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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024 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 DEBORAH SHEPHERD



Deborah is a Clinical Psychologist at the National Centre for Veterans' Healthcare at Concord Hospital. She has worked in past positions with the Rural Fire Service and the Police Force. She was also a Psych Officer in the Army Reserve for five years. She is currently President, of Burwood RSL sub-Branch.

Deborah will be speaking on the challenges of mental health for veterans.

A VISIT TO THE LANCERS MUSEUM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MASONIC RSL SUB-BRANCH

It has been quite a number of years since our sub-Branch has had an organised outing and this is an opportunity to have one with another sub-Branch. The Museum has favoured recognition amongst Defence Museums and some very good exhibits going back to colonial days. The cost of the tour will be covered by a donation from our sub-Branch.

DATE: Monday 20 May 2024

LOCATION: Lancer Barracks, 2 Smith Street, Parramatta (see GREEN Star on map).

TIME: Meet at the Lancer Barracks gate at about 1045h for a 1100h start.

DISTANCE: Parramatta Station to Lancer Barracks: 100-200m.

TRAIN TIME FROM CENTRAL: 25 minutes

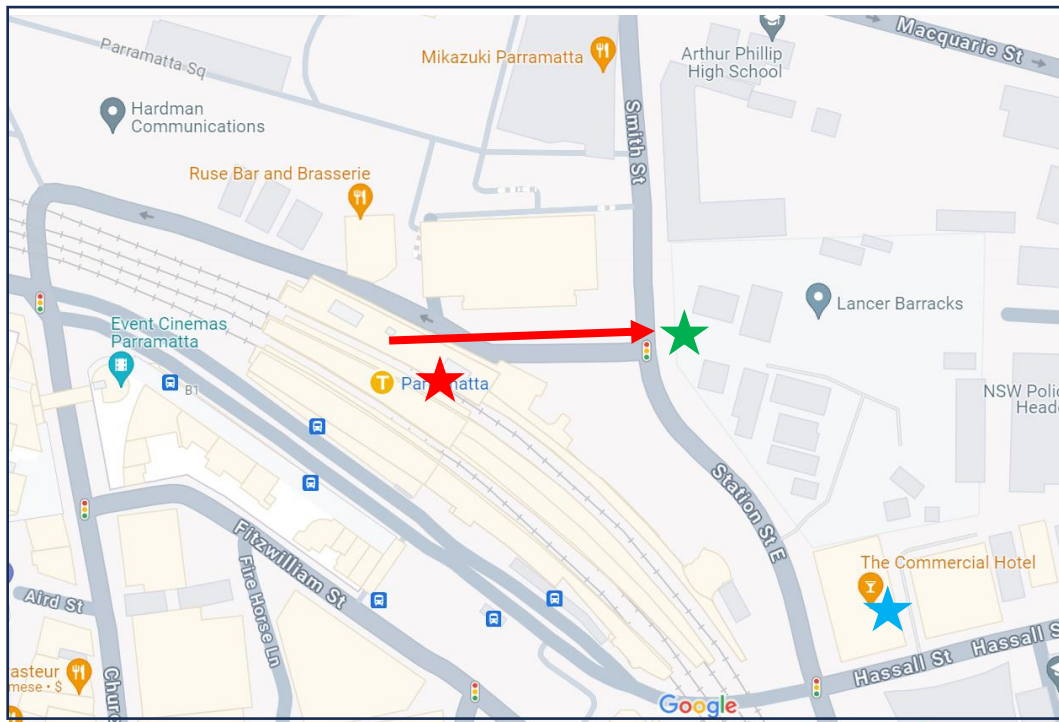
FREE PARKING AT BARRACKS: Usually available - same entry point.

LUNCH: After the Tour, those who wish to have lunch may attend the Commercial Hotel (see BLUE Star on the map). Good food, reasonable prices.

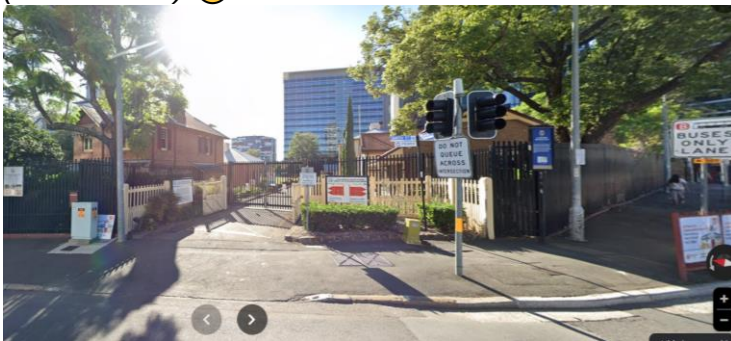
RSVP: The Lancer Barracks is a military base and those attending should provide their names to Kim Metra beforehand (phone 02 9287 6465).

