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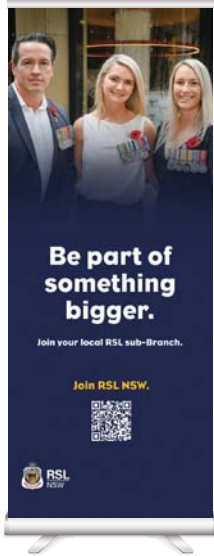
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**RAY JAMES OAM
PRESIDENT,
RSL NSW**

"Some sub-Branches have grown their membership and local impact by great measure; others with already-strong local impact can support important initiatives for the wider veteran community."

Remembrance Day has become a true commemoration of all veterans, their experiences and their sacrifices. At the rising of the sun, with a bugler playing the *Last Post* and vibrant poppies scattered across the Opera House sails, we paid tribute to WWI soldiers.

Later, ahead of the official state commemoration service at the Cenotaph, I gathered with some 30 RSL NSW members of more recent generations, chatting about their service, their communities and what commemoration means for them. We spoke of respect and honour, and of the chance to spend time with mates they'd served alongside.

Respect and honour were, of course, on centre stage at 11am. Surrounded by veterans – from Vietnam, Middle East Operations, peace-keeping, 'the great peace' – I was struck by the enormity of our shared responsibility to preserve commemorations and the community, for all of the veterans present.

Now, as we approach the end of the year, we reflect on our highlights of 2022. There are many, the majority under the umbrella of sub-Branch-led growth and renewal.

At State Congress we heard of sub-Branches that have grown their membership and their local impact by great measure, and others whose already-strong local impact allows them to support important initiatives for the wider veteran community, such as Maroubra's financial support for a recent 50th anniversary trek of Kokoda attended by serving Defence members and veterans.

In the new year, we will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. We welcome members of the Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women to our ranks as we mark this anniversary.



JON BLACK
CEO, RSL NSW

From the stage at State Congress, I had the wonderful experience of seeing familiar, passionate sub-Branch leaders, shoulder to shoulder with many members who hadn't been part of the event previously.

Young veterans have joined sub-Branched, been welcomed onto the executives and were sent to represent those sub-Branched at State Congress.

For the first time in 40 years, we're seeing this growth in membership numbers and hearing about it from sub-Branched. As of October, more than 2,000 new members had joined this year, many under the age of 50. This has reduced the average age of new members from 78 in 2019 to 72 in 2022.

This is a direct measure of the success of the RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021-26 implementation - which Congress delegate polling found high levels of support for. In fact, when we asked delegates whether they support

the plan's measures to increase membership, only three out of the 235 delegates who responded opposed the plans.

The Strategic Plan's impact on our ability to fulfil our charitable purpose has also prompted the Cumberland RSL sub-Branch to contribute generously to its implementation - announcing a \$2 million donation.

The future of a strong RSL throughout this state is more certain now than 12 months ago.

We still have work to do, but I am confident now that we have the will and the momentum - we can work together as one RSL to ensure continued support and assistance to veterans and their families, commemorations so that the public always remembers and honours the sacrifices of veterans, and a powerful collective lobbying and advocacy voice.



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SPORT & RECREATION PILOT SUCCESS

The highly successful RSL NSW Sport and Recreation Pilot, launched in March 2022, has now ended.

This program is a key component of the Strategic Plan 2021-26 and supports the League's goal to grow membership and help other veterans and their families.

A post-pilot survey of RSL NSW members found a 41% increase in sport and recreation activities being organised by sub-Branched at least quarterly – showing

a direct and positive impact on the lives of participants as a result of the pilot.

The survey also gauged respondents' perception of connection with other veterans and their sub-Branched, with 73% of members feeling connected to their sub-Branched, compared to 50% prior to the program. More than half feel connected to their local community of veterans and their families, and almost four in 10 feel connected to other sub-Branched.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAID ABOUT THE PILOT

"The program has done wonders for my mental health. It's fun, family friendly and helps me get out of the house."

"This has been the most positive program I have seen come out of RSL NSW. This is what membership should be about."

"An absolute winner for RSL NSW in achieving its goal of a younger membership."

"It's helped bring veterans together in a social setting, and has been incredibly helpful for my mental wellbeing."





Use the QR code to read how Maroubra RSL sub-Branch crafted a popular activities program for members.



NATIONAL FORUM FOR AUSTRALIAN ESOS

RSL Australia hosted a National ESO Forum, the first in a series of planned events to address the emerging findings of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

Representatives from Australia's leading ESOS met with Commissioners Mr Nick Kaldas APM, The Hon James Douglas KC and Dr Peggy Brown AO in November to discuss how to meet the urgent needs of veterans and their families.

"While the Royal Commission's Interim Report largely focused on the Department of Veterans' Affairs, claims processing backlogs and the support available to veterans giving evidence at hearings, the RSL recognises that there are improvements that can and need to be

made in the ESO sector," said RSL Australia National President Greg Melick.

"We know that addressing the findings of the Royal Commission can't be done by any one organisation alone - we must demonstrate our commitment to working together.

"Our National ESO Forum represents the expertise the RSL has gained over its 106-year history, and the event demonstrates our commitment to working with the wider ESO sector to maximise the wellbeing of Australia's veteran community."



LEARN MORE

Use the QR code to read how RSL NSW is already acting on the recommendations from the Royal Commission Interim Report, and what ground there is yet to cover.

LAUNCH OF THE VETERANS' CATALOGUE



To empower veterans and their families to more easily find and access services and support, RSL Australia has partnered with veteran-owned technology provider Servulink to develop the Veterans' Catalogue.

It simplifies access to more than 1,500 service providers across 12 wellbeing categories, based on research from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, and informed by veteran needs.

"Any veteran or family member can access the app and find local assistance, whether that's RSL sub-Branch resources or through another provider," said RSL NSW President Ray James OAM.

"It's also an incredibly valuable tool for sub-Branch members to assist their local veteran communities. With information at their fingertips, members can assist local veterans to reach out and seek support on the spot - with this tool, we can greatly reduce some of our community's stresses."



ACCESS NOW
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LEGION JOINS RSL NSW

RSL NSW welcomes the merger of the Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen & Women, or Legion.

All members of Legion have now automatically become members of RSL NSW and will be remembered in perpetuity on 10 October each year, the anniversary of the date Legion was incorporated in 1944.

The merger with the Legion is an initiative of Goal 3 of the RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021-2026, which involves growing membership to help all veterans. RSL NSW welcomes a merger with any other ESO looking to secure its future, and which is unable to maintain membership or ongoing fundraising to support its charitable purpose.



