

SEPTEMBER 2024



AUXILIARY NEWS

Welcome to this quarterly edition of the Auxiliary Newsletter. It is hard to believe that two-thirds of the year is already behind us, and it's almost time to announce the winner of the Lady Woodward Cup for 2024!

The Lady Woodward Cup will be presented at the RSL NSW Annual State Congress and AGM, which runs from Sunday 27 October – Tuesday 29 October. Disappointingly, we have not received many nominations for this year's Cup. (Last year, we had submissions from 11 Auxiliaries across the State!) We are very proud of the hard work that we see Auxiliary members doing all year round, and the Lady Woodward Cup is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate those efforts. So, if there is a reason that your Auxiliary has not submitted an entry this year, please share any feedback with us via auxiliaries@rslnsw.org.au – we'd love to see more Auxiliaries nominating for the award in 2025.

Since our last newsletter, several Auxiliaries have celebrated milestone birthdays. Congratulations! These events are a wonderful opportunity for local Auxiliaries to share in celebration, and to reflect on the important contribution of those past members who helped set the foundations of our Auxiliaries – their hard work should never be forgotten. Auxiliary members are an important part of RSL NSW, and all your achievements deserve to be recognised and applauded.

Our heartfelt love and congratulations also go to Gwen Rosewell (The Entrance/Long Jetty RSL Auxiliary) and Thora Moxon (Gladesville RSL Auxiliary) who recently celebrated their 100th birthdays. You have both lived through remarkable times and are true inspirations!

There has been some confusion about whether Life Membership is available to Auxiliary members, and we can confirm that it is. The Life Membership Nomination Form can be downloaded from the [Auxiliaries page on the RSL NSW website](#) under 'Become a Member.' The completed form must be signed by your Auxiliary Coordinator and sub-Branch President before being submitted to the RSL NSW Life Membership Committee for a decision.

The last Auxiliary Newsletter for the year will be released in December, so please submit any stories and hi-res images via auxiliaries@rslnsw.org.au no later than 30 November. It's a busy time of year, with Congress and Remembrance Day coming up, so we expect it to be a full issue!

The newsletter is emailed directly to Auxiliary members using the details in the sub-Branch Portal, so please ensure your email address and contact details are kept up to date and inform your Honorary Secretary if there are any changes. If you are unable to access the newsletter via email, please speak to your Honorary Secretary about receiving a printed copy.

Sue & Pauline



Recently, Pauline was asked to speak at the War Veterans Village (Narrabeen) RSL sub-Branch, and is excited to report that the sub-Branch is in the process of establishing an Auxiliary!

Thanks from the RSL NSW City2Surf Team!

On 11 August, more than 300 veterans and family members participated in the City2Surf fun run as part of the RSL NSW team. Special thanks to the RSL Auxiliary members from Castle Hill and District, Balmain-Rozelle, Canterbury-Hurlstone Park, Kingsgrove and Forestville RSL sub-Branches, who volunteered to prepare the race packs and grab-and-go bags for this year's City2Surf participants!



A report from last year's Lady Woodward Cup winner: Sussex Inlet RSL Auxiliary

First, I must mention the amazing team we have here at Sussex Inlet, and the excitement that was felt when we found out we'd be recipients of the Lady Woodward Cup in 2023!

This was our first time entering, and we certainly didn't think we would be awarded first place. It was a thrill to be recognised after all the hard work we put in.

In August 2022, our Auxiliary was struggling, and we were down to just eight Auxiliary members. Our Coordinator had to step down due to poor health and things looked grim for the Auxiliary's future. So, after much discussion and persuasion, I took on the role of Coordinator and my dear colleague and friend Cheryl Hewitt stepped into the role of Deputy.

Dare I say, I could not do this job without Cheryl!

With the great support of our members, and encouragement from our family and friends, we began to recognise where things could be changed and improved.

Sussex Inlet is a very small community with a large percentage of retirees. Recruiting new members was our first challenge. We needed to get the word out there about what the Auxiliary stands for and its key role within the sub-Branch.

The year leading up to our Lady Woodward Cup nomination was one of hard work, a few mistakes, many successes, and doubt as to whether we could keep going.

