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DISASTER RELIEF FUND APPROVED



Guidelines for the National Service Emergency Relief Fund were approved by delegates at the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting in the Wacol Chapel (above) on 31 March 2007.

The Fund will provide emergency assistance such as food, bedding, cooking utensils or other essentials after natural disasters.

The guidelines set out how the aid – which will be for Association members only - will be assessed, distributed and accounted for. Each Branch will appoint an Emergency Liaison Officer who will be the contact point with the State Management Committee.

The State President, Colin Bell, said the Emergency Fund was intended as immediate material relief to supplement but not replace other short and long term assistance available from community, State and Federal agencies.

In the case of Cyclone Larry that devastated the Innisfail, Tully and Atherton Tablelands, the NSAA provided portable emergency generators because restoration of electricity was the greatest immediate need. The generators were lent to members and later sold to recover their cost.

SMC ELECTION

The AGM made provision for the expected major turnover in the State Management Committee in 2008.

Several members including the State President, Secretary and Media Officer have indicated they will retire.

The current SMC was re-elected with the addition of Mr. Bruce Reedman and Mr Ian Turner, with provision for three other members who will be appointed as needed. This will enable new members including Evan Edwards, Alec Nunn, Bill Morris and Bruce to settle into the Committee for an orderly transition before the turnover at the next AGM on Saturday, 29 March 2008.

BRANCH MINUTES

Branches who do not forward their monthly meeting minutes and financial statements to the SMC are risking losing their insurance cover.

The President and the State Secretary told the meeting that provision of minutes and financial statements was a requirement of the insurance company.

They said that without the insurance cover, Branch committee members could be personally liable if sued by a member or others for the results of decisions or actions for which they could be held legally responsible.

BRANCH QUESTIONNAIRE

Branches will be asked their views on a number of issues in a questionnaire to be sent out by the SMC.

The State President, Colin Bell, said this was the best way to ascertain what Branches wanted from the administration. The meeting decided that membership cards would continue to be sent out by State H.Q.

XMAS RAFFLE

The SMC will hold another Christmas Raffle this year. Proceeds will be split between the State and Branches.

The Raffle, to be sent out after July, will be in two halves – Brisbane to Bundaberg and Rockhampton to Cairns - to make the distribution of prizes easier. Branches will be able to buy books of tickets and then sell them to members, eliminating double-handling and ensuring a 50/50 split of proceeds between State HQ and Branch funds.

NOMINAL ROLL

The National Service Nominal Roll has been updated on a new data base that will enable Nashos to not only check their own name but also to find the particulars of other Nashos more easily.

All Nashos are asked to check their particulars and to notify State Vice-President and Nominal Roll custodian, Alex Garlin of any changes they wish to make. Alex can be contacted on vicepresident@qldnasho.org.au

CREDIT CARD

The State President reported that the credit card facility now provided at State HQ has proven very successful.

An increasing number of members were using it to pay their annual subscription, buy merchandise and pay for accommodation and other bookings for tours and special events such as the 20th Anniversary celebrations in Toowoomba from 17 to 21 October.

HONOUR BOARDS

Did you know that Branches can place their own Honour Boards on the internet?

President Colin Bell told the Delegates' meeting that many branches now were doing this on the Nasho website. Some had erected the traditional Honour Boards but others without a suitable place to display it were using the internet.

He said that State HQ would erect a new Honour Board at Camp Hill to honour the first Committee formed by the late Barry Vicary in 1987. It would coincide with the 20th anniversary celebrations in Toowoomba marking the formation of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia.

LONG TAN DAY

The NSAA will hold an observance in Brisbane on 17 August 2007 to mark Long Tan Day the following day.

A total of 11 National Servicemen died in the Battle of Long Tan Day on 18 August 1966.

The Association has invited members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club to the observance in the Wacol Chapel.

The new Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ms Alison Stanley will deliver the Address. She also will open the Vietnam era section of the National Service Museum in the Everyman's Hut.

NAVAL ENSIGN

The NSAA plans to lay up the Naval Ensign in the Wacol Chapel on Sunday 12 February 2008 to mark National Service Day .It will ask the Navy for a Guard of Honour march it in.

The ceremony would be similar to the Laying Up of the RAAF Ensign on 11 February 2007. Like the RAAF Ensign, the Naval Ensign would be the one under which National Servicemen – and most of

Australia's naval personnel – served, not the current one .

The Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Russ Shalders, AO, CSC, RAN would be invited to be Guest of Honour, to give the Address and to open the Naval section of the National Service Museum. .



PINE RIVERS NASHOS FOSTER OVERSEAS WREATH EXCHANGES

National Servicemen from the Pine Shire have pioneered two successful exchanges of wreaths between local schools and schools in Belgium and France.



The wreaths, made from materials supplied by the Pine Rivers Branch of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia, are laid on Anzac Day on memorials at the Strathpine West and Eatons Hills schools.

They then are flown to France and laid on the graves of 22 Australian Diggers who died on the Western Front and are buried at Poperinge in Belgium and Senlis-le-Sec on the Somme in France.

Both towns were the scene of fierce fighting throughout World War One.

The children of Poperinge remember the Diggers

At Poperinge, near Ypres, 11 members of the 11th Australian Machine Coy who were all killed on the one day in 1917 are buried in the town war cemetery.

Another 11 Diggers who were killed in April 1918 in the fighting around Albert are buried at Senlis-le-Sec.

Children from the two towns lay the Australian wreaths on 11 November, Remembrance Day.

At Eatons Hill, a contingent from the French Veterans Association of Australia marched the French flag in alongside the Australian, New Zealand and National Service flags.

France lost 10,000 soldiers killed on Gallipoli and had the heaviest losses on the Allied side on the Western Front. A wreath from France will be laid at Eatons Hill on Remembrance Day. Two National Servicemen- Guy Marot and Len Matthews – guard the flags.



Australian servicemen and women who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq were present at the Eatons Hill service, together with their military vehicles.

The Nashos have dedicated a plaque at the school bearing the names of the 11 Australians killed in and around Albert. They were some of the hundreds of thousands of British, French, Australian, New Zealand and other Allied troops together with a similar number of Germans who died to take and re-take a few square kilometres of trenches and shell holes.

It was a pivotal battle and the War ended six months later.



The President of Pine Rivers Branch, Mr. Ron Cuthbert, (left, at the School memorial) said that the wreath exchanges helped retain and strengthen the close ties between Australia, France and Belgium.

He said that he would like to see the wreath exchanges taken up by other schools in Queensland and around Australia.

Mr. Cuthbert paid tribute to Mrs. Jan Dann and Mr. Clyde Campbell, Principals of Strathpine West and Eatons Hill schools and their teachers and

children for the way they had conducted the Anzac Day services. He said any National Servicemen or any school that wished to become involved in the wreath exchange program could contact him 3882 2947 or the Secretary, Noel Midson, on 3205 1265.



The President of the French Veterans Association, Mr. Louis Sultan, who was awarded the Legion of Honour for bravery in Algeria, said he was moved by the service and the respect shown by the children

Mr. Sultan, a French Marine (saluting, with our President, Colin Bell), and most of his members were National Servicemen in the French Armed Services.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND TOPS \$200,000

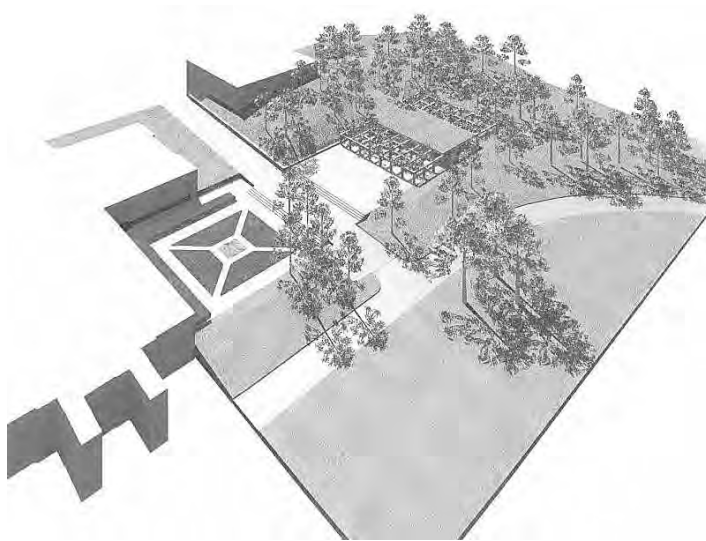
The Fund to build the National Service Memorial in Canberra now is over the half-way mark.

We have \$101,000 in hand plus an Australian Government pledge of \$100,000.

The Minister for Veterans Affairs, Mr. Bruce Billson, has challenged us that when we raise another \$100,000 he will give us a further \$50,000.

