



RSL NSW AUXILIARY NEWS

August, 2022

Ok, where did the last month go? Each year is going quicker or is that just my imagination?

Thank you to everyone who has commented on the Newsletter, it is more important than ever that we work together and share ideas etc. The last few years have been difficult, forces totally beyond our control but now we're back, back to doing what we do best.

Auxiliaries have always been a big part of RSL NSW, though we were not actual members of the League, the Constitution now recognises Auxiliaries which enables us to build and grow. There has been a bit of confusion on the new structure of the Auxiliaries and RSL NSW has been working to improve communication and will be holding a Workshop 7th September, 2022 for all Auxiliary members to attend either in person or online via Microsoft Teams.

A circular has been sent to all sub Branches, a copy is included in this Newsletter and I will make further comment on that later.

LADY WOODWARD CUP



For those members who don't know, the Lady Woodward Cup was presented to the RSL CCWA by the late Sir Eric Woodward KCMG, CB, CBE, DSO during his term of office as Governor of NSW for an annual competition among Auxiliaries.

Prior to the constitutional changes, there was a formula used to find the winner.

Obviously, some Auxiliaries have large memberships which gave an unfair advantage to the smaller ones. Now that has had to change, The cup is now award to the Auxiliary that achieves the highest score across these three categories: Fundraising for Veteran Services (50%),

Supporting the local veteran community (25%) & Engaging with the local community (25%).

The main focus of any Auxiliary is fundraising but there is so much we can do to support our veterans.

The link to the Nomination Form for this year's competition can be found in the following circular, we encourage all Auxiliaries to enter.

The winner will be presented with the trophy at the RSL NSW Congress in October 2022.



1 August 2022

Circular 32/22 RSL Auxiliaries and the Lady Woodward Cup

Dear Honorary Secretary

It is timely to provide an update about the RSL Auxiliaries following the significant structural changes adopted in early 2020 which was immediately followed by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To recap the structural changes, following the adoption of the 2019 [Constitution](#) and approval of [SOP 8](#):

- Auxiliary Members became a class of membership of RSL NSW
- Each RSL Auxiliary became the direct responsibility of the sub-Branch to which it was attached for all administrative, membership, and fundraising activities
- A Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator for each Auxiliary were appointed to liaise with the sub-Branch and facilitate the activities of the Auxiliary.

Despite the various challenges, there has been plenty of regeneration amongst the more than [90 RSL Auxiliaries](#) across the State, and membership activity is increasing.

ANZAC House requests the following information be provided to the Auxiliary Coordinator at all relevant sub-Branches:

Auxiliary Workshop

All Auxiliary members are invited to participate in a workshop hosted by ANZAC House and the Auxiliary State Coordinator from 1400 on 7 September 2022 at the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney and online via Microsoft Teams. Members will be briefed on fundraising, membership, processes and procedures, and more.

A formal invitation will be distributed by the RSL Auxiliaries State Coordinator to the contact database.

Request for member details

To assist with improving communication to RSL Auxiliary members, it is essential that Honorary Secretaries collate and supply the contact details of all Auxiliary members of their sub-Branch to Anzac House. Please provide the name, address, phone number, email, and date of birth of every Auxiliary member to Auxiliaries@rslnsw.org.au.

Auxiliary Finances and Bank Accounts

As first noted in the [Circular of 9 March 2020](#), please be reminded that the sub-Branch must have oversight of the financial activities of its Auxiliary and, if it has not yet done so, the Auxiliary must close any bank accounts and roll those funds into the appropriate RSL sub-Branch bank account. This should not affect the activities of the Auxiliary in any way. The Coordinator should work closely with the sub-Branch Treasurer to ensure that the activities of the Auxiliary are budgeted for and the income from the Auxiliary's fundraising activities are properly applied to the RSL's charitable purpose; supporting veterans and their families.

