



THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA
(NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH INCORPORATED)
"The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"

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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**ITEM 1. REMINDER THE GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON
THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023 TO BE HELD AT 11.00 AM
ON LEVEL 2, 5-7 BARRACK STREET, SYDNEY
(Light luncheon and refreshments served afterwards)**

OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS JAMES WARRAND (PROFILE BELOW)

James will be providing a presentation on the Japanese Submarine Attack on Sydney Harbour in World War 2.

A Resolution is proposed for the Meeting: "That the sub-Branch delegates responsibility, including accountability, for the recruitment and employment of any paid persons of the sub-Branch, to the sub-Branch Executive."

We are looking for additional members for our Committee to help and advise. If you are interested contact Kim. Notice is also given that the Committee proposes to seek the appointment of additional members to the Committee at the Meeting.

PROFILE OF JAMES WARRAND



James has been a keen sailor since he grew up on the Pittwater sailing VJ's, and then owned a small yacht in Sydney Harbour for many years.

His working life included being a dairy farmer and contractor, also as a life insurance and general fire insurance agent, marketing of insurance funding companies and as a financial

planner. He has been a volunteer guide at the Maritime Museum for fourteen years, and since 2017 has been part of the Speakers Group (historical and maritime topics).

James also serves as the Enquiry Desk for the HMS Hood Association as his father, Commander John Warrant, was the Squadron Navigation Officer at the time of her sinking in 1941.

James was involved with the Cobbitty Rural Fire Brigade for over 35 years and has been involved with several organisations based in the Camden District.

James has been a volunteer guide at the ANMM for many years and since 2017 has been part of the Speakers Group.

ITEM 2. NEXT GENERAL MEETING – POSSIBLY EARLY FEBRUARY 2024

On a bimonthly schedule, our next General Meeting would normally be the fourth Thursday in January 2024. However, this is the day before Australia Day. The Committee resolved to have the Meeting in early February. This may also assist Mr. Keith Payne VC AM, who would like to attend and speak to us. Keith lives in Queensland but intends to visit Sydney in February. Keith is the remaining living Victoria Cross recipient from the Vietnam War. We will be issuing a Newsletter around late January advising of the date for that Meeting.

ITEM 3. HONORARY CHAPLAIN

Before the COVID times, we held an Annual Church Service at the Garrison (All Saints) Church at Millers Point on the Sunday around ANZAC Day in conjunction with the 9th Division Association. The Rector in recent years was the Reverend Craig Tubman who attended our 75th Anniversary Lunch and was available at other times. He has, however, moved on to another appointment.

