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National Service brought together young Australians of all races, creeds, educational levels and occupations. These two Torres Strait Islander National Servicemen were photographed in Townsville.

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# GOLD COAST TO HOST STATE CONFERENCE

## Gold Coast North Branch will host the 2012 State Conference.

The Delegates' and General meetings will be held in September, as part of a program aimed at attracting National Servicemen and their families from throughout Australia. The General meeting in Townsville unanimously supported the application. Gold Coast hosted the very successful 50th national reunion.

The meetings approved a number of other major decisions:

## NATIONAL SERVICE HERITAGE PRECINCT

The agreement with Metroplex for the future of the National Service Heritage Precinct at Wacol was passed unanimously. Under it, the Precinct will be deeded to the Brisbane City Council as public land for National Service or like purposes; the Parade ground will be replaced by a new one on the eastern boundary; no more buildings will be moved into the Precinct; Metroplex will connect the services and roads and the NSAA will maintain the existing Precinct and buildings.

Metroplex will pay to the NSAA a total of \$500,000 in compensation - \$50,000 by December this year and the balance by December next year. The President cautioned that Metroplex would have to sell light industrial land in the midst of a national economic downturn.

Delegates also supported a proposal that the Association hold talks with the Cadets about the possibility of Wacol becoming their State Headquarters. An Army cadet unit already is housed at Wacol but others are struggling to find permanent homes.

The NSAA would retain control of the Chapel and the Everyman's Museum and the Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles Museum will continue in its present building.

## EXHIBITS

The Association will investigate suitable sheds or similar means of housing the Blitz wagon that will be restored and the wrecking truck at present on loan. This ex US Army transport (at right) was on show in Townsville. The Naval Bofors gun currently stored at Wacol will be moved into the Precinct.

The meeting also approved the NSAA applying for one of the 39 surplus Army MA2A howitzers being offered to ex-service associations.

If we are successful, ex-Artillery Nashos will be invited to contribute to the cost of \$4,000 to decommission it for display.

See the story, *The Gun*, in this issue.



## AMENDED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**The General meeting approved the amended Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2010.**

The new State Treasurer, Barry Jack, pointed out that the problem with the Statement had arisen over the banking of some sums of money received in interest bearing deposits which meant they had not been shown in the normal accounts in the Association's computer program. No wrong doing had occurred.

He told delegates and the general meeting that the Association's financial procedures were being reviewed.

Mr. Jack said the Association is in a sound financial position.

## NATIONAL DISASTER FUND

**The Northern Territory Branch President, Ivan Walsh, addressed the meeting on the new National Disaster Fund.**

He said it was intended to supplement State Disaster funds where a flood, cyclone, fire or other disaster was beyond a State's financial resources.

Mr. Walsh invited all Nashos to the annual commemoration of the Bombing of Darwin in February next year.

A contingent from New Zealand also took part in Townsville. They were the first to wear the new Defence Medal whose recipients include those who did compulsory military training in the 1950s and National Service in the 1960s. The photo shows State Vice President, Ivan Davis, a Vietnam veteran, and Ian McDougall of Beaudesert Branch with the Kiwi contingent in their distinctive black jackets. The medal bears clasps denoting the service – Regular, CMT, National Service and Territorials which is the equivalent of the CMF and the Army Reserve.



**The Delegates' meeting decided that the new State Constitution will be distributed to Branch Secretaries who will be able to reproduce it for members on request. Even in 9pt type, it runs to 17 pages - too long to print in Nasho News.**

# THE GUN

**The first artillery was a rock, readily available but dependent on the strength of the arm.**

Eventually someone discovered that pebbles or lead balls could be thrown further and harder using a sling.

Rome ballista of  
1/2 talent caliber



The Greeks and the Romans made the first mechanical innovations using twisted strips of animal hide to propel rocks and iron arrow bolts from large mechanical crossbows or catapults with names such as the Ballista (at left), Scorpion and Onager. Gruesome testimony to their effectiveness was found at Maiden Castle in Dorset, England, stormed by the 2nd Legion (Augusta) in AD43 under a future Emperor, Vespasian, during the Roman invasion of Britain. One of the defenders was buried in a hastily dug grave still with a ballista bolt stuck in his spine.

The next major development was the trebuchet, a very large catapult driven by one or more counterweights. It was usually a siege weapon and there have been demonstrations of recreated ones that threw a Morris Minor car several hundred yards. The film Lord of the Rings showed them in action in the siege of the city, Minas Tirith.