In September 2023, the Auxiliary members decided we would give it a crack and let RSL NSW know what we had been up to in our small piece of paradise on the South Coast. What we may lack in numbers, we certainly make up for with enthusiasm.

By the time we were awarded the Cup, we had grown to the Auxiliary to 26 members – including four male members! We have become quite well known around town these days, and with the support of the sub-Branch, our profile in the community is improving greatly.

Our catering for small groups has been an excellent fundraising exercise, as have the monthly BBQs we host at the Sussex Markets, selling bacon and egg rolls and sausages sandwiches. We are assisted by sub-Branch members who help set-up marquees and cook the BBQ. The 7am start on Saturday mornings can be a bit of a challenge, particularly in the winter months, however thinking about why we are doing this gets us through every time!



Commemorations are an opportunity to reflect on the importance of Australia's military history, and raise the profile of the Auxiliary through fundraising. We've made changes to the fundraising merchandise we have available, and all items sell well.

ANZAC Day is the day for the Gunfire Breakfast, and this year instead of the bacon and egg rolls, we made bacon and egg pies (a staple in New Zealand, particularly on ANZAC Day) and savoury mince on toast.

I wrote to our local butcher, grocery store and Farm Greenhouse, asking if there was anything they could contribute. The butcher advised that they would donate 15kg mince, 120 slices of bacon and 15 dozen eggs, while the grocery store donated all the mixed vegetables and 20 loaves of bread, and the Greenhouse donated all the onions. This was an amazing effort from small businesses and a wonderful example of the community spirit in our region.

After cooking all the previous day and arriving at the Hall at 4.30am, we managed to serve breakfast to more than 150 people who all arrived cold and hungry after the Dawn Service. And there was enough food for our Welfare Packs to be delivered to local veterans in need.

Christmas Lunch in July and early December has been another great success. The Auxiliary members prepare, cook and serve a full hot roast dinner with dessert for 60 people with enough left over for welfare packs.

We have also assisted the sub-Branch to host a barefoot bowls day and social BBQs. Our sub-Branch Hall is a hive of activity when these events are held, and it's a wonderful opportunity for camaraderie and social interaction which is so important for members and their families.

When our sub-Branch lawn bowls teams travelled to Dubbo for the Annual Diggers Bowls Competition, 14 Auxiliary members accompanied them. It was a great week and has become a very important part of our annual activities.

We've been lucky to connect with fellow Auxiliaries. Cheryl and I were invited to attend the 75th birthday celebration of the Huskisson Auxiliary and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet other Auxiliary members and the State Auxiliary Coordinator, Pauline James OAM, and thank her personally for her support. The lunch was delicious, and we were made so very welcome. We hope to host the Huskisson Auxiliary at our hall soon!

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We also had the opportunity to meet up with a few of the Dubbo Auxiliary members at the Dubbo RSL, where they host the bingo three times a week. We played Bingo and had lunch, and chatted about the different fundraising ideas we have and the difference between the large community in Dubbo and the much smaller one in Sussex Inlet.

Our next event will be the monthly Market BBQ on Saturday 12 October, followed by our Veterans' Health Week lunch on 13 October, so we are very busy preparing for both events.

I'm proud of the work that the Sussex Inlet RSL Auxiliary does and how we fundraise and support our local servicemen and women, veterans and their families, and Auxiliary members. We believe in making everyone feel included and recognising their abilities and the contributions they make to our community, our sub-Branch and our Auxiliary. We want to create a safe and welcoming environment where everyone has a part to play in keeping each other happy and well, both physically and mentally.

Lest we forget.

