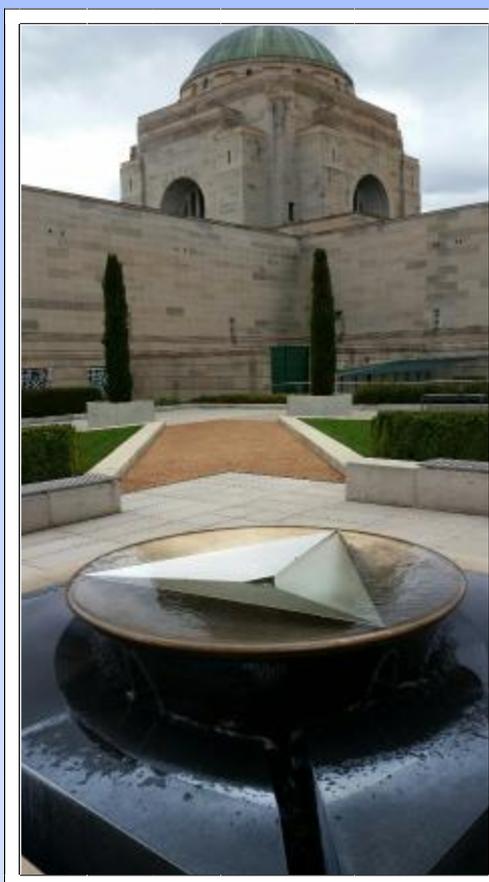


# NASHO NEWS

*National Servicemen's Association*

**DECEMBER 2016**





**Headquarters**

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**20th November  
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**Members from sub-branches, Yorke Peninsula,  
Para Districts and Northern Central, and the  
Riverland.**



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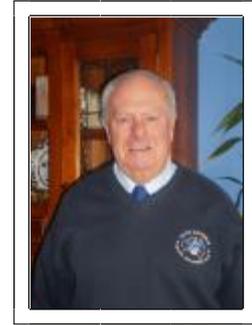
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## STATE BRANCH EVENTS 2017

- Friday January 13th—Return to Headquarters.
- Sunday February 11th—National Service Day.
- Thursday March 16th— National NSAA Council Meeting
- Friday March 17th—Dedication of Memorial at Headquarters.
- Tuesday 25th April—Anzac Day.



## PRESIDENTS REPORT.



The last year has been very busy for our Organisation, and I must thank all members that have been involved. Particularly the two Treasurers, Roger Halliday and Neil Crabb who have worked tirelessly to bring our finances to a state that a good report was given by the Auditor. The Executive and other members have worked as an extremely efficient team to keep the organisation functioning. Thank you to all for your great efforts.

I would like to give recognition to those members who have volunteered to the many tasks they have been involved in. I won't name them individually, but these people have stepped up when requested and done an excellent job. Thank you. Working as a team we can achieve a lot for our organisation

Unfortunately we have lost members who have passed on. I attended the funerals of Colin Kuchel (Past President of Fleurieu), Gordon Hood (Padre), and Bob Illman. My condolences go out to the family and friends of all who have gone. LEST WE FORGET.

Other functions I have attended include

- R.S.L State conference.
- DRA- AGM.
- Reception at Government House for WW2 Veterans.
- State General, and Council meetings.
- Remembrance Day service at the City of West Torrens

The AGM was conducted on Sunday 20th November 2016. The results will be included later in the magazine. The meeting was well attended with over 40 people in attendance from all parts of the State.

This has again been a very productive year with many goals being achieved. The next year will again be very busy with the National Council meeting and AGM being conducted here in conjunction with the dedication of our Memorial and Pathway of Remembrance. We will be looking to all members to work as a team to achieve the success of this important occasion.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a Happy and safe Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. Please stay safe.

John Thorne ESM  
President.



