

Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL SUB-BRANCH



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RSL SUB-BRANCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE NOTE - NEXT SUB-BRANCH QUARTERLY MEETING:

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at the **NEW CLUB BONDI JUNCTION**: Function Room -1st floor,

commencing at 11am SHARP on **SUNDAY 22ND SEPT 2024.**

You MUST advise of your intention to attend by either: phone: (02) 9387 4891 OR

email: subbranch@clubbondijunction.com.au. **RSVP BY: Friday 9th Sept 2024** - 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 - Greg Goodieson



Our next Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd Sept, in our new club on the 1st floor. If you have not been to Bondi Junction latterly, the Leaf Café on the ground floor is now open. This is a lovely café/restaurant that I'm sure you will like very much.

Troy Nicoll your Sport & Rec delegate is organising a Sub Branch **Morning Tea on Wednesday 28th August at the Leaf Café.** This is your chance to get a coffee, and a cake paid for by the Sub Branch. Please RSVP before 26th August by phone or email. Full details soon.

NEW Sub Branch Office

A lot of work has taken place in the Sub Branch office in the last couple months, carpets are down offices painted, furniture is due to arrive late August. Once the Club is open, please feel free to come up to level 1 and have a look at your new Sub Branch Office and common area.

Bronte Public School Excursion to Kokoda Track walkway 3rd July 24.

Thanks to Troy, Dave and Barbara for taking the time to go out to the Kokoda Track walkway with the school kids from Bronte school. on this excursion. From what I was told, it all went very well.

21 July – Pozieres service at St Columbus Church Woollahra.

Attended by Sue Welman, Barbara Urquhart and myself. The Pozieres church service at St Columba Church is a unique and heartfelt gathering designed to honour the memory of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Pozieres during World War I. This was my first time to this service, and I was very impressed. There was a small group of Army soldiers that attended this service, they had travelled from Bathurst and Canberra to perform in this service. The service was carried out by Reverend Ness, she was outstanding during this service. I walked away from that service as a proud Australian.

VP Day Commemorative Service 2024 at Kokoda Track Thursday 15 August

Bill and I attended this service on the 15 August which was a wet day. This is a very big service attended by many high-ranking Defence and Public Service and Council personnel. Unfortunately, due to the rain the RAAF fly past was cancelled.

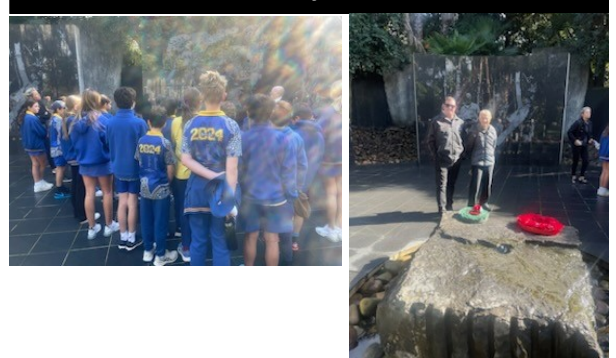
Life Member Lunch

To be held at Maroubra Juniors on the 18th Sept 24 and funded by EMDC.

Pozieres Commemoration Service 21st July 2024 at the St Columba Church



Bronte Public School excursion to the KTMW 3rd July 2024





HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Bill Harrigan

Hello members, as you can realise from the President's report, a lot has been happening since our last meeting. Lisa and I have been heavily involved in moving from the office at Waverley Street to our rooms on the first floor of the new Club. This took us about a week and I have just had the carpet cleaned and we may have to have the rooms re-painted.

Due to the opening of the club being delayed and now opening on Friday 13th September, I have organised the next Quarterly meeting to take place in the function room of our new Club on Sunday 22nd September which is one week later than the usual meeting. Please take note, this year it will be the fourth Sunday in the month commencing at 11.00am. The Club will open earlier so gather downstairs until we are set up to welcome you, which will be about 10.45am.

The Club will be holding two functions prior to its opening to recognise and thank those who have been directly involved in the development and the usual dignitaries. It is not possible to extend a general invitation to our members as there are too many to invite and cater for. The Club will recognise its members at the opening on the Friday 13th September.

On Sunday 18th August Sue, Joy and I attended the annual Commemorative Service for VP Day and Vietnam Veterans Day, organised by the Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch. The weather turned against us so the Service was held in the Club, followed by a very nice lunch. The guest speaker, who served in Vietnam in the RAAF, was a realist and gave one of the best presentations on the Australians active service in Vietnam I have ever experienced.

As previously reported this year was 91 years since we left the Paddington Woollahra RSL sub-Branch and created our own sub-Branch. Unfortunately we missed that most important 90th Anniversary in July 2023, due to new Club, and again this year, so we will now commence planning for the 92nd Anniversary of our Charter for some time in July 2025.

The other important issue I am looking into again, is the possible sale of the property at Patonga. Trustees David and I attended a presentation by Morgan Stanley which indicated our investments are strong. The Trustees and Committee will be meeting with our financial adviser from Ethinvest at our next Committee Meeting on 9th September held in our new office.



TREASURER'S REPORT

- Erle Lindsay

Hello members, it is nice to see the warmer weather with us. How long will it last? It is not unlike the stock exchange, up one day down. We have money invested in both stocks and interest, with the interest doing well at present, but that is why the money is invested with Morgan Stanley and Ethinvest, the experts who have done well for us from the word go. Currently the return is 9% plus growth, a decent result.

The next quarterly meeting will be held in the function room on the 1st floor of the new club, on Sunday 22nd September. The long wait is now over, what a relief. I look forward to seeing you all. Take care and stay healthy.

SEPT 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY 15TH SEPT
1100HRS
EASTS LEAGUES CLUB

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - 1) June Quarterly Meeting
 - 2) July Committee Meeting
 - 3) Aug Committee Meeting
 - 4) Sept Committee Meeting
- a) Reception
- b) Business Arising
- c) Confirmation
3. Welcome New Members.
4. Correspondence
5. Notice of Motion
6. Reports:
 - a) President
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Secretary
7. a) Welfare
- b) EMDC
- c) SEMCWAC
- d) Sport & Rec.

General Business.

W.T. Harrigan
Sub-Branch Honorary Secretary

Photo's from Rose Bar RSL Vietnam Veterans' Day 18th August '24



RSL City to Surf - Sunday 11 August

An RSL function was held at the Bondi Hotel after the City to Surf. This was the first function of this type. State Branch - Sport & Rec funded the entry fee for approx. 345 people. After completing the City to Surf, all RSL participants were invited back to the Bondi Hotel where an area on the 2nd floor was made available for all to attend, where runners could chill out, rehydrate, and have something to eat and drink. BJWSB Sport & Rec delegate Troy Nicoll has been working closely with State Branch Sport and Rec – Jenny Reynolds to help pull together this year's RSL City to Surf function. A lot of effort from many people went in making this a very successful event. Approx 300 runners attended the function they were made up from serving, ex serving, defence families and kids. Personnel from BJWSB played a big part in providing the items that went into the giveaway bags. Big thanks to Jeanette Kearney for her work persuading companies to donate funds and products for this function and to Troy Nicoll our Sport & Rec delegate for doing much of the organising. Troy Nicoll, and his brother Corey and I volunteered our Sunday to help run this function. We are now lobbying State Branch to consider having the RSL after City to Surf function at Club Bondi Junction.

