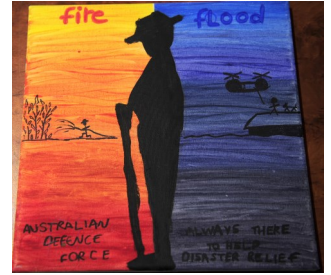




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NEWSLETTER

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

NOVEMBER, 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our most important news to share this month is that, on Monday 25th September, our Secretary, Vince Williams CSC, and I attended the soft-opening of the new Northern Beaches Veterans Wellbeing Centre at Dee Why RSL Club, part of the RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021-2026. This has been a well-crafted two-year collaboration between four key entities: our Northern Beaches District Council and our ten sub-Branches on the Northern Beaches including Forestville RSL sub-Branch; RSL NSW; Dee Why RSL Club; and RSL LifeCare Veteran Services our sister charity. The Northern Beaches Veterans Wellbeing Centre is located on Level 4, at the Dee Why RSL Club. The purpose of the Centre is to provide holistic wellbeing support and assistance to veterans and their families on the Northern Beaches, for DVA claims and advocacy, employment, homelessness and housing support, the Spur Equine program, surfing and sailing activities.

Importantly, this Centre will be staffed by fully-trained Advocacy Training & Development Program (ATDP) qualified and accredited Advocates to provide this support and assistance. It is no longer possible to have our own sub-Branch Advocates undertake these responsibilities due to increasingly complex legal and insurance requirements and implications. This responsibility is now undertaken by RSL LifeCare Veteran Services Advocates at these Centres, which are increasingly coming online across NSW, including Wagga, Nowra, Queanbeyan, Tweed, Hunter, and the Central Coast. This is a reality which we all must now embrace.

RSL NSW State Congress 2023 was held 22nd-24th October in Newcastle. Vince Williams CSC, our Secretary, was our sub-Branch Delegate, and our VP, Sandy Howard, was our Alternate Delegate. I attended in my capacity as President, Northern Beaches District Council. On 22nd October, prior to the Congress Welcome Ceremony, I also attended a District President's Council/DPC Meeting, followed by a joint DPC/RSL NSW Board Meeting. The DPC Meeting discussed and approved nominations for inclusions in the RSL NSW Veteran Support Fund/VSF. Approved inclusions in the VSF will be announced to members by RSL NSW on 30th November.

Our RSL Auxiliary held a very successful Fashion Parade on Wednesday 27th September as part of their fundraising purpose. \$2620 was raised, an outstanding result, which will be used to support veterans and their families in need, through the RSL NSW Veteran Support Fund. Then, our RSL Auxiliary is organizing a raffle for our joint Christmas Fundraising Luncheon which will be held on Sunday 3rd December. Full details are available in this newsletter. We encourage all members to support these fundraising activities in support of veterans and families in need, a part of our charitable purpose. Be generous, please.

Our RSL Auxiliary will also be selling Remembrance Day poppies and tokens on 11th November, as well as in Club Reception from the weekend prior to Remembrance Day. Again, we ask you to be generous, in support of our charitable purpose.

Please enjoy our warmer weather and call us if you need assistance.

Best Regards,
Bob Lunn

What's On

General Meeting

Wednesday 1st November
2023
7.30pm

Christmas Fundraising Luncheon

Sunday 3rd December
11.30 for 12 noon

General Meeting

Wednesday 6th December
7.30pm



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Please consider the environment. Receive your Newsletter via Email.

Membership

Membership totals: 396 (plus 6 Honorary members)

Sadly we have lost the following members:

McKAY, Brian Francis ... ARMY
KIRLEW, Michael ... MERCHANT NAVY

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 VETERANS INSTAMEET PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Sunday 8th October 2023

AS PART OF RSL NSW STRATEGIC PLAN 2021/2026 SPORT & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Many of our sub-Branch and Auxiliary members and partners attended the Veterans INSTAMEET Photography Group on Sunday 8th October at North Head. This was part of DVA's Veterans' Health Week 8-15th October, also as part of the RSL NSW Sport and Recreation program in support of our individual wellbeing, health and camaraderie.

All sub-Branch and Auxiliary members are encouraged to participate in future activities such as this, as they are organized for your benefit.



RSL AUXILIARY

Our Fashion Parade on 27th September was extremely successful. Thanks again to all of our members and the many visitors who attended. With your support, we managed to raise \$2620 and all proceeds will support the work of RSL LifeCare Veteran Services, our sister charity. Special thanks to those Auxiliary members who organised all the arrangements and setting up for our luncheon on the day, to help lighten the load.

