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(NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH INCORPORATED)

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## Combined Services RSL sub-Branch

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# **JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER**

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## UPCOMING:

**AGM 2026 - TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026 TO BE HELD ON LEVEL 2, 5-7 BARRACK STREET, SYDNEY AT 11.00 AM - more details on February 2026 Newsletter**

## UPDATE OF COMBINED SERVICES RSL SUB-BRANCH

Hello and Welcome to the New Year.

Some changes to our sub-Branch.

Ron Hack has not been well and has stepped down from his role as President.

Happy to say Ron is recovering well in Kareena Hospital on a rehab program.

Sub-Branch members are invited to visit Ron, and Kim can provide an update on Ron's recovery.

Our tenant City Tattersalls Club has moved out, our sub-Branch Trustees are now looking at our options, which could be letting Club levels (LG, G, and L1) to a new tenant. The other option is to sell the property, possibly lease space in a neighbouring property with a sub-Branch office and conference rooms.

by: Geoffrey Graham (Acting President)



from left to right: Kim, Ian, Ron and Daniel

## **VALE: Bob Pink, 18/10/1945 - 14/1/2026**



**2782926 WO1 Robert “Pinky” John PINK OAM (Mil), OAM**

Bob was born in Camperdown, Sydney in 1945 to Bob Snr and Jean and was raised in Redfern, Hargrave Park and Panania and educated at East Hills Boys’ High School. Bob Snr was born in North Surrey England and served during World War II with 2/17 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF in the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo.

On leaving school in 1963, Bob commenced employment with Mingay Publishing in Chippendale and then held clerical positions with the Australian Gas Light Company (AGL). Bob enlisted in the CMF on 25 March 1964 with A Company (NSW Scottish) 2 RNSWR and following the unit’s reorganisation in March 1965 served in 17 RNSWR until discharging from the CMF on 1 February 1966 and re-enlisting in the ARA (S) NS the following day. Following recruit training at Kapooka NSW, Bob was posted to 2 RAR Enoggera QLD, served in South Vietnam in 1967 and was discharged at the expiration of his National Service Engagement on 1 February 1968.

Bob returned to AGL in 1968. Bob’s re-enlistment with 19 RNSWR on 15 March 1969 at Old Holsworthy was followed with service in Admin and C Coys and promotion to SGT in April 1970. Following the unit’s relocation in 1971 from Old Holsworthy to Wallgrove, Bob was posted as CSM SPT Coy and promoted WO2 on 7 April 1972.

The cessation of the National Service Scheme in December 1972 saw the unit strength drop to 200 overnight and 1/19 RNSWR was again relocated for the second time to Bardia Barracks Ingleburn where Bob was posted as the CSM Training Wing.

In October 1975, following the unit's relocation for the third time from Ingleburn to the Padstow Training Depot, Bob was posted as the Unit Recruiting Officer and in November 1977 was promoted WO1 and posted as the Warrant Officer Regimental Duties ("WORD") in addition to his recruiting responsibilities. In March 1981 the unit relocated for the fourth time from Padstow to Mount Olympus Lines Ingleburn.

Bob continued to serve as the WORD until the unit was once again ordered in September 1995 to relocate for the fifth time to Orange NSW. Bob was awarded the Medal of the Order Of Australia (OAM Mil) for service to the Army Reserve, in the 1980 Queen's Birthday Honours. Following the establishment of the unit at Orange, Bob transferred on 30 July 1996 to the Army Reserve Recruiting Unit at Randwick NSW and on 2 June 1998 transferred to the Reserve Command and Staff College at the Regional Training Centre Bardia Barracks Ingleburn as the WO Co-ordinator where he served until discharge on 17 October 2000 having reached the prescribed age for retirement.

Bob was employed with the then Department of Customs and Excise from 1972 until retiring in October 2000. Bob served as the Honorary Secretary and Editor of 'Frontline' for the 1/19 RNSWR Association from 1997 and his dedication in this role and his detailed knowledge of both 1/19 RNSWR and the 1/19 RNSWR Association formed the backbone of the continuation of membership and camaraderie in the Association.

Bob was a Life Member of the Returned and Services League of Australia, Committee Member Ashfield RSL sub-Branch, Life Member of 1/19 RNSWR Association and a long time Associate Member and beloved friend of Combined Services RSL sub-Branch. He was recognised with an Order of Australia Medal for the second time, in the General Division, in 2017 for service to veterans and their families. Ever quick with an incisive comment, Bob quipped at the time "*The Queen must have made a mistake!*".

Bob's Funeral will be held at 10.30am on Wednesday, 28 January 2026 at the South Chapel, Rookwood Crematorium, Memorial Avenue, Rookwood NSW. A private Cremation will be held following the Service. Medals may be worn.

The Funeral Service will be livestreamed:

Live stream: <https://streaming.naoca.com.au/.../e18ee2c5-b24f-4cc9...>

Livestream Code: 7015

By: Geoffrey Cofill (Welfare Support Officer)

**NOTICE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026 TO BE HELD AT 11.00 AM**

**ON LEVEL 2, 5-7 BARRACK STREET, SYDNEY**

**(Light luncheon and refreshments served afterwards)**

Sandwiches and drinks will be served afterwards on Level 1.

The agenda is attached in a separate file.

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**The new contact number for the sub-Branch is 02 9967 4963.**

**Please disregard 02 9287 6465 as it is no longer active.**

**EDITORIAL:**

**Geoffrey Graham, ACTING PRESIDENT**

**Kimberly Metra, BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER**

**22 January 2026**