Lady Woodward Cup – 2022 nominations now open

Every Auxiliary is invited to enter the 2022 Lady Woodward Cup competition. The RSL Auxiliary that achieves the highest score across the three categories (Fundraising, Supporting the local veteran community, engaging with the local community) will be presented with the Cup at the RSL NSW State Congress in October.

This year, the nomination process has changed. Auxiliaries can nominate by downloading and completing [this application form](#) and sending it to support@rslnsw.org.au by 30 September.

Yours faithfully,

Jeff O'Brien

State Secretary

The latest news is available on the RSL NSW website.

Do you have questions about this email or need to update your contact details?

Email: support@rslnsw.org.au

Phone: 1300 679 775

Did you know you can update your members' contact details on the sub-Branch Portal? Ask the Support Team how.

The above circular was sent to sub Branches 1st August, 2022, just to clarify a few things

Auxiliary Workshop, 2.00pm 7th September, 2022- we understand it is not viable for all Auxiliaries to attend this workshop in person, but you can attend online via Microsoft Teams.

For those who are unfamiliar with Microsoft Teams, this is a platform developed for many business issues but in this case, it will be used for an online meeting.

To access the meeting, you will need a Microsoft Account, all Microsoft users will already have this, if not, you can download a free version at [Small Business for Teams for Free \(microsoft.com\)](https://smallbusiness.microsoft.com/en-au/get-help/get-started-with-microsoft-teams.aspx)

We will send you a link to enter the workshop, there, you will have several options for taking part, if your computer has a camera or webcam you can take part in the video chat, this obviously would be the most beneficial as you can take part in the discussion. Some may prefer not to be on camera, that's fine, you can turn them off and watch the proceedings, it is entirely up to you how you take part, the important thing is to take part and get the information.

If anyone is aware of a member who doesn't have computer access, maybe you could arrange to get together to take part or possibly arrange for it to be streamed at the sub Branch office.

Membership Details, all sub Branches have been contacted regarding Auxiliary membership details, and I would like to thank them for their co-operation, I am still waiting for some information which I am currently following up but the crucial thing at the moment is getting all Coordinator's contact details, so that we can ensure they receive the invitation to the Workshop on behalf of their Auxiliary, could all Coordinators please confirm their contact email as soon as possible to auxiliaries@rslnsw.org.au?

Lady Woodward Cup, as you will see the nomination form has changes and it is a much simpler process, all Auxiliaries are entitled and encouraged to enter the competition.

Using this Circular as an example, I was asked recently why some words or sentences are in blue and underlined, this means there is a link behind the text which will take you to a specific web page or email address, it makes navigating the web easier.



LIFE MEMBERS



Margaret McGlynn & Sue Hardy both of Young Auxiliary, were awarded Life Membership in 2021, unfortunately we didn't have any photos at that time. but better late than never, huge congratulations ladies, job well done.



Sue Hardy being presented with her Life Membership by Phillip Mitchell & Glen Hardy



Margaret McGlynn being presented with her Life Membership by Phillip Mitchell & Glen Hardy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE QUILT



Congratulations to Des Hancock from Wauhope on receiving His Thank You for Your Service Quilt
The beautiful Quilt made by Jo- Ann Michell and Irene from Glen Innes



AROUND THE AUXILIARIES

STOCKTON - AUXILIARY

Activation of RSL Sub branch Auxiliary

What started out as a couple of members having a meal together after the monthly meeting over time increased to half a dozen. It was discussed that we should possibly include partners on alternate month's. This then snowballed to partners accompanying the members to the venue and then chatting together until the meeting concluded upon which we would adjourn to the Dining room for a meal together after every meeting.

The numbers continued to grow from the initial half dozen to over 25 on some nights, natural progression led to the partners deciding to do things together because of the friendships that developed.

Their attendance and help provided at functions and commemorative events resulted in an approach to the partners with the idea of forming an auxiliary so that they were considered a part of the Subbranch when attending functions. The idea took off with one of the members volunteering to be the coordinator to start up the group and another Twelve submitted applications and we were underway.