Joanne Pendlebury, Sussex Inlet RSL Auxiliary Coordinator

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Auxiliary member numbers and membership cards

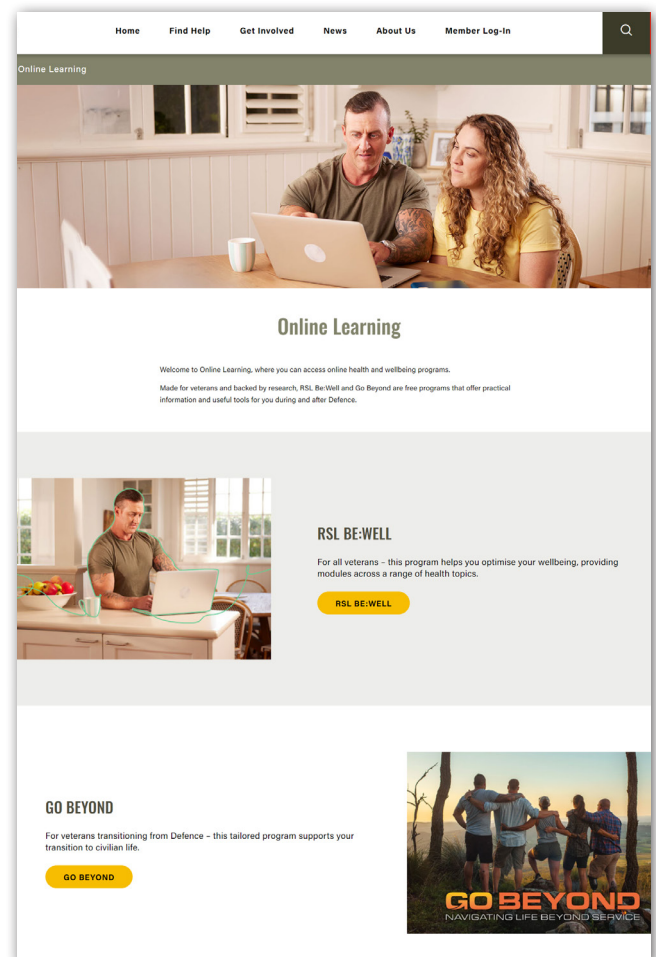
Did you know that all Auxiliary members have a seven-digit member number? You'll need this number to log in to the RSL NSW Member Portal, where you can access key information and resources. Auxiliary members can also request a membership card with a printed member number. If you would like to request an RSL NSW membership card, please contact your Member Support Team via support@rslnsw.org.au or 1300 679 775.

Access online learning

Veterans and their families can now access free online health, wellbeing, and transition programs via the RSL NSW website. Two free self-paced programs, RSL Be:Well and Go Beyond, are now available via the new [Online Learning page](#).

Made for veterans and backed by research, these self-paced programs were developed by RSL Queensland in partnership with Gallipoli Medical Research, to provide veterans with practical information and tools to use during and after their time in Defence.

The RSL Be:Well program is designed to support proactive health and wellbeing, addressing physical, mental and emotional health, as well as social wellbeing, while Go Beyond focuses on key areas of transition, providing actionable guidance that helps veterans to help readjust to civilian life.



Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has released its final report, including 122 recommendations to improve services and support for veterans.

To find out more, visit the [RSL NSW website](#).

Fundraising Toolkit now available

To assist with fundraising efforts, ANZAC House has created a Fundraising Toolkit for sub-Branches and Auxiliaries. The toolkit makes it easy to purchase RSL NSW branded marquees, tablecloths, pull-up banners and merchandise, as well as fundraising tokens and boxes, with flat-rate shipping. To view the Fundraising Toolkit, please [click here](#).

Note: All orders must be placed before 18 October to ensure delivery before Remembrance Day.

If your sub-Branch requires financial assistance to purchase branded merchandise or fundraising tokens, support is available through the Support and Assistance Fund.

SET UP YOUR SUB-BRANCH FUNDRAISING STAND



Poppy Appeal

ORDER BEFORE 18 OCTOBER
TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR ORDER BEFORE REMEMBRANCE DAY

 Shipping calculated at check-out

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

 <p>Example RSL sub-Branch</p> <p>Product codes: 8000336 8000337</p>	SUB-BRANCH BRANDED MARQUEE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40mm aluminium frame• Canopy are 500D Oxford fabric (waterproof, PU coated and flame retardant)• Full colour canopy with full colour dye sublimation print• Supplied with ropes, pegs and wheel bag• Two sizes available	\$992.31 + GST 3 x 3m marquee
	RSL NSW TABLECLOTH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tablecloth to fit 6 foot table• Full colour dye sublimation on 250gsm knitted polyester• Full colour print• 1800mm length	\$235.39 + GST

RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Art Competition

Entries for the [RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Art Competition](#) for 2025 must be received by 1 November 2024. Students are encouraged to create an artwork that reflects the ANZAC Spirit, and each school may submit two artworks for consideration. If you would like to encourage local schools to take part, digital and print-ready flyers can be downloaded from the sub-Branch Portal. Or, for printed flyers, please contact support@rslnsw.org.au and advise the quantity you require, and they will be mailed to you.