LEARN MORE
Use the QR code to explore the Strategic Plan 2021-26.

CUMBERLAND PLEDGES \$2 MILLION

Cumberland RSL sub-Branch has contributed \$2 million to support the implementation of the RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021-26, helping RSL NSW to fulfil its charitable purpose of supporting veterans and their families. Find out more on pg 31.



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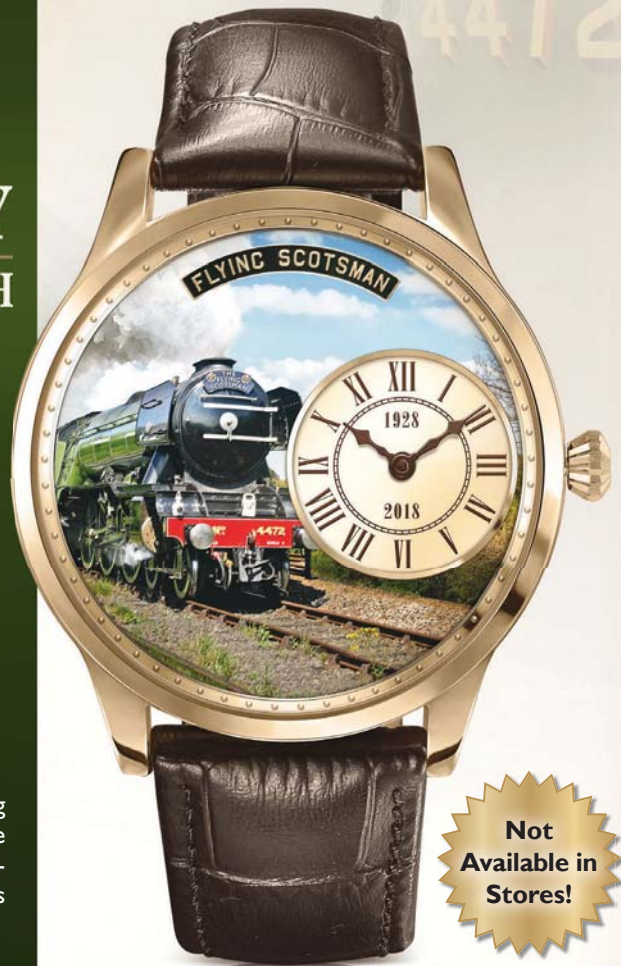
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REMEMBRANCE DAY



A snapshot of this year's commemorations, and what the day means to RSL NSW members.

Remembrance Day offers a chance to remember the service and sacrifice of veterans past and present, with this year's services marking 104 years since the end of World War II.

In Sydney, commemorations began early with a gathering of RSL NSW members, veterans and their families, current Defence personnel, and the public. As the *Last Post* rang out over the harbour at sunrise, poppies lit the sails of the Opera House.

Later that morning, crowds converged on the Cenotaph in Martin Place for the main Remembrance Day service. Wreaths were placed by The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW, The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia,



The Honourable Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier of NSW, and other notable guests.

RSL NSW President Ray James OAM placed a wreath and read the *Ode*, with the concluding sentiment of “We will remember them” being echoed by all those in attendance.

At the end of the ceremony, veterans, their families and members of the general public were welcomed to come forward and lay their own wreaths at the base of the Cenotaph.

Clockwise ▲
from top left:

Veterans arrive at the Remembrance Day service in Martin Place.

Onlookers assemble for the service.

The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW.

Three current serving members.

The Army bugler performs the ‘Last Post’ in front of the Opera House at Circular Quay.

RSL NSW President Ray James OAM.

In their own words

RSL NSW members share what Remembrance Day means to them, which part of this year’s service resonated most and how the service has changed over the years.



Terry James

“Coming in on the train, I was worried people wouldn’t be interested. But when I arrived, I was completely at ease.”



LTCOL Robyn White

“I’m still a serving member, so I’m always reflecting on my service and the service of others. It’s important that we remember and honour the servicemen and women who have come before us.”



Shaun Parren

“Connecting with other veterans is so important. You get to speak with people you’ve never met in your life, but who have the same background. It’s a welcoming environment with a lot of camaraderie.”



John Napier

“Remembrance Day used to be more ceremonial, all spit and polish with a lot of boot stomping and soldiers doing their thing in front of the veterans. Now, it’s become much more relaxed and veteran-oriented – an opportunity to sit and contemplate the people you lost.”

CHARTING A COURSE TO THE FUTURE



**How the City of Wollongong
RSL sub-Branch gained 63
new members, a greater
community and a succession
plan for the committee.**

Story Tess Durack



When Peter Lipscomb set out to build a succession plan for the

City of Wollongong RSL sub-Branch, he determined early on the need to offer social, sport and recreation opportunities to the entire community.

“Most people won’t join their local sub-Branch just to get welfare support or to help organise commemorative activities,” says Peter, though he knows those functions are critical. “You also have to get people interested through social activities.”

Peter, who served in the Navy from 1980 to 2000, was a member of the sub-Branch for 11 years before putting his hand up for a leadership role in early 2020.

“When the new committee was formed, we did a full review of our member database, and even knocked on doors to make sure we had the most up-to-date information,” he says.

“The database listed 165 members, but we found only 110 were still active. We set out to contact as many lapsed members as possible to see why they were no longer active.”

The committee also made an effort to engage younger veterans, and has now welcomed three new members under the age of 40 – including the first woman to join the committee in the sub-Branch’s history.

“The sub-Branch is more than 100 years old,” says Peter. “It



▲ Peter Lipscomb knew informal social activities would complement formal events.

has been well managed and organised by its members over the years and is in a strong financial position. We don’t want to see that go away, and we aren’t going to be here forever.

“So we’re really passionate about having a succession plan, leaving something that’s easy for the next person to pick up. We need younger members to make sure that happens.”

A meeting of minds

To reach those potential younger members, Peter has partnered with the Royal New South Wales Regiment’s 4th/3rd Battalion, or 4/3 RNSWR, a Reserve light infantry battalion based in the Illawarra and Southern Sydney region.

“We’ve had a lot to do with the 4/3 over the years,” explains Peter. “They provide the Catafalque Party on ANZAC Day and all of our other commemorative events.”

After one of these events Peter met Corporal Daniel Langmaid CPL, Section Commander of »

HOW TO BOOST MEMBERSHIP VIA SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE

One of the first actions Peter Lipscomb took after becoming Secretary and Treasurer of the City of Wollongong RSL sub-Branch was to create social media pages.