Most of the funds so far have come from outside sources and some National Servicemen's Association Branches including Gold Coast North and Bayside in Queensland.

Queensland is organising, on behalf of our National Council, a nation-wide Art to raise the remaining cost of the National Memorial, estimated at a total of \$300,000 to \$400,000.



The Australian War Memorial has given us the prime site shown in this architect's perspective at the right-hand side of the main entrance, near the Weary Dunlop statue. The AWM's architect, Mr. Richard Johnson, is expected to provide the NSAA with a concept in July for a simple, dignified stone fountain matching the lines and materials of the Australian War Memorial itself. The fountain will use recycled water, but should the drought continue, will still function as a suitable Memorial.

It will bear the badge from the Australian National Service Medal on the front together with an inscription honouring the 212 National Servicemen who died on active service. The other three sides will bear the badges of the

Navy, Army and Air Force. The story of National Service will be told on an adjacent bronze tablet.

The Association plans to dedicate the fountain in 2010 or in 2011 which would be the 60th anniversary of National Service. A special celebratory dinner also will be held in Canberra after the ceremony.

BARRY VICARY MEMORIAL

The NSAA's Queensland Branch had decided to honour our founder, the late Barry Vicary, by a Memorial seat at the National Service State Memorial in Toowoomba. It will be dedicated during the 20th anniversary celebrations from 17 to 21 October.

An application has gone to the Toowoomba City Council for permission to install the seat.

YOUR MEMORIALS

These are the first of the new series recording your National Service memorials.

Send us a photo, preferably of an activity around the Memorial.

We've also included one from New Zealand, where a large group of Brisbane Nashos will visit in September to join in the Compulsory Military Training Association's second national reunion.



The Redlands Branch dedicated two plaques in time for ANZAC Day in 2004 in memory of the members of National Service who lost their lives and to those of us who served.

The memorials are at the Cenotaph at Victoria Point and the Cenotaph at Cleveland where members of the branch gather each year for the Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day Services..



On May 6th 2007 at the Papanui RSA (the equivalent of the RSL) the CMT Association of New Zealand dedicated a plaque in memory of all those who did compulsory military training in the Navy, Army and Air Force between 1950 and 1958. Papanui is near Christchurch on the South Island.

The New Zealand flag was handed to the founder of the CMT Association and National Secretary, Frank Newsome.

There was a second scheme from 1962 to 1972, called National Service which was very similar to Australia's first scheme.

NEW ZEALAND TOUR DETAILS

The tours to New Zealand for the CMT reunion are filling fast. You've got three choices:

Tour 1: 28 August to 11 September visiting Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown \$2900 all inclusive.

Tour 2 2 to 10 September visiting the North Island at a cost of \$1800 all inclusive

Tour 3: 2 to 11 September of the South Island including Christchurch, Queensland and Wellington \$1950 all inclusive.

Your only travel cost extra is the New Zealand airport departure tax.

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DEADLY FORCE

‘If you swing round on me with a loaded magazine in that weapon, I’ll rip it off you and then boot you clear across the range’



Most Nashos remember that warning or a variation of it from their instructors when they were introduced to the Owen gun.

The warning was well warranted with a weapon that had a sensitive trigger and could fire a magazine of 33 rounds in less than 10 seconds. (above – practice at the Wacol range in 1958)

The Owen gun made a vital difference in New Guinea and the south-west Pacific during World War Two yet had to be forced on a reluctant Army by the politicians..

Evelyn Owen (right, with his invention) was a plaster-board manufacturer from Wollongong who was also a gun hobbyist. Unlike the Army, he foresaw that Australia might need a reliable, low-cost sub-machine gun that could stand up to conditions such as rain, mud and dust.

In 1939, Owen, aged 24, designed a gun that looked like a piece of drain pipe with a skeleton butt and a .22 calibre barrel. It had only three moving parts unlike the Army’s favorites, the American Thompson gun – beloved of gangsters – and the British Sten gun. The other vital difference was that it cost about six pounds to make, compared with sixty pounds for the Thompson.



Owen showed his weapon to the Army and met with resounding indifference. The .22 calibre was criticised but Owen pointed out it could be any calibre the Army chose. Its two outstanding features were the top-mounted magazine – rare in sub machine guns - and the provision of a separate bolt compartment inside the receiver so that the bolt was isolated from its retracting handle by a small

bulkhead through which passed the small diameter bolt. This ensured that dirt and mud did not jam the bolt and it was highly successful although expensive in terms of space. Two other unusual mechanical features were that the ejector was built into the magazine rather than into the gun body and the barrel was rapidly removable by pulling up on a spring loaded plunger just ahead of the magazine housing. Because of the magazine, the gun had off-set sights and basically was designed to be fired from the hip.



