

Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL SUB-BRANCH



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NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

The next Quarterly Meeting of our Sub-Branch will be held at the Easts Leagues Club commencing at 11am SHARP on Sunday 20th June 2021.

You **MUST** advise of your intention to attend by phone:
(02) 9387 4891 Or email: subbranch@clubbondijunction.com.au

RSVP BY: Friday 11th June 2021 - this is essential for catering purposes. If you do not reply — you will not be allowed admittance into meeting as numbers are limited.



SUB-BRANCH PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Bill Harrigan

Hello members; we have settled in to our office at Suite 105, No. 3 Waverley Street, Bondi Junction, with a new telephone but the same contact number, 93874891, and we are able to now hold our committee meetings in the office. This saves us some funds as we have found renting rooms in the Junction CBD for meetings is very costly.

We had a very successful ANZAC Day and I must thank all involved and in particular Erle Lindsay our Treasurer who stood in for me at very short notice as the MC of the Service at Waverley Park Memorial due to the passing of my brother Terry. Also the Eastern Suburbs Legion sub-Branch at Charing Cross for providing a venue for those who attended to meet after the Service and enjoy some camaraderie and refreshments which our sub-Branch provided.

The State Branch continues to seek support to fund its operations holding another meeting on the 28th April with a number of the more affluent sub-Branches to discuss a number of options including pooling funds and also a request for specific amounts. Namely a contribution of \$150,000; a contribution of 1% of our assets based on 2019 and 2020 income, or a contribution at the sub-Branches discretion. I am bringing this to your attention as those attending our next quarterly meeting on the 20th June will be required to resolve what is an appropriate contribution. Your committee will provide the meeting with our financial situation and estimated income for the remainder of 2021 to assist in making this important decision.

The State Branch has indicated it requires the authentication of donations from the members in our minutes so at each meeting your committee will continue to ask you to authorise any donations they recommend. Currently, due to limited returns on our investments we are not able to make any large donations without accessing our capital reserves which the committee is not prepared to do. Returns from Ethinvest and Morgan Stanley are only returning about 2% but are looking to improve.

Renewals of membership closed on the 30th April leaving us with about 28 members not renewing. Their names will now be included on the unfinancial listing, and should anyone who is yet to pay the sum of \$25 wish to renew please do so now.

The next meeting will be held at Easts League Club on Sunday 20th June at 1100hrs. See you all then.

JUNE 2021 QUARTERLY MEETING

**THIS MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
20TH JUNE
AT 1100AM
AT EASTS LEAGUES
CLUB**

Quarterly Meeting

- AGENDA TOPICS -

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - 1) March Quarterly Meeting
 - 2) April Committee Meeting
 - 3) May Committee Meeting
 - 4) June Committee Meeting
 - a) Reception
 - b) Business Arising
 - c) Confirmation
3. Welcome New Members.
 4. Correspondence
 5. Notices of motion
 6. Reports:
 - a) President
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Trustees.
 7. a) Welfare
 - b) EMDC
 - c) EMPWOG
 - d) Congress

General Business.

Please Note: our sub-Branch NEW web site: bondijunctionwaverleyrsl.com.au

**MEMBERS IN
NURSING
HOMES &
HOSPITAL:**

* War Vets
Narrabeen:
Wally Rivers

* Shalom-
Macquarie
Park:
Ian Mann

* Summit Care
- Waverley:
Gerald
Atkins

* Charingfield
- Waverley:
Robin Bond

SUB-BRANCH SECRETARY'S REPORT - Sue Welman



Hello members,
After sending out a third reminder letter we now have 113 sub-Branch members who have paid their RSL capitation fees.

Over the past three years we donated money to St Claire's College Waverley, towards their project "The Lost Diggers of Fromelles". The girls have done a marvelous job and Barbara Urquhart and myself attended the documentary launch. If you have a chance do watch it:

<https://stclares.nsw.edu.au/2021/04/23/lost-diggers-of-fromelles-documentary-launch/>

Another exhibition is taking place in Bathurst to mark VJ Day and the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2. The exhibition is from Friday 13th August to Monday 16th August, 9am-5pm. The four day event will be held in four pavilions at the Bathurst Showground, Sydney Road.

It was pleasing to see a large crowd attending the ANZAC Day service at Waverley Park. Thankyou to members who assisted in the flag party. Thanks to Erle Lindsay for taking over as MC due to Bill's bereavement.

Looking forward to seeing you on 20th June.

What My Medals Mean

I'd never worn my medals; they were left there in the drawer, So when I finally took them out, it had been twenty years or more. My daughter saw me take them out, and asked me what they're for. I looked at her and calmly said, :they're a reminder of a war".

They remind me of the mates I had, who never made it back; Who died in a stinking paddy field, or on a jungle track. They remind me of the troubles, and the hardships we went through. They remind me why we went there; it was for people like you.

They remind me of the hellhole, while we were over there. They remind me of our countrymen, who really didn't care. They remind me of the mateship, forged in a foreign land. They remind me of a certain mate, who lost a bloody hand.

They remind me when we went away, we thought the reason was just. They remind me of when we came back; they turned their backs on us. They remind me of the time we spent, left thereon our own. They remind me that it took twenty years, to welcome us back home.

They remind me of the suffering, the heartache and the pain. They remind me if we're called upon, we'd do it all again. They remind me when I wear them next; the thoughts will come thru then, At the going down of the sun, and in the morning "WE WILL REMEMBER THEM".

Then I looked down at her smiling face, and I knew it had not got through. I said "Listen love, they're to remind me, I did it all for you".

Jim EGAN ex Delta Coy, 4 RAR, 1971-72 VIETNAM

POEM COURTESY OF KEVIN HAGAN

SUB-BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT - Erle Lindsay



Hello members and welcome to the Winter newsletter, I hope you are all warm and healthy. With the Covid 19 still with us, it is important to practice social distancing at

all times and whilst masks are, at the moment are not mandatory, they are recommended.

The edict from RSLNSW for members to pay their own capitation fees has seen 115 paid up and 26 yet to do so. Not a bad result in all. If you are one of the 26, I would urge you to renew ASAP, your membership is vital to our existence.

The investment plan with Morgan Stanley and Ethinvest is going along nicely and I will give a detailed and comprehensive report at the June quarterly meeting. Speaking of which, the venue will be in President Bill's report. It will be on Sunday 20th June at 1100 hours. If you are attending, it is very important that you ring Lisa in the sub-Branch office to confirm your presence.



ANZAC Day Commemoration Service at War Memorial Hospital on 23rd April.

Dave, Sue and I attended a beautiful service at War Memorial Hospital on Friday 23 April and the committee was well represented at Waverley Park on ANZAC day.

Greg Goodieson ran a moving service on the same day at the UNSW/ES AFL Bulldogs home game at Henson Park. April is certainly our busiest month.

Finally I would like to offer my condolences to President Bill on the passing of his younger brother Terry 🕊️🕊️.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the June meeting. Please don't forget to ring Lisa.

Photo's from ANZAC Day 2021 at the Waverley Park Cenotaph