Guest Speaker at our General Meeting on Monday 9th October in the Flight Deck Room was our member, Marj Howard. Marj provided us with an interesting presentation on her experiences as a Qantas Flight Hostess.

Our next General Meeting will be on Monday 6th November at the regular start time of 1pm. At this meeting we will be asking members to consider becoming our RSL Auxiliary Coordinator and/or Co-Coordinator, in order for Kevin Leary to give his full time attention to his sub-Branch responsibilities. In the meantime, 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.



**NORTHERN BEACHES
VETERAN WELLBEING CENTRE
LEVEL 4, DEE WHY RSL CLUB
SOFT-OPENING ON
MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023**

On Monday 25th September, our Secretary, Vince Williams CSC, and your President, Bob Lunnon, attended the soft-opening of the new Northern Beaches Veterans Wellbeing Centre at Dee Why RSL Club, part of the RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021-2026. Also in attendance were Ray James OAM, President, RSL NSW; Janet Muir, CEO, RSL LifeCare Limited; Graeme Liddell, President, and Grant Esterby, CEO, Dee Why RSL Club; and Northern Beaches District Council ExCom members.

This has been a well-crafted two-year collaboration between four key entities: our Northern Beaches District Council and our ten sub-Branches on the Northern Beaches including Forestville RSL sub-Branch; RSL NSW; Dee Why RSL Club; and RSL LifeCare Veteran Services our sister charity. The Northern Beaches Veterans Wellbeing Centre is located on Level 4 at the Dee Why RSL Club. The purpose of the Centre is to provide holistic wellbeing support and assistance to veterans and their families on the Northern Beaches, for DVA claims and advocacy, employment, homelessness and housing support, the Spur Equine program, surfing and sailing activities.

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Christmas Fundraising Luncheon



for sub-Branch members and partners

Sunday 3rd December 2023

**Forest Room
Forestville RSL Club**

Time: 11.30am for 12 noon - 3pm, lunch starts at noon.
No access prior to 11.30am.

Tickets: On sale from 10.30am on 2nd November from the sub-Branch office on Monday & Thursday mornings only. Please provide your mobile number when paying.

Cost: \$50 per person by cash or eftpos (available at sub-Branch office). No refunds after 30th November.

Menu: A two course meal will be served with alternates for each course, with refreshments.

Dress: Christmas festive for ladies and gentlemen.

Entertainment: Ross Maio.

Fundraising & Raffle: Great prizes to be won so bring your luck and dollars, eftpos will be available.

Club bus: Will operate from 10.30am till 4pm. Bookings to be made personally at Club Reception or by phoning 9451 1011.

Contact: Kevin Leary, Assistant Secretary email: asstsecretary@forestville.org.au; phone: 94511221.

M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S !

**NORTHERN BEACHES DISTRICT COUNCIL
CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING SEMINAR
11am to 12pm, Tuesday 28th November 2023
PITTWATER RSL CLUB (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM)**

This CyberSecurity Awareness Training Seminar has been arranged for members for in-person and online attendance, on Tuesday 28th November from 11am to 12noon, at Pittwater RSL Club. Online registration is mandatory. This link can also be used to access the online registration form: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TzVDNQb6R0erfGrnKFX80A#/registration. When this online registration form is completed and submitted, a confirmation email will include the Zoom link for the seminar for those wishing to attend online through Zoom. Presenters are from InfoTrust, Cyber Security Specialists, based in the CBD. InfoTrust consultants will share examples of the most prevalent cyber-attacks including phishing, smishing (text and WhatsApp scams), vishing (fraudulent phone calls) and more. A Q&A session will be included. In-person attendees can have lunch at Pittwater RSL Club after the seminar at their own expense. Please register as soon as possible. Registration is mandatory.



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 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



WALKING GROUP
FORESTVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH

Our Next Walking Group on Wednesday 15th November 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 15th November at 9.45am for 10am from the entrance of **Glen Street Theatre**, then around Lionel Watts Park and Garden. 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 Theatre, hosted by the sub-Branch. We hope you can join us in support of our individual wellbeing, health and camaraderie.

This will be our last walking activity for 2023.

November Significant Anniversaries

November is noteworthy for the following significant dates:
ON VARIOUS DATES – WO2 KA Wheatley, VC at South Vietnam;
SGT TC Derrick, VC at Sattelberg.

11th November 1918 – Armistice Remembrance Day
11th November 1943 – Last (64th) Japanese air raid on Darwin
15th November 1943 – Last major air battle in New Guinea
17th November 1943 – Attack on Sattelberg begins
25th November 1943 – Sattelberg falls to 9th Div
26th November 1943 – 2/43rd Battalion in fighting at Pabu Hill, New Guinea

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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<http://www.forestvillersl.org.au>

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