

Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL Sub-Branch

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From the Sub-Branch President – Greg Goodieson

Hello Members, the year is certainly flying by, and there has been plenty happening over the past few months. The Sub-Branch Committee has been busy attending several ceremonies and events, while also continuing to work on improvements to our properties and looking at opportunities to strengthen the Sub-Branch.

Vietnam Veterans Day

On Tuesday 18 August, Rose Bay Sub-Branch held its Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, commencing at 11.00 am. Lunch followed at The Establishment. Vietnam Veterans Day is always a special occasion and provides an opportunity for us to remember and honour all those who served during the Vietnam War.

(photo: Committee members: Greg Goodieson, Jeanette Kearney, Kevin Hagan, Pat Fitzsimons).



Victory in the Pacific Day

The Victory in the Pacific ceremony was held at the Cenotaph in the City on Saturday 15 August. It was a cold and wet day, and unfortunately attendance was down on previous years. Despite the weather, it was still a wonderful and meaningful ceremony, and it was good to see members of the different Sub-Branches attending.



Pozieres Commemoration

On Sunday 19 July, the Annual Pozieres Commemoration Service was held at St Columba Church, Ocean Street, Woollahra. This year marks the 110th anniversary of the Battle of Pozieres. Both Sue Welman and I attended the service, which was once again very well conducted. And, as always, St. Columba put on an excellent morning tea afterwards!

(photo: Greg Goodieson, Sue Welman, Rosemary Stockley, Rev Dr Alan Russell, Major General the Honourable Justice Paul Brereton AM, RFD, SC Colonel Commandant The Royal New South Wales Regiment and Lee Stockley.)

Post-Vietnam Conflict and Peacekeepers Luncheon

Held on Sunday 28 June, the Rose Bay Sub-Branch held its inaugural Post-Vietnam Conflict and Peacekeepers Luncheon at the Ivy. Several members of our committee attended what turned out to be a very successful event. State Branch RSL President Vince Williams and Commanding Officer of HMAS Watson, Commander Kathryn Jones both attended and gave very interesting and informative speeches. It was a great opportunity to recognise the service of those who served in the many conflicts and peacekeeping operations following Vietnam.

President's Report Continued...

Visit from HMAS Watson

I have invited the Commanding Officer of HMAS Watson, Commander Kathryn Jones, along with a few members of her staff, to visit CBJ. The purpose of the visit is to give them an opportunity to look over our Club facilities and Sub-Branch office. There is potential for Navy functions to be held at CBJ, but more importantly, this may provide an opportunity to establish stronger connections with serving Navy personnel and potentially attract new Sub-Branch members.



Calwalla and Beach Haven Units

The Committee has now commenced implementing the improvements required at the Calwalla units in Laurieton.

Short-term rentals of the three Beach Haven units are also now progressing. We will continue to keep members updated as these arrangements develop.



Patonga Properties – Update

Winter is certainly not the best time to sell property at Patonga, so I have been in contact with John Lenne from Ray White Umina Beach Real Estate. I have advised John that the BJWSB members have passed the motion allowing short-term rental of the Patonga properties. He will now endeavour to find suitable tenants. The townhouses will be offered at approximately \$650–\$700 per week. As I'm sure you are aware, the property market across Australia is experiencing challenging conditions at present. I have also kept State Branch NSW updated regarding the Patonga property.



RSL Congress – Tamworth

RSL Congress will again be held in Tamworth this year from Friday 23 October to Sunday 25 October 2026.

Venue: Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC)

In accordance with the Constitution, each Sub-Branch may appoint one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to represent the Sub-Branch at Congress and the AGM. Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be Service Members attached to the Sub-Branch. Both Kevin Hagan and I will be attending this year.

New Sub-Branch Uniforms

The new clothing and name badges have now arrived. It will be great to see the entire Sub-Branch Committee looking smart in our new uniforms. A photograph of the full Committee in uniform will also be arranged. A big thank you to Belinda and Lisa for all their work and effort in organising the new clothing and name badges.

September Quarterly Meeting

The Next Quarterly Meeting of our Sub-Branch will be held in the function room of Club Bondi Junction on Sunday 20th September, commencing at 11am. For catering purposes – we ask you to please register your intention to attend by either phone or email - by Friday 11th September.



Remembrance Day

Just a reminder, Remembrance Day is on Wednesday 11th November. A service will be held at Waverley Park from 10.30am. Members will be invited back to Club Bondi Junction afterwards for light refreshments.

- All welcome to attend -

Finally

There is certainly plenty happening within the Sub-Branch, and I would like to thank all Committee members for the time and effort they continue to put in.

It is important that we continue to look after our existing members while also finding opportunities to attract new members and build strong relationships with the wider Defence and Veteran community. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Sub-Branch.

Honorary Secretary's Report – Belinda Wyard



As we move through another busy quarter, I am pleased to report that I am now well settled into the role of Honorary Secretary and thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to serve our members and contribute to the ongoing success of our Sub-Branch.



Over the past three months, a number of important administrative and operational activities have been undertaken. One of the more visible changes has been the issue of updated uniforms to our Committee members, incorporating the new King's Crown insignia. These uniforms ensure our representatives continue to present a professional and consistent appearance at all official functions and commemorative events.



Property Maintenance

The ongoing management and maintenance of our properties remains a key focus. Work continues on preparing the three units at Beach Haven for permanent leasing. These properties are an important asset for the Sub-Branch, and every effort is being made to ensure they are well presented and appropriately managed for future tenants.

RSL NSW Veteran Support Fund

Members should also be aware that updated information regarding the Veterans Support Fund (VSF) has recently been distributed via email. I encourage members to take the time to review this information and familiarise themselves with the latest guidance and intentions surrounding the fund.

