

# Gosford Sub Branch

## *What's on in April 2013?*

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Navy.

ANZAC Day 2013 Preparations have begun for this year's services and functions and we see no major changes to the format of the Dawn Service or main service of commemoration. Timing for the Dawn Service remains at 5.30 am, form up near the Police Station step off at 5.45 am with the service commencing approximately 6.00 am. The main march and service of commemoration will form up from 10.30 am in Donillson Street near the library. Marchers will step off from 10.30am and the service will begin as soon as all marchers have arrived at Cenotaph. Details of the Gunfire Breakfast and main Luncheon will be available as soon as possible.

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath should contact the Sub-Branch Secretary on 0402 414 389.

## *Pensions*

Injured in the ADF?

If you are a Veteran or current/former ADF member, and have an injury or illness causally related to your ADF service, or you were discharged on medical grounds, you may be entitled to benefits you didn't even know about.

For further information on the VEA, SRCA & MRCA, go the Department of Veterans' Affairs website at [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au).

## *Eligible Service*

The Sub Branch Pensions, Advocacy and Welfare Service can advise you of your entitlement to benefits according to your service history, even if you are not a current RSL member.

Pension and Welfare officers are available for assistance at the

Sub-Branch Office on Monday and Wednesday between the hours of 10.00am - 1.00pm, Phone 4323 2311 direct, during these hours only. Under special circumstances, the pensions' officer will visit the member at home.

## *Membership*

The Gosford RSL Sub-Branch has a large and a socially active membership and is open to any member of the Australian Defence Forces who has served a minimum of six (6) months in any capacity (Regular or Reserve).

The Gosford Sub-Branch of the RSL (NSW Branch) welcomes applications for new members.

### ***HOW DO I JOIN?***

Complete a **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** form (you can print out the Membership Application form from the Branch website) and take the form to the sub-Branch you wish to join together with a copy of your Record of Service or Discharge Certificate. The **annual membership fee is \$30.00**.

### ***Monthly Meetings***

The Gosford RSL Sub-Branch meets at the Gosford RSL Club 10.30am on the first Sunday of each month, excluding January.

After each meeting, members are invited to stay and enjoy a few refreshments and socialize with other members.

## *Sub Branch Women's Auxiliary*

The Women's Auxiliary General meeting is held monthly at the Gosford RSL Club. We encourage any Ladies wishing to join to do so; any assistance would be greatly appreciated.