Nashos at Holsworthy with the Owen

The need for a weapon like the Owen became desperate when Japan entered the war and supplies of the Tommy and Sten guns dried up. Owen, who had enlisted in the AIF was about to board a troop-ship when he was recalled and tests of his weapon began.

It was buried in sand, thrown in water and dropped in the mud and continued to fire, unlike the foreign weapons. Even then the Army still procrastinated until the Federal Government ordered the Owen

gun into production. Finally, the politicians had to order the Army to adopt the .9mm round. Another Australian design, the Austen sub-machine gun – a development of the British Sten - also went into production from 1942 to 1944 but was not as reliable and proved unpopular in the field.

After the production of several trial versions, the Owen's final form was adopted in 1941 and by 1945 some 50,000 Owen guns had been produced. The first batch was just in time for the New Guinea campaign. Although the Owen had little more range than a shanghai, it made the difference in jungle warfare where rapid fire-power was vital. Australians were taught to fire one to three aimed shots rather than empty the magazine. The theoretical firing rate was 600 rounds per minute. Most Diggers carried at least one and often two full magazines which could be swapped quickly.



The original Owen with some variations continued in service in Korea, but its short range, weight of just over 4kg and bulk told against it when used with heavily padded Winter clothing. In Vietnam, it came up against more modern Chinese and Russian weapons with heavier firepower. It was replaced by the American-built Armalite. In 1962, the Army introduced the F1 (left) which combined features of the Owen gun and the British Sten gun. It too was replaced by the Armalite.

The Owen gun was one of the weapons Nashos trained on together with the .303 Lee Enfield rifle, the Bren light machine gun, the Vickers machine gun and the 2 and 4 inch

mortar. Vietnam-era Nashos used the Owen gun, the F1, the FN self-loading rifle, the M16 Armalite and the M60 machine gun. Evelyn Owen died on 1 April 1949 in the Wollongong District Hospital after a short illness. He was only thirty-five years of age.

DON'T BE A WAISTER

When I was a kid and Mum served something I didn't like I was told to eat it up 'because there are millions of little starving boys in India who would love to have it'. My reply of 'well why don't you send it over to them' got me a look only a Mother can give. .

Unfortunately, there hasn't been the same reluctance to eat up these days, as the waistline demonstrates. Most of us belong to the generation where we didn't know about skin cancer, didn't look after our teeth, smoked as a matter of course and had never heard of diet. Now we're paying for it in a variety of ways including cancer, diabetes, heart attacks and other nasties.

An article in the Courier Mail says research now shows that the size of your waistline is a good indicator of your chance of getting cancer. If you are over 100cm, you're at risk. For every 10cm increase in the circumference of your waist your cancer risk increases by 9 per cent.

Fat around your middle is the villain because it produces hormones to which the cancer cells attach themselves. Apart from that, overweight can be a major factor in other conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, knee problems and so on.

Combine it with smoking and too much alcohol and you're looking at a too-early appointment with the blokes further down the page.

Fortunately, there are some simple things we can do to improve the odds.

If you're a smoker, give it up – **NOW.** **You've got no excuse for not knowing that this will save you not only money but your life.** Watch your diet, eat healthily – lots of vegies, fruit, low-fat foods. Walk and limit your alcohol to a couple of beers or glasses of wine or spirits.

As I should have told my Mum, most Indian boys are vegetarians.



When we're young, we think we're 10 feet tall and tough as nails. But as we get older, it dawns on us that no one lives forever. That's why we should all be prepared for the future by pre-arranging a fixed price funeral with your preferred funeral director, Metropolitan Funerals. You'll save money, protect your pension and ensure your funeral goes the way you want.