“With that infrastructure in place,” he says, “we can let one of our younger members loose on it and really leverage those platforms.”

RSL NSW’s simplified membership process, which allows veterans to join the League online and select their sub-Branch, has also helped, as has Peter’s connection with Corporal Daniel Langmaid CPL of 4/3 RNSWR.

“We can put a QR code up on the unit’s social noticeboard, and Dan lets people know it’s there,” says Peter. “It makes it so much easier for them to join up.

“We can always tell when Dan has referred to it because we get a couple more members signing up.”



HOW TO SHOW COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

The sub-Branch recently committed to providing a scholarship worth \$5,000 to a Wollongong University student who has served overseas, or who has a parent or grandparent who has served overseas.

“That will be another way we can demonstrate how committed the sub-Branch is to supporting younger veterans in the Illawarra community,” says Peter.

RSL NSW encourages sub-Branches, where possible, to donate to the Veteran Support Fund, which allows RSL NSW to administer local and statewide initiatives such as veterans’ scholarships, in line with our charitable purpose of supporting veterans and their families.



“It’s not always easy for the 4/3 men and women to get to a Monday evening meeting. They have jobs and family commitments. So now we hold more informal meetings at the unit mess on weekends.”

— Peter Lipscomb

the battalion’s Bravo Company and President of the Bravo Company Mess Committee.

“I met Dan after an event we sponsored where he’d been part of the Catafalque Party,” recalls Peter. “We got talking about what might be possible.

“I knew if we could connect with them socially, that would be a way to increase our numbers.”

And Peter had a plan to bring those extra members into the committee.

“Look for your ‘champions’ among those numbers – the three or

✓ Bravo Company has become an important partner in the sub-Branch’s future.

four who will eventually join the committee and be part of the sub-Branch’s future,” he suggests.

Dan shares Peter’s vision for the sub-Branch.

“The approach the sub-Branch has taken to promote membership has been innovative and far reaching,” says Dan. “It can be really flexible in the way it supports its members.”

New connections

Inclusive, family-friendly events have been crucial to developing the connection between the 4/3 and the City of Wollongong sub-Branch.

The sub-Branch introduced informal meetings, which don’t replace the monthly general meetings, but instead create more opportunities for connection with the 4/3 and serving members’ families.

“It’s not always easy for the 4/3 men and women to get to a Monday evening meeting,” explains Peter. “They have jobs and family commitments. So now we hold more informal meetings at the unit mess on weekends.

“I’ll do a short financial update, let them know about membership numbers and any upcoming events, and then we have a barbecue. The kids play table tennis and maybe we’ll



put a football game on the television to watch together.”

At the first meeting with the 4/3, more than 30 people turned up and the sub-Branch gained eight new members.

“We’ve had 63 new members since 2020,” says Peter. “Twenty-eight are from Bravo Company, and 24 of those have joined since I started working with Dan.”

The arrangement also has a payoff for the 4/3.

“I see it as mutually beneficial,” says Dan. “The sub-Branch members seem to enjoy seeing what’s going on at the unit and maintaining a connection to Defence, and we get to see that it’s possible to maintain relationships with those you have served with when you leave Defence.

“Inviting sub-Branch members to our unit for social activities builds connections and opens up conversations. The friendly banter is top notch and often they’ve had similar lived experiences, with funny stories or advice they can pass on.”

Proudly local

A personal approach to potential new members respects their backgrounds and deeply



▲ **Table tennis and BBQs are two of the activities on offer at the sub-Branch.**

understands their pride in the community they are part of.

“My mates at the unit are proud of where we come from,” explains Dan. “If we are deployed domestically or overseas, that really matters to us – we are representing the Illawarra.

“Our identity in that sense is important. We have a lot of respect for this area and the sub-Branch is an extension of that.”

And Peter says the City of Wollongong sub-Branch’s focus is keenly on the future so that it can remain an integral part of the local community.

“We know that two or three of these young ones from 4/3 will eventually sign up for the committee,” he says. “We know we can’t do this forever and now we feel confident that we’ve got people who can learn and take over when the time comes.

“That gives me a sense that we’ll be okay. I think the future looks bright.” 🌹

HOW TO INSPIRE PARTICIPATION WITH SOCIAL EVENTS

Sport and recreation are set to play an ever larger role in the ongoing efforts of the City of Wollongong RSL sub-Branch to support existing members and encourage new ones to join.

A touch footy team, a regular golf day and even a monthly fishing comp are on the cards – and will be open to all veterans.

“We won’t make membership a condition to participate in any of these activities,” says Peter.

He describes the importance and popularity of lawn bowls with the older members – he is keen to make it accessible and enjoyable for them.

“While we are committed to recruiting a new generation of veterans, we want to make sure we look after our existing members,” says Peter. “We have five members currently who have been members of the RSL for more than 50 years – that’s really important to recognise and respect.

OUR COMMUNITY HEROES

RSL NSW exists to support veterans and their families across the state. Meet some of the many members who make a difference in wellbeing, advocacy and more.

Story Chris Sheedy



Just as the Australian Defence Force is powerless without its soldiers, sailors and aviators, RSL NSW and its partner charity RSL LifeCare rely on a community of helpers passionate about supporting veterans and their families.

From DVA claims advice to fundraising, health and wellbeing

assistance to recreational activities, housing aid to the simple offer of mateship, these stand-out individuals make a real and measurable difference in the lives of veterans – and RSL NSW is the conduit between them all.

Here are the stories of four community heroes whose everyday work improves the lives of veterans across the state.





**"At the end of the day, I can see in their eyes
that everything's going to be okay."**

— Kerrie Lees



KERRIE LEES

**LEVEL 3
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**TAMWORTH RSL
SUB-BRANCH**

A couple of years ago, before I started in this role, I saw several of my friends transition out of Defence without any idea about which entitlements they might be able to access. I didn't want to be in that situation, so I made it my business to know everything I possibly could prior to transition.

This is vitally important. It's not trivial. It doesn't matter which service you're from, when you transition out you lose a part of your identity. You struggle with that, and it just makes things more difficult when you then have to worry about injuries and medical issues that will cost you money, the endless forms you have to fill in just to go to the chiropractor, and so on. »

It makes the process so much easier if someone can explain exactly what is required. It takes the pressure off, so the veteran doesn't have to spend time worrying about the little things.

