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Forestville sub-Branch

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NEWSLETTER

Serving veterans and their families in the Forest Area

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Presidents Report

On 3rd September, six Committee members attended the Merchant Navy Day Commemoration Service at the Mosman Art Gallery adjacent to the Mosman War Memorial, sponsored by Mosman Council. The service was led by MC and Merchant Navy Chapter Coordinator, Merrill Barker, capably supported by our sub-Branch Patron, Don Kennedy OAM, who is Immediate Past President of the Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch, prior to it becoming a Chapter of Forestville RSL sub-Branch. We laid a wreath on behalf of Forestville RSL sub-Branch members.

Our RSL Auxiliary held a successful Meat Raffle in the Forestville RSL Club on Friday 23rd August. The Auxiliary raised \$581 with your support. We encourage you to come along to the Club, enjoy dinner, and support each of our RSL Auxiliary Meat Raffle fundraising nights, which we publicise in each monthly newsletter. All proceeds are donated through the RSL NSW Veteran Support Fund to support veterans and their families, especially those in need, and particularly through the Northern Beaches Veteran Wellbeing Centre at Dee Why RSL Club, managed by RSL LifeCare Veteran Services, our sister charity.

I attended the District Presidents' Council (DPC) Meeting at Anzac House on 22nd August, followed by a meeting of the DPC with the RSL NSW Board, where the main topic was the recent RSL LifeCare rebranding on 5th July with no prior notice. Earlier, Secretary Vince Williams CSC and I attended the Northern Beaches District Council Meeting at Pittwater RSL Club on 20th August.

In my absence overseas from 9th September to 9th October, Kevin Leary, our Schools Liaison Officer, represented our Forestville RSL sub-Branch at the Killarney Heights High School Year 12 Graduation at Dee Why RSL Club on 26th September. Sandy Howard, Vice President, represented our sub-Branch at the Davidson High School Year 12 Graduation on 26th September.

Our Remembrance Day Commemorative Service preparations for Monday 11th November at 10.30am are well under way, thanks to the diligent work by our Sub-Branch Secretary, Vince Williams CSC, prior to his departure overseas on holidays from 10th September to 24th October. We are delighted that Manly Warringah Pipe Band will again be joining us. We encourage you and your family members to attend, however please advise Kevin Leary by 3rd November if you are attending, so we can be prepared for provision of post-service hospitality. We are planning our Christmas Fundraising Luncheon for Sunday 1st December at 11.30am for 12noon. This will again be a joint Christmas Fundraising Luncheon with our RSL Auxiliary. Further details are available in coming newsletters. We hope you will be able to join us for this end of year celebration.

We encourage you to actively support our Forestville RSL Auxiliary fundraising activities in the remainder of the year, particularly up to and on Remembrance Day, as well as our joint Christmas Fundraising Luncheon on Sunday 1st December. Our RSL Auxiliary members have been hand-making poppies for sale on Remembrance Day, and they will also be in the Reception area of Forestville RSL Club on the evenings of Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November with poppies and Remembrance Day tokens for sale, and again on Remembrance Day. Please be generous, in support of veterans and their families everywhere, not just sub-Branch members, as part of our RSL NSW charitable purpose.

Finally, please call if you need assistance.

Best Regards,

Bob Lunnon

What's On

General Meeting

Wednesday 2nd October

7.30 pm

Bill Hardman

Presentation

Wednesday 6th November

7.30 pm



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The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance

Membership

Membership totals: 376 (plus 6 Honorary members)

Sadly we have lost the following members:

McGRATH Anthony Joseph AM ARMY

ESTHERBY Robert Charles RAF

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 Remembrance Day have closed. We are now taking orders for Anzac Day 2025

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:

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.

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY CLASSES



As part of our sub-Branch support of our members under the RSL NSW Sport & Recreation program, we have introduced exercise physiology classes for our members and families. **It is a twice-monthly class held in the Forestville RSL Club's Flight Deck Room funded by our sub-Branch, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Our next classes will be held at 2.30pm on Thursday 10th October, and then 2.30pm on Thursday 24th October.** Our instructors are from Rebound Health who already provide DVA physiology services across the Northern Beaches. While our emphasis will be on balance, there are also Heart Health program events available to members.