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Closing date next issue is Friday 6th July/folding date 27th July

TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS: *Many contributions have had to be edited due to space needs. Please make your news reasonably brief, reasonably current - not more than two months old - and that forward events are after Nasho News comes out. The deadlines are given above. Photostats of newspapers and photos are not accepted. In service numbers, first scheme numbers have an oblique i.e. 1/777777; Vietnam-era numbers do not. ANZAC is always capitalised... Allen Callaghan*

BAYSIDE (Meeting : 3rd Tuesday each month 1900hrs Manly-Lota RSL Hall)



The current committee, led by President, Ken Edwards, was re-elected at the AGM with the addition of Neil Freier as Vice-President. A record 23 National Servicemen marched in ANZAC Day parades at Manly, Wynnum and in the city. They included four Nashos who joined from the footpath. The Breakfast at the Moreton Bay Sailing Club was well attended. The Branch will hold a Theatre Night at the Savoyards production of Cabaret on 2 June.

BRISBANE SOUTH (Meeting: Last Sunday each month 1030 hours. Venue: Sunnybank Bowls Club)

Brisbane South's AGM saw the retirement of our President for the past seven years Bob Cotter, and two Committee men Bill Williams and Henry Petersen, after many years. Although they will be missed their replacements are sure to handle the positions with ease. New members assisted at the sales outlets to sell ANZAC Day badges resulting in a favourable financial result. Please to see many Branch members at the CBD ANZAC Day parade turned out in the Association's dress code. The Nasho Bowls Challenge has been set down for Sunday 19th August, the details and registration form will be in the May issue of the Bugle, submit nominations ASAP.

BRISBANE WEST (Meeting: 1st Sunday each month 1030 hours. Venue: Darra Cementco Bowls Club.)

Our branch had a very enjoyable day at the Graceville State School on Monday 23 April where we had our yearly pre ANZAC Display set for the students and teachers and as usual it was a great hit with all of them. The children were treated to a very small walk through a part of our military history and it was very informative for them as they also were treated to a talk session from a very special member of our branch Mr Rick Gross a Long Tan veteran and the students were very interested in what he had to say. We returned to Graceville State School the next day Tuesday 24 April in the capacity as guests along with members from the Sherwood/Indooroopilly RSL Sub Branch and our President and Secretary were given the honour of being part of a candle ceremony that the school does as part of their ANZAC service each year and we carried out the ceremony with pride especially as National Servicemen. ANZAC Day was as usual a busy day for all involved as expected and it was with honour and pride that our branch was able to lay a wreath at the base of the new National Servicemen's memorial at the Darra Cementco Bowls Club and it was a very moving salute to all.

After the Darra ceremony a few of us then went on to attend the service of the Redbank RSL Sub branch in the School of Arts where our member Mr Rick Gross is the president and the service they held was very moving as their guest speaker was a Cadet Warrant Officer from the AAFC 2 Wing Precision Drill Team Our thanks must go to the Federal Member for Oxley Bernie Ripoll MP as he not only aided us with the cadets but he was a participant in the ride. Congratulations to the 2 Wing Precision Drill team cadets for being chosen by 23 Squadron to form the honour guard on Friday 4th May evening at City Hall in Brisbane.

BUNDABERG (Meeting: 2nd Saturday each month 1330 hours. Venue: Bundaberg RSL)

The AGM was attended by the State Management Committee Secretary, John Brosnan, deputising for the State President Colin Bell, and he took over the meeting to install the incoming Bundaberg Nashos committee. The new Committee is essentially the same with only one new Committee member. Welcome Roy Maxted, we hope that more of you will consider putting yourselves forward next year??

The June outing will be a Bowls and BBQ lunch at the Elliott Heads Bowls club on the 17th June.

CABOOLTURE (Meeting: 3rd Monday each month 1930 hours, Venue: Caboolture Sports Club.)

Our Annual General Meeting and election of officers was held. Those duly elected are President John Osbourne, Secretary Alec Nunn, and Treasurer Geoff Murray. Our members took to an early start for the selling of badges this year. ANZAC preparations went well with our Branch attending three marches, being Wamuran (at our Park) where in excess of 700 attended with a guard of honour being presented by the Wamuran Rural Fire Brigade who then attended preparations for a Gunfire breakfast. Our Fly Past was provided by a retired Wing Commander John Dawson at 0620 hours. Service provided in Caboolture from War Vets Homes to RSL and main one being in Brisbane. On our return we



attended Bunya Sports Club for a delightful lunch. We have returned to our meeting place at the newly renovated Bowls Club now being called Caboolture Sports Club.

CAIRNS (Meeting: 2nd Thursday each month 1815 hours. Venue: Cairns RSL.)

