

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 21ST SEPT 2025.**

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

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

RSVP BY: Friday 12th Sept 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



Hello Members, how time flies, it's hard to believe it's now September.

Your Sub-Branch Committee has been kept busy over the last few months.

A Sport & Rec afternoon tea was held at Club Bondi Junction on Wed 25th June, it was a great success. Big thanks to Jeanette Kearney for organising the afternoon tea. Troy Nicoll our Sub-Branch Sport and Rec representative was unable to make it due to being crash drafted back to sea on HMAS Choules for a month. There was a good crowd from many different Sub-Branches, from all reports, everyone loved the food. Thanks to our CBJ staff who feed them well.

The 2025 EMDC Life Members Luncheon will be held here at Club Bondi Junction. The lunch will be held on Thursday 18th September, in the Club Bar area, starting at 12pm.

RSL NSW has been involved with City to Surf over the last two years. This year 340 current and former serving ADF members and their families represented RSL NSW. The weather for City to Surf was dreadful with torrential rain falling for much of the race. I would like to give a big thanks to Jeanette and Troy for volunteering their time to get all the different food samples and water for the RSL personnel running in the City to Surf. Also, thanks to Bronte Sub-Branch and our own Sub-Branch for donating the funds towards purchasing all the different items for the Grab'n'go Bags, that were needed for this event.

RSL NSW Congress will be held in Tamworth from 24/26 October. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is the first time Congress has been held over a weekend. Bill Harrigan and I will be attending Congress this year.

Victory in the Pacific 80th Anniversary was held on Friday 15th Aug at 2pm. Then at 5pm there was a twilight service at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park to celebrate the 80 years since Victory in the Pacific.

Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration was held on Monday 18th Aug. This is a Rose Bay Sub-Branch organised event. This year it was held in the city at the Cenotaph in Martin Place. As soon as the ceremony started at 11am, it started to rain, but that didn't dampen our spirits. Little Pattie got up and sang "What a Wonderful World". She was only 17 years old when she was sent to Vietnam to sing to our troops in 1966. Lunch was held at The Establishment. This was an excellent commemorative event.

Just a reminder, Remembrance Day is on Tuesday 11th November at 11am and a service will be held in Waverley Park. On completion of the service, I will be inviting everyone back to Club Bondi Junction for some light refreshments. This service is open to everyone, so please spread the word.

It's the newly renovated Club and Sub-Branch 1st Birthday on Saturday the 13th September. I would like to invite you all to our 1st Birthday Party to be held in the Club. The party starts at 5pm and goes to 10pm. There will be music, quick speech at 7pm, cutting of the cake and a five hour Happy Hour drinks prices. I hope you can make it.



Committee members Jeanette Kearney and David Jeffrey together with "Little Pattie" at VVDay, Monday 18th Aug.



HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT - Bill Harrigan

Hello members, we are fast approaching our September Quarterly meeting and I am hoping for a larger attendance than usual.

It's been a busy three months since our last meeting, and we are still settling in to our new office. There is plenty of unpacking to do and we are still in the process of finalising our Memorabilia cabinet. Members are invited to visit our rooms on Level one whenever there is a member in attendance. We have a small library and television set but we are still in the process of getting a couple of user friendly computers on line.

There has been a lot of commemorative events as you can see from the photos we have included which speak for themselves. We also attended the annual Vietnam Veterans Service at the Martin Place Cenotaph on the 18th August, which was followed up with luncheon put on by the Rose Bay sub-Branch.

Greg and Troy continue to do a great job representing our sub-Branch at the EMDC monthly meetings, which now include a meeting every 3 months in our Club.

Our investments are still providing good returns as you will see in our Annual Report. I am going to Laurieton at the end of the month to check on our properties and discuss any needs with our Estate Agent Simon Hancox.

Our sub-Branch, through the efforts of Troy Nicol, provided some refreshments for those in the RSL who participated in the Annual City to Surf event. We are regular contributors to the VSF Sport and Recreation budget but this was a further contribution on our behalf.

We are continuing on with the procedures to sell our property at Patonga. Greg and I have been in consultation with the Real Estate Manager of Ray White at Umina. We have bookings until January 2026 and there will be no further bookings after this date. We have arranged a valuation and perceive the sale will go to the market in February or March 2026. The proceeds of the sale will be in the hands of the members to decide after the sale takes place.

While it's pleasing to see an small increase in our service members they are not attending our meetings so we are yet to meet with some of them. I hope they are reading this and come to our September meeting commencing at 1100 hours in the Club Function Room on Level One. Looking forward to a large gathering on the day.

Best wishes to all, Bill.

