#### RETURNED and SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

New South Wales Branch Incorporated "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance" CAMDEN SUB BRANCH

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**NEWSLETTER** President's Report

Members,

This, for me is difficult to report, that is that there will be NO ANZAC SERVICES ANYWHERE THIS YEAR, this is something I thought would never happen in this country, where we have not been able to commemorate ANZAC. But as RSL NSW and the Government of Australia have outlined – all services will not be allowed. If members individually would like to go to our memorials and pay their respects of lay a floral tribute – please do so.

The Camden RSL Sub Branch cannot be seen to be organizing anything, which to me is a very difficult message to send to our members.

The risk to vulnerable people during the current health situation is simply too high for these events to continue in the traditional format for 2020.

Given the spread of the COVID-19 it would be irresponsible to allow such large gatherings as we have seen each year especially our Dawn Service in Camden.

ANZAC Day as a marker of our respect and admiration for ANZACs past and present will still be observed. Exactly what form this will take will be different from previous years, but as custodians of commemoration, the RSL will still honour the service and sacrifice of our brave servicemen and women, in these challenging times, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Also, along with the cancellation of ANZAC Services – OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND CHOCOLATES FOR APRIL AND MAY ARE CANCELLED AS WELL, so the first meeting hopefully will be June, 2020

Far Southern metropolitan District Council Meetings are also cancelled until June, 2020 at this time.

During this time we all need to stick together and help each other as much as we can, - if you or if you know someone who is not coping or in difficulty please let us know.

The Camden RSL Club Limited will be open if you wish to journey down that way and have a few sherbets – then that is ok.

ANZAC Day 2020 will be different and there will be things that we usually do on the day – but this year please go with the flow and am sure we will have a great day.

All bowls are cancelled.

Camden Council will display our Anzac Pennants up the Main Street as a sign of respect and commemoration this is our Mayor's way of observing the day – thank you Mayor Fideli.

Display signs from Camden Council in the week leading up to Anzac Day will appear around the area – telling of the cancellation.

**MEMBERSHIP** – If you have not paid your membership for 2020 by now then you are financial and will need to reapply to join the RSL, as previously stated in our newsletters

## Regards Iain

The next Camden RSL Sub Branch meeting will be held on: **– TO BE ADVISED** in the Camden RSL Club Limited, 23 Cawdor Road, Camden NSW 2570.

#### SICK LIST

To everyone who is not feeling the best, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family and if you require anything, please contact the Camden RSL Sub Branch on 4655 8636 (Andy) 0419 925 294 (Iain).or Jim McGregor 0430 101 059

# PENSIONS AND WELFARE/MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

Please contact Andy Wright 46 558636



## **CHAPLAIN'S DETAILS**

Salvation Army Chaplain - David Brown 46310162/0411838049

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (JP)

Iain Richard-Evan JP - 0419925294

## **MEDALS - REPAIRS**

Please direct all enquiries to Andy as he has a new contact that will do the necessary work – John has retired.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nothing to date