

Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL SUB-BRANCH



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RSL SUB-BRANCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE NOTE - NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

The next Quarterly Meeting of our Sub-Branch will be held at the **Club Bondi Junction: Function Room - 1st floor,** commencing at 11am SHARP on **SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025.**

You **MUST** advise of your intention to attend by either:

phone: (02) 9387 4891 OR email: subbranch@clubbondijunction.com.au

RSVP BY: Friday 7th March 2025 - 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



Dear members, I hope everyone has come back refreshed after the Christmas break. 2025 is going to be a great year. Less stressful than the last few years. Many of the Sub-Branch committee are also on the Board of Directors for the club and have worked tirelessly over the last few years to get the club to where it is today. It certainly has not been an easy road. Your Sub Branch committee including Lisa Cinicola have worked very hard to successfully run BJWRS� Sub-Branch.

Early in February, there will be a full Sport and Rec activities calendar sent out to all BJWRS� Sub-Branch members. It would be fantastic to see more of our members getting involved and coming to these events, for most activities are FREE. So don't be shy come along and join in. Bronte Sub-Branch will be kicking off the first Morning Tea of the year, it will be held at Club Bondi Junction in the bar area. The date is yet to be set in stone. Lisa will send out an email letting you all know when it's on. This event is open to all Sub-Branches in the Eastern Suburbs.

Anzac Day is Friday 25th April. This year is the 110th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. For the first time I can remember Bill Harrigan will not be MC for this event. Bill and Joy are taking a well earned break/holiday. Organisation of Anzac Day is about to start with Waverley Council as well as Waverley College and Bronte Public School. I'm sure it will be another great ANZAC Day held at Waverley Park.

Special Anzac Day NOTE: It has been several years since our Sub-Branch has hosted an Anzac Day breakfast with light refreshment after the ceremony. I will be inviting everyone back to CBJ for light refreshments after the ANZAC ceremony. This will be a big day for our club, for many people attending, this will be their first visit to our club. So, it's going to be a great time to show off our new club, function room and Leaf Cafe.

Other Dates to keep in mind during the year are:

8 May - Victory in Europe Day

30 May - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Servicemen and Servicewomen Commemoration Service

11 Jul - (date may change) Middle East Area of Operations Commemoration

27 Jul - Korean Veterans' Day

10 Aug - RSL NSW team participates in City2Surf

15 Aug - Victory in the Pacific Day and the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II

18 Aug - Vietnam Veterans' Day

Oct - Veterans' Health Week

late Oct - RSL NSW State Congress & AGM

11 Nov - Remembrance Day

It is still very early in the year when writing this Newsletter, things are likely to change, and new activities added, or deleted. Lisa our Sub Branch office manager will be sending out emails to all our members letting you know what's on and when.

Here's to a wonderful 2025!!



HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Bill Harrigan

Hello members and welcome to our first Newsletter for 2025. This could be a very interesting year. In July we will recognise the anniversary of the 91st Year as a sub-Branch. We actually broke away from the Paddington-

Woollahra sub-Branch and in July 1933 received our Charter. Every five years the sub-Branch has held a function recognising this most important event in our history. Lisa and I have prepared a video of some of the most important events of our sub-Branch and Club since 1950 which is now occasionally shown on the Club in-house television units. The Committee will be meeting this month to look at alternatives to celebrate this most important event.

The Committee will also commence seeking members approval to place our property at Patonga on the market. If they do, then there is a lengthy procedure involved, exactly the same as was required when we sold the sub-Branch property to the Club, to enable the development. Returns from Patonga are ridiculous and without the income from the caretaker we would have no income at all after expenses.

There are no elections this year but we are still required to hold an Annual General Meeting and this will take place on Sunday 16th March, commencing at 11.00am in the Club Function Room on level one. The doors will open at 10.45am to allow members to sign in and be seated. Lisa and I are currently preparing the Annual Report and our accounts are in the process of being audited.

At the December meeting we finalised our donations for 2024 and we are now required to donate at least a further \$100,000 to State Branch before June 2025 to honour our annual commitment. The members at this coming meeting will be asked to approve donations suggested by the Committee.