This film also alluded to the invention of gunpowder, first by the Chinese, which revolutionized war with the development of personal firearms and of cannon.

A cannon basically is an iron tube initially of reinforced metal strips and later cast in one piece. They were muzzle loaded, fired by a lighted wick or spark and hurled round stone, cast iron balls or pieces of shrapnel. Their introduction made the castle obsolete and necessitated new forms of defence.

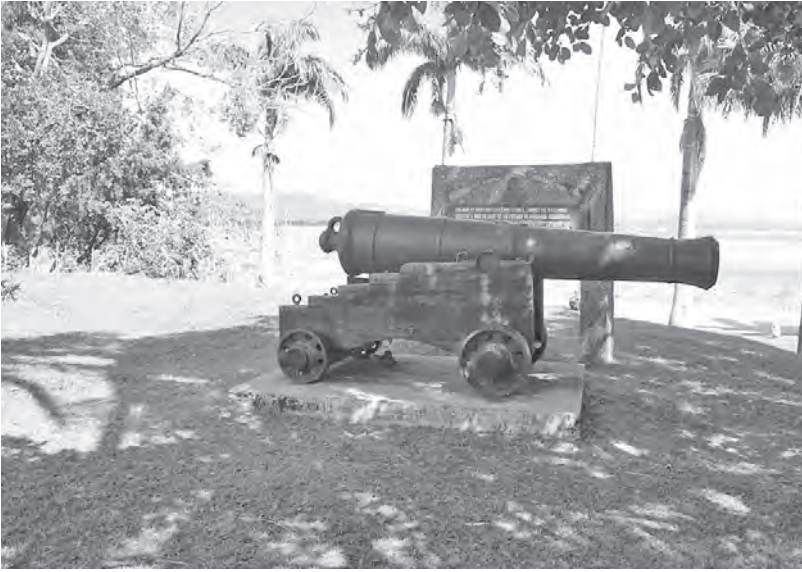
The ultimate effectiveness of artillery was in World War One in which it is regarded as the deciding factor. Long range artillery to a large extent was replaced by air power in World War Two and now by missiles.

According to Wikipedia, cannon were first used in China. The first hand cannon appeared during the 1260 Battle of Ain Jalut between the Mamluks and Mongols in the Middle East. The first cannon in Europe were probably used in Spain in the 13th century, and English cannon were first deployed in the Hundred Years' War, at the Battle of Crécy, in 1346. During the Middle Ages cannon became standardized and more effective in both the anti-infantry and siege roles. After the Middle Ages most large cannon were abandoned in favor of greater numbers of lighter, more maneuverable pieces. In addition, new technologies and tactics were developed, making most defences obsolete. This led to the construction of star forts, specifically designed to withstand artillery bombardment and the associated siege tactics.

Cannon also transformed naval warfare taking advantage of the firepower.



In Australia, the first cannon were on board HMS Supply which accompanied the First Fleet to Botany Bay in 1788.



Navies which for centuries had relied on catapults took quick advantage of the new firepower leading to ships equipped with hundreds of cannon in tiered decks.

The Colonial Governments formed their own artillery units which were taken over by the new Federal Government in 1901.

There had been a major scare in the 1860s that Russia was planning to invade Australia and cannon were installed around the eastern seaboard from Cooktown to Fremantle.

The Cooktown cannon (**above**) is still fired annually to mark the anniversary of Cook's arrival in the Endeavour River to repair his ship damaged on a coral reef.



The major development in artillery was the advent of breech loading guns firing shells filled with high explosives which saw them grow to huge sizes. The largest of all land-based weapons were the German railway guns in both World Wars which could fire a shell 70 miles. Improvements in aircraft and the advent of missiles rendered them obsolete. The barrel of one German gun captured by Australian forces in France in World War One is preserved at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.



As rifling became more commonplace, the accuracy of cannon was significantly improved, and they became deadlier than ever, especially to infantry. In Australia, the fear in the 1860s that Russia might try to invade saw the installation of cannon along foreshores around the coastline from Cooktown to Fremantle. None were ever fired in anger but remain as historic relics including in Brisbane.