Now we have a good start up and I welcome them all and hope that they enjoy their time helping out when needed and the social aspect that is part of the volunteer space that they bring to the group.



Vince Broady
President Stockton RSL Subbranch

WINGHAM – AUXILIARY

Held a Christmas in July Raffle, the prizes were a large hamper and \$100.00 vouchers from Wingham Services Club.



Lesley, Carol & Lyn Wingham RSL Auxiliary selling Christmas in July Raffle today



The Manager of Crazy Bargains pictured with Lyn & Lesley was kind enough to loan them a trolley for displaying the Raffle Hamper for the final day of selling tickets, thank you Chris.

FORESTVILLE - AUXILIARY

On Monday 1st August, the Forestville RSL Auxiliary held its last Patron's Day. Now that we are officially part of the Forestville RSL sub-Branch, there is but one Patron.

Three past RSL Auxiliary patrons were present, Judy Hardman (2004-2017), Jill Scifleet (2017-2018), and Barbara Lunnon (2018-2022) who were presented with Certificates of Appreciation by sub Branch, President, Bob Lunnon.



Left to right

Don Kennedy, Patron - Annie Betts, Aux coordinator, Judy Hardman, Jill Scifleet, Barbara Lunnon, Bob Lunnon, President.

For the afternoon, Barbara organised FUNd-raising with fun, frivolity, fines, friendly raffle and food. Thirty-one members plunged in and enjoyed the afternoon as the photos show. It was amazing to see the lovely fun and creative hats made and happily worn.



Thank you to the Forestville RSL Auxiliary Coordinator, Annie Betts and Deputy Coordinator, Rae Stoddart, for helping to make the day happen and to each of the members for their wonderful support.

With the main aim to raise funds for the Veterans and their families in need, we were pleased to donate \$330 towards our entry for the Lady Woodward Cup.

Barbara Lunnon
Past Patron Forestville RSL Auxiliary

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

I was recently talking to a secretary of one of the sub Branches who told me one of their fundraisers is Bottle & Can Recycling, what a great idea, something I had not thought about.

I had a look on line and apparently there are Bottle Banks etc all around NSW. One recycling company, Envirobank, actually have a fundraising page, according to them recycling is the new sausage sizzle.

I took this from their webpage " Educational, inspirational and profitable, recycling through container deposit schemes is a great way to raise funds for your community group, and we can help. At Envirobank, we help groups like the Men's Shed, Girl Guides and Country Women's Association raise money for all sorts of things, and we'd love to help your group make the most of your state's container deposit scheme, too.

We'll set you up with collection bags, provide a marketing kit to help you spread the word, come and collect the containers, and pay out the refund. All you need to do is get your group on board and you're in business.

- Recycling is a hassle-free fundraising option.
- You'll reduce litter around your neighbourhood.
- It engages people on the subject of sustainability.
- It's highly effective. A group with 100 members could raise \$6k p.a.
- You can run it all year.
- People love it."

Check out their website for a list of recycling centres <https://envirobank.com.au/>.

There are several other companies around the state doing the same thing.

Wauchope RSL sub-Branch and the Wauchope Patchwork Quilters Inc have collaborated to produce a Remembrance quilt that has at its centre, a set of iconic and Wauchope-centric

The purpose of this quilt is to bring comfort and warmth and invoke thoughts of home. It also recognises the enduring commitment and sacrifice associated with military service.

Always, during the quiet times, a veteran's thoughts turn to home and family. A veteran's family count all of the hours and days until homecoming.

The quilt will be the major raffle prize for the Wauchope RSL sub-Branch fundraiser leading up to Remembrance Day this year. All proceeds from the raffle are used to provide support to local veterans and their families. Tickets are \$5.00 will be drawn on Remembrance Day.



The year is going so quickly, it is almost time to be getting ready for Remembrance Day.

The poppy is the enduring symbol of remembrance of the First World War. It is strongly linked with Armistice Day (11 November), but the poppy's origin as a popular symbol of remembrance lies in the landscapes of the First World War.