The Veteran Support Fund is administered by RSL NSW and supports a range of programs and organisations that provide assistance, advocacy, wellbeing initiatives, rehabilitation, education, and support services to veterans and their families. Each year, our Sub-Branch contributes funds to the VSF to help these organisations continue their important work within the veteran community.

Find the help you need, now and nearby

Connecting veterans and their families to essential support and services – all in one place

RSL NSW | **VETERAN SUPPORT NAVIGATOR**

rslnsw.org.au/find-help/



Inaugural post-Vietnam Conflicts and Peacekeepers Luncheon

It has been an honour to represent our Sub-Branch at several significant events during the quarter. I attended the Post Vietnam Conflict Luncheon hosted by Rose Bay Sub-Branch, which provided an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow veterans and commemorate our shared service. I also attended the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Service in Martin Place, a meaningful occasion in which we reflected on the service and sacrifice of those who served during the Vietnam conflict.

(photo from L to R: Vince Williams - President RSL NSW
Charles Gallagher - President Rose Bay SB
CMDR Kathryn Jones - Commanding Officer HMAS Watson.
Beverley Bruen - Secretary Rose Bay SB
Gary McFarlane - Rose Bay SB
Greg Goodieson - President BJWSB)

Looking ahead

We are currently planning a Women in Maritime Luncheon, which is anticipated to be held in late October or early November. We look forward to providing further details in the coming months and hope this event will be well supported by our members and guests.

Thank you to all members for your continued support and engagement with the Sub-Branch. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or matters you would like to discuss.



Treasurer's Report – Erle Lindsay

Hello members and welcome to the September quarterly newsletter, how time flies when you are having fun. Ethinvest and Morgan Stanley are continuing to do a good job for us and it looks like their widespread investment strategies and doing well. We will try and get these representatives for a report at the next quarterly meeting.

**SUB-BRANCH
QUARTERLY MEETING
Sun 20th Sept -11am**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meetings:
 - *June Qtly meeting
 - *July Committee meeting
 - *Aug Committee meeting
 - *Sept Committee meeting
 - a). Reception
 - b). Business Arising
 - c). Confirmation
3. Welcome new members
4. Correspondence
5. Notice of Motion
6. Reports
7. General Business

There has been a couple of nibbles in relation to the sale of Patonga. Watch this space! I would like to thank Kevin and Pat for the property inspections made recently. And Belinda is working on a very exciting event which involves women in the services. It will be a first for our Sub-Branch. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday 20th September. Please phone the office and put your name down if you are intending to attend. Stay warm and safe!



Welfare Officers Update – David Jeffrey

Hi Everyone, hope you're survived the cold winter alright. A word of warning, my doctor has told me it is very important, particularly for us older ones, to have the RSV inoculation. Any Veterans who feel you may be eligible for a white or a gold card let me know and we can help point you in the right direction. It is worth noting that anyone who served just 1 day in the forces can be considered a Veteran. As mentioned in our last report, if you ever need a walking frame I have a couple of old ones that work OK. Please do let us know about anybody we have missed. Stay healthy!

Members residing In Age Care:

Johnny Bosler	Avalon House
Kenny Bottomley	Eliz. Bay Lodge
Phyllis Keating	Brigidine House
Marie MacArthur	Charingfield
Desi Mooney	Charingfield
Peter O'Neil	Charingfield
Barbara Urquhart	Charingfield
Michael David Johnston	Charingfield
Joe Santa Maria	Homewood Care
Ray "Pommie" Sloper	Bondi Waters
Albie Weston	Southern Care

Members in Hospital:

Paul Dupont Prince of Wales

Members at Home:

- *Bobby Smith been in hospital & now home again, comes up to the club a bit.
- *Edith young is going well at home.
- *Peter Silcox spent a bit of time in hospital & now back home.
- *Keith Benson is living in Queensland - having some treatment.
- *Vince Buchan is busier than ever at home; plus enjoying some interesting day trips.
- *Carol Santa Maria at home.
- *Michael Moran in Scotland; has been in hospital & is now back home.



Sport & Recreation Officer – Troy Nicoll

Hello members;

The RSL NSW Sport & Recreation Program is our social connection and well-being program inclusive of all veterans and their families. The program was piloted as part of Goal 3, initiative 3.8 of the [RSL NSW Strategic Plan](#), which aims to grow membership and support veterans and their families, through participation in fun and healthy activities. The program includes a variety of Sub-Branch-led activities, both sport and recreation focused. Join in the fun! Check out the calendar of activities below to find an activity near you.

Here are a few events in the area coming up:

Maroubra RSL Sub-Branch | Golf Day

Friday August 28 @ 9:45 am - 1:00 pm

Randwick Golf Club 1 Howe St, Malabar.

Maroubra RSL will be holding an Ambrose Golf Competition at Randwick Golf Course.

Maroubra RSL Sub-Branch | Kamay Park Run

Sat August 29 @ 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Yarra Bay Beach Yarra Road, Phillip Bay.

A free, fun, and friendly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, it's up to you! Starts at 7:00am

Mascot RSL Sub-Branch | Social Darts & Billiards - Veterans and Mates

Wed Sept 2 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Eastlakes Sports Club 16 Florence st, Eastlakes.

come join us for a night of darts and Billiards Wednesday nights! Service v Service, mates v mates. No matter who or where your served or serve, connection through activity.

Coogee Randwick Clovelly

RSL Sub-Branch | Coffee Catch Up

Fri Sept 4 @ 10am- 12pm

Cece's @ Coogee Diggers

2 Byron St, Coogee.

Come along to receive a FREE coffee and an opportunity to connect within a community of Veterans. Wider veteran community, family members and RSL members welcome.