I've come to know a lot of veterans personally through this work. One veteran and his partner came to me and they were extremely confused about the claims process. He wanted to claim for an online course but didn't know if he could do so. I helped him through that and organised some psychological help for his mental health.

As he grew stronger, his claims started to be accepted. I've

"I find it really satisfying when I work with someone who's struggling, help them out and see the positive effects of what I do."
— *Kerrie Lees*

seen his life change over the time he's been with me. He has bought a new house, had a baby and is getting treatment for his injuries. He's doing really well now.

It's not a quick process, but that's okay. It shouldn't be.

It is a journey for both the advocate and the veteran. But if it's done right the first time, it only has to be done once.

I was a medic for 26 years in the Army. I enjoy this work. I find it really satisfying when I work with someone who's struggling, help them out and see the positive effects of what I do. At the end of the day, I can see in their eyes that everything's going to be okay.

Some of my clients tell me that I have changed their lives, that I was an important part of their journeys to recovery. That's amazing for me. To know I've been able to offer them some peace of mind is really satisfying.



BECOMING AN ADVOCATE OR CLAIMS ADVISER

Those who wish to become a Compensation Advocate or Wellbeing Advocate must be nominated by an ESO such as RSL NSW.

Candidates begin with the Advocacy Training and Development Program's (ADTP) Level 1 course, which then leads to being registered and working under a mentor.

Then, it's a matter of building relevant experience and knowledge, completing

assessments, and working your way up through the levels.

At each level, advocates perform more complex tasks and claims assessments.

At Level 4, for instance, the advocate can present cases before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

"The biggest challenges for people wanting to become advocates are finding a mentor and the availability of clients or cases for the candidate to

perform the various modules or milestones as part of their training," says Compensation Advocate Bill Forsbey.

"Along the way, the advocate must demonstrate their knowledge and proficiency in certain areas.

When they have completed the relevant milestones and passed a face-to-face assessment by accredited ADTP assessors, they're accredited to that particular level."



COMMUNITY HERO

BARBARA LUNN

AUXILIARY
MEMBER

FORESTVILLE RSL
SUB-BRANCH

The RSL Auxiliary organises fundraising, but it's much more than that. We help the sub-Branch in any way we can. We engage different parts of the community in the RSL. We transport members who are not able to drive, bringing them to meetings and functions so they remain connected.

It's a great role, but when I was new I had to learn its direction. My husband had been on the sub-Branch committee and became President after a few years. I then became the Patron

of the Auxiliary, a role that no longer exists.

As I was learning my way around, I read the *Reveille* magazine and there was an article asking for volunteers for token packing at ANZAC House. I gathered members of our Auxiliary to go along with me to help pack tokens.

That day we met and got to know members from other Auxiliaries, and exchanged ideas about what we do and how we do it.

The people from Kingsgrove RSL sub-Branch Auxiliary were planning their 70th anniversary celebration and invited us along. It proved to be a lovely event, and we have developed an inter-Auxiliary connection throughout sub-Branches.

Within the Auxiliary it's good to involve as many people as possible, from within the RSL and outside. The fundraising means we're helping veterans and their families in need but we also have members who are ageing and may not be able to get to events by themselves. We offer to pick them up help them stay involved.

We often invite people from the general community to be involved in our fundraising

events. For Remembrance Day, for example, we made poppy badges to sell - very simple things with felt, fabric and scissors. Lots of people in the community helped us by making poppies that we sold for a gold coin donation. They're perfect for families who want a little something to explain to their children.

Behind all of that is the fact that it has been very healthy for people to get together and bond over a common purpose and the same goals. It includes people from several different community groups, such as clubs, church, craft and sports groups. They have all been happy to help and contribute.

We also let them know about what the RSL does and talk to them about Auxiliary membership. It can create a domino effect as they realise how easy it is for them to help veterans and their families.

I find it all very satisfying. When you give, you don't expect to receive. Yet, along the way I've met wonderful people and made great friends while having my input recognised and appreciated. I do feel I'm part of a wider veteran community which is invigorating and always rewarding. »

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COMMUNITY HERO

JUSTIN DONNELLY

OPERATIONS
MANAGER

RSL LIFECARE
VETERAN SERVICES

In October, a woman posted on the Department of Veteran Affairs' Facebook page about her situation. She had experienced financial hardship, family relationship breakdown and homelessness. I reached out to her directly and within 48 hours she was linked into our services.

A week later, she came into our Homes for Heroes program to receive support from our case managers, who helped her with financial assistance, educational opportunities and pathways into affordable and sustainable housing options.

I served more than 12 years in the Australian Army, the last



"If we can keep moving things forward and improving things for veterans, it will absolutely be life-changing for those who have served." — *Justin Donnelly*

nine in Army Psychology as a Psychological Examiner, where I was a Sergeant. I finished up in December last year, and started looking for employment where I could support veterans and the Defence community, because that's what I was passionate about. That's what attracted me to RSL LifeCare Veteran Services.

I'd had enough shared experiences to understand what soldiers go through. My background has been around supporting soldiers on the ground, so I don't ever want to be too far from the reality of what veterans are experiencing. And my experience with the veteran on Facebook made me recognise I will always have those moments where I realise directly, on a human level, why I'm doing it.

On the management side, my experience in Defence left me with transferable leadership skills that have helped in finding a job in the civilian sector. In the past I've met managers who are not critical thinkers. They're faced with a complex or somewhat dynamic, unfolding situation and they don't know what to do. Military experience helps me to stay composed in these sorts of situations.

Sometimes our dynamic and unfolding situations involve human beings. They might come to us because they're

behind on their electricity bill this month, for instance. When they do, we can run a comprehensive wellbeing assessment to discover the underlying issues. It means we can offer support to help stop the issue from recurring.

We're not a crutch; we don't pay people's bills forever. Instead, we help people recognise their strengths and opportunities. We might link them up with free courses to boost their skills. We link them into support services that help reverse their situation. At all times, we keep the veteran at the centre of their own care journey.

I come from a mental health background where I've responded to critical incidents many times while on operations. I've seen and heard the worst of what humans can do, so I have my own baggage in a sense. But being proactive, I want to keep moving forward, and support people to improve their situation.

The end user is the veteran. The support they don't receive could cost them their life, and we all know I'm not being dramatic by saying that.

So if we can keep moving things forward and improving things for veterans, it will absolutely be life-changing for those who have served. »



A WELLBEING SUPPORT OFFICER IN EVERY SUB-BRANCH

The RSL NSW Strategic Plan 2021-2026 outlines a plan to assign every discharging or retiring ADF member a Wellbeing Support Officer.

