



Terrigal Wamberal RSL sub Branch

# NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Dear Members,

My key priority will be to build our membership by looking at new ways to engage and get the Iraq & Afghanistan cohort of veterans to join the RSL. To do this, we will need to look closely at the needs of this generation of veterans and what they need and would expect from their RSL.

We will need to be prepared to change, be agile and adapt to ensure the future membership of our sub-Branch. We can look at surveying our current membership of approximately 100 and ask them what those needs are, what our RSL sub-Branch could do differently or better to get them coming along to activities, whatever they might be. We should ask them what new types of activities, support and social events they would be interested in if the sub-Branch were prepared to try them.

We have 484 veterans in our area who have served as identified in the last ABS Census. We need to be engaged with the vast majority of them. That is the challenge.

Whilst we focus on this key area, we need, at the same time, to continue to look after our current and older veterans and their families. We also need to continue to provide activities such as ANZAC and Remembrance Days.

Finally, I want the community to know and be proud of their RSL and its members.

I look forward to the next three years, and I thank the outgoing President and current executive for their great work.

Regards

Scott Warr



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## Upcoming Event

- Next sub-Branch Meeting  
**15 April 2023**
- ANZAC Day

# NEW COMMITTEE

## Elected at the March 2023 AGM



President Scott Warr

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VP Peter White OAM

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Secretary Michael  
Tabone AM, CSC

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Treasurer Doug Lindsay

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## COMMITTEE



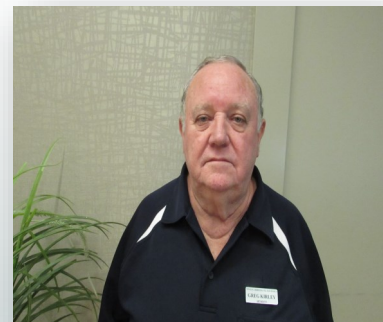
Roger Wrightson

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Barry Smith

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Greg Kirley

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David Ferry

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Terry Saxby

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## *MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT*

I thank the members who supported me during my three-year term as President. It was an absolute privilege, and I hope the membership was satisfied with the management of the sub-Branch during this period. In addition, the assistance I received from the committee, particularly the executive committee, was much appreciated.

Secretary Michael Tabone's supervision of our governance obligations and attention to detail in the administration of the sub-Branch office has been exceptional.

Vice President Peter White is always the voice of reason and common sense, and I thank him for his assistance and advice over many years.

Our finances have never been better managed, and I thank our Treasure, Doug Lindsay, for his diligence and service to the sub-Branch.

COVID and lockdowns during 2020 restricted social activities, the cancellation of sub-Branch meetings, and the closure of the sub-Branch office. However, since then, we have organised overnight coach tours to Hunter Valley, Katoomba and recently to Canberra.

With our ongoing sponsorship arrangements with the Mounties Group and Creightons, we are now in a healthy financial position, allowing us to plan activities for members confidently. As a result, our membership has increased, and we now have over one hundred members; however, more must be done to attract younger veterans. I'm confident incoming President Scott Warr has the ideas and energy to pursue this.

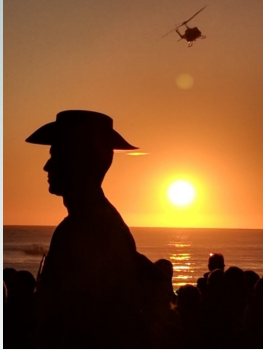
Late last year, we lost sub-Branch stalwart member Len Ellis to brain cancer, and in recognition of his service to the sub-branch, we have placed a memorial plaque in our memorabilia cabinet.

Finally, I congratulate Peter White and Jack Wade on their OAM award. It is an honour for our sub-Branch when members are rewarded for community service.

Kind Regards,

Terry Saxby

# ANZAC DAY 2023



THE **DAWN SERVICE** will commence with the traditional march from the Police Station on Church Street to the Terrigal Beach Memorial. Step-off time is 5.15 am, and we ask veterans to be at the Police Station assembly point by 5 am.

The Terrigal Beach Memorial service will begin at 5.30 am. The event will be live-streamed for people who cannot attend, and we will publish details once the streaming details are confirmed.

Road closures will be in place from 4.45 am.

## **The Service will include:**

- Keynote Anzac Day address by students from Central Coast Grammar School.
- Central Coast School Choir
- Landing re-enactment (with battle sounds and flares) involving surfboats from the Central Coast
- Local entertainer Ron Sinclair performing Waltzing Matilda
- Flyover by Iroquois helicopter (Vietnam era) courtesy of National Helicopters
- Refreshments at the Terrigal Surf Club after the Service



There will be coach transport from Breakers Country Club to the Dawn Service with multiple departures from 4.15 am. The round trip will cost \$5, and the driver will advise details of the pick-up times and location for the return trip.

## **BREAKFAST AND ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT BREAKERS**

A members' buffet breakfast at Breakers will be at 9 am. The Club will open at 8.30 am, and you must have a pre-purchased ticket to enter the Club. The cost is \$30pp, including refreshments.

The **Anzac Day Service at Breakers** will commence at 11 am.

***For further information contact the sub-Branch***

## SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS HONOURED



### **PETER WHITE OAM**

Peter's Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) was announced in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List. The award is in recognition of his service to veterans and the community.

Peter graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1967 and served with distinction for 27 years. During his military career, he was posted to various locations in Australia and overseas, including Vietnam in 1970/1. He retired from full-time military service in 1991, achieving the rank of colonel.

After discharge, he commenced a remarkable 30-year engagement in community service.

Peter was President of several ex-military associations, including the Terrigal Wamberal RSL sub-Branch. He was an active Matcham-Holgate Rural Fire Brigade member and was rewarded with a life membership for outstanding service.

Peter continues to serve the sub-Branch as Vice President.

### **JACK WADE OAM**

Jack's OAM award acknowledges his service to the community through charitable organisations.

In addition to his membership in this sub-Branch, he is also an active member of Brisbane Water Legacy. Jack was called up for National Service and served in Vietnam in 1967/8 with 2 RAR.

His philanthropic support of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment Association and several health and medical research organisations is commendable.

***The sub-Branch is incredibly proud that two of our members have been recognised for their community service.***

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