Our tri Branch meeting and social BBQ get-together was held at the historic Mountain View Hotel at Little Mulgrave on 1st April. Members and supporters journeyed from Cairns, Tablelands and Innisfail areas. Thirteen members and supporters from our association attended, enjoying the day's activities. The BBQ facilities were supplied by our loyal supporting publican Ken and Bev Monaghan. Several members donated their time in selling ANZAC Day badges prior to ANZAC Day. People were generous to the cause and our efforts were well received by Legacy. The weather man was kind to all FNQ centres on the 92nd ANZAC Day commemoration services. Cairns members were active laying wreaths in Gordonvale, Edmonton, Cairns Cemetery, Stratford and Cairns Esplanade. With blue skies and gentle breezes record crowds greeted marchers with generous applause showing the appreciation as the column of marchers filed by. The route of the march was slightly longer than previous years and did not deter our aging members. The Mayor of Cairns, Mr Kevin Byrne took our salute as a formation of the Mareeba "Warbirds" flew over the dais. Particularly noted this year was the participation of schools from the Northern Beaches and surrounding area and boosted interested family participation. The ANZAC spirit is truly alive.

CORAL COAST

A big roll up of members attended the Dawn Service and the march on ANZAC Day. It is interesting that the Branch innovation of using golf buggies to transport infirm marchers has now spread State-wide including Brisbane.

Many continued on to the RL for the luncheon put on every year by the members of the Services Club Bowling Club. Members from the Proserpine/Whitsunday area reported a good attendance at the Proserpine March.

GOLD COAST NORTH (Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each even month, Venue: Southport RSL Club.)

At our AGM held in February. Ken Hunter retained the Presidential position and Brian Handke holding on to Secretary. Some minor positions did however change hands. Our General Meeting on the 4th April was well



attended. Prior to the meeting getting underway, a Presentation was made to our Long Standing Patron, Major General Kevin Cooke (Ret'd). Meritorious Awards were presented to the following members: - Tommy Brittain, Terry Perrott, John Smyth and Brian Mansfield. These members have for a number of years, worked tirelessly for the Association. We have provided a further two Reclining Chairs with tray table and lock down wheels, to the Special Care Unit (Dementia) at RSL Care Galleon

Gardens at Elanora. This was at a cost of \$3,500. This brings our donations to the Special Care Unit to around \$18,000. The ANZAC Day March at Southport was one of our best with approximately 70-80 members marching. The enclosed photo was taken prior to the fall-in.

GOLD COAST SOUTH (Meeting: Bi-monthly 1000 hours, Venue: Twin Towns RSL.)



There was a marvellous turnout for the ANZAC activities with more than 70 attending the church service and luncheon on the Sunday preceding ANZAC Day and then more than 80 Nashos marched in Twin Towns parade and took part in the public service at Tweed Heads. An outing to the Esk Picnic Race Day is planned for Saturday, July 14. Our annual meeting saw several changes to our committee. Don Beck was returned as president with Graeme Ross as a new vice-president and Bruce Mclatchey taking over as treasurer. Ian Manwaring remains our ever reliable Secretary.

HERVEY BAY (Meeting: 3rd Wednesday each month 1900 hours, Venue: Hervey Bay RSL Club)



Following the Branch AGM held on Wednesday 21st February President Graeme Hartland presented Certificates of Appreciation to John Mackander, Mervyn Burton, Cedric Yarrow and Reg Brotherton who are foundation members of the Branch formed on the 27th June 1998 and who continue to attend Branch meetings and social activities. Following the presentation vice president Trevor Ingram presented President Graeme with a certificate for also being a foundation member and for his dedicated and loyal service to the Branch. Later a certificate was presented to Ric Craven who could not attend the AGM. Trevor also presented assistant treasurer Marlene Hartland with a certificate of appreciation for her tireless work as treasurer and social director over the past years. Our State

President Colin Bell gave an informative talk on the affairs at State HQ, and a detailed account of progress at National Servicemen's Heritage Precinct at Wacol and on its relocation. On conclusion of his address Colin presented President Graeme with his meritorious service award and certificate for his dedicated and outstanding service to the branch as President for nine years.

IPSWICH AND WEST MORETON (Meeting: 2nd Thursday each month 1900 hours, Venue: RSL North Ipswich.)



