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WELCOME TO CITY OF SYDNEY MEMBERS

RSL NSW has approved the transition of the City of Sydney RSL sub-Branch (which is 105 years old) to become a Chapter of our sub-Branch. A warm welcome is extended to its members who are now also full members of our sub-Branch.

As a Chapter, the City of Sydney will still hold Chapter Meetings in our Board Room on the second Tuesday of every second month at 11.00 am. Other members of Combined Services are welcome to attend. They may also have an occasional social function which we would be happy to advertise. Members of the City of Sydney now have the best of both worlds as they are also members of our own sub-Branch as well as members of their Chapter. Other members of our sub-Branch are welcome to join or attend Chapter Meetings if they wish.

Alexander (John) Ekert and Daniel Caffery are now Chapter and Deputy Coordinators who will provide updates on any matters of City of Sydney for our Committee. William (Bill) Forsbey is their retiring President and someone who can provide valuable service in the future within the Combined Services RSL sub- Branch as a qualified level 4 Advocate for Dept. of Veterans Affairs claims.

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

This has been an annual event with the last one held in 2022 in the Christmas season. However, in 2023 we held a successful 80th Anniversary Lunch in September instead. Following the success of holding a Luncheon in September we have decided to move the Annual President's Lunch to September this year as functions in December can be competitive with other pre-Christmas activities.

A separate flyer is attached to this Newsletter providing details of the President's Lunch. Don't forget to RSVP early to ensure an available booking.

BEN JOHNSON – AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

At our General Meeting in July, Ben (who is on our Committee) gave an interesting talk on his career in the American Military. Formerly he was an apprentice plumber but like many American males was incensed by the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers and other targets. He wanted to defend or at least avenge his country from its enemies.

And so, he joined the US Air Force. He served as a qualified plumber in the development and maintenance of airfields overseas in places such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

His experiences proved very interesting.



(Ben Johnson in the middle)



VISIT TO THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM, SYDNEY (Report by Stan Beaman)

Our two RSL Sub-Branches (the Masonic Sub-Branch and the Combined Services Sub-Branch) very much appreciated the opportunity to visit the Jewish Holocaust Museum on Monday 15th July. Of the 19 people who attended, only three or four had been to the Museum before.

We appreciated the attention and care of the staff, including Jonathan the organizer and the two guides, Peter and Hannah.

There was much to see, and we understood from the start that we would not be able to get around everything. I know that several of us, including myself, were of the opinion that we would want to return and “browse” at more leisure.

One section that particularly impacted me was that relating to children, including a wall of photos and the falling “tears” in the water.

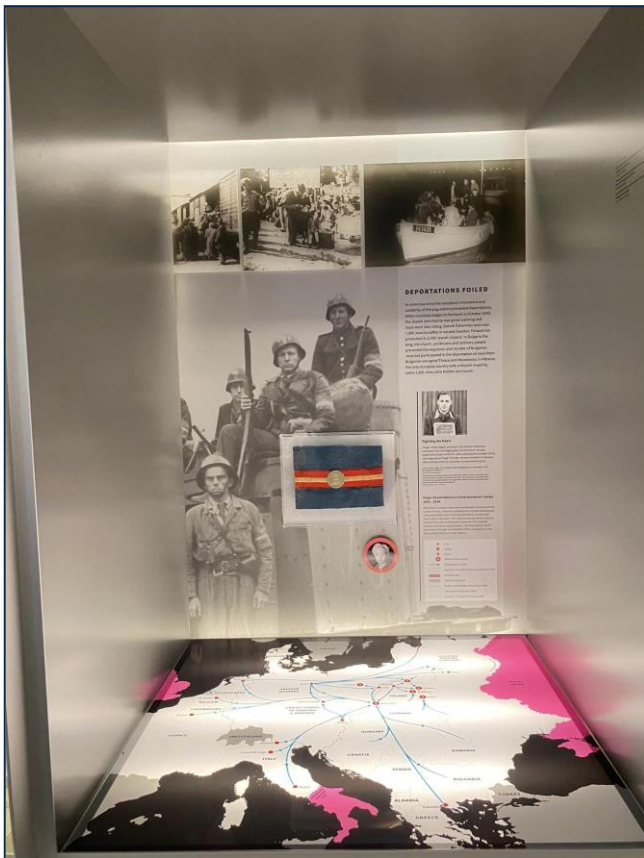
The two guides, Peter and Hannah, had a great depth of knowledge and provided us with much background information. It was of great significance for me to understand that Peter had a personal family link with the tragedies that occurred during World War 2.

It was helpful that we were divided into two groups of 8-10. This made it possible to achieve a smoother movement and participation.

Click the link to watch the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/100089952603173/videos/pcb.441508842190866/1290439979000457>







NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER - NIKHITA SAHAY

Congratulations to Nikhita, a former Combat Engineer, for being elected at our July General Meeting. As Kim is our Business Support Manager and effectively also Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Nikhita will be working closely with her and is also consulting with the membership area of the RSL State Office.

EDITORIAL:

Ron Hack, **PRESIDENT**

Kimberly Metra, **BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER**

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