Korea, Borneo and in particular Vietnam refined and developed the use of artillery in support of infantry and to counter mass attacks by enemy forces. The reliable 25pounder gun (above), used extensively in World War Two and until the mid-1950s, was replaced by more modern field pieces. Many have become exhibits outside RSL and other ex-Service headquarters or in parks joining similar trophies from World War One.

### MA2A FOR WACOL?

The NSAA has decided to bid for one of the 39 surplus Army MA2A howitzers being offered to organisations such as ours.

Competition is expected to be keen but we will point out that Wacol has always housed artillery units in the 1950s and 1960s. Many of our members served on 25 pounders and later on more modern guns in Vietnam.

If we are successful, it will cost \$4,000 to have the gun decommissioned plus transporting it from Puckapunyal to Brisbane. The Association can afford both, but the SMC has decided to offer our artillery members the opportunity to put their mark on the weapon.

We will invite gunners to donate \$20 each which will go entirely to the fund for the decommissioning. A plaque on the weapon would record the fact that our artillerymen helped make its presence possible. We will keep you informed. The word **artillery** is from the French for equip or arm; **cannon** from the Italian for tube and **gun** from the Scandinavian for war. And the origin of the word **howitzer**? It's full circle, because it comes ultimately from the Czechoslovakian word for catapult.



# THE DRILL

Test your powers of observation – these Queensland Nashos are competing for the Brisbane Telegraph Newspaper Shield for drill.

What is their unit and where are they?



If you said Wacol, you're wrong. There are no Army Rising Sun badges on the slouch hats nor 11NSTB shoulder flashes and Queensland Maltese Cross sleeve patches.

Instead, they have RAAF epaulettes because they are RAAF Nashos of Baker (B) Flight No.1 Squadron in 1954 at Amberley Air Force Base near Ipswich.

Brian Smith sent the photo and the one below which confirm that Queensland Newspapers, who owned the Courier Mail and the Telegraph, donated Cups and Shields to both the 11th National Service Training Battalion at Wacol and to Amberley for competition.

Winning them for your platoon or company was a great honour. Unfortunately, those from Wacol along with other Battalion and Company trophies have been lost.

Some trophies awarded to individuals have survived but does anyone know where the others might be? They would have a good home in the National Service Museum at the Heritage Precinct at Wacol.

But there's no mystery about these Nashos. They found a unique way to get home on the weekend leave we all got during our call-up. They simply chartered a TAA DC-3 to fly home from Amberley to Rockhampton.



A report in the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin on 22 September 1954 said the DC-3, named 'Dampier', touched down at Connor Field on 21 September with 20 National Servicemen and one WRAAF (3rd from right in back row) on board. They had chartered the plane to make the most of their three day leave.

The newspaper said they had scattered to their homes in Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Mt.Morgan and Gladstone and two had gone on to Mackay. It notes they returned to Amberley one hour before their leave expired on the Monday. The DC-3 would have taken about two and a half hours each way for the flight. The now-legendary aircraft (affectionately described as a collection of parts flying in loose formation) had a cruising speed of 150m.p.h. The paper claimed it was the first time a commercial airliner had landed at Amberley.

The photo seems to show yet another variation in RAAF caps. Each one appears to have a white or light-coloured peak. Was this standard headwear or perhaps a water or dust-proof cover? Or were they flying trainees? Brian Smith sent the photos and the information.

**A NOTE ABOUT PHOTOS:** The articles about the RAAF in the last two issues have brought a number of very interesting items and clippings. Unfortunately, they also contain photostats of group shots and aircraft but these can't be used because they reproduce poorly or as a black blur. Original photos are welcome. If on loan they will be returned. Navy items also would be welcome to mark the Centenary..... **Editor**

# STRESS TEST

**In the days before gunpowder, the Romans made great use of torsion powered weapons.**

Strips of rawhide were twisted and placed under great tension to propel missiles such as rocks and iron ballista arrow heads. Like friction in brake linings, that is about the only useful application for stress.

Certainly, it is something all of us can do without in life yet many of us suffer from stress without knowing it.

It manifests itself as anxiety, being uptight, bad temper and difficulty in sleeping and coping with the daily routine.

The symptoms are high blood pressure, pounding or irregular heart beat, loss of appetite and sleep disorders.

Left untreated, it can lead to heart attacks and stroke. The simple answer is to do away with whatever is causing the stress.

However, carrying that out is usually far from simple.

It makes sense to sit down and think through what is causing you stress mentally, as distinct from physically.