The Ipswich and West Moreton Branch has been kept busy with various functions over the last few months. In March each year the branch holds its meeting at the RSL hall Rosewood. This year it was once again well attended by members and guests with the branch again signing up some new members. Invitations from a large number of schools this year had many members attending ANZAC Day ceremonies and wreath laying at various schools. ANZAC Day saw members attending the services and wreath laying at memorials throughout Ipswich and Goodna areas. The march

through Ipswich had a great rollup with our banner being carried by two Ipswich State High School girl students (see photo). Our mystery bus trip is on again in June with the bus leaving the RSL Services Club, Downs Street at 8am sharp returning by 5pm. We would like to see as many members/partners and friends as possible come along and enjoy the day

MACKAY (Meeting: 4th Monday each month 1730 hours, Venue - North Mackay Bowling Club)



Good numbers turned out in perfect weather conditions for this year's main ANZAC Day parade and service. Gakowski brothers (from left) Clarrie, Kevin and Bryce were up front at this year's ANZAC Day parade in Mackay. John Wells, our president led the parade, Bryce carried the Nasho flag while Clarrie and Kevin carried our banner and Ben Giles carried the Australian Flag.

Following a request from the local RSL, four Nashos volunteered to act as marshals at the Cenotaph to control the huge crowd and estimated 3000 school children who took part in the 9am parade. Mackay Nashos again formed the main part of the late afternoon service at Mirani where member Roly Robke is president of the RSL. Twenty five Mackay nashos marched to the new cenotaph which is set in delightful surroundings and local member Bruce Drake laid our wreath.

This year we went one better and eight Mackay Nashos went onto Finch Hatton, a small township at the foot of Eungella Range to participate in their evening service. The march from the RSL to the cenotaph was in total darkness. Local member Col Ladley laid our wreath.

REDLANDS (*Meeting: 1st Sunday each month at 1000 hours at Redland RSL, Cleveland*)

ANZAC Day 2007 - A good turnout of members from the Redlands Branch attended the Dawn Service at the Cleveland Cenotaph. The

kookaburra's laughter as we approached the Cenotaph added a very Australian touch in the approach of the early morning light. After breakfast at the Redlands RSL, we boarded the coach for the 0830 service at Redland Bay. A record attendance by the public at both services was vastly appreciated. On returning to Cleveland, we formed up the National Service contingent for the march along Middle Street into Passage Street where the salute was taken by Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC, AO (Mil) K St.J. This was followed by a moving service and it was great to see the involvement of so many children who were provided with posies by the RSL to place at the Cenotaph.



Photo: Some of our members after the service.

ROCKHAMPTON (*Meeting:*

The Rockhampton Branch of the National Servicemen's Association had a good attendance at the ANZAC Parade with in excess of 100 members lining up. The 49th Bush Rifles from Toowoomba also took part in the march. Hospitality was taken at the Criterion Hotel, and 50 members departed on a special bus at 2pm to attend the afternoon ceremony at Marmor. Members also attended the Dawn Service held at the Cenotaph in the Botanical Gardens. The Branch also had a successful sale of ANZAC memorabilia which was conducted at various supermarkets in the city. Three members of the Association, Wilf Sichtler, Errol Williams and Henry Dicoski recently assisted the Park Avenue State School in restoring their ANZAC Memorial Garden which had been damaged by vandals. The Branch will donate \$500 to RSL Care Rockhampton in the near future. After many months of Planning by the Branch a memorial to commemorate all who served, some losing their lives during National Service has been completed and erected near the Cenotaph at the Botanical Gardens. This memorial will be dedicated at a date to be decided. The Rockhampton City Council has been most generous in its support to the Branch in the completing of this monument. National Servicemen throughout the state are advised that the Central Queensland University is arranging bus tours of the Shoalwater Bay Military Training Area. This is a very interesting trip with wide coverage of the area and operations centre. Contact may be made by phoning Glenys Kirkwood (07) 4923 2511 or email g.kirkwood@cqu.edu.au

SOUTH BURNETT

The current Executive was returned unopposed at the AGM attended by 40 members and supporters. The Branch is organising a two-day bus trip to the Miles Museum. The bus tour and accommodation for the 20th anniversary celebrations in Toowoomba in October is booked out. The 2008 Reunion will be held at Murgon in April May next year.

STANTHORPE (Meeting: 4th Wednesday every 2nd month 1930 hours. Venue: RSL Club)

The AGM was held on 28th February at the RSL Club with a good attendance and only one change in the executive this being Ray McMenemy as Treasurer replacing Barry Johnstone, who has left the district. A night was held at the Old Caves Winery to farewell Barry and wife Lorna who have sold up in Stanthorpe and moved to Warwick to enjoy retirement, good wishes went to them from all present. ANZAC Day a good roll up with twelve Nashos represented along with former members of the reserve and grand children marching in the parade. Afterwards a get together at the RSL for lunch and a bit of golden amber.