This Wellbeing Support Officer will be a trained, volunteer RSL NSW member from a local sub-Branch.

They will provide connections to camaraderie and support services, training and employment pathways, housing assistance, health services, and more to ease the individuals' transition and provide assurance.

Wellbeing Support Officers will also be positioned on or near ADF bases to support serving and transitioning personnel.



**Find out more
in the RSL NSW
Strategic Plan
2021-26.**



COMMUNITY HERO

BILL FORSBEY

LEVEL 4
COMPENSATION
ADVOCATE

THE CITY OF SYDNEY
RSL SUB-BRANCH /
TERRIGAL WAMBERAL
RSL SUB-BRANCH

I provide advice and direction to help veterans make solid claims with the DVA.

Of course, I also advise people if I don't think a claim can be accepted. We don't want to waste the client's time or the DVA's time by lodging claims that are not going to succeed.

But if I believe a claim is viable, I provide service all the way through to the appeal stage. If I believe the DVA has made an incorrect decision,

I will follow through to the degree allowed.

I joined the RSL in 2006 and worked as Treasurer at the Gosford RSL sub-Branch. One of the gentlemen at that sub-Branch was a Level 4 Advocate, and I was interested in what he did. I thought it looked like very satisfying work. And so, I worked under his direction.

I've now reached Level 4 myself. Along the way, I've had a lot of very good experiences and some very disappointing experiences - people passing away before their claim was accepted, for example.

On the more satisfying side, I once worked with a veteran who had brain cancer, or 'malignant neoplasm of the brain', as it's known in the DVA's jargon. He was having great difficulty getting the DVA to accept, particularly under the Veterans Entitlement Act, what caused the cancer.

After conversations with his specialists and through research, we were able to lodge a claim for him. We established a case that there was a contribution from his time in Defence. That was

accepted by the DVA. He passed away shortly after we had the decision, but he knew his wife would be looked after with a substantial payment from DVA.

Those types of results make me realise that what I'm doing is worthwhile.

The change I'd like to see is in what veterans are told by the DVA. The DVA should tell veterans that if they're going to make claims, it's in their interest to seek the advice of a trained advocate.

I don't care if it's a lawyer or a Compensation Advocate - as long as it's someone who has the necessary training to provide good advice in relation to DVA matters.

At the moment, a lot of the work I get in regards to appeals is from people who have lodged their own claims. They used social media for advice, and most of that information is rubbish.

So I'd like to see people advised to get the advice of an advocate. It's free, and if they decide against it, that's fine. But at least they've been given the best advice up front. 🍷

"The DVA should tell veterans that if they're going to make claims, it's in their interest to seek the advice of a trained advocate."

— Bill Forsbey

HOW TO FIND SUPPORT: COMPENSATION & WELLBEING

If you're interested in speaking with a Compensation Advocate or Wellbeing Support Officer, here is some guidance.



Visit the Advocate Register website.

Scan the QR code below and use the 'Locate an advocate' function, which allows you to search by region, type and level of advocate.



advocateregister.org.au



Reach out to your local veteran community.

RSL LifeCare advocates can assist veterans and their families anywhere in NSW. Speak to others in your RSL NSW sub-Branch and community to find out who they recommend.



Contact RSL LifeCare Veteran Services.

RSL LifeCare can help collate evidence and supporting documents, complete and lodge paperwork, liaise with the DVA, clarify the process and more.



rsllifecare.org.au/veteran-services/



Note that a specialist advocate might not be in your region.

If you hear of an advocate who has specialist knowledge but they're not in your region, get in touch. Specialist advice and experience could make a big difference.



If you are still serving, seek advice before transitioning out.

Attend seminars and seek resources to support you as you transition.

If you're transitioning and seeking an advocate, RSL LifeCare can help.



rsllifecare.org.au/veteran-services/



HOW TO USE THE MEMBER RECRUITMENT TOOLKIT



ANZAC House has produced a range of resources to help sub-Branches reach out to and connect with veterans and their families.

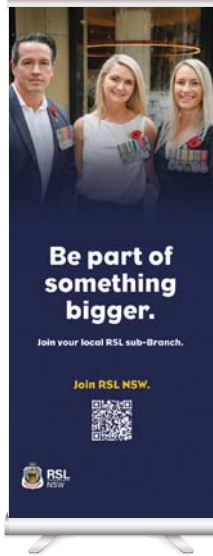
To modernise, innovate and reassert itself as the leading advocacy service for veterans in local communities, RSL NSW has identified a need for change and new members – fresh faces to help support existing sub-Branches and executives, and revitalise the organisation at sub-Branch level.

The new RSL NSW Member Recruitment Toolkit contains all manner of marketing collateral and resources to help RSL NSW members lead the charge for change at their sub-Branch.

Launched at RSL NSW Congress, the toolkit contains:

- Advertising material, such as signage, posters and banners, to help you publicise your sub-Branch to local veterans and their families.
- Social media resources, templates and guides so you can put your sub-Branch's best foot forward.
- Event-in-a-box collateral to help create opportunities to speak with local veterans and build community.
- A new member welcome kit, to turn interest into long-term membership and active sub-Branch involvement.

The toolkit is free to download for all sub-Branches, which are then able to print, produce and disseminate the material locally. Here's a glimpse at what's inside.



Event in a box

Poster, 'ask me' badges, pull-up banner and A-frame

In-person events present opportunities for sub-Branches to promote the benefits of membership to the community.

The toolkit includes designs for a poster, pull-up banner and A-frame sign with QR codes to join; and a badge for members to wear at events to invite questions and conversations about membership.

Community engagement

Social media tile

Members can post this on their personal social media platforms – it's sized for Facebook and Instagram.

Conversation guide

If members are unsure how to reach out to local veterans and their family members, a conversation guide contains handy suggestions and starter prompts.