CONTACTS:

Stan Beaman 0414 903 900 (organiser)
John Howells 0405 482 814 (our host)



Walk from Red Star to Green Star (See Lancers Gate below). Stan will have a car available in case of need (not the tank!) 😊



Lancer Barracks Gate (Green Star on the map)



John Howell's private vehicle

FUTURE SUB BRANCH EVENTS

THURSDAY 4 JULY GENERAL MEETING: American Independence Day

Ben Johnson (Committee Member) will be our Guest Speaker. Ben was a former Sergeant in the USAF and served in Afghanistan and Iraq among other places.

SEPTEMBER: President's Lunch. Further details to be advised.

7 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING:

The Reverend Andrew Nixon, our Honorary Chaplain, will be our Guest Speaker. Andrew will be speaking on the role and challenges of chaplaincy in the Defence Forces.

PRE ANZAC COMMEMORATION DAY CENOTAPH SERVICE ON FRIDAY 19th APRIL



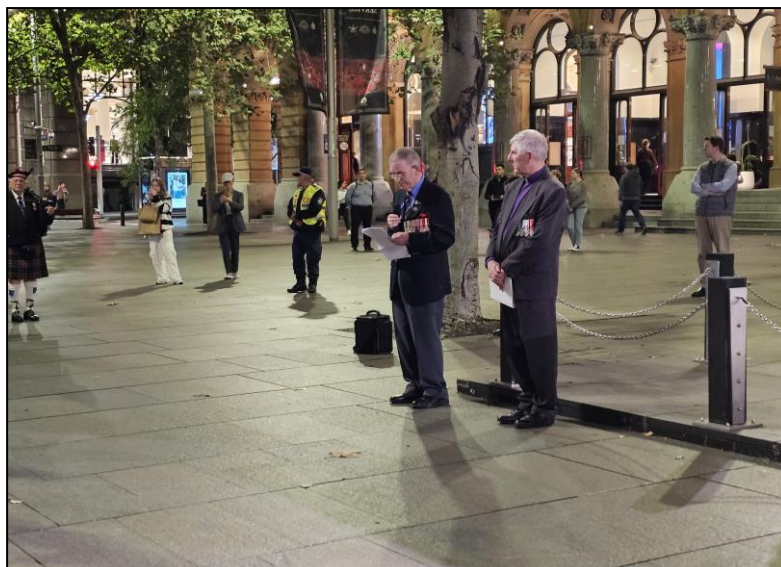
The Service, attended by many RSL members and others, provided an opportunity to commemorate those who had served overseas including those who had given their lives in overseas conflicts.

The weather was kind to us, and the Burwood RSL Pipes and Drums led us down Barrack Street, across George Street to the Cenotaph in Martin Place. Many thanks to the Police who provided an escort.



We were privileged to have Bishop Grant Dibden, Anglican Bishop to the Australian Defence Force to preside over the Service, which included prayers and an Address on the spirit of sacrifice and service.

Wreaths were also laid by Presidents and representatives of Combined Services RSL, Masonic RSL, City of Sydney RSL sub-Branches, TPI NSW, and City Tattersalls Club.





After the Service we were marched back to the Barracks Club for supper and refreshments in the Restaurant where we were also given a rendition by the indomitable Burwood Pipes and Drums.

The March video can be seen on our FB page and Instagram page. Link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/combinedservicesrslsubbranch/>

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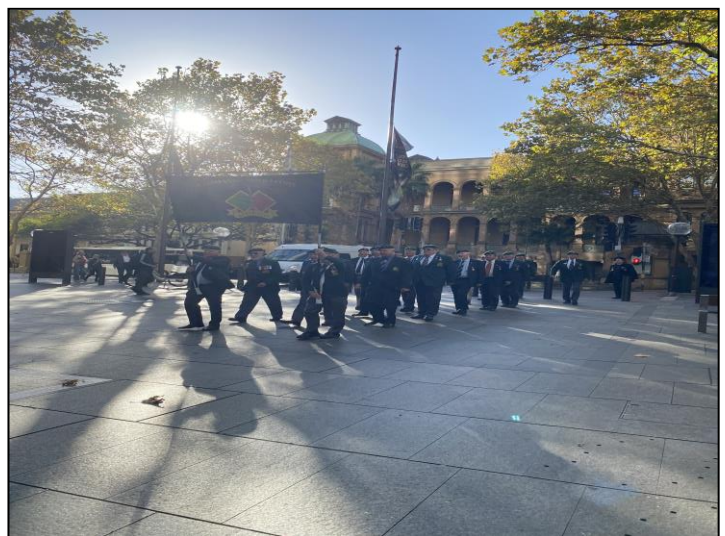
PRESIDENT'S NOTE: ANZAC DAY 2024

A few of our members visited the Barracks and had a free breakfast.

I later had the privilege of saying the prayers at the 8.00 am Commando Memorial Service at the Commando Memorial at the top of Martin Place.

And I marched with them during the March.

Afterwards, I visited the Club where some of our members stayed over lunch. Julianne Horsman, City of Sydney Tattersalls Club was there managing bookings.



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