Changes to Sport & Recreation Program Funding

The [RSL NSW Sport & Recreation Program](#) offers funding support for sub-Branches who do not have the resources to deliver activities in their community. If you assist your sub-Branch to plan activities, please note that RSL NSW is now providing support for refreshments and travel under the program's funding. Funding is now available for:

- Refreshments: Up to \$10 per person for food and non-alcoholic beverages per activity
- Travel: Bus hire to support travel to and from sub-Branch led activities
- Equipment: Sports equipment or other items required to facilitate an activity
- Facilities: Hire for community halls, bowling greens, club facilities, etc.
- Professionals: Fees for a qualified instructor to facilitate an activity
- Safety: Training and purchase of first aid kits, PPE, etc.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Sport & Recreation Program team via sportandrecreation@rslnsw.org.au or call 1300 679 775.

September issue of Reveille is out now

The September issue of *Reveille* has been mailed out. If you have not received your magazine, please contact your sub-Branch Secretary to ensure your address details are up to date and email support@rslnsw.org.au to request a copy to be sent to you. In this issue:

- The Inaugural Middle East Area of Operations Commemoration.
- An exclusive interview with Nick Kaldas, Chair of the Royal Commission.
- How veterans in Bingara have forged new connections with the local community.
- How the Veteran Support Fund is helping to provide the recognition the Everyman's Welfare Service deserves.

Read the September 2024 edition via the [RSL NSW website](#).

Note: To avoid wasted resources, if your household receives multiple copies of Reveille each quarter, please notify your Secretary so that this can be adjusted in the sub-Branch Portal.



AROUND THE AUXILIARIES

Wingham RSL Auxiliary

Wingham RSL Auxiliary has celebrated 95 years! Members of the sub-Branch were joined by guests, including Former Auxiliary President Cheryl Saunders and Lenny Saunders, longtime Members and friends Joan Yarnold, Marie Hatchwell, Ken and Liz Malpass.

Wingham RSL sub-Branch President Brian Willey paid tribute to the Auxiliary's years of dedication and thanked all members, past and present for their service.

Pauline James also delivered a rousing speech and presented the Life Membership award to the hardworking but ever humble Lesley Irwin on her 86th Birthday. Pauline then assisted Lesley, Nathalie Reeves, Helen Ryan and Bev Mills to cut the birthday cake, which paid tribute to the Auxiliary's 95 years of service.

Auxiliary Members from neighbouring sub-Branches in Harrington, Old Bar Beach, Taree and Gloucester also attended to show their support. Teresa Earley from Old Bar Beach RSL Auxiliary delivered a response from the heart on behalf of the visiting members, and Bulahdelah musician, Greg Hayes, had some of the guests up dancing!



Fairfield RSL Auxiliary

Members of the Fairfield RSL Auxiliary enjoyed a Christmas in July celebration at The Fidler in Rouse Hill, with entertainment from Elvis! The Auxiliary members have been working hard fundraising, including setting up a table at Villawood Bunnings for Father's Day, and enjoyed a monthly bus trip to Picton Viaduct with Legacy widows.



Gladesville RSL Auxiliary

Four members of the Gladesville RSL Auxiliary were joined by State Auxiliary Coordinator Pauline James to celebrate Thora Moxon's 100th birthday.

The day was filled with cake, balloons and a lot of big smiles!



Port Macquarie RSL Auxiliary

Congratulations to Auxiliary member Lyne Mooney, who celebrated 50 years of service on 19 July. Lyne was presented with a certificate and flowers from President Jason Gill at the Port Macquarie sub-Branch meeting.