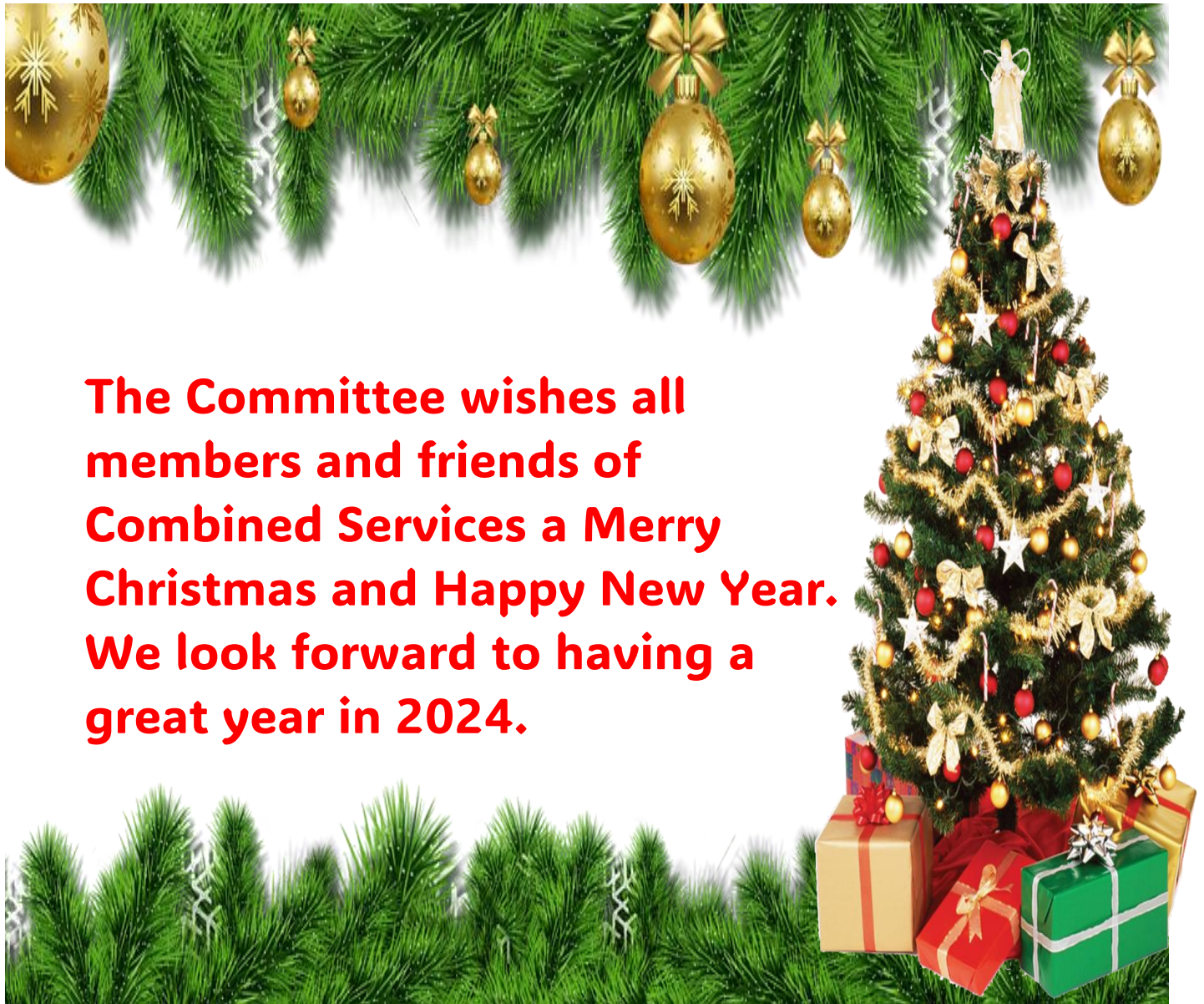


The Reverend Andrew Nixon has kindly accepted the position of Honorary Chaplain to the sub-Branch. Andrew attended our 80th Anniversary Lunch this year. In his capacity as our Chaplain, he intends to attend occasional commemorations and events and make himself available to our members. He works fulltime as a senior NSW Police Chaplain and is also a Senior Navy Reserve Chaplain. Before entering the ministry, he was an officer in the Royal Australian Navy (Training Systems specialist) for around 13 years. Welcome aboard Andrew!

Andrew is a busy man, particularly in his position as a Police Chaplain but we also hope to have him as a guest speaker, maybe next year, to talk on the role of chaplaincy work in Defence. Also, if any member wishes to seek personal counsel, Andrew is happy to discuss it with them. However, welfare and pension matters should be discussed with our

Welfare and Pensions Officer, Patrick Bright, or other agencies. Contact can be made with Andrew, Patrick, and other agencies through Kim on our office phone number.

ITEM 4. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



The Committee wishes all members and friends of Combined Services a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to having a great year in 2024.

Kim Metra, our Business Support Manager, will take holidays in December/January and the Office will be mainly closed from 4th December to 17th January. Our sub-Branch phone number, however, will be directed to members of the Executive during that time if you wish to contact someone.

Ron Hack, PRESIDENT

Kimberly Metra, BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER

8 November 2023