Our properties at Laurieton and Bondi Road all continue to provide good returns together with our investments, which will continue to permit our sub-Branch to meet the charitable purpose of the RSL in looking after the welfare of its members and the cost of its administration.

Troy and Jeanette continue to provide members the opportunity to enjoy monthly coffee and cake events at the Club and are looking at other Sport and Recreation activities.

I look forward to as members attend the AGM and gather for lunch and refreshments after the event. Happy New Year to all, Bill Harrigan.



SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

- Troy Nicoll

Welcome back members, we look forward to a fantastic 2025. The RSL NSW Sport & Recreation Program is a social connection and wellbeing program open to all veterans and their families. This program is the largest of its kind in

Australia, RSL sub-Branches organise a range of inclusive and family-friendly activities with a sport and recreation focus.

To join in on the fun check out the calendar of activities below to find an activity's near you, just log into the members portal on the RSL NSW Sport & Recreation Program.

<https://rslnsw.org.au>

The next Coffee Club will be on 19th Feb at the Leaf Cafe Bondi Junction (supported by Bronte Sub-Branch) with BJWSB holding their next Coffee club at Leaf Café on the 26th March 2025.

If you have any ideas for sport & Rec please reach out !



TREASURER'S REPORT

- Erle Lindsay

Hi members,
I hope you all had a great festive season and new year. Not much to report to you for now but to let you know that we, the committee will continue to do our best for you, the members.

I have more for you to read in the Sub-Branch Annual Report. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the March Quarterly/AGM on Sunday 16th March at 1100 hours, here in the function room of the beautiful Club Bondi Junction.



WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT

- David Jeffrey

Hello Everyone, hope 2025 is getting off to a good start for you. A few notable happenings so far, Michael Gargaro has turned 100, Edith 99 on the 20th and Johnny Kirby 88 - many happy returns to you from us all.

Both Vince & Mary Buchan have had short bouts in hospital but back home now. Joan Boulton is home now after spending some time in hospital.

Rexie Smith has had a touch of pneumonia but on the mend now.

Dougy Benson spent some time in hospital but literally back on his feet again.

Kevin Hagan has had a bout of Shingles - quite serious as with medication, can't drink !!

These 2 incidents a big reminder for us all - have the Shingles & the Pneumonia vaccines.

IN OTHER NEWS:

*Prince of Wales Hospital: Elsie Wilson

* Mavis McDonald Residential Care - Rooty Hill: Teddy Wilson

* Charingfield - Bronte:

Marie MacArthur, Peter O'Neill

* Chisolm Rd - Auburn:

Allan Evans

* Southern Cross Care - South Coogee:

John Kirby

* Avalon House - Avalon Beach:

Johnny Bosler

* Elizabeth House - Elizabeth Bay:

Kenny Bottomley

War Memorial: Ray Sloper

My thanks to Barbara Urquhart & Rexie Smith for being a great help with these visits - the ladies love you singing to them Rexie !!

As we've a big hiatus over the last 5/6 years with Covid & building of the new Club, please let me know anything/anyone we've missed out on.

Good health, Dave Jeffrey.

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MARCH 2025 QUARTERLY MEETING & AGM

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH
1100HRS
CLUB BONDI JUNCTION

QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - 1) December Quarterly Meeting
 - 2) February Committee Meeting
 - 3) March Committee Meeting
- a) Reception
- b) Business Arising
- c) Confirmation

3. Welcome New Members.

4. Correspondence

5. Reports:

- a) President b) Treasurer
- c) Secretary

6. a) Welfare B) EMDC
c) EMPWOG d) Congress
e) Sport & Rec.
General Business

AGM AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
APOLOGIES.
MINUTES OF 2023 AGM FOR ADOPTION.

REPORTS:
PRESIDENT, SECRETARY,
TREASURER.

WELFARE, EMDC, CONGRESS,
SPORT & REC.

Notice of Motion – Special Resolutions.

NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR AND ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

PATRONS

DELEGATES TO EMDC AND ALTERNATES

STATE CONGRESS (1) + ALTERNATE.

WELFARE OFFICER AND ASSISTANT.

SOLICITORS
AUDITORS

RECOMMENDATIONS

W. Harrigan
Honorary Sub-Branch Secretary.