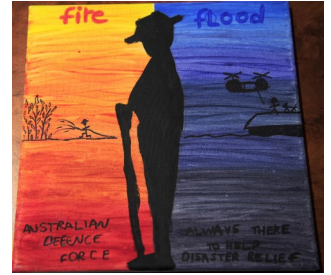




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Forestville RSL sub-Branch



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NEWSLETTER

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

OCTOBER, 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On 3rd September, five Committee members attended the Merchant Navy Day Commemoration Service at the Mosman Art Gallery. The service was led by MC and Merchant Navy Chapter Coordinator, Merrill Barker, capably supported by our sub-Branch Patron, Don Kennedy OAM, Immediate Past President of the Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch.

Our sub-Branch Committee members attended the 69th Birthday Luncheon of our Forestville RSL Auxiliary on 4th September, capably led by RSL Auxiliary Coordinator, Kevin Leary. Guest Speaker was Pauline James OAM, State Coordinator, RSL NSW Auxiliaries. Pauline was accompanied by Ray James OAM, President, RSL NSW. It was fitting for us to thank Pauline and Ray for their years of service to RSL NSW in their respective roles, as they will be standing down at the RSL NSW State Congress 22-24 October in Newcastle. We thank our RSL Auxiliary members for their support of our sub-Branch in so many ways, including their primary focus of fundraising in support of veterans and their families in need throughout NSW. This year to date, our RSL Auxiliary has raised \$8789.03. Congratulations!

The Battle for Australia Day Commemorative Service was held at the Dee Why Memorial on Wednesday 6th September, with our Northern Beaches Council Mayor, Sue Heins, as MC. Our sub-Branch was represented by President, Bob Lunnon, and Ceremonial Officer, John Balfour OAM, who laid a wreath on behalf of all members.

Our RSL Auxiliary held a successful Meat Raffle in the Forestville RSL Club on Friday 15th September. We encourage you to come along to the Club, enjoy dinner, and support each of our RSL Auxiliary Meat Raffle fundraising nights. All proceeds are donated to support veterans and their families, especially those in need, and particularly through the Veterans Wellbeing and Family Centre at Dee Why RSL Club, managed by RSL LifeCare Veteran Services.

I attended the District Presidents' Council Meeting on 31st August; Secretary, Vince Williams CSC, VP Sandy Howard, and I attended the Northern Beaches District Council Meeting at Pittwater RSL Club on 19th September; and I attended both the Killarney Heights High School (morning) and Davidson High School (evening) Year 12 Graduations on 21st September.

Our Remembrance Day Commemorative Service preparations for Saturday 11th November at 10.30am are well under way. We are delighted that Manly Warringah Pipe Band will again be joining us. We encourage you and your family members to register your attendance with Kevin Leary by 3rd November, for hospitality reason.

We are planning our Christmas Fundraising Luncheon for Sunday 3rd December at 11.30am for 12noon. This will again be a joint Christmas Fundraising Luncheon with our RSL Auxiliary.

We encourage you to actively support our Forestville RSL Auxiliary fundraising activities up to and on Remembrance Day and at our joint Christmas Fundraising Luncheon on 3rd December. Our RSL Auxiliary members have been hand-making poppies for sale on Remembrance Day, so please be generous, in support of veterans and their families everywhere, not just sub-Branch members, as part of our charitable purpose.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunnon

What's On

General Meeting
Wednesday 4th October
2023

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General Meeting
Wednesday 1st November
2023
7.30pm

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Coach Tour
Tuesday 31st October
2023
7.45am for 8am



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Please consider the environment. Receive your Newsletter via Email.

Membership

Membership totals: 398 (plus 6 Honorary members)
Sadly we have lost the following members:

DELANEY, JONATHON RONALD ...	RAN
WHITE, ROBERT STEWART ...	RAAF
ARMSTRONG, GEORGE HERBERT ...	RAAF

We welcome new members:

Introductions of new members are always welcome.



Our Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens

MEMORIAL PAVERS

Prepaid Pavers:

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

Please note: Orders for pavers have now closed. The pavers will be in place before Remembrance Day

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 **9451 1221** or email :

membership@forestvillersl.org.au including if you wish to rescind your membership for any reason.

FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH - WALKING GROUP

Our Next Walking Group on Wednesday 18th October at 9.45am for 10am

(AS PART OF RSL NSW STRATEGIC PLAN 2021/2026

SPORT & RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS)

Our next walking group will be on Wednesday 18th October at 9.45am for 10am from the entrance of Forestville RSL Club. 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 at the Club, hosted by the sub-Branch. We hope you can join us in support of our individual wellbeing, health and camaraderie.

GENERAL MEETING

6th September, 2023

WE WELCOME a NEW MEMBER

At our General Meeting on Wednesday 6th September 2023, we welcomed a new Affiliate member: Michael Raymer, who is also a Director of Forestville RSL Club. It is wonderful to have you as a member of Forestville RSL sub-Branch, Michael.



RSL AUXILIARY

Our 69th Birthday Luncheon on Monday 4th September was very successful, hosted by the sub-Branch, with sub-Branch Committee members joining us. Guest Speaker was Pauline James OAM, State Coordinator, RSL NSW Auxiliaries, who showed us examples of "Thank You For Your Service" Quilts. Other special guests were Ray James OAM, President, RSL NSW, and Don Kennedy OAM, sub-Branch Patron, who cut our 69th Birthday cake, assisted by Pauline. Ray and Pauline are standing down from their respective roles at State Congress in Newcastle next month.

Our Fashion Parade on 27th September was successful, thanks to all of our members and the many visitors who attended. All proceeds will support the work of RSL LifeCare Veteran Services, our sister charity. Special thanks to those Auxiliary members who organised this busy event.

Our next General Meeting is on **Monday 9th October** in the Flight Deck Room, at 1pm. There will be a special Guest Speaker.

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 02-9451 1221 during office hours - on Mondays 9am to 2pm, or Thursdays 9am to 12noon.

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.



Merchant Navy Day Commemoration Service

Sunday 3rd September 2023

This Commemoration Service was dedicated to the service and sacrifice of Australian merchant seamen who manned ships in all parts of the world during the First and Second World Wars. Our sub-Branch Committee attended the service and laid a wreath.



Forestville RSL sub-Branch
SMALL ARMS MUSEUM & WILDWOOD GARDENS TOUR
Tuesday 31st October, 2023

For sub-Branch members and partners and RSL Auxiliary members

Departing at 8am sharp from the lower car park, please be there by 7.45am latest. Returning around 5.30pm.

Full day includes:

- *Morning tea on the way to Lithgow*
- *Visit to the Small Arms Museum in Lithgow*
- *Visit to Wildwood Gardens in spring time*
- *Two course lunch (alternate serve for main course), with dessert, and tea/coffee, in the Wildwood Gardens café*
- *A stop at the Bilpin Fruit Bowl for stocking up, including apple pies etc!*
- *Luxury coach transport*
- *Numbers currently limited to 49, dependent on coach size*

Cost: \$50 per person, which is heavily subsidized by the sub-Branch

Tickets: on sale from the sub-Branch office at 9.30am on Monday 4th September and after, or contact our Assistant Secretary, Kevin Leary, on 94511221, or by email at: asstsecretary@forestvillersl.org.au, during office hours on Mondays (9am-2pm), and Thursdays (9am-12noon).

Cancellations: no refunds after Wednesday 25th October
Payment: by cash, or EFTPOS



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 4 th October 2023	*	7.30pm Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	*	Lithgow Tour, 8am departure
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

BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE DEE WHY MEMORIAL - WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2023

Forestville RSL sub-Branch was represented by President, Bob Lunnon, and our Ceremonial Officer, John Balfour OAM, who laid a wreath on behalf of our members. Northern Beaches Council Mayor, Sue Heins, did a sterling job as MC. An RAAF C-130 coastal reconnaissance flypast was a highlight.



October Significant Anniversaries

October is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

ON VARIOUS DATES – LT J. Maxwell, VC at Beaufort-Fonsomme Line, France; SGT L. McGee, LCPL W. Peeler, VCs at Ypres, France; LT G.M. Ingram, VC at Montbrehain, France; CAPT C.S Jeffries, VC at Passchendaele, France; PTE P.E. Gratwick, VC at Miteiriya Ridge, Western Desert; SGT W.H Kibby, VC at El Alamein.

2nd October 1943 – 9th Div. captures Finschafen

4th October 1943 – 7th Div. captures Dumpu Ramu Valley

5th October 1943 – 2nd Div. captures Montbrehain, France

12th October 1943 – RAAF Beaufighters attack Rabaul

30th October 1918 – Turkey surrenders

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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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