The Port Macquarie RSL Auxiliary held a special morning tea to farewell Dawn Everingham, who joined the Auxiliary on 1 September 1957, and is one of the longest-serving Auxiliary members in NSW.

Dawn is moving to Green Hills to be closer to family, and was presented with a lovely bunch of flowers, a china mug and a book reflecting on Port Macquarie's history. The Auxiliary members will miss seeing her smiling face at meetings!



St George RSL Auxiliary

On ANZAC Day, a member of the St George RSL Auxiliary had the opportunity to attend the ANZAC Day Tribute at Sydney Town Hall. It was a very moving service in commemoration of veterans!

A member also worked with the local Public School to organise a presentation for students whose grandfather served on the Battleship, HMAS Australia 1, in World War 1. Parents, MP's and the sub-Branch President attended the school assembly for the presentation.

In September, the Auxiliary ran its second raffle of the year for Father's Day – these raffles are a great opportunity to chat with members of the public and educate them about the support that's needed for veterans and their families.



For a small Auxiliary, St George is blessed with lots of support from St George Maso's and local businesses, which makes these raffles possible.

The St George RSL Auxiliary continues to hold bi-monthly meetings to brainstorm fundraising ideas and share member welfare needs, as well as social dinners to connect with each other!

These gatherings offer members plenty of support and encouragement.



Huskisson RSL Auxiliary

Huskisson RSL Auxiliary has celebrated their 75th anniversary. An amazing achievement!

Auxiliary Coordinators and Life Members, Lillian Dalton and Mary Bateman were presented with a plaque and certificate from State Auxiliary Coordinator Pauline James OAM, while members and honoured guests were invited to enjoy a delicious lunch and celebratory cake at Club Jervis Bay.



East Maitland RSL Auxiliary

Formed in 1934, the East Maitland RSL Auxiliary has celebrated 90 years! With 36 members, aged from 27 to 90 years old, the Auxiliary provides support for key commemorations and hosts functions and fundraising raffles. Members from the East Maitland RSL sub-Branch came together on 20 July to mark the important milestone and cut the celebratory cake!



Bass Hill RSL Auxiliary

Auxiliary members from Bass Hill RSL sub-Branch were guests at a function for the Battle for Australia, where Secretary Gary Roser was presented with a 'Thank You For Your Service' quilt.



Kingsgrove RSL Auxiliary

The Kingsgrove RSL Auxiliary recently completed several fundraising activities, including a Mother's Day raffle, which successfully raised more than \$2,100 to support RSL LifeCare Veteran Services.

Ahead of ANZAC Day, Auxiliary members set up a stand at Bunnings Kingsgrove to sell tokens and raised more than \$500. This was a first for the Auxiliary and a pleasing result, especially as they were competing with a sausage sizzle! After the ANZAC Day dawn service, Auxiliary members assisted serving breakfast to veterans, family members and friends. It was a busy but enjoyable morning.

The June long weekend saw sub-Branch and Auxiliary members attend the King's Birthday Morning Tea. It was wonderful to see many members enjoying the delicious scones, served with jam and cream.



Do you have photos of your Auxiliary?

Share them via marketing@rslnsw.org.au, so that we can feature them on the RSL NSW website, social channels and in *Reveille*. Ensure your photos are clear, high-resolution, and showcase the amazing work done by your Auxiliary.

Penrith RSL Auxiliary

Congratulations to the City of Penrith RSL Auxiliary, who celebrated their 80th Anniversary on Saturday 21 September.

Auxiliaries from neighbouring districts and other local groups were welcomed at Penrith RSL Club to join the celebration. Shirley Delaney and Betty Sutherland, two of the sub-Branch's longest-serving Auxiliary members, had the honour of cutting the cake.

Penrith RSL Auxiliary's numbers are growing and they have been very pleased to welcome three new members in the last few months!

And their hard work is not going unnoticed. Auxiliary member, Wilma Taylor, was nominated by the Penrith RSL sub-Branch for 2024 Outer Western Sydney Senior Volunteer of the Year. Wilma is a very dedicated member of the League, and for many years has given her all to Penrith RSL Auxiliary.