While this is open to members and family, you **MUST register** by calling our sub-Branch Assistant Secretary, Kevin Leary, at the office during office hours on 9451 1221), or email:

asstsecretary@forestville.org.au

Let us stay upright!

Forestville sub-Branch WALKING GROUP

Our next Walking Group activity will be on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 9.45am for 10am from Forestville RSL Club followed by morning tea/coffee hosted by the sub-Branch. All sub-Branch members and partners, and dogs on a leash, are encouraged to join us for a gentle walk, as part of RSL NSW Sport and Recreation activities. We look forward to seeing you, in support of our individual wellbeing, health and camaraderie.

AS PART OF THE RSL NSW STRATEGIC PLAN 2021/2026
RSL NSW SPORT AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

Forestville RSL sub-Branch COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Our sub-Branch is seeking nominations for the following two Committee positions, available immediately:

TREASURER: experience in bookkeeping and data entry in MYOB, also reporting requirements for RSL NSW and BAS, and other duties as required.

VICE-PRESIDENT: acting as Second Vice President in the absence of the President, including other tasks and duties as required.

Nomination forms are available from the sub-Branch office, on office days.



Forestville RSL Auxiliary MEAT RAFFLE

Friday 1st November 2024

FORESTVILLE RSL CLUB

Our Forestville RSL Auxiliary is conducting the Meat Raffle at the Forestville RSL Club on Friday 1st November from 5.30pm. **We encourage you to bring friends and family to have dinner in the Club. Meat Raffle tickets are \$5 for 50 chances, and multiples thereof.**

Our RSL Auxiliary members will be at the 2nd October General Meeting taking pre-sales orders for tickets, EFTPOS is available. Sub-Branch members are winners. Proudly supporting veterans and their families.

All proceeds from the Meat Raffle are donated directly to the RSL NSW Veteran Support Fund, supporting veterans and their families in need, through the Northern Beaches Veteran Wellbeing Centre located at Dee Why RSL Club managed by RSL Lifecare Veteran Services, our sister charity.

RSL AUXILIARY

We spent our September meeting planning and sharing ideas for future events. Jill Scifleet was our only Birthday this month, she was delighted when Gina Ferreira sang Happy Birthday to her in both English and Portuguese.

*Just a reminder, our next meeting is on **Monday 14th October at 1.00pm**, one week later than usual due to the public holiday on 7th October. At this meeting we'll be making last minute plans for the **Fashion Parade on 24th October**, one of our major fundraisers.*

*To assist with catering at our next meeting on **14th October**, bookings or cancellations are to be made with Barbara Norton: mobile 0414 415 332, or email: barian@optusnet.com.au. **Cut-off date is Wednesday, 9th October at 5.00pm.***

Would you like to be a member of our RSL Auxiliary to help with fundraising for Veterans and their Families in need? Ring Barbara Norton details above.

You are invited to our
Stafford Spring
Fashion Parade



Sponsored by the Forstville RSL sub-Branch
Auxiliary

22 Melwood Avenue Forstville
24th October, Thursday, 10am – 1pm
Tickets: \$20. Morning tea included
Raffle and Door Prizes

Bookings: Jackie Pretti 0409 155 354

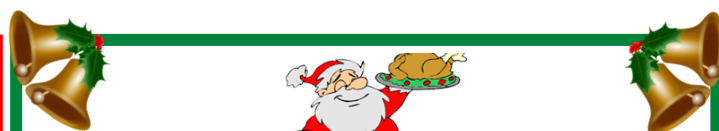
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Supporting our Veterans and their families in need



**Merchant Navy Day Commemoration
Service**
Tuesday 3rd September 2024

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.



