



Pittwater RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Services 2022 Special Edition Newsletter



Sunday 10 April - March, Service, Lunch. Monday 25 April - Dawn Service.

Guests who attended either one, or both, of our two Anzac Services:

The Hon. Rob Stokes MP; Jason Falinski MP for Mackellar; Rory Amon, Northern Beaches Councillor; Dale Cohen representing Jason Falinski MP; CI David Richards, Northern Beaches Police Area Command; Pastor Glenn and Mrs Clare Wysman, The Link Church, Warriewood; Zamri, Livia and Odette Burns; Julie Emerson, Pittwater RSL Club President; Jason Manning, Pittwater RSL Club CEO; Sue Brandenburg and Sue Lewis, Pittwater Women's Bowls Club President and Vice President; Steve Hill, Pittwater Men's Bowls Club Vice President; RSL Club Directors; Sub-Branch Members; LT Hugo Laithwaite, Catafalque Party and Members of 7 Bty 9 Regt, Royal Australian Artillery; Adam Hughes, Principal Narrabeen North Public School; Mater Maria Catholic College, Mona Vale Public School; Sacred Heart Catholic School, St Luke's Grammar School Bayview Campus; Mona Vale Scouts; Mona Vale Guides; Pittwater RSL Football Club, Warriewood Surf Life Saving Club, Mona Vale Surf Life Saving Club, Ingleside Rural Fire Brigade and Fire and Rescue NSW.



Members of the Pittwater RSL Sub-Branch and guests, marched from the corner of Pittwater Road and Vineyard Street to Mona Vale Memorial Hall on Sunday 10 April, led by the Sydney Thistle Highland Pipe Band. Sub-Branch member, Jeff Brown, was Parade Commander. Our Commemorative Service was held in the Hall due to heavy rain experienced that week, making the Village Park grounds too wet. Deborah Carter, President, led the Service and Terry Jones, Vice President was our MC.

Pastor Glenn Wysman from The Link Church in Warriewood delivered the Prayer for the Nation; Anna Williams sang several hymns and three National Anthems, and Matt O'Brien was our Bugler.





President Deborah Carter's Address

On this day, above all days, we recall those who, in the great tragedy of war, gave their lives for Australia and for the freedom of mankind; who still sleep amid the ridges of Gallipoli and the terraced hills of Palestine; in the lovely cemeteries of France or the shimmering haze of the Libyan desert; amid the mounts and olive groves of Greece and the Middle East; the jungles of Malaya, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, in rugged Korea and the battlefields of Vietnam; in the mountains and barren fields of Afghanistan and Iraq; amid loving friends in our mother country and our own land, and in unknown resting places in every continent and every sea.

We remember those who have since fallen by our side in the wars in which we have been engaged – in the air and on the sea and land, and all our loyal friends among the people of New Guinea and elsewhere. We think of every man, woman and child who, in those crucial years, died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.



May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice. **Lest We Forget**





75 people were entertained by Anna Williams, Narelle and Jack Evans, and the Sydney Thistle Highland Pipe Band.



Anzac Day Dawn Service



Anzac Day is not just about WW1, the War to end all Wars, but is a remembrance of all campaigns in theatres of war, and sadly many wars have followed.

In my view, the war that changed Australia was WW2 because the enemy was close on our doorstep and the Brisbane Line was proposed. With the fear of occupation of the Japanese, the Government decided that the Japanese could live north of Brisbane, and the Australians could live south of Brisbane.

I pay tribute to our WW2 veterans, the young men of the Militia of Kokoda, Templeton's Crossing, the Battle Milne Bay, Gona-Buna which broke the back of the Japanese from further aspirations to take Australia.

I also pay tribute to the 7th Division on returning from the Middle East who assisted with this triumph.

I wish to acknowledge every person, including our Kiwi friends, who have put on a uniform to serve our Anzac countries.

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Sub-Lieutenant Zamri Burns is a New Zealand born Naval Officer with a proud Australian Indigenous heritage. Zamri is a Navy veteran of 20+ years serving predominantly as an underwater medicine clinician. He has multiple operational deployments to his name; both seagoing and land-based, with the most recent as the NCOIC to the U.S. special operations Command Surgeon in Afghanistan. This was in support of the US-led "Operation Freedom's Sentinel" which is part of the global war against terror. Upon his return, he commenced full-time military-sponsored postgraduate medical training at the University of Sydney. Zamri was awarded the prestigious U.S. Defense Meritorious Service Medal, which is normally issued only to American Service personnel.







Thank you to the 1000+ Northern Beaches local community for attending, and to the following people who shared their talents during two special Anzac Commemorative Services, and to those who captured the memories!

The Sydney Thistle Highland Pipe Band, Anna Williams, Narelle and Jack Evans, Vocalists; Harriet Channon and Matt O'Brien, Buglers; Photographs by Maryan Heffernan and Michael Mannington OAM from Community Photography, Dale Cohen, and Sub-Branch member, Sandra May-Crabb.

Thank you to Jeff Brown, Parade Commander for both Anzac Services.