Invitation flyer

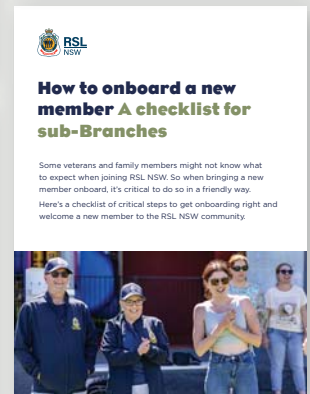
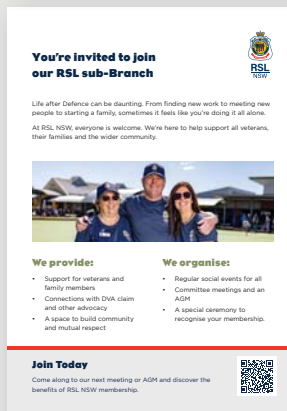
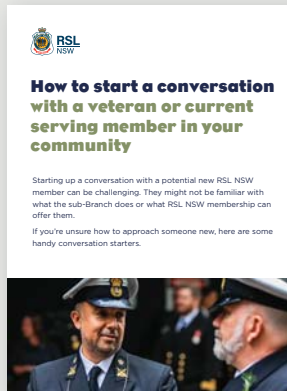
This A5 invitation flyer encourages new members to join RSL NSW, gives a snapshot of the organisation's offering for members, and includes a call to action for prospective members to sign up.

These flyers can be distributed at events, popped in letterboxes, or sent via email or as part of an newsletter.

New member checklist

Veterans and family members might not know what to expect when joining, so it's critical to welcome a new member in a friendly way and provide all the resources they need to find their way around the sub-Branch.

Use this checklist of critical steps to get onboarding right and welcome new members to your community. »





New member welcome kit

Intro brochure

This tri-fold brochure outlines in simple and easy terms what RSL NSW is, how to get involved, where to learn more and where members can seek assistance when they need it.

ANZAC House will distribute the brochure to new members alongside their member card and badge.

Social media tile

Include this digital asset for new members to consider using on their personal social media platforms, so the new members' contacts can see they have joined the League.

New member postcard

Whether it's sent in the mail or handed to someone in person, the welcome postcard reminds new members their sub-Branch is there to help.

There's also space for sub-Branches to add in key contacts and details about upcoming sub-Branch events.

Car sticker and 'Ask me' badge

Use these designs to print car stickers and badges for new members to proudly display.

Social media resources

Social media guide

Social media can help your sub-Branch connect with people even when you can't reach them in-person.

This guide outlines the steps to set up an account on Facebook and Instagram, how to start posting, and suggestions for content your sub-Branch could share.

Social media assets

A collection of designed tiles and images enable sub-Branches to promote the benefits of membership to an online audience.

They also ensure that even as we deliver veteran support locally, we are all working together under the one brand. 🇺🇸



DOWNLOAD THE TOOLKIT

Be the stewards of change at your sub-Branch. Promote the benefits of membership with RSL NSW.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM
**RSL NSW
STATE
CONGRESS
2022**



**More than 240 delegates
discussed the future of the
League, new initiatives and more.
Here are the highlights.**



“RSL is an extraordinary organisation of extraordinary people doing extraordinary things,” said RSL NSW CEO Jon Black on day one of RSL NSW State Congress and AGM, held from 31 October to 1 November at the Newcastle Exhibition Centre. “We can make the most of it when we all work together - we all proudly wear the same badge.”

That theme - of working as one RSL to drive extraordinary outcomes locally and across the state - carried throughout the two days, as MC Catherine McGregor introduced sessions in which the RSL NSW Board and ANZAC House leadership were joined by RSL sub-Branch members and external speakers including The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW; Chief of the Australian Defence Force Angus Campbell; Department of Veterans' Affairs Repatriation Commissioner Don Spinks AM; Commissioners of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide; and more.

◀ **RSL NSW CEO Jon Black addresses the crowd.**





Greg Melick
President, RSL Australia

RSL Australia President Greg Melick dived deep on issues facing the veteran community.

“I take the view that you don’t try to embarrass a government into doing things; you try to talk them around,” said Melick. “The arrangements I’ve had with various ministers is that I will lobby them. If I can’t get what I want it’s usually because they can’t get what they want.”

Melick explained that this approach recently resulted in \$267m to increase DVA staffing and systems, but that there is still work to do – still a problem with DVA processing claims and still a lack of mental health professionals in Australia, and RSL continues to work closely with the DVA to support improvement.



The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC
Governor of New South Wales

“You’ve had to change from doing things that you’ve done for a long time in a way that you’ve done them for such a long time,” The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, told Congress, reflecting on the difficulties involved in change, particularly in large organisations.

The Governor commended RSL NSW’s future focus and commitment to implementing the Strategic Plan 2021-26.

“The plan’s case for change remains compelling, and I encourage you to keep up your support for its ongoing implementation and to think strategically – and to think strategically as one while passionately and fearlessly acting locally,” said the Governor. “That is a challenge but it’s a terrific challenge.”



Jen Reynolds
RSL NSW Sport and Recreation Project Manager

Delegates heard from RSL NSW Sport and Recreation Project Manager Jen Reynolds and members who had participated in the Sport and Recreation Pilot about its impact on their sub-Branches and community.

Jen listed the pilot’s goals:

1. Support veteran wellbeing through social connection and camaraderie.
2. Create an inclusive environment for veterans’ families.
3. Grow community connection through partnership with local businesses, including veteran-owned businesses.
4. Increase member engagement and attract new members.

“We have achieved everything that we set out to achieve.” said Jen. “The two participating districts saw significant increases in membership growth making them the first and fourth fastest-growing statewide.

“We saw connection among our sub-Branch members grow. We saw growth in connection among sub-Branch members within neighbouring sub-Branches and, really excitingly, we saw 20% increase in connection within our wider veteran community. We also saw an increase in physical health as well.”



L-R: MC Catherine McGregor, delegates at State Congress, the end-of-day social event at Bar Beach Bowling Club.



AWARDS & HONOURS

Congratulations to the sub-Branches, Auxiliaries and community members recognised with awards and honours – your contributions to the League and our community are greatly appreciated.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW, and RSL NSW President Ray James presented Meritorious Service Medals to two members.



John Balfour Forestville RSL sub-Branch

Balfour, who served in the Australian Army for 47 years, joined the RSL in 1987 and became a Life Member in 2018. Locally, he conducts welfare checks for more than 80 members and liaises with schools on activities and grants that honour the legacy of veterans' service.

Balfour has also been a Marshal at the Sydney Anzac Day March since 1972, serving for 12 years on the Anzac Day March executive committee.



