

# 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 15TH MARCH 2026.**

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

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

RSVP BY: Friday 6th March 2026 - 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**

Welcome members to our first Newsletter of 2026. The year started off slow, but as of the end of January things are being to happen. Initial preparations for ANZAC Day with Waverley Council have started. This year ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday, which allows people to attend the service in Waverley Park and afterward come back to Club Bondi Junction for refreshments.

If you thought the club looked great with all the flags for Australia Day, well you're in for a surprise this year for ANZAC Day. The Club is intending to make this day a major event in this year's calendar. So come along to the ANZAC service in Waverley Park and then back to CBJ for a big day.

Sport & Rec is certainly going from strength to strength, our Sub Branch needs to do better than just having a coffee and cake catch ups every few months. In 2026 the Sub Branch team will be organising more group activities. We also need to start getting more new people into the Sub Branch and involved with the Sport & Rec activities. Have a look at the list of activities that different Sub Branches are getting involved in. Coffee catch ups, Art class, Gym classes, Lawn Bowls, Social golf, Group fitness, Darts, Wellbeing walk & talk, Craft groups, Mahjong, Guitar groups, Darts and Billiards, Boxing classes, Pilates, Breakfast, Back to Balance, Sailing, Low impact exercise class, Strength & Conditioning, Meditation, Trivia Nights, Fishing, Bus Trips, Walk tea & coffee. I certainly would like to hear what interests you and start planning some events. For many of these events your families are encouraged to come along.

As you are aware the Sub Branch is wanting to sell the town houses in Patonga. We now have an official valuation and stated in SOP 6, the Sub Branch is now required to gain approval from State Branch prior to selling the townhouses. Valuation of the property at Patonga is \$2.1M. I hope to receive advice in the next few weeks from State Branch. I will give you a complete update at the March meeting. I want to make everyone aware that the money from the sale of town houses is our Sub Branch money, it will not go to State Branch revenue.

Calwalla Laurieton Units, after visiting these units with Bill Harrigan after RSL Congress last year, I'm keen to get some feedback from those Sub Branch Members that stayed in Calwalla over the Christmas period. We spent some money purchasing new lounges. I'm interested to get some honest feedback as to condition and cleanliness of the units and if everything worked.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in March.



**Photo: Greg Goodieson and Sue Welman with Dr. Belgin Ergunes - NSW Consul General of Turkiye, at the Commemoration service for the Peace on Gallipoli, 110th Anniversary, Hyde Park: 20th December 2025.**



## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT - Bill Harrigan

Hello Members, this will be my last Newsletter as your Honorary Secretary, as I will not be standing for office in the sub-Branch retiring after 30 years of office since 1996. Its been a long and eventual journey which I have thoroughly enjoyed except for an occasional hiccup along the way.

During this period of time, I had the privilege of working with many people who saw fit to undertake voluntary service with the sub-Branch and the RSL movement. My original mentor was Mr. Tom Westwood, the President of the sub-Branch when I was elected as your Secretary from the floor at the 1996 AGM. I had just retired from almost 38 years service in both State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies and I was wondering what I would do in retire-ment.

Well the sub-Branch came along, and although I only agreed to take on the position until they found someone, I found it a challenge hence I continued to stand for office.

During my early days it was the WW2, Korean, and some 1952-60 Nashos, serving on the sub-Branch Committee of 14 members. Gradually over the years I convinced the Committees to reduce in size to what it is today, that of 9 members on Committee. It is now general practice for committees to be as small as 7 members.

In 1996 the sub-Branch had 930 members, all service members, with some associates, and a very strong Women's Auxiliary.

It had a substantial property portfolio and was well funded, so the Secretary had plenty to do. We also had a part time paid office assistant introduced by the former Secretary before myself as he was unable to handle some of the administrative functions of the office. (Lisa Cinicola has held this position for the past 20 years and is the backbone of our office administration and financial accounting).

Since then we have seen our numbers slowly reduce mainly due to the passing of many and failure of some eligible people to join the RSL and our sub-Branch.

Well its now 2026 and time for me to retire being in my 89th year. Also, as the term of elected office is now for 3 years it would be irresponsible of me at my age to undertake such a lengthy period of time, even though I would like to.

Much has been achieved over the last 30 years: We have increased our financial position considerably by investing wisely. We have substantial investments now with Ethinvest, Morgan Stanley and the Military Bank.

Our property portfolio has also increased with the purchase of some of the former Club property. This has created a solid form of income from our holiday and permanent rentals in most cases. But there are two holiday units not achieving good returns, one being the Patonga units which we are in the process of seeking approval of State Branch to sell at the current market value of \$2.1 million dollars. The other is the Beachaven property at Northaven but it is not losing money just not being used enough by our members.

The State Branch has opened up to increase its membership by introducing a Sports and Recreation base whereby sub-Branches are able to use funds to support welfare and sporting events. We have introduced a monthly coffee and cake morning for all veterans and their families to attend. It is well attended by some of our members and members of nearby sub-Branches. We are yet to become involved in any sporting events but are looking at possible golf and bowls initiatives. Unfortunately, this initiative is yet to secure any new service members but we will continue to have high hopes it soon will.

The Bronte sub-Branch held its Xmas meeting in our offices the same day as our quarterly meeting was being held in the Club Function room. Those members and guests in attendance joined out sub-Branch members for a combined luncheon which went over very well.