Poppies were a common sight, especially on the Western Front. They flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting and shelling. The flower provided Canadian doctor John McCrae with inspiration for his poem 'In Flanders Fields', which he wrote whilst serving in Ypres in 1915. It was first published in Punch, having been rejected by The Spectator. In 1918, in response to McCrae's poem, American humanitarian Moina Michael wrote 'And now the Torch and Poppy Red, we wear in honour of our dead...'. She campaigned to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance of those who had died in the war.

Artificial poppies were first sold in Britain in 1921 to raise money for the Earl Haig Fund in support of ex-servicemen and the families of those who had died in the conflict. They were supplied by Anna Guérin, who had been manufacturing the flowers in France to raise money for war orphans. Selling poppies proved so popular that in 1922 the British Legion founded a factory - staffed by disabled ex-servicemen - to produce its own. It continues to do so today.

Do you know there are four official colours of poppies for Remembrance Day?



For anyone who would like to knit or crochet poppies to fundraise for the Remembrance Day/Poppy Appeal a couple of patterns are attached.

It would be great to get some photos please of what you make.

Remembrance Poppy, crochet pattern

This pattern uses a 4mm hook and 8 ply acrylic yarn in both black and red.

Centre of Poppy – Black

ch 4, sl st into 1st ch to form loop, ch 2, 11 dc into loop, sl st into 2nd ch, fasten off, change to red

Body of Poppy – Red

2. attach anywhere in the circle, ch 2, dc into same, (2 dc into next) repeat to end, sl st into 2nd ch

3. ch 2, 2 dc into same (3 dc into next) repeat to end, sl st into 2nd ch

4. ch 2, dc into same (2 dc into next) repeat to end, sl st into 2nd ch, fasten off and weave in ends



Remembrance Poppy, knitting pattern

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm.

Easy garter/knit stitch pattern

Body of Poppy – Red

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)

Rows 6-9 Knit

Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches)

Rows 11-14 Knit

Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm

Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy – Black

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre.

Or use a black button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy

CCWA Easy Crochet Pattern

This pattern gives a full crochet poppy using only one stitch, and is an easy pattern for beginnings.

Size 3.5 crochet hook (we want the finished flower to be quite tight) Colour A.
1 ball red 8ply yarn (one ball will make a number of poppies) Colour B. Scrap of green 8ply yarn.

Colour C. Scrap of black 8ply yarn (eyelash yarn looks good)

Body of Poppy

Using Colour A make a slip ring.

1st round ch3, 9 treble crochet into ring. Pull the slip ring tight to close centre of ring and slip stitch in ch to join.

2nd round Ch3, 1treble crochet into first stitch 2treble crochet into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch to join.

3rd round Ch3, 2treble crochet into first stitch, 3 treble crochet into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch to join.

4th round Ch3 1 treble into first stitch. 2treble into each stitch to last stitch slip stitch in top ch to join. Fasten off and sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy

Using Colour B make slip ring ch3 9treble crochet into ring. Pull end to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top ch to join. Fasten off and sew in ends.

Using Colour C join yarn into edge of circle on right side and ch 1 # 1 double crochet into first stitch. 1 ch repeat from # to end of round and slip stitch to join. Fasten off leaving a long tail to attach centre to body of poppy.

Finishing

Sew in ends for body of poppy. The ends for the centre can be sewn in if you wish or hide them behind when you sew on the centre. Using a yarn needle thread black tail and invisibly attach the centre to the body of the poppy.

Start again.

CCWA Easy Ribbed Knit Pattern

This pattern gives a full ribbed knitted poppy and is an easy pattern for beginners.

The ply of your yarns does not matter providing you adjust your needle size to suit. Use a smaller needle size than you may otherwise use. For instance if you are using 8ply yarn and usually knit with 4mm needles, try a 3.75.

The size of the poppy will change depending on your yarn and needles.

Colour A 1 ball red yarn (one ball will make a number of poppies) Colour B small amounts of green for centre or a button.