Auxiliary members continue to support the sub-Branch at commemoration services by handing out programs and seating VIP's. They also run a raffle at the monthly sub-Branch meetings. The Auxiliary's recent Christmas in July raffle was a very successful fundraiser!



'THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE' QUILTS

RSL NSW Auxiliaries proudly acknowledged the dedication of 11 individuals, whose hard work has made a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.



John Sowden

Currently the Secretary of War Veterans Village (Narrabeen) RSL sub-Branch, John has also held the position of Vice President, Trustee and Congress Delegate.



Doug Smyth

As the editor of *Dispatches*, the War Veterans Village (Narrabeen) RSL sub-Branch's bi-monthly newsletter, Doug manages communication with Members, the local community and media.



Murray Bolton

Murray proudly served in the Royal Australian Navy as a stoker, and now works tirelessly as the Secretary / Director of Corrimal RSL Sub-Branch Limited. "It is very humbling to receive such a beautiful quilt," he said.

Nominate a quilt recipient from your sub-Branch:

'Thank You For Your Service' quilts are hand-crafted by volunteers from the RSL NSW Auxiliary network, and awarded to recognise the dedication of past and current-serving ADF members, who offer ongoing support to the veteran community.

If you would like to nominate someone from your sub-Branch to receive a 'Thank You For Your Service' Quilt, please email your nomination directly to support@rslnsw.org.au



Gary Roser

Gary was recognised for his outstanding work as the Bass Hill RSL sub-Branch Secretary, and his tremendous support of the Bass Hill RSL Auxiliary.



Michael Burgess

Currently the Treasurer at East Maitland RSL sub-Branch, Michael was recognised for his meaningful and continuing contribution to the League.



David Harris

The Honourable David Harris MP, Minister for Veterans, works closely with local RSL sub-Branches and the veteran community across NSW.



Brian Willey

Committed to supporting veterans and their families, Brian is President of Wingham RSL sub-Branch and President of Far North Coast District Council.



Terry James

A Vietnam veteran and former President at Hornsby RSL sub-Branch, Terry was instrumental in re-establishing the Hornsby RSL Auxiliary.



David Hand

As a Marine Technical Propulsion in the Navy, David served in the Gulf War 1, and is now President at Castle Hill and District RSL sub-Branch and the Delegate for Far Western District Council.



Frank Di Stefano

A Wing Commander serving in the RAAF, Frank helps organise ANZAC Day commemorations and has been involved in RSL NSW's school-based 'Postcards of Honour' campaign.



John Maddigan

A Middle East Area of Operations veteran, John was awarded an Order of Australia in 2009 for services to the RAAF and to 36 Squadron as Loadmaster Leader.

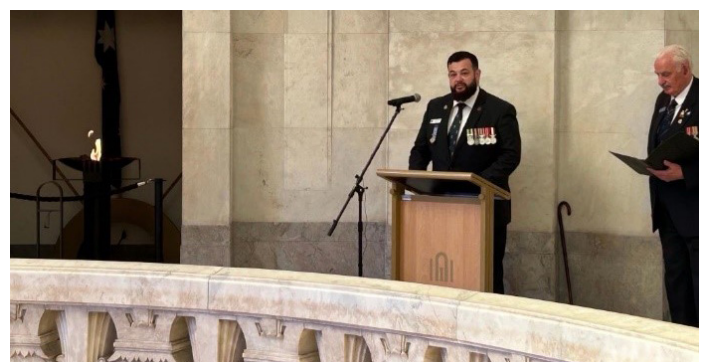
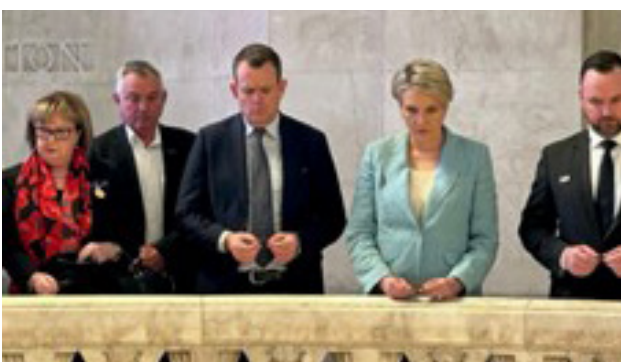
MEAO Commemoration

The inaugural Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) Commemoration was held 11 July. The service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place was attended by Barbara Lunnon from Forestville RSL Auxiliary, US Consul General, Christine Elder, and State Auxiliary Coordinator, Pauline James OAM. RSL NSW President Mick Bainbridge gave an address and read The Ode.



