



Terrigal Wamberal RSL sub Branch

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Members,

Our most significant activity during the year is our Anzac Day Dawn Service, and we are incredibly proud of the standard and presentation achieved over recent years. This year's Service, notwithstanding the rain, was no exception.

Activities for the Service require considerable planning and resources, including a substantial financial burden. However, we continue to be innovative, and this year we introduced live streaming and a direct broadcast by local radio station Triple M (107.7).

We visited most schools in the district and provided a speaker for their Anzac Day Service. This is a rewarding experience for members attending and an important way of delivering the Anzac Day message to school children.

A second Service at Breakers was also well-received and appreciated by the large crowd present.

We receive no government financial assistance for ANZAC Day activities and rely on the generosity of our principal sponsors, the Mounties Group and Creightons. In addition, other organisations provide invaluable support, including Terrigal Surf Lifesaving Club, National Helicopters, Central Coast Concert Band and Scott Levi (ABC).

I thank all sub-Branch members directly involved in the Service's planning and other Anzac Day events, especially Peter White, who takes the lead on annual Anzac Day activities.

We continue to plan activities for members in accordance with our charitable purpose by providing social events and ensuring camaraderie and social inclusion.

I welcome our new members and look forward to their companionship and participation in sub-Branch activities.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The sub-Branch receives valuable support from many individuals but none better than Ken Pearson, retiring as Breakers's CEO on 6 July. We thank him for his help and interest in our activities over many years. He will be missed.

On a personal note, I thank everyone who supported the Saxby family during my recent illness and admission to hospital. We are extremely grateful, and I cannot thank you enough. I have recovered well enough to return to sub-Branch duties.

I look forward to seeing you at our next sub-Branch meeting.

Kind regards,

Terry Saxby

MEET THE MEMBERS

FRANK DELBELLO

Frank was called up for National Service in November 1971. At that time, he was in the second year of an engineering degree course at Sydney University.



He had strong political feelings against communism, so he asked the Dean of the faculty if they could put his course on hold until he completed his military service.

They agreed, and after passing all the medicals in Sydney in early 1972, he was posted to the 3TB (3rd Training Battalion) at Singleton for Basic Training.

Upon completing his Basic Training, he requested to be assigned to a Unit with components somewhat related to what he was studying at university.

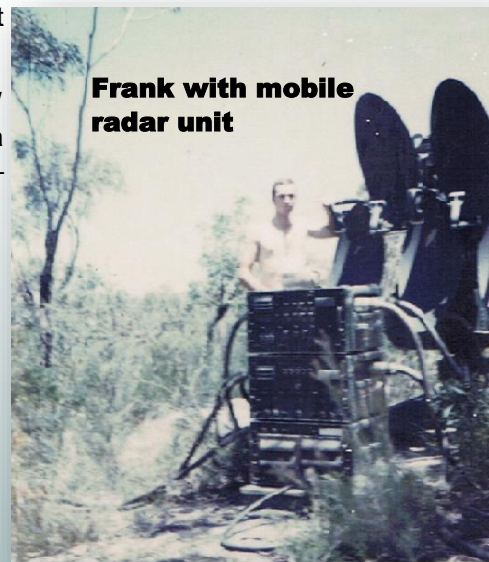
He chose the radar unit within the Royal Australian Artillery (RAA). After passing three selection tests involving mathematics, physics, computing and engineering, he was transferred to the School of Artillery at North Head Manly.

He completed his Corps training there, qualifying in radar technology.

After completing his military service in 1974, he returned to Sydney University to continue his engineering studies. He joined the CMF and served with the Sydney University Regiment and the University of NSW Regiment for eight years.

After being involved in various positions within the NSW Public Service, he returned to university and completed a Bachelor of Education teaching degree – (B.Ed Mathematics/Computing).

Frank has been teaching Mathematics and Computing for the past 25 years, teaching in private independent schools in Sydney and the Central Coast.