At this time I will continue as one of your Trustees until we are able to find a reliable successor.

I wish all of our members, your Committee and the sub-Branch a continuing success for the next at least 30 years or so.

Regards and best wishes to all.

## SPORT & RECREATION REPORT

The sub-Branch throughout 2025 continued to hold its Sports and Recreation cake and coffee mornings once a month in the Club area on the ground floor.

Coffee is provided by the Leaf café and the cake is provided by Lisa and some of the Committee at no cost to those attending. It commences about 10.30 am for about one hour providing those in attendance plenty of time to enjoy catching up with one another. Usually about 20 are in attendance and it is open to serving and ex-service members and their families and more particularly for anyone seeking to either join the RSL or more importantly our sub-Branch here in Bondi Junction.



The Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL Sub-Branch  
Invites Serving and Past ADF  
members and families to its  
**RSL NSW SPORT & RECREATION  
COFFEE & WELLBEING  
CLUB**

**MORNING TEA to be held at CLUB BONDI JUNCTION**  
**On WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH 2026**  
**10.30am -11.30am (Club opens at 10am)**

**FOR CATERING PURPOSES YOU MUST**  
**RSVP BY: 9/3/26**

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## TREASURER'S REPORT- Erle Lindsay

Hello members and welcome to our first newsletter of the year. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and new year.

It is now full steam ahead for 2026. It is going to be a very different year with Secretary Bill stepping down after 30 years a President, Secretary, Congress and EMDC representative. I thank him for his countless hours of volunteering for the RSL. His strong leadership will be missed. He will remain as a sub-Branch Trustee.

Speaking of stepping down, minutes secretary Sue Welman will not be standing. She has done a wonderful job in keeping accurate minutes in what at times has been a difficult task. Sue has been in the position for eight years.

We look forward to a new chapter of the BJWRSL Sub branch. I look forward to seeing you all on March 15 for the first quarterly meeting of the year. If you are intending on coming, please ring the office and put your name down. That's all for now, see you on March 15.



## WELFARE REPORT - David Jeffrey

### MEMBERS IN AGE CARE:

- \*Johnny Bosler: Avalon House  
Avalon Beach
- \*Kenny Bottomley: Eliz. Bay Lodge  
Rushcutters
- \*Phyllis Keating: Brigidine House  
Randwick
- \*Marie MacArthur,
- \*Peter O'Neill
- \*Des Mooney:  
Charingfield Waverley
- \*Joe Santa Maria  
Homewood Care Bexley
- \*Ray "Pommie" Sloper  
Bondi Waters Bondi Beach
- \*Teddy Wilson  
Melva McDonald Home Rooty Hill

**Nashos:** After many years we have sadly had to close our Nashos group due to lack of anyone willing to run it. The good news though is will continue as "The Nashos Lunch Club". We are currently finalising the meeting dates & a few other admin details, so if you're interested let me know. It will be a nice get together with all welcome.

Our new Welfare Notice Board is on the wall beside where we swipe our cards for the club points, it is an excellent way to keep a track on our members.

I still have a couple of old walking frames, so let me know if you need one.

**MyAge Care:** Remember, it is a good idea to sign up with MyAge Care as soon as you turn 65, whether you need it or not. That way you can avoid a lot of the long waiting times later on for either Care or a Package.

Don't forget you are very welcome to come along on any visits with me.

And finally, any news about anyone, or things we have missed out please call or leave a message.

Stay in touch,

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## QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH  
2026

1100HRS

CLUB  
BONDI JUNCTION

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:
  - 1) Sept Quarterly Meeting
  - 2) Oct Committee Meeting
  - 3) Nov Committee Meeting
  - 4) Dec 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



## HOLIDAY UNITS: NSW Mid-North Coast

### BOOKINGS & ENQUIRES:

#### LAURIETON:

PRD Nationwide Laurieton  
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**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO EDITH YOUNG!!!**

***Congratulations to Edith Young  
celebrating her 100th birthday on the 20th of February.***

Edith has been a member of our Club since 1985 and joined the sub-Branch in 1993. A veteran of WW11 Edith was stationed at Kelso near Bathurst in Army Supplies. Interestingly, a couple of her workmates were Italian P-O-Ws.

When we asked Edith about some of the interesting times they all must have had in the Army, her reply was simply, "Us girls have got to have some secrets" !!

A member of Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL, the Sub Branch and the Women's Auxiliary since 1985, her service has been nothing but exemplary. Visiting the sick and wounded, many from WW11, Edith travelled to Eastern Suburbs, Concord and Narrabeen; sometimes with Sub-Branch Welfare Officers but quite often on her own, using public transport.

Edith was President of the Women's Auxiliary from 2005 until 2017 and Welfare Officer from 2000-2017. Her huge commitment to just about everything has involved organising ANZAC Day breakfasts & luncheons, Club Annual Dinners, Sub-Branch Quarterly meetings; many taking a couple of days in preparation.

Edith was constantly involved in fund-raising activities and fetes, the sale of ANZAC Badges, Remembrance Day Poppies and numerous raffle tickets.

In 2023 Edith, along with her great friend Barbara Urquhart, received Life Membership of the RSL Women's Auxiliary and the Certificate of Merit and Gold Bar in recognition of "Outstanding Service to the RSL and Women's Auxiliary"

*A very Happy Birthday Edith, from us all  
and Thankyou for your service.*