INTERFET Commemoration

Friday 20 September 2024 marked 25 years since the arrival in Dili of the multinational peacekeeping force known as International Force for East Timor (INTERFET). A ceremony hosted by RSL NSW was held at the Anzac Memorial, and Pauline James represented RSL NSW Auxiliaries to pay respects. The address was given by Paul James.



Toukley RSL Auxiliary member Kay Ungaro has generously donated a quilt to be included in fundraising for RSL LifeCare's annual Poppy Ball gala.

Kay has been a quilter and seamstress for more than 45 years. As the daughter of a WWII Veteran (deceased), and the sister of a Vietnam Veteran, the inspiration for this quilt came from Kay's desire to help raise funds to support the wellbeing of veterans and their families.



It took Kay two and a half years to complete the quilt, due to the complexities in the design and the numerous sewing projects that she was working on. The quilt, which is based on a Pam Bono (American Quilter) design, is two-sided and king size.

The RSL NSW Auxiliaries thank Kay for her thoughtful donation, and the effort in producing such a wonderful piece!

Camden Country Quilters Guild 32nd Annual Exhibition

The RSL NSW Auxiliaries were delighted to see the 'Thank You For Your Service' quilt that was presented to former Governor General David Hurley exhibited at the recent Camden Country Quilters Guild 32nd Annual Exhibition. The talented Christine Boardman, who made the quilt, was also in attendance.



A special thank you to Alison McKean from South West Rocks RSL Auxiliary!

As well as passionately supporting her own Auxiliary, Alison has assisted the RSL NSW Auxiliaries for many years, with her beautiful craft work. When asked, Alison didn't hesitate to take on the project of creating a stunning cross-stitch design that reflects the stain-glass window at in Government House Sydney. It was presented to His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, who was delighted at the beautiful gift.

Vale Doreen Dromgoole - Sawtell RSL Auxiliary

Doreen joined the Sawtell RSL Auxiliary on 7 February 1986 and was a member for 26 years until 2012. She served with distinction and faithfully observed the pledge undertaken at that time from when she first joined.

Doreen's support to the cause never wavered. She had a twinkle in her eye whenever she would talk about the Auxiliary.


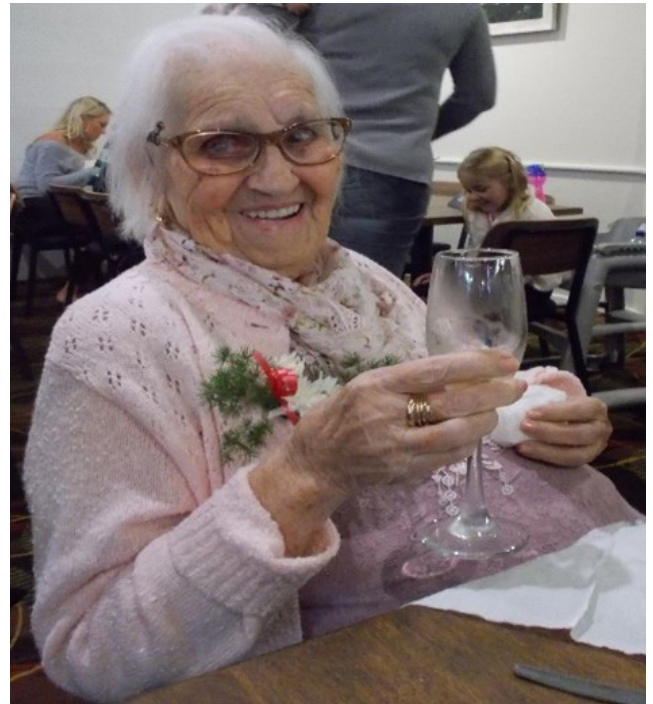
Doreen served as:

