



# War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL sub-Branch

Through an active membership we keep the ANZAC spirit alive and growing

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## DISPATCHES

MARCH 2020 COVID-19  
SPECIAL ISSUE

**"The price of Liberty is eternal Vigilance"**

### The President's Message - currently

Welcome to this special edition of Dispatches. It is not our intention to replicate the information already streaming into your homes but to let you know that your sub-Branch is still operating during these trying and difficult times.

As you will be aware, all meetings and gatherings in the Village have been cancelled, so we are not able to have our regular monthly meetings. The Executive will be meeting on a monthly basis to consider correspondence and any other issues that come our way.

Doug will continue to provide regular issues of Dispatches and Secretary John will also provide regular updates as information comes to hand.

Know that we are here for you if you have any needs or concerns. Contact details and office hours are published in this issue and we will respond to phone calls and emails as soon as possible.

We will weather this storm together. Be patient, be tolerant, be understanding, most of all, continue to 'be together', even if only by phone.

Lest We Forget

Bob Durbin

President

### Secretary's Message

No sooner do we have some new faces on our committee than all our activities, including monthly meetings, are closed until virus COVID-19 releases all of us from its ever-expanding spread. Your committee will find ways of keeping in touch with members and will continue to meet monthly, even if we can't be "in the same room".

There is no Anzac badge selling this year due to COVID-19. This will have a significant impact on sub-Branch income and our ability to support member activities. HOWEVER, if you are like most of the population, and love chocolate, PLEASE BUY and PAY into the box the ANZAC wrapped dark and milk chocolate bars available at the Dugout. At \$4 they are cheaper than the usual ANZAC badge so buy 2 or 3. And remember to take the correct money; the box does not give change!! I got caught with a \$20 note recently so ended up buying 5 bars!

During this tough time with many personal and social restrictions on what we can and cannot do, we must remember to look out for one another – check on neighbours, keep in touch with friends, maintain high standards of personal hygiene and stay involved and interested in something special to you.

Your new secretary – John Sowden

### A message from your Editor

With all that is happening as the Federal Government and State Government Leaders, along with the Australian Health Protection Principals Committee, tackle the difficult task of introducing different stages, involving a variety of measures, to ensure that the virus is brought under control and even stopped. Your Executive Committee discussed today (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March) actions to be taken to move forward.

Listed below are changes to our Events program for the next six months.

**Sadly Cancelled - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - ANZAC March & Service. Live streaming of a Service, is being organised by the Village.**

**Sadly Cancelled - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Village ANZAC Dawn Service. It is suggested you observe the day by watching the variety of services being screened on Television Channels.**

**Cancelled - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Bus trip to War Memorial Hyde Park South.**

**Cancelled sorry - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July -Christmas in July Luncheon, Waterview Restaurant, Berowra Waters.**

**Sadly Cancelled - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August - VP Day Lunch, Lone Pine Lounge.**

**Sorry to be Cancelled - Wednesday/Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Bus Trip and Overnight in Bowral for Tulip Festival.**

**Especial Note: General Meetings, that is for April, May, June, July are cancelled. Regarding the General Meeting for August and beyond - TBA**

Please be assured that your Committee, as elected at the AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> March are here to support you.

Don't be surprised if a Committee member gives you a phone call.

If you need any support or assistance, then please call any of your sub-Branch Committee members. Their contact phone numbers are over the page.

### ANZAC APPEAL

The RSLNSW State Secretary has advised that there will be

**NO State-wide 'street appeal' for ANZAC Day.**

**Purchased stock should be held over until Poppy Appeal - November Remembrance Day**

**Our sub-Branch has purchased \$2,200 dollars of stock from the Military Shop which will be held securely until November.**

*The best portion of a good life is little nameless acts of kindness and of love. - William Wordsworth*

## RSL NSW Website

**Members** can login directly onto the New RSL NSW Website.

Go to [www.rslnsw.org.au](http://www.rslnsw.org.au)

Be ready to explore a very friendly website full of great pictures and lots of information.

You can explore all the information with a click on any of the yellow tabs.

Read More

Should you want to access information as a member then scroll down to the heading "Members' Suite" and click on the "More" yellow tab.

More

## Write a Right Royal Review

It is easy for members to contribute.

Only a short paragraph is required.

*Name the best Movie, TV Show or Show you have ever seen.*

*Tell why it is so memorable.*

*Who the best actor/actress was and why?*

*What scene / episode still lives in your memory to this day.*

If you need help, then please call on me as your Editor and by discussing your thoughts, we can write the review together by talking over the phone or in an email.

Editor - Doug Smyth

*Note: Being isolated we are sure your TV viewing Will give you every opportunity to write a right royal review.*

## Issue of May & June "Dispatches"

A reminder publication is due on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Deadline for copy is 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 12 noon. All articles welcome.

*Editor: My thanks to Nancy French for the submission of two articles – one about her Uncle, Frank Doull who was "A Prisoner of War" and another article about her husband, Brian French's father, "Harry French's War Record".*

*Dudley Pye has also submitted another two poems entitled – "In the Company of a Mate" and "Behind the Can't see me in Uniform".*

*We will be including them our next two Bi-Monthly issues. May/June and July/August.*

## Your sub-Branch Committee 2020 - 2023

### Executive Members

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### Sub-Branch Office Hours

The Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9.30am to 12noon and on each of these days one of our Committee members will be in attendance.

Please, in the current circumstances we can only allow one person besides our Committee member to enter the Office.