Defining the cause means being able to consider the answer such as a change of routine, giving away whatever job or task is causing stress or changing how you do the task.

One good technique is to count down slowly a flight of 10 steps to a private room which contains the thing you like best. It does work.

This is better than going on pills which treat the symptoms but not the causes. There's also the Roman method – a barrage of ballista bolts to transfer the stress to the ones causing it.



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Closing date next issue is Friday 10th February folding date 2nd March

**On behalf of the SMC and your News Editors: "All the very best for the Festive Season"**

**BEENLEIGH-LOGAN** (Meeting: 4th Monday each month 1000 hours. Venue: Beenleigh RSL.)

On 27th Aug. 21 members, Spoons and friends attended our B.B.Q. picnic at Wellington Point, it was the Only wet day of the week but we still had a good time. September 24th. Was our nasho 60th anniversary dinner with 120 members and guests, including federal, state and local government politicians enjoying the evening. Members from Brisbane South Beaudesert, Toowoomba and Beenleigh RSL helped make the night a great success. Special thanks to the RSL management for a sumptuous meal and the complimentary drinks and also the Zephyrs Rn'R band who had everyone dancing. Wow, what a night!!

**BRISBANE BAYSIDE BRANCH** ( Meeting: 3rd Tuesday each month 1100 hrs. Venue: Wynnum RSL.)

A 6am Service was held at Darling Point Memorial to honour Vietnam Day. The Guest speaker was Lt Richard Christensen RAN Operations Office Navy HQ Sth. Qld. He delivered a very interesting address on the role the Navy played during the Vietnam war. Wreaths were laid by our President Adrian Sheather, Lt Christensen, Paul Lucas, Adrian Schrinner and Peter Cumming. National Servicemen's 60th Anniversary. Twenty members and supporters attended the Townsville celebrations after travelling to Rocky Creek War Memorial on The Atherton Tablelands. We were welcomed by fellow Nashos John Hardy and his team, ably supported by the Salvos. From there we left Cairns by coach for Townsville. *Bayside Belles. From the left: Pam Sheather, Bev Mc Kechnie, Marion Friend, Vonn Cahill, Shirley Dillon, Jan Heggie, Rae Jamie, Ruth Richardson and Nancy Sheehan.*



**BRISBANE EAST** (Meetings 3rd Tuesday each month 1900hrs Venue: Manly-Lota RSL)

**The banner says it all – Brisbane East Branch and the Manly-Lota RSL Sub-Branch jointly celebrate the 60th anniversary of National Service and Manly-Lota's 75th anniversary at a dinner at Manly.** It



also is the centenary of the Royal Australian Navy, 110 years of the Army; 90 years of the RAAF and the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong in Korea. President Ken Edwards responds on behalf of Nashos for the 125 guests. The two organisations also held a joint observance for Remembrance Day at the historic Digger Memorial in Richard Russell Park Manly.

**BRISBANE NORTH** (Meeting: 1st Sunday each month 1000 hours. Venue: Kedron Wavell Services Club)

A busy period for Brisbane North but the most significant event has been the 60th Anniversary celebrations in Townsville. Barry Loose and Don Neville were our delegates and gave a full report at the October meeting.



Some of our group extended the trip by journeying to the Atherton Tablelands and visited the Rocky Creek Memorial where the rocks are adorned with plaques relating to battalions from WW2. There is also a plaque for Nashos, and the local branches hold their meetings at the memorial. Brisbane North celebrate their 10th Anniversary this year but with the Townsville Celebrations taking prominence it was decided to hold our local event in the first part of next year. Watch for further details. Our Supporters Group held their own party with a 10th year birthday cake. Our Christmas function is shaping up to be bigger than ever. This is an event not to be missed so log it in your diary now. Bookings with Marlene on 3261 1980 SATURDAY 10th December. The photo shows the new Navy Centenary Gardens recently opened at Kallangur.

**BRISBANE NORTH WEST** (Meeting third Sunday each month 10am Gaythorne RSL).

As this edition goes to press our branch is getting ready for poppy selling outside local stores prior to Remembrance Day. Over the past few months we have had a change of venue and a couple of committee changes. Frank Nugent is now President and Terry Hamilton VP. Secretary David Livett and Treasurer Bert Girle remain unchanged. Rod Adamson, Bill Michelmore and John Coote respectively have taken over the roles of Welfare Officer, Functions Officer and Merchandising Officer. Our end of year function will be held at home in RSL Gaythorne on Friday 2 December. As we look forward to 2012 and the twenty fifth birthday of NSAA, amongst our new innovations will be to meet in January, create a branch web page and to streamline our meetings to allow for more time for guest speakers and more social interaction.