Frank with mobile radar unit

ANZAC DAY 2022 PICTORIAL



BROTHERS IN ARMS



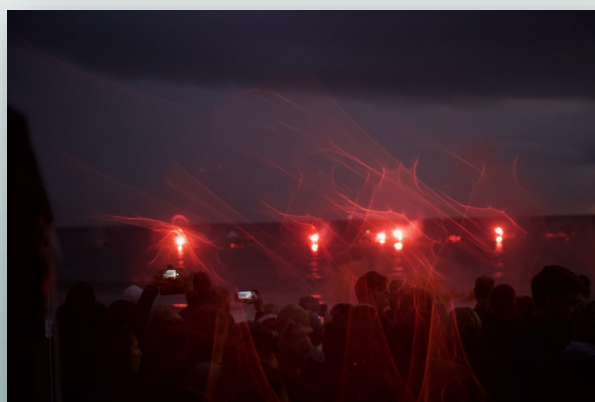
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**ANZAC ADDRESS
Terrigal High School**



**SURFBOATS DISCHARGING
FLARES**



PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

ANZAC DAY—2022



The March



Dedication Address (Peter White)



Sunrise



Wreath Laying



Crowd watching the surfboats land



Ken Pearson (Breakers CEO)



WAMBERAL MEMORIAL HALL

The Wamberal Memorial Hall was built on donated land and was officially opened in 1920. It is one of three memorial sites in the Terrigal/Wamberal district listed with the NSW War Memorial Register.



Three small headstones or markers were installed outside the hall after the Second World War. They incorporate the names of local servicemen from each of the three Services.

Nearby resident, Mr Carl Jenkins, concerned with the neglect and condition of the headstones and the Memorial, recently removed the stones for safekeeping.

John Wilton, representing the sub-Branch, attended several community meetings where it was resolved that the restoration of the headstones and

Memorial, when funded, should proceed as soon as possible.

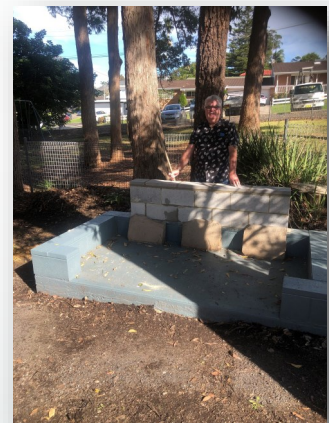
The sub-Branch secured funding from the Federal Government, and restoration of the memorial site commenced several months ago.

The construction of the Memorial is now complete. Landscaping is planned to complement the structure.

We are especially grateful to sub-Branch member Roger Wrightson, who volunteered to build the Memorial.

When the project is completed, a Memorial dedication service will be organised by the sub-Branch.

Our sincere thanks to Creightons, who arranged for the headstones to be cleaned and for their generous donation of the brass storyboard and nameplates.



MEMORIAL STORY BOARD

WAMBERAL MEMORIAL HALL

The Wamberal Memorial Hall and Honour Rolls are listed on the NSW War Memorial Register. The Wamberal Memorial Hall was built on land donated by a Mr Edwards. Mr E. Loxton KC, MLA, officially opened it on New Year's Day 1920.

The Hall was the centre of life in the area. Its early use is documented in John Holt's book, "Early History of Wamberal", which says, inter alia:

"The Hall had been erected by voluntary labour under the direction of Mr Perrett. Mr Edwards had donated some land to make the building possible. The Trustees were Messrs A. Brown, A. Campbell, and W. Smalley, and the Secretary was Mr E.T. Andrews. The Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Fleming, attended with others present including the Gleasons, the Pikes, the Inmans, the Reads, the Ritchies, and the Archibalds".

There are Honour Rolls for both World Wars and for the Volunteer Air Observers Corps inside the Hall.

This Memorial incorporates three stones that were etched after the Second World War.

They incorporate the names of local servicemen from each of the three Services.

Victor Schmierer, Navy, was killed off Tobruk while serving on the HMAS Parramatta.

William Archibald, Army, died at El Alamein.

Gilbert Thurstun, DFC, Air Force.

These stones, thought to be lost, were recovered, renovated and placed in their current setting in 2022 by the Terrigal Wamberal RSL Sub Branch.

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