Elwyn Spencer City of Campbelltown RSL sub-Branch

A member since 1966 and Life Member since 2007, Spencer served as his RSL sub-Branch's Welfare Officer for more than 15 years, joined the sub-Branch's executive, and served behind the scenes and as March Marshal and Master of Ceremonies for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

John Graham Slender Ramsgate
Roger Perry Malabar
Norman Keith Wilson Finley
Alan George Wright Dee Why
Thomas Hobbs Toukley
Robert David Alen Williams Wagga Wagga
Peter Gordon Fidden Karuah
Raymond Henry Strong Berry
Brian Boughton East Maitland
Russell Durrant Nelson Bay
Phillip Archibald Evenden Castle Hill
Ronald Grace City of Parramatta
George William John King ANZAC House
Thomas Lupton Nelson Bay
Joseph Benoit Malaquin Inverell
Robert McLaren Moss Vale
Brian Arthur McLennan Inverell
Jacquelyn Perring Mudgee
Geoffrey Schuberg Cronulla
Ronald Charles Shaw Cronulla
Robert Thomas Drummoyne
Stanley Thomas Merrylands
Brian Joseph Walters Castle Hill and District
Paul Warren Milton-Ulladulla
Robert Wilson Alstonville
Paul Zaat Cronulla

AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Beverly De Loas East Maitland
Betty Molloy Gundagai
Valda Hindmarsh Gundagai
Sue Hardy Young
Margaret McGlynn Young

"RSL is an extraordinary organisation of extraordinary people doing extraordinary things." — Jon Black



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mary Cooper, RSL NSW Membership Supervisor, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for 25 years of service to the League by The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW.



LADY WOODWARD CUP 2022

The Lady Woodward Cup recognises exceptional achievement of RSL Auxiliaries across areas of fundraising and community engagement and support.

- 1st City of Lismore Auxiliary**
- 2nd Wingham Auxiliary**
- 3rd Forestville Auxiliary**



STATE PRESIDENT'S SHIELD

Congratulations to these sub-Branches:

- Balgowlah-Seaforth-Clontarf**
- Bondi Junction-Waverley**
- City of Bankstown**
- Cumberland**
- Glen Innes**
- Ingleburn**
- Inverell**
- Maroubra**
- Seven Hills-Toongabbie-Wentworthville**

▲ Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL sub-Branch President Bill Harrigan is congratulated by RSL NSW President Ray James.



CUMBERLAND RSL SUB-BRANCH ANNOUNCES GENEROUS SUPPORT

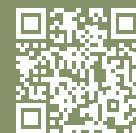
On day 2 of Congress, a generous contribution of \$2 million from the Cumberland RSL sub-Branch to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2021-26 was announced.

Sub-Branch President Greg Read, Treasurer Paul Hughes and sub-Branch members are aligned with the State Branch's strategic direction.

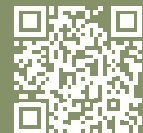
Recognising that the sub-Branch had the funds available, members decided to invest in the future of RSL NSW and our charitable purpose across the state, without detracting from local service delivery. 🍷

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Congress



DAY 2
AGM



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TENTERFIELD
SURPRISE RECOGNITION FOR SUB-BRANCH STALWART

When he was invited to a dinner at the Tenterfield Golf Club, former Army engineer Perry Condrick was completely unaware of the surprise that awaited him.

After serving in Vietnam, Condrick was discharged in 1969 and joined the Tenterfield RSL sub-Branch three years later. He went on to become Secretary and

Treasurer, and the dinner was to recognise his 50 years of service to the RSL and to the Tenterfield RSL sub-Branch.

“Perry was totally floored and humbled,” said Tenterfield RSL sub-Branch President David Stewart, who presented him with the award. “I had a bit of trouble keeping my emotions under control.”

◀ Perry Condrick (centre), flanked by Tenterfield RSL sub-Branch President Dave Stewart and Barbara Condrick.

▶ Group Captain Iain Carty presents George Smith with his RAAF memento.



GRAFTON
A ROLE MODEL FOR ALL

George Smith, a former RAAF aviator and World War II veteran, has been honoured by Grafton RSL sub-Branch with a special commemorative memento that honours him as an RAAF centenarian.

The distinction, presented by RAAF Group Captain Iain Carty, comes after Smith celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this year.

Smith grew up on a dairy farm before joining the RAAF aged 18. He trained as a flight mechanic, worked on Curtiss P-40E Kittyhawks, and later spent time in Morotai Island, Labuan and North Borneo.

He was joined by his daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren at the presentation, held at the Grafton District Services Club.

Balgowlah-Seaforth-Clontarf RSL sub-Branch President Arthur Ball and RSL NSW President Ray James OAM.

BALGOWLAH-SEAFORTH-CLONTARF
\$50,000 DONATION TO RSL LIFECARE VETERAN SERVICES

Balgowlah-Seaforth-Clontarf RSL sub-Branch has donated \$50,000 to support RSL LifeCare Veteran Services via RSL NSW’s Veteran Support Fund.

RSL NSW President Ray James OAM received the cheque, which will support RSL NSW’s charity partner.

Almost 50 members attended the event to celebrate the donation – an even greater number than those who normally attend sub-Branch meetings.





**CORRIMAL
HISTORIC
MOU SIGNED**

The Corrimal RSL sub-Branch has signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Illawarra sub-Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association.

Speaking at the signing, Corrimal RSL sub-Branch President Morrie Gallina said that the MoU represents a partnership between the two organisations.

“Regrettably, age will weary us all with the passing of time,” he said. “This historic MoU will form a partnership where we will become patrons and look after you once you are unable to do so.”

“The Corrimal RSL sub-Branch will give the Illawarra

sub-Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association the confidence, clarity and peace of mind that its commemorative services will continue into the future.”

The President of the Vietnam Veterans Illawarra Sub-Branch Ian Birch remarked that the partnership would “ensure the continuation of the legacy left by our foundation members”.

A day prior to the signing, sub-Branch members attended an open day for Vietnam veterans organised by the Historical Aviation Restoration Society, which simulated the ‘hot insertion’ of a Huey gunship helicopter onto the Corrimal Rangers Football Club soccer field to mark and support the MoU signing.

▲ Top left (L-R): Former Huey Pilot Vic Battese, Secretary Murray Bolton, President Morrie Gallina, Advocate/Wellbeing Officers Henri Johnson and David Thompson, Vice-President Charles Everson.

Top right: An open day marked the MoU signing.

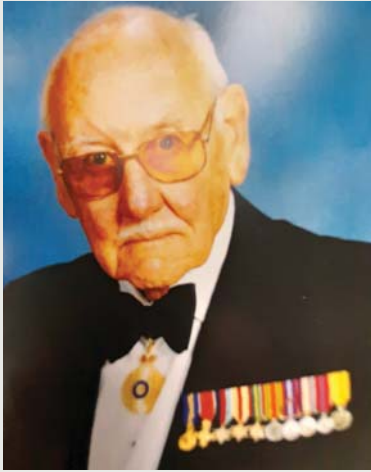
➤ Jim Stott (L) receiving his certificate from Karuah RSL sub-Branch Vice President Alistair Third.