Colour C scrap of black yarn

Body of Poppy

Using colour A cast on 60st.

Row 1-10 K2 P2

Row 11 K2 tog across the row.

Row 12 slip 1 K2 tog PSSO across the row.

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch.

Centre of Poppy

Using Col B, Cast on 8 stitches and knit a square (approx 8-10row) of stocking stitch. Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread live stitches as previously. The purl side is right side. Run a line of running stitch around the outside of the knitted square and ease enough to pull the edges of the square into a round and tuck under.

Finishing

Stitch the centre tucked side down to body of poppy and over stitch with black yarn as shown, or alternatively use a black or green button as the centre.

Start again.



To all our Auxiliary Members who are not feeling the best at the moment, especially Christine Frame, we are thinking of you and sending our love and best wishes



Recently we had a wonderful surprise to be contacted by a builder who was demolishing a house at Birchgrove and came across this beautiful banner. His name is Richie Romano, of Romano Constructions. Understanding the history involved, Richie went out of his way to find us and get in contact to have the banner returned. We can't thank him enough.

The banner now has been collected and is safely with Balmain/Rozelle RSL Auxiliary.

Thank you to Sue for picking it up



With Vietnam Veterans Day coming up 18th August, 2022, I thought this would be a good time to publish again the wonderful Bill Charlton's poem:

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

TOO GREAT A COST

Over five hundred Australian diggers fell in the Viet Nam War
Each one had prospects of raising a family of perhaps two or more.
That's at least one thousand babies in just one generation
Who would have been fathered by the cream of our great Nation.
These boys were fit and healthy, average age of twenty two
You can just imagine that their babies would have been perfect too.
Then these babies in due time would be producing something similar
Each generation following in this trend that's quite familiar.
So it isn't hard to fathom the sheer devastation caused by war
As the decades pass with lost babies – tenfold more than before.
And having known some prospective fathers, and having studied all the rest
I can tell you with great certainty that they would have been the best.
Clear of mind with supple limbs these future fathers, were the perfect stock
Their hearts were in the right place – they were the good kids on the block.
As a father and a grandfather I understand just what they've lost.
The very essence of life itself and this is too great a cost.
So I grieve for every digger that ever made the sacrifice
Knowing that the actual tally was a horrendous loss of life,
Of the children that would have been had these men been spared,
The offspring of our diggers who weren't meant to breathe the air!

Bill Charlton c 2019

LEST WE FORGET



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

MRS THELMA CRAWLEY OAM



RSL NSW President Ray James OAM spoke at Thelma's service.

A former NSW State President of the Central Council of Women's Auxiliaries and a member of our RSL sub Branch Auxiliary, who served the CCWA and Auxiliary with distinction.

Thelma became a member of the RSL Women's Auxiliary over 50 years ago. Her husband, Mr Alan Crawley, was a World War Two Veteran who was a member of RSL New South Wales.

Thelma rose from her local Auxiliary to become State President of the Central Council of Women's Auxiliary, known as the CCWA. This was the peak governing body of all the NSW Women's Auxiliaries that were attached to RSL sub-Branches across the State. The Auxiliaries have always been and continue to be the fundraising arm of the RSL.

Thelma made great contributions to the RSL Women's Auxiliaries and inspired many other women to volunteer in support of the RSL's Aims and Objectives.

The financial contribution by the Women's Auxiliaries every year exceeded the previous year and we at State Council were continuously amazed how they raised such funds. It must have been sheer dedication and comradeship.

They conducted op shops at metropolitan railway stations and also raised funds by conducting footpath sales in the cities and regional towns. They sold bottled jams and other products and you could always find your favourite cakes, a tea towel to take home or some raffle tickets for something they secured from donors.

Thelma was always thinking of helping others. She would attend prisons to visit veterans who had been imprisoned. She provided support, welfare and care to those who had fell short of the law and been jailed.

Thelma was also passionate about the work of the Concord Repatriation Hospital that supported and cared for veterans in need of healthcare.

