

# Roseville Memorial Club

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Mr. Peter Howman  
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Dear Peter,

It was great to have the opportunity last week to meet with Peter Shellie from Defence Housing Australia.

The DHA project at Lindfield is certainly exciting and will bring many benefits to our community, particularly as Defence personnel and their families settle in.

We would certainly appreciate the opportunity to play a part by working with you to offer those families, new to our community, a friendly welcome and a place where they will feel comfortable with the new people they meet. For example, nearer the time we could establish communication /mentoring committee to meet and introduce those Edgelea residents who may be interested in seeing what the Club has to offer.

As you will see from the attached "brief history of the Club and the Sub Branch" The Roseville Returned Servicemen's Memorial Club and the Roseville RSL Sub Branch have been joined at the hip since 1946.

In the first instance the primary interest of our Club was the welfare of returned Service personnel. More recently our Club, still very conscious of our obligation to the objectives of our founders, has developed into a Community Club providing a facility where local residents and their families can come and relax or join in activities provided by the Club.

The Club is situated on the Pacific Highway, almost opposite Roseville railway station. It is interesting to note that there is a bus service, route 565, providing transport between the UTS Ku ring gai campus, soon to be the Edgelea community, and Roseville Station.

Currently the Club has just under 1,700 members. We are open 7 days a week and Members and their guests are able to meet for any social occasion, to have a beautiful meal at a reasonable price in the Parkview restaurant /bistro, host a family or community function or sit back and watch major sporting events on the big screen.

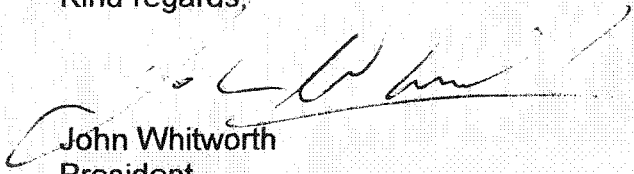
The Club presents live jazz on a Monday evening and conducts Trivia, Texas Hold'em poker and APL poker on a weekly basis and conducts Golf and Bowls days for those who are interested in sporting activities.

Community activities have included sponsorship of local Rugby and Cricket clubs and fund raising functions for various charity groups.

The Roseville RSL Sub Branch, a ladies Legacy group, Rotary Clubs, Probus Clubs and Toastmasters all meet on a regular basis at our Club and I am sure would make very welcome any new members of our community who would be interested in joining in their activities.

I look forward to our next meeting. In the meantime if there is any additional detail I can provide please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Kind regards,



John Whitworth  
President  
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### CLUB AND SUB BRANCH -A BRIEF HISTORY

On 3 July 1933 the Roseville Sub Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia received its Charter.

Roseville's WW I Honour Roll lists 277 names of those whose residential address on enlistment was Roseville; five are identified "Sister". This Roll was situated in Hill Street opposite Bancroft Avenue, and was moved on 2 May 1965 to the Memorial Park adjacent to the Club premises. It now also includes the names of 760 Roseville residents who served in WWII. 36 are headed "Servicewomen"

From 1933 to 1947 the Sub Branch usually met outside its Charter boundary in the Lindfield Masonic Hall.

During this time its Members, increasingly aware of the desirability of meeting in Roseville, also recognised the need for a local "home" where Service personnel returning from WWII could gather.

Also at this time, the Ku-ring-gai Council acquired for "Community Purposes" the Fowler Estate and the home "Girraween" on Maclaurin Parade and the Pacific Highway where the Club building now stands.

In 1945 Council agreed to a Sub Branch proposal to erect a building, to include an Ex-servicemen's Club, on the site, and on 29 October 1946 it was resolved 'That the Roseville Returned Servicemen's Memorial Club be formed'.

The Sub Branch, for 1,200 pounds, purchased and removed part of the wartime Anzac Buffet buildings in Hyde Park, Sydney, and had its first premises erected, following a lease with Council, on the Estate land on the corner of Maclaurin Parade with an 81 feet frontage to Pacific Highway.

The first monthly Meeting of the Sub Branch was held in that building on 27 May 1947. The premises were officially opened on 27 September. The Club then had some 200 members.

In 1961 following expiry of the lease Council agreed to sell to the Club its current site with a new building being opened there on 3 March 1962. The original building was demolished and its area together with the balance of the Fowler Estate became the Memorial Park.

Since then the Club building has been modernised, refurbished and enlarged twice. The Club's founding body the Sub Branch still meets there and has an office in the building.