SUNSHINE COAST (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Bi-monthly 1000 hours. Venue: Maroochydore RSL House.)

Our AGM was held at Ewan Maddock Dam on Sunday 15th April 2007. The weather was fine and the company excellent.

Our June picnic will be at Lake McDonald outside Cooroy. The date - June 10th with the theme being a belated Mothers Day, with the men to prepare and serve lunch for the ladies. The week leading up to ANZAC Day was very busy selling badges and flags at several shopping centres on the Coast.

Our ANZAC Day march was at Maroochydore, with a large contingent of Nashos marching. After the march a sausage sizzle was held at Cotton Tree Park and was enjoyed by all.



TABLELANDS (Meeting: 2nd Sunday each month 1030 hours Venue: Rocky Creek War Memorial Park Nasho Shelter.)

With Branch members widely spread across the Atherton Tableland, ANZAC Day services were well attended by our members from Mt. Molloy in the north 100km south to Innot Hot Springs and west to Watsonville. Crowd numbers were boosted at Atherton with the attendance for a national reunion of the Vietnam veterans' members of the 1st Field Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers otherwise known as 'The Tunnel Rats'. Seventeen of their National Servicemen were killed in Vietnam. Our Branch proposal to establishing a 'Driver Reviver' comfort stop at the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park has attracted considerable media interest in the area. The Innisfail Nashos regularly assist with staffing of one of these facility and report great success.



The donation of \$1,000 by our Branch to the Mareeba based ASDOGS (Association of Australian Assistance Dogs (NQ) Inc.) has also attracted considerable interest. The Golden Labrador male dog "Digger" has a NSAA cloth patch fitted to his training jacket in recognition of our contribution.

The 65th Anniversary Commemoration Service of 'Battle of the Coral Sea 1942' at Cardwell was attended by the northern Branches on 6 May. The 1RAR Band lead the street march followed by a memorial service. At the lunch that followed on the foreshore of Rockingham Bay, it was a good opportunity for members and supporters to mix in a social atmosphere. The next scheduled event on 17 June is a social gathering for lunch at Branch President John and Jess Ahler's property at Rangeview near Tolga.



TOWNSVILLE (Meeting: 2nd Wednesday each month 1930 hours. Venue: Townsville RSL.)

This year marks the 10th anniversary formation of the Townsville Branch.. Celebrations took place over the weekend of 16/17/18 March. An Anniversary Dinner was held at the Townsville RSL on Friday, 16th with 140 Members, Wives and Guests attending. It was great to see Tony Stevenson present, representing the State Management Committee. Also in attendance were members from Caboolture, Bribie Island, Sunshine Coast, Beaudesert, Longreach, Bowen, Innisfail and John Hardy from the Tablelands. . A surprise Presentation was made by our President Warren Hegarty of Meritorious Service Awards to our Secretary



Kyle MacLeod and Fundraising Officer Bob Griffiths in recognition of their outstanding and dedicated service over many years. Kyle has been a Committee Member since the formation of the Branch. Some 60 members marched along the Strand to the Cenotaph to be cheered by a huge crowd, plus we had a few disabled riding in jeeps this year. We were privileged to have the crew of our ship HMAS Townsville take part. She was on her final visit to Townsville before being decommissioned in Cairns on May 1 1 from where she was constructed 25 years ago. For the second year a special ANZAC Day was held at Morleys Funeral Home. This was well attended this year with many patients from various nursing homes turning out to remember . The Service was conducted by our Branch Chaplain Father John Emerson with the ANZAC Day address given by our Patron Brig. Neil Weekes AM MC (Retired). A small contingent marched behind our Banner for the first time in Thuringowa City. BURDEKIN SUB-BRANCH: Well attended this year at Services at Ayr and Home Hill plus marching in parades at Ayr and Home Hill.

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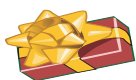
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20th October: Birthday Party

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NASHO DAZE

-By Ron Parsons





Different armies, but both National Servicemen. Len Matthews, of the State Management Committee – who was a member of the Victorian Scottish Regiment – and Louis Sultan, President of the French Veterans Association of Queensland, who was a French Marine and was awarded the Legion of Honour for bravery in Algeria. They were attending the Anzac Day service at Eatons Hill State Primary school which is exchanging wreaths with schools in Albert, on the Somme, in France.

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