Although Thelma presented as a stern leader at times, many of us knew she was an inspirational lady who was committed to supporting veterans and their dependents, by bringing together like minded women from all walks of life and many followed in her footsteps when she retired.

When Thelma became President of the NSW Auxiliaries there may have been 90,000 to 100,000 members of the RSL in NSW and some thousands of Ladies in the Women's Auxiliaries. Veterans of the Second World War were still in large numbers across the State.

Thelma would call all the members of the RSL NSW Women's Auxiliaries her girls. She was very proud of the hard work they all did in fundraising.

Thelma always looked immaculate and took pride in her clothes, which she would sew herself. She would enter a room with an excellent and dignified presence.

Thelma often addressed RSL State Council on the activities of the Auxiliaries and it was a real pleasure to hear just how these ladies set out to support the League.

When unfortunately some RSL Sub Branches ceased to exist due to membership decline and changing demographics, not surprisingly the local Women's Auxiliaries were given approval to continue their significant fundraising to support local veteran activities. Some Auxiliaries would transfer or otherwise come under another sub-branch or District Council.

The support the RSL Women's Auxiliaries gave to RSL LifeCare during Thelma's time, particularly to the Anzac War Vets Village Narrabeen, Linton at Yass and Rowland Village at Galston was absolutely outstanding both in financial donations and in their frequent visitations to residents within the villages.

Thelma stood down as State President of the CCWA in 2013. However, she would still keep in contact with the CCWA and mentor the Executive and add her advice when asked.

Thelma would keep in contact with Mrs Robin McKinnon, Mrs Clara Elliott and the last President of the CCWA, Mrs Pauline James OAM, who is my wife.

Like many grass roots member based organisations the RSL Women's Auxiliary was dealing with an ageing and declining membership. The RSL NSW Board also decided that the CCWA would need to be reenvisioned and so a decision was made to disband the peak body of the RSL Women's Auxiliary. Thelma like many others were saddened by this, however Thelma understood that it had to happen.

The CCWA was replaced by a new body called the RSL Auxiliaries with Pauline James OAM as the State Coordinator and Sue Allen as the Deputy State Coordinator. This body continues the work of the CCWA and works with RSL NSW to coordinate projects, fundraising and community engagement across NSW.

Part of the modernisation of RSL NSW included reviewing the membership of the RSL NSW Women's Auxiliaries. So changing from a female only membership to include male members was looked at and proposed.

The decision to open up Auxiliary membership to males was a difficult but vital one. More importantly however is that finally Auxiliary Members would be recognised in the RSL NSW Constitution and we know that Thelma was very supportive of this.

I hope that many of you here today remember Thelma for the beautiful and amazing woman she was. Thelma will be missed but never forgotten.

To ensure we continue the legacy of Thelma we should ensure that we support, grow and reform our proud RSL Auxiliaries.

Thelma understood the important role that Auxiliaries played in being the fundraising arm of the League.

DENISE ROBYN CLAPSON - SOUTH HURSTVILLE AUXILIARY

Denise Robyn Clapson joined South Hurstville Auxiliary on the 29th April, 1974 and she volunteered to help with the catering of Suppers for Bowls, Snooker and Youth Clubs. Sunday concerts Denise would help Sub Branch with the running of the afternoon. R.S.L. Meals on Wheels Denise was a runner delivering meals around City of Sydney area. Denise and husband Neville then moved to a property out of Taree and Denise resigned from the Auxiliary in 1978.

On the 12th February, 2003 Denise rejoined our Auxiliary. With her personality it was hard to say no to her when she was selling ANZAC day badges and Remembrance Day poppies.

Denise fulfilled our position of treasurer from 2007 to 2018, she had a good insight as her mother Eileen Benjamin was treasurer for 50 years.

Upper Illawarra Welfare Group delegate from 2007 to 2010, Vice President from 2011 to 2016 and delegate to Congress 2009 to 2013.

Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Denise on 17.7.2016 at a luncheon with Sub Branch and Auxiliary. In October 2018 Denise was awarded her First Bar and star for continuing service. Fundraising for our Returned Servicemen and Women is done on a weekly roster each Tuesday and Denise fulfilled her obligations fully.

Outside Auxiliary Denise and husband Neville were very heavily involved with St. George Junior Rugby League for several years.

On the 9th June, 2022 Denise peacefully passed away surrounded by her family.

21st June Denise's family, friends, sub Branch gave her a beautiful Celebration of Life service, she will always be remembered as a caring, loving person and will always be in our hearts.

BEVERLEY ELLEN SUTHERLAND - SOUTH HURSTVILLE AUXILIARY

Bev as we all called her joined South Hurstville Auxiliary on the 3rd May, 1999.

Bev loved Tuesday Fundraising Market Days for Returned Servicemen and Women and her first roster was on 22nd June, 1999, these duties were carried out until 2019 when she was very ill, Bev still attended Market days on her good days.

ANZAC Day breakfasts helping Sub Branch serve our patrons, combines activities with Sub Branch and Friday night raffles.

Bev filled the position of our Social Secretary 2004-2011, Vice President July 2018 and President 2019. Bev was awarded Bar and Star for continuous Service.

R.S.L. Carinya Day Care Bev started as a volunteer from 25th August to February 2022. Bev was known for her craft work which was welcomed by all her friends.

On 5th July 2022 Beverley passed peacefully away with family around her, and on 14th July family, friends gave her beautiful send off, always remembered.

Janice Edwards Co-ordinator and Belinda Fern Co-ordinator of South Hurstville R.S.L. Sub Branch Auxiliary

LESLIE EDWARD – NORFOLK ISLAND

It is with sadness that our Life Member Ms Leslie Edward has passed away. Leslie died on Norfolk Island on Tue 5th July 2022 and was buried at Norfolk Island on Sunday 17th July 2022.

Leslie had a very sad 2022 with the unexpected passing of her grandson in Feb 2022 which really affected her well-being and purpose, followed by an unfortunate fall which led to hospitalisation in Brisbane, and then when Leslie returned to Norfolk Island in May/June 2022 she really didn't recover from such a horrid year.



The Norfolk Island RSL Sub Branch Auxiliary performed the RSLA component of the funeral held at Kingston Cemetery Norfolk Island. The funeral was actually full of mourners and hugely attended by family, colleagues, service club associations (Auxiliary, RSL Club, Lions, Sunshine Club etc) and many more affiliations. A wake was held in the NI RSL Club and was very well attended with many from the Norfolk Island community delivering lots of cultural food and local entertainment. A very fitting celebration of just how Leslie was in her Norfolk Island.

The Late Leslie Edward is survived by her son Mark, Kyla, and their other son Bailey.

Terence (Tet) Grube JP

Hon Secretary

Norfolk Island RSL Sub Branch

From Sue: Leslie was a lovely lady and I will always remember the time I spent with her on our last visit, with her Auxiliary she made us very welcome and we have some lovely memories.

While we were there, I celebrated my birthday and our Wedding Anniversary. Unbeknown to us Leslie had it announced on the radio, we only found out when we went to Two Chimneys Winery and the hosts told us. it was made so special and a memory Graham and I will treasure. Rest In Peace Lovely Lady.



For those of you who use Facebook, do you know that we have both a Facebook Page and a Facebook Group, why not pop over and join us?

Facebook Page,
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163434587113422>)



Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/ccwawomensauxiliarynsw>

Battlefields of WWI , Gareth McCray OAM has regular posts, poems from Bill Charlton, so much more.

We are aware some Auxiliaries have their own Facebook Pages/Groups, if you do, please let me know so that I can add the details to the next Newsletter and other members will be able to follow you.

Heicke Keefe has set up a Facebook group for all of us crafters, **Helping our Veterans Craft Group**, pop over and join, some great ideas to help raise funds.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3455036824555520>

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From 23rd August, 2021

Anzac House will be located in
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