



RSL NSW ACTING STATE PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

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The year 2015 with the Centenary of The ANZAC Landings is above all one of the most important years in the history of almost a century for The Returned and Services League of Australia. We owe it to our forefathers and the Nation to ensure that we are not distracted in any way from commemorating this and other significant military achievements in an appropriate and dignified manner.

I am sure that every sub-Branch has some great and individual plans for the way we will commence this period of commemoration and I would like to hear about your ideas and to develop a way in which we can share those plans with others.

Perhaps you could write a short report of what your sub-Branch plans are and forward them through to the State Secretary/CEO's department at admin@rslnsw.org.au in order that we may share these plans with others through a variety of communication platforms.

While we enter into this most auspicious period of commemoration, we must also remember that our mission in short is to care for the whole of the ADF Family and to that end let us all remember that this is our primary reason for existence. With our mission in mind, I am pleased to see that there are many sub-Branches committed to assisting our contemporary veterans, including families, wherever it has been possible to do so.

In my last report to sub-Branches I mentioned the great work being done by the North Bondi RSL sub-Branch in establishing their Veteran's Centre at Bondi Junction. Quite rightly it was pointed out to me that this is not the first of these initiatives and in fact there are others including the Northern Beaches. My apologies to those other centres, I applaud you all for carrying on the aims and objectives of The League.

On mentioning the aims and objectives of The League, it would be remiss of me not to mention the fact that those people who have joined us as Affiliates recently have been doing a great job with many a sub-Branch. Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and other positions are being filled from this new category of membership and they are assisting our network to carry on those aims and objectives.

Although it is only anecdotal evidence at this time, it would appear that a number of sub-Branches who would otherwise be closed today have their doors open and continue to support local communities only because they have accepted this form of membership.

Best wishes

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