Christmas Fundraising

Luncheon

for sub-Branch members and
partners

Sunday 1st December 2024

**Forest Room
Forstville 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 28th October from the sub-Branch office on Monday & Thursday mornings only. Please provide your mobile number when paying.

Cost: \$40 per person by cash or eftpos (available at sub-Branch office). No refunds after 25th November.

Menu: A two course meal with tea & coffee will be served with alternates for each course, with table refreshments (bar additional)

Dress: Christmas festive for ladies and gentlemen.

Entertainment: Phillippe Wittwer - Entertainer, 
Piano Accordion - great variety of fun music!

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

Contact: Kevin Leary, Assistant Secretary email: asstsecretary@forstville.org.au or phone: 94511221.

THE BILL HARDMAN PRESENTATIONS

WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2024

GUEST SPEAKERS – TONY MOONEY & IAN THOMSON FORSTVILLE RSL CLUB REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Tony Mooney, President, and Ian Thomson, CEO, have been invited to update our members on the proposed Forstville RSL Club redevelopment. Tony and Ian have also been invited to provide an update on a proposed Club constitution amendment process. Members are encouraged to attend this **Bill Hardman Presentation** to learn more about these proposed constitutional amendments. This is to ensure that members are prepared for voting on these proposed changes at a future Club Special General Meeting. Only Club Life Members & Forstville RSL sub-Branch Service members can vote on any proposed constitutional amendments.



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 2024 (Subject to change)

Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	*	7.30pm General Meeting
Wednesday 6 th November 2024	*	7.30pm Bill Hardman Presentation Speaker
Monday 11 th November 2024	*	10.30am Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 1 st December 2024	*	11.30am for 12noon Christmas Fundraising Luncheon
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	*	7.30pm General Meeting
Monday 16 th December 2024	*	Office closed for Christmas Break

OCTOBER SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

October is noteworthy for the following significant dates:

- 11th October 1944 – Australians land at Jacquinot Bay, New Guinea
- 13th October 1944 – Aust. Naval Sqn. Departs Hollandia for Leyte
- 14th October 1944 – Athens and Piraeus liberated by Allies
- 18th October 1944 – HMAS GEELONG sunk off New Guinea
- 20th October 1944 – Naval Battle of Leyte Gulf begins
- 21st October 1944 – HMAS AUSTRALIA damaged by suicide aircraft
- 25th October 1944 – HMAS SHROPSHIRE hits battleship YAMASHIRO
- 29th October 1964 – 3RAR engaged against Indonesian troops at Sungei Kesang, West Malaysia



Support Saltwater Veterans Buy Raffle Tickets and Help Us Secure \$20K

The Saltwater Veterans Sailing Project (SVSP) has been selected as one of the recipients for the 2024-25 [ASX Refinitiv Charity Foundation](#) fundraising campaign!

The Charity Foundation will host several fundraisers to support SVSP in various ways, such as raising awareness, expanding our network, and securing crucial funding. But this isn't just a handout - **we need to come together as a community to volunteer, participate, and most importantly, sell raffle tickets.**

This funding will be vital to the sustainability of our project and help us make future equipment purchases, ensuring we can continue offering programs for veterans and their families!

1st Prize:	MAZDA2 Automatic Hatchback – \$27,000
2nd Prize:	MacBook Air – \$1,599
3rd Prize:	Apple Watch Series 9 – \$809

Tickets are:	\$20 each 3 for \$50 7 for \$100
Draw Date:	Thursday, 27th March 2025
Ticket Sales Close:	Midnight, Friday, 21st March 2025

Click the link for more information and **share** it with your friends & colleagues!

<https://www.asxrcfau.com/console/rafflepages/12/Saltwater-Veterans-Sailing-Project>

*“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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<http://www.forestvillersl.org.au>

Forestville RSL sub-Branch Facebook:

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

Forestville RSL sub-Branch Instagram page:

<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/mysevice

Australian Death Notification Service

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

Scamwatch

www.scamwatch.gov.au

Military History Society of NSW

www.militaryhistorynsw.com.au