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

The Bundy Nashos & WONS had a very enjoyable day bus trip in September with a visit to the beachside village of Toogoom where morning tea was consumed. The sand flies were very friendly but the morning tea compensated for those distractions. The group then journeyed over to Hervey Bay for a delightful BBQ lunch by the sea, before returning home later in the afternoon. In October Bundaberg was able to play host to the visiting Nashos and WONS from both Rockhampton and Gladstone groups who travelled down on the Tilt Train, enjoyed some local hospitality and then returned home on the afternoon Tilt Train. A total of 111 participated in this wonderful day of fellowship. Date claimer folks, don't forget Bundaberg members pencil in Thursday 15 December 2011 which is the Christmas BBQ lunch.

**CABOOLTURE** (Meeting: 3rd Thursday each month 0945 hours. Venue: seniors citizens Building, Hastings St.)

On 10th June at the Longman Awards Patron Ron Snow was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his service in contributing to Australia's effort in the Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation and twice in the Vietnam war.

Ron did National Service in 1954 and went on to regular service for 24 years and becoming a WO2. Recently our Patron, President and Federal member attended the flag raising ceremony at the Military Museum at the Caboolture Historic Village.



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

August, by far was the busiest month of the year for Cairns members with trips to Rocky Creek for the Tableland's 66th anniversary of VP Day, then four days later on to Mareeba for their Long Tan Service at



11am, finishing that day at the Cairns Cenotaph at 5.30pm for Vietnam Veterans Day. Forty-four gathered at the Hambleton Hotel, Edmonton on the 25th October for a luncheon to celebrate the Cairns Branch's 10th Anniversary. A pictorial record of early Nasho days was on display, courtesy of Les Sim of the Cairns Historical Society. As a memento each member received a purposely designed mouse pad and a brief "History of the Branch" booklet compiled by member John Wallwork. As this will be the last edition of the "Nasho News for the year, the Cairns Branch wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

**CORAL COAST** (Meeting: 2nd Sunday each month 1030 hours. Venue: R.S.L. Club.)

Coral Coast members were able to enjoy the well organized September activity of the Townsville 60th Anniversary Celebrations and also our annual July get together here in Bowen which was once again well attended by our neighbouring branches of Mackay, Ayr and Townsville. The day featured good fellowship and good lively entertainment provided by the popular band who travel each year from Calliope district. The entertainment is also complemented by visiting Nashos, who bring along various instruments such as bag pipes, mouth organs etc. Our members have attended Remembrance Day Ceremonies at our local R.S.L. Care Home and at the town Memorial cenotaph site.



**DALBY** (Meeting: 1st Saturday Bi-Monthly 1030 hours, Venue: alternately Miles/Dalby/Chinchilla RSL's)

On the first Sunday in August members and supporters travelled to Oakey to the well maintained Museum of Australian Army Flying, after a short talk the members went back in time looking at the old aircraft on display. Five members attended Townsville's 60th anniversary reunion. At our October meeting we had a visit from State President Bill Morriss and wife Lois along with the Mayor of Western Downs Regional Council Ray Brown at which time they handed back the maintenance of the Dalby Australia Remembers Park to the regional Council. The nashos had cared for the park since 1995. A mural wall depicting Lone Pine trees and poppies was also officially opened. Next: Christmas at Miles – 3rd Dec 2011 1030 hours.



**GLADSTONE** (Meeting: 3rd Wednesday each month 1300 hours. Venue: RG Hotel) Anniversary Celebration of National Service – Townsville: 19 members and associates of Gladstone Branch attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration of National Service in Townsville 8 – 11th September. 2011. The meet n Greet was held at the Townsville RSL. 1 RAR band and singers provided excellent entertainment together with “Attori”- the three tenors, along with the concert starring Normie Row and Judy Stone. We were all issued with branded hats and Tee shirts that were worn with pride over the next four days, identifying NASHO’s. The Dawn Service



was conducted at the NASHO memorial at beautiful Rowes Bay.. 212 red poppies bordered the Memorial to commemorate each NASHO killed in Borneo and Vietnam Buses carried us into the City for the street parade. The streets were lined with cheering flag waving people. The service at Strand Park was moving and a fitting farewell to a wonderful occasion. Thank you Townsville NASHO’s for the opportunity to renew friendships, enjoy fellowship and - **just remember.**