**KARUAH
SUB-BRANCH
RECORD BROKEN**

Congratulations were in order for Karuah RSL sub-Branch member Jim Stott as he received his 50-year membership certificate.

He is believed to be the first member of the sub-Branch to receive such an award.





GOULBURN LOSS OF A LEGEND

The Goulburn RSL sub-Branch has lost a local legend with the passing of its patron and long serving member, George Alfred 'Peter' Lloyd AC OBE MID, aged 101.

Lloyd served in the Middle East and New Guinea, and never failed to show up for ANZAC Day services in Goulburn. He has been remembered as a beloved

mentor, friend and colleague, as well as a thrillseeker who completed a parachute jump every five years from his 75th birthday right up until his 100th.

The Goulburn RSL sub-Branch also recently received a grant with RSL NSW's support to support the installation of a plaque at Trinity Catholic College in Goulburn, remembering lives lost in 21st-century conflicts.



THE RIVERINE HERALD



Richmond RSL sub-Branch President Ron Gray receiving his certificate from sub-Branch Vice Presidents David Taylor (L) and Don Bartlett (R).



RICHMOND HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE

A recent general meeting of the Richmond RSL sub-Branch was made especially memorable with the presentation of a 50-year membership certificate to sub-Branch President Ron Gray.

Gray, an Army veteran who originally joined the Blacktown RSL sub-Branch, transferred to Richmond in 1999 where he has served as Welfare Officer, Vice President and President.

He is a keen golfer, a Justice of the Peace and proud grandfather.

MOAMA MEMORIAL GARDEN OPENED

The opening of a memorial garden in Moama has attracted more than 250 people. Attendees included Vietnam veteran William 'Yank' Akell, veteran and Moama RSL sub-Branch chaplain Father John 'Tink' Tinkler and RSL NSW President Ray James OAM.

The veterans swapped stories and told of the



bonds that formed during conflict, including the unique relationship between Akell and Tinkler, both of whom served in Vietnam.



Moama RSL sub-Branch President Ken Jones and William 'Yank' Akell at the opening of the memorial garden, attended by more than 250.



**MAROUBRA
A TREK TO
RETRACE
FOOTSTEPS**

The Maroubra RSL sub-Branch has provided financial support to a commemorative trip for serving ADF members to the Kokoda Track.

The sub-Branch contributed \$5,000 towards portage for participants on the trip, which marked the 80th anniversary of the Maroubra Force – the infantry force that later fought on the Kokoda Track in 1942.

The two-week expedition featured members of the

16th RWAR Battalion and the 39th OSB Battalion, who retraced the track in opposite directions – the 16th trekking from north to south, the 39th south to north, with the two groups meeting for a service at Brigade Hill.

The ashes of Alan ‘Kanga’ Moore, the last surviving officer of the Maroubra Force’s 39th Battalion, accompanied the troops to Papua New Guinea and were scattered at Isurava and Bomana.

A formal service was later carried out at Bomana War Cemetery in Port Moresby.

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Maitland RSL sub-Branch President Fred Goode OAM, Member for Maitland Jenny Aitchison and RSL Auxiliary President Christine Kidd.



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Lieutenant Lorraine Cheesewright of the 16th RWAR Battalion visits the grave of her great-uncle at Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery.

AUXILIARY

**MAITLAND
MARKING A
CENTENARY**

The Maitland RSL Auxiliary celebrated its 100-year anniversary with style – and a tremendous culinary effort.

Members and local leaders gathered at Club Maitland City for a delicious sit-down lunch to mark the centenary, which was attended by Maitland RSL sub-Branch President Fred Goode OAM, Maitland RSL Auxiliary President Christine Kidd and Member for Maitland Jenny Aitchison MP.

The trio was joined by Auxiliary members Peggy Hume and Helen Rae for the cutting of a rather sizable cake in vibrant blue and yellow.

The event attracted 45 attendees and raised \$400 for the sub-Branch.

“All the money stays in Maitland, and it goes towards helping the veterans out if they’ve got any kind of problem, and they can come and ask for help,” Kidd told the *Maitland Mercury*.

**SHOALHAVEN HEADS
STRONG TURNOUT
AT TRANSITION DAY**

Representatives of the Shoalhaven Heads RSL sub-Branch attended a transition seminar for serving members in Nowra. The event was also attended by RSL NSW Chair Sophie Ray.



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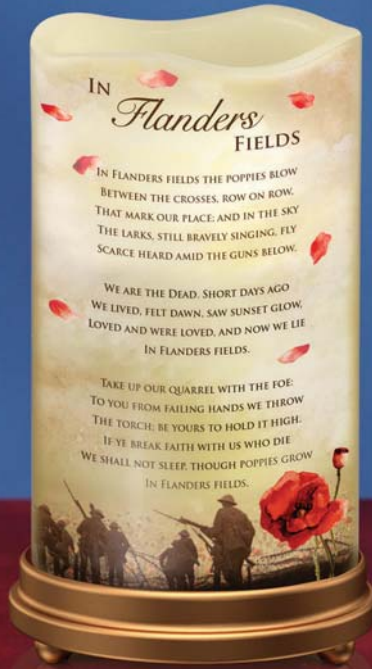
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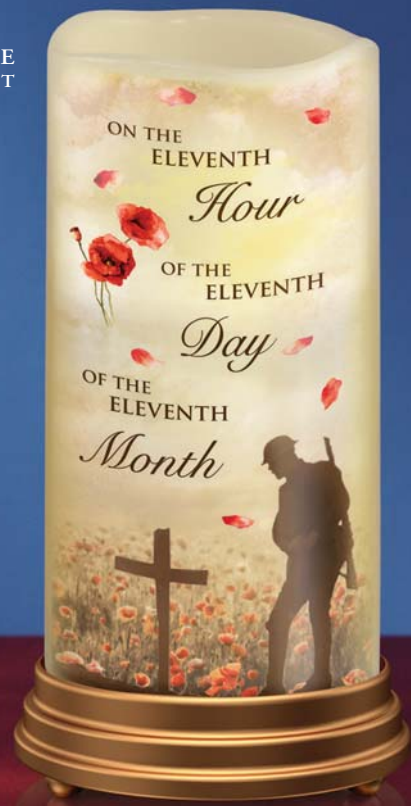
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