**When completing the membership dues renewal forms, (on reverse side of address sheet of magazine) could you please enter your service number, as we are currently putting information on digital data base.**

## NORTHERN CENTRAL AREA SUB BRANCH REPORT.



Greetings fellow members, the past twelve months for Northern Central have been reasonable. With membership at a steady level of 40 members which includes 3 life members, and 4 Unfinancial. Sub Branch meetings have been reasonably attended, although during the winter months attendance did drop off, but we soldiered on regardless and hopefully now the warmer months, are supposed to be here, members will avail themselves to come along to a meeting or two. Activities away from our meetings at Enfield RSL have been, the Jet Fighter Museum located at the Parafield Airport, this was a joint sub branch meeting with Para District Sub branch. Vice President Tom Caplin gave members a guided tour of the museum and the reconstruction hanger, unfortunately the museum is in a wind down stage and is closing due to ill health. 90% of the exhibits have now been sold off either to interstate buyers, in one case to a Russian investor. Following the meeting, a luncheon was held at the "Slug and Lettuce" hotel nearby. After numerous e-mails and phone calls a date was finally set once again for a visit with Para District to the Port Adelaide Aviation Museum, although we had been there before, it was still worthwhile as there were a number of exhibits that were new to the museum, we were hoping to be able to get a glimpse of their latest exhibit, the Caribou Aircraft, but that was not to be, so that will mean another visit later. Again with a combined sub branch meeting, lunch at the Port Adelaide Railway Hotel. (No pokies)

This month being Remembrance Day on the 11th, the sub branch took up the challenge on the Tuesday prior to spend most of the afternoon at the Wall of Remembrance of the Enfield General Cemetery, placing poppies on the plaques of the deceased, this has been an ongoing commitment for many years now. Unfortunately it was left to just three of us to cover 4 walls with poppies, but we delivered and managed to cover the walls with poppies. Wednesday and Thursday was a joint effort selling poppies along with the Enfield RSL. Wednesday Enfield RSL and Thursday Northern Central's, both RSL members and Nasho members manned the table at North Park Shopping Centre and worked well together both days. Remembrance Day service was very well attended by Northern Central Sub Branch members, held as usual at the Enfield RSL.

Malcolm Kruss..President.

## PARA DISTRICTS SUB BRANCH REPORT.

The September meeting was followed by the Charter Dinner. Unfortunately our cook resigned, so we had to make other arrangements.

The top table consisted of John and Christine Thorne (Head Office President), Mr. Tony Zappia MP (Patron of Para Districts), Trevor and Joan Carter (President of Para Districts sub branch), Gillian Aldridge (Mayor of City of Salisbury), Cathy Perry (representing Zoe Bettison). Other invited guests were Northern Central members. (Photo on the inside back cover of this Nasho news.)

The day started with sherries before the meal and finished with a nice port supplied by the Salisbury RSL. After cleaning up the chairs and tables were reset and we left at 4.30pm.

The last outing was a visit to the Aviation Museum at Port Adelaide with members of Northern Central. The museum has plenty of interesting aviation items and is well worth a visit. After the museum, 10 members of Para Districts ventured to the Railway hotel for lunch. Our Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 6th December in the Salisbury RSL.

Trevor Carter...President.

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**FLEURIEU SUB BRANCH REPORT.**

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A very successful meeting and luncheon was held in September with the Nashos Touring Club during their bivouac at the Beachside Caravan Park, Victor Harbor. Even though some Touring Club Members were forced to leave the tour because of flooding of the park, 53 Nashos and Touring Club Members enjoyed a luncheon and fellowship at the Port Elliot RSL.



October 21st was scheduled for the Sub-Branch AGM but due to the lack of response from Members a quorum was not achieved and the meeting was deferred. Not to be deterred those Members who did respond had an enjoyable lunch under relaxed conditions. It is a great pity that the fellowship we all enjoyed is not realised in participation by other members of the Sub-Branch.

For Remembrance Day 2016 the Sub-Branch joined with the Port Elliot RSL in a combined service of remembrance which saw a very large group of members from the RSL National Servicemen, the Royal Australian Air Force from Edinburgh, School assemblies and the general public in attendance.. The service was followed by a luncheon at the Port Elliot RSL where 56 people sat down to an enjoyable lunch and fellowship.

The deferred AGM will be combined with the annual Christmas lunch to be held on December 16 th