Pozieres Commemoration Service

Sub-Branch Committee member Sue Welman attended the Annual Pozieres commemoration service, on Sunday 20th July. The service was held at the St Columba Church, Woollahra, marking the 109th Anniversary of The Battle of Pozieres. St Columba's Church is the "resting place" of the 1st Battalion AIF Pozieres Cross.

The Principal guest this year was Major General The Honourable Justice Paul Brereton AM, RFD, Colonel Commandant of The Royal New South Wales Regiment.

The service was conducted by Rev. Ness who always give a stimulating sermon.



QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY 21ST SEPT
1100HRS
CLUB
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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - 1) June Quarterly Meeting
 - 2) July Committee Meeting
 - 3) Aug Committee Meeting
 - 4) Sept Committee Meeting
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

Korean War Memorial Commemoration Service



Bill Harrigan with Ms Namhee Ko, Co chair of the Korean Guardians Committee. At its 72nd Commemoration of the Korean War Armistice held on the 27th July. Bill, is a long serving member of the Committee and carried out the Custodian duties on the day and gave the Ode of Remembrance. He also represented our sub-Branch.

Kokoda Track Concord VP Day Service on 15th August



SB Secretary Bill represented us at the KTMW Service to commemorate VP Day. Photo is of the 3 surviving Kokoda Track guides all of whom are over 100 years of age. On the right is Reg Chard who regularly guides our Bronte School kids annual tour.

SUB-BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT - Erle Lindsay



Hello members and welcome to the September newsletter. I trust that you are staying dry, very boring weather.

Down to business. Our investment money has yielded 9% over the three years, which is a sound result. On the downside, while interest rates are dropping, reports from Morgan Stanley indicate that we could be heading for a volatile few months. Morgan Stanley and Ethinvest have done well for us to date and we trust their judgment.

Advice from the real estate is to hold off on the sale of Patonga until January/February to hopefully get a better price. We as a committee are working hard on your behalf to get good results and taking in lots of information and getting this to you via the newsletter and quarterly meetings.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday 21st at 1100 hrs for the Quarterly meeting. Don't forget to register your intention of attending by phoning the sub-Branch office.

Stay warm and healthy. Erle Lindsay

Photo's from the Sport & Rec afternoon tea - 25th June



WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT - David Jeffrey



Hi Everyone

Hope you're managing to stay dry and warm during this coldest & wettest winter we've had in years. Medical advice is that strains of flu & Covid are worse because of this & we should all have the vaccines.

Edith Young had a couple of days in St Vincent's Hospital recently but is back home now doing well.

Rex Smith has a shoulder injury & is now recuperating well at BUPA, Carrington Rd.

If anyone needs a walker let me know as I have a couple of old ones - bit dilapidated but still work OK.

Let me know if you'd ever like to come on visits with me. It really is a bit of a fun day out. Plus it is so much better for those we visit to have a few of us drop in.

Once again if you have any Welfare news/happenings at all, please do let me know. You can give me a ring or leave a note at the front desk.

Also a few of us drop in to the club around 1030 several mornings every week, so come & join us for a coffee.

Stay in touch

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MEMBERS IN AGED CARE & HOSPITAL:

Johnny Bosler
Avalon House
- Avalon Beach

Phyllis Keating
Brigidine House
- Randwick

Marie MacArthur & Peter O'Neill:
Charingfield
- Waverley

Joe Santamaria
POW
(the new section)

Ray "Pommie" Sloper
Bondi Waters
- Bondi Bch

Rex Smith
BUPA Aged Care
- Waverley

Teddy Wilson
Melva McDonald
Nursing Home
- Rooty Hill

AT HOME:

Edith Young
Barbara Urquhart
Lilley Weekes
Joan Boulton
Vince Buchan
Michael Moran (in Scotland)

Vietnam Veterans Day Luncheon - 18th August





NSW Mid-North Coast
NSW Central Coast

HOLIDAY UNITS

Bookings and enquiries:

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PRD Nationwide Laurieton
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*Bondi Junction Waverley RSL Sub-Branch Service
& Affiliate members receive a 25% discount.*

PATONGA

3 Nayla Ave, PATONGA NSW



Top floor - (2 units) - each accommodates 4 people, containing 1 Queen bed, 2 single beds.

Bottom floor - (1 unit) - accommodates 3 people containing 1 Queen & 1 single bed.

LAURIETON

Calwalla Court:
19 The Parade, North Haven



1 x 1 bedroom flat :
- containing 1 double bedroom
2 x 2 bedroom flat :
- containing 1 double bedroom, 1 twin bedroom
1 x 3 bedroom flat :
- containing 1 double bedroom, 2 twin bedrooms

LAURIETON

Beach Haven:
13 David Campbell St, North Haven



4 x 2 bedroom flats
- containing 1 double bedroom, 1 twin bedroom