**GOLD COAST NORTH** (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each even month 0930 hours. Venue: Mudgeerba Light Horse and National Servicemen’s Precinct)

Twenty members & wives from the Gold Coast North Branch attended the Townsville reunion in September, & all enjoyed the few days in typical Queensland weather. The outdoors staging of events was new to most southern visitors, but was very successful due to the good weather. At the Townsville Conference the State Management Committee awarded the 2012 State Conference to the Gold Coast North Branch. The Financial Report was passed unanimously & also the New Constitution was adopted. At the branch, the planning committee has been formed & the first meeting held. A programme has been formulated, which will be of interest to all. This event will be promoted as the 25th Anniversary of the forming of the National Servicemen’s Association of Australia, which was created in Toowoomba in November 1987. Negotiations have begun with the Gold Coast City Council for the upgrading of the branch memorial at Broadbeach.

Gold Coast North Branch will lose a pair of popular & valued members in November, when Terry & Shirley Perrott relocate to Canberra, to enjoy retirement near their families. A big loss to the branch, but we wish them all the best in their new home. As the year draws to a close we can look back at another successful year especially as we now have our own premises in the Nasho Hut (Office). All at the Gold Coast North wish all our mates throughout Queensland a Joyous Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year.

**GYMPIE** (Meeting: 2nd Sunday Bi-monthly even months 1030 hours. Venue: Gympie RSL)

Two members and a support member travelled to Townsville for the 60th anniversary and had a really great time. Although not able to find anybody they served with other friends were seen and lots of news to catch up on. Our little branch is proud of its National Service Memorial recently erected in Memorial Park in Gympie. The opening day went very well with Federal, State & Local Government represented as well as the local R.S.L. branch and other nasho branches, and the families of the two National Servicemen whose deaths are commemorated on the Memorial. We hope all local Nashos who haven’t seen the memorial will make time to have a look. Our next meeting is our Christmas one and will be a BBQ at Dick & Dale Parkers house on the 11 Dec. 1030 onwards, BYO lunch and drinks, branch will supply Christmas nibbles. We hope all members will try to attend. As Christmas will be upon us soon, we wish all National Servicemen and their families a happy and healthy Christmas Season

**INNISFAIL** (Meeting: 4th Tuesday each month 1800 hours. Venue –Innisfail Cultural Complex)

The Innisfail branch is expanding with new members from the Alternate scheme CMF and some Vietnam Vets are also joining our ranks. We had our Northern Zone challenge with the Southern Zone at bowls at Silkwood Bowls Club, The club catered for us very well and a great day was had by all. North lost the Shield to the South, but next year will be a different story. The Ingham Bowlers were just too good. Branch activities will be a go this festive season with a grant from DVA for bus hire to transport the Members, Associates and Widows of past Nashos on social outings to bring a little bit of cheer into our lives. This service will probably overflow to Laurel Club and War Widows. Christmas is just around the corner, so we wish all and everyone a very merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**MARYBOROUGH** (Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month. Venue: Maryborough RSL.)

The Branch was invited to send representatives to the RSL Military Ball to celebrate the:- Royal Australian Navy Centenary 90th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force & 60th Anniversary of National Service. The Branch was represented by President Doug and Eva Marriott Secretary Brenton and Beryl Bahr & Kevin and Lorraine Hannaford and supporter Beverley Borchardt. Doug was invited to cut the large cake in support with Lieutenant Gavin Williamson (Navy) and Sergeant Allen Egulesden (Air Force). The Ball was in aid of the Flying Doctor Service. RSL President donated the cake and we donated an additional \$50. Music was provided by the Royal Australian Navy Band and an additional dance band attended.



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

I'm sure there will be reports on the 60th anniversary from most branches, so suffice to say thank you to the Townsville Council, Bulletin, RSL, and local businesses for supporting their local Nasho branch. A good news story relates to one of our ladies who, while walking around at Kissing Point on the Wednesday prior to the event, found she had lost a much treasured watch. On the following Tuesday, another of our members saw a notice in the Odyssey Café about a found watch. Sure enough, it was the right one, making one lady very happy. On the Sunday before the 60th celebrations, the Redlands Branch celebrated their 10th birthday, when certificates were awarded to those members who had been at the very first meeting. A birthday cake made by the RSL's chef was cut by our President, Eric Shaw, and Acting President of the Redland RSL, Alan Harcourt. Founding member, Jeff Marshall, talked about the early days and the evolvement of the Branch to what it is today.