- Vice President in 1999/2000
- Publicity Officer from 1994 - 2000
- Welfare Officer from 1994 - 1997 and 2000
- Committee Member from 1995 - 1997
- Raffle Foyer from 1987 - 1992
- Meat Foyer from 1994- 1996
- ANZAC Day Luncheons from 1994 - 1998

She was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in December 2004. Doreen did hospital visitations with her husband Martin, and assisted with fundraising and events, including raffles, street stalls, mannequin parades, commemorations and appeals. Doreen was the 'Queen of Christmas Cakes' – she made them for stalls, raffles and Christmas dinner with the sub-Branch.

Doreen loved the camaraderie of the League, and being involved in the community. The Sawtell Auxiliary meant a lot to Doreen, and we will remember her with love and affection.

May you rest in peace, Doreen. We are honoured to have had you as a member and a friend.



To all the Auxiliary members who are not feeling the best at the moment, we are thinking of you and sending our best wishes.

Vale Marie McConnell - Kingscliff RSL Auxiliary

Marie McConnell, who had been involved with the Kingscliff RSL Auxiliary, passed away in July.

RECIPE

Apple Charlotte

"Apple Charlotte is a truly delicious dessert! This vintage edition from our archives will still impress, even today." – Pauline James

Ingredients:

- 1 ⅓ cup plain flour
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- ⅓ cup custard powder
- ⅓ cup cornflour
- 2 tablespoon icing sugar
- 150 gram butter
- ⅓ cup water, approximately
- milk

For the filling:

- 6 medium apples
- 2 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Passionfruit icing:

- 1 cup icing sugar
- ½ teaspoon soft butter
- 1 passionfruit
- 1 teaspoon milk, approximately

- 1.** Grease 20cm round sandwich pan. Sift dry ingredients into large bowl, rub in butter. Add enough water to make ingredients cling together. Press dough into ball, knead gently on floured surface until smooth, cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- 2.** Roll two-thirds of the dough on lightly floured surface until large enough to line base and side of prepared pan. Lift pastry into pan, brush edge of pastry with a little milk.
- 3.** To make the filling, peel, quarter, core and thinly slice apples. Combine apples, sugar, water, juice and nutmeg in a pan, bring to the boil and cover and simmer for about 10 minutes, or until apples are tender. Drain the mixture and cool, before spreading into prepared pastry case.
- 4.** Roll remaining pastry until large enough to cover filling, place pastry over filling and press the edges together, trimming neatly. Brush pastry with a little more milk and cut two slits in the pastry.
- 5.** Bake in a moderate oven for about 50 minutes or until lightly browned; cool cake in the pan before turning out.
- 6.** To make the passionfruit icing, sift icing sugar into a small heatproof bowl. Stir in butter, passionfruit pulp and enough milk to make a stiff paste. Stir icing over hot water, until spreadable.
- 7.** Top the cold Charlotte with passionfruit icing and leave to set before cutting.

Share your favourite recipe with us!

Got something you love to cook for fundraisers, events or Sunday lunch? Share your recipe by emailing the ingredients and method, along with an image, to auxiliaries@rslnsw.org.au



Auxiliaries with Facebook pages

Ingleburn

RSL NSW

St George

Bundeena

Leeton

Port Macquarie

Woonona Bulli

Doyalson Wyee

Toukley

Woy Woy/Ettalong/Hardys Bay

If your Auxiliary has a Facebook page and is not listed here, please email us so we can add your details to the next newsletter.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

For those who use Facebook, did you know we have both an Auxiliary Facebook page and group? Click on the links below to join us!

RSL NSW Auxiliary Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163434587113422>

Auxiliary Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345503682455520>

Battlefields from WWII, Gareth McCray OAM has regular posts, poems from Bill Charlton, and so much more.

Helping Our Veterans Craft Group

Heicke Keefe has set up a Facebook group for all of the crafters amongst us. Pop over and join! There are great ideas to help raise funds:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345503682455520>

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