Merry Christmas all!

**ROCKHAMPTON** (Meeting: 4th Wednesday each month 1030 hours. Venue: Frenchville Sports Club.)

The Townsville City Council and Townsville Branch Association should be congratulated on the effort put in to the 60 year Anniversary held in that city. I know; we Rocky blokes enjoyed ourselves. At our August meeting the Rockhampton Branch, President John Hogan made a presentation to four charities. The recipients



were The Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, representatives of "Rockhampton and District Blind Club, Oz Care and Cerebral Palsy. John along with these representatives are seen here in the photo. The Capricornia RSL invited us to attend a service on Remembrance day at the Frenchville Sports Club where they have had a memorial erected. Rockhampton Nashos will hold their Christmas Lunch at the Frenchville Sports Club on Sunday 20th November. All welcome. As this is the last News before Christmas may everyone enjoy a Happy and Healthy Festive Season.

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

Our October picnic was held at Power Park Mudjimba and although the weather was overcast at times it did not rain and 46 members, wives and friends enjoyed each others company. The raffles were well supported. Six of our branch members attended the functions in Townsville for the 60th reunion and participated in tours to Charters Towers, Magnetic Island and Cairns and Tableland A mighty time was had by all. Our Xmas Party will be held at Maroochydore RSL on Monday the 5th December - get your tickets now.

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

The Tableland Branch community involvement continues with the donation to Atherton's Carinya Home for the Aged. Branch President Des Nella made the presentation to Carinya CEO Sue Nicholls on 11 October and was informed that the money will be used for the purchase of wheelchairs. Our Branch received glowing reports from Nasho members and supporters of the two coach tours that visited the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park on 7 and 13 September. Twenty four of our members and supporters attended the 60th anniversary National Service reunion in Townsville from 8-11 September. Three members Des Nella, Boyd McQueen and John Hardy attended the Branch Delegate's and General meeting at the Townsville RSL that preceded the reunion on 8 September. Our October Branch meeting was held at Don and Jan Locarnini's Wondecla property, the site of the WWII 6th Division canteen. Historian and Branch member Peter Nielsen donated his recently released CD detailing North Queensland WWII history at this meeting. On 23 October, the five Northern Nasho Branches combined to hold the annual 'Nasho Reunion' at the Cardwell RSL.



**TOOWOOMBA** (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Odd months 1900 hour, 2nd Sunday Even months at 1:30pm Venue: Irish Club Hotel)

Bus Trip to Millmerran and Ned's Corner [28th August]: An enjoyable day was had by all on this outing with a detour through Pittsworth included. At Millmerran we visited the museum, which had more to see than most of us expected. After smoko there, the bus and passengers headed out to Ned's Corner, a tourist venue run by



Ned Winter and his wife who provide camp-oven cooked meals in a large country shed. The way home was via Cecil Plains and the cotton country. An alternate drop lunch at the Irish Club Hotel highlighted the presentation of widow's pins to 10 of our ladies. Our patron was unavailable so President Terry McGovern did the honours, and Leo Camm acted as the MC. After the ceremonies, a short general meeting was conducted and ended a memorable afternoon. Our annual race day was held at Clifford Park on the cushion track. It was great to see Brian Handke and group arrive from the Gold Coast, and we also welcomed Ian and Bev McDougall from Beaudesert. We enjoyed having Ron Boxall our patron and wife Joan with us for the afternoon. Coming Events 3rd

December.....**Christmas Party.** Planning for this year's Christmas Party is well advanced. It is to be held at South Toowoomba Bowls Club similar to last year.

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

What a great 4 days of Celebrations to mark the 60th Anniversary of National Service held 8th to 11th September. There has been wonderful feedback from all over the Country, including our New Zealand NASHOS who came over to participate in the Celebrations. The opening Event, the 'MEET & GREET' on Thursday, 8th was well set up thanks to President Rod McLeod AM and his excellent Staff at the Townsville RSL. The Dinner/Dance on Friday night was an open air setting held on the lawn at the rear of Jupiter's Casino. Saturday night saw a great Public Concert at Strand Park. The crowd was treated to a great collection of tunes, once more played by the talented 1RAR Band. The Dawn Service at our Memorial on Sunday was quite special with the Guard and Catafalque Party provided by the Australian Army Forces Re-enactment Unit from Newcastle complete with Uniforms from our era, .303 rifles and bayonets bringing back memories from long ago. 212 poppies were laid up the pathway to the Memorial as a fitting tribute to those National Servicemen who paid the supreme sacrifice in Borneo and Vietnam. After the Service, a new sign erected by the Townsville City Council was unveiled, designating the area as NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S MEMORIAL PARK. The unveiling was carried out by Cr. Deanne Bell and Brigadier Stuart Smith AM Commander of the 3rd Brigade and blessed by Father John Emerson. Following was the March through the New Flinders Street, being the first Ex-Service Organisation to do so. The Salute was taken by Brigadier Stuart Smith AM Commander 3rd Brigade and Acting Mayor David Crisafulli. The finale was a spirited rendition of 'Advance Australia Fair' played by 1RAR Band. Happy Christmas and safe New Year to all members of SMC and branches.



# PADRE'S CORNER



Christmas time is upon us all and we are amazed and in awe and wonder where has this year gone. The past year has been a challenge for many Nasho families with the loss of loved ones and for those who struggle with their health You are not forgotten and at this time of Christmas there is no better time to reflect on the dedication and commitment of all National Servicemen from the State Management Committee to all the Branch executives, members and wives, Chaplains and supporters.

Many of you do more than is required and go much further than is expected. At times your dedication is at the expense of your own time with family friends and loved ones. Don't for a moment think it goes unnoticed because without such dedication the National Servicemen's Association would not be where it is today.

As you enjoy the festivities with friends and families and as you give and accept presents remember the greatest gift ever given to mankind was Jesus Christ our saviour who was born to set us free. General Bramwell Booth said if the Babe had not lain in the manger, then the Man would not have been nailed to the tree, and the Lamb that was slain would not have taken His place on the Everlasting throne. Please accept the best wishes from my wife Joan and from myself.

**Captain John Tatters Queensland Chaplain**

## LAST POST

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## **NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) Inc PRELIMINARY NOTICES OF MEETING**

A Delegates', General Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 31 March 2012 at the Chapel, National Service Heritage Precinct, 1001 Boundary Road, Wacol, Brisbane.

Registrations for the Delegate's Meeting will be at 9:30a.m. for a 10a.m. start. Registrations for the General meeting will be at 1p.m. for a 1:30p.m. start. The AGM will follow. Business for the meetings will appear in the February issue of Nasho News. Only financial ordinary members, Life Subscribed members or Life members may vote.

Proxy voting forms are available from all Branch Secretaries or from the State Secretary at State HQ at Eric Sivell Park, 171 Boundary Road, Camp Hill, Brisbane. Notices of motion and proxy votes must be in the hands of the State Secretary at the above address or at P.O.Box 7014 Holland Park East 4121 by 5p.m. on ***Friday, 20 January 2012.*** Allen Callaghan State Secretary

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## **NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND) Inc**

### **Nominations for State Management Committee**

Nominations are invited for all positions on the State Management Committee. The prescribed form, available from all Branch Secretaries or from the State Secretary, plus a c.v., must be lodged with the State Secretary at P.O.Box 7014 Holland Park East Q 4121 or at State HQ Eric Sivell Park Boundary Road Camp Hill, Brisbane by 5p.m. on ***Friday 23 December 2011.*** Allen Callaghan State Secretary

**Good News is that Noel has given up smoking. The Bad News is how many of the rest of you smokers will show the same courage to bag the fag?**

NEW FAX NUMBER: We've upgraded the fax line at State HQ. You can now send a fax to (07) 3397 0424. You also can email us on [nashosql@gmail.com](mailto:nashosql@gmail.com).

*Beaudesert Branch will hold A Reunion/Bash from 4 to 7 May 2012.  
Enquiries to the Secretary P.O.Box 106 Beaudesert 4285 or phone (07) 5541 2547.*

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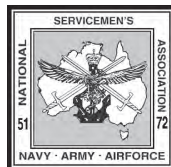
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**... and in the morning, we will remember them. The National Service Memorial at Manly, in Brisbane, looking to the sunrise over Moreton Bay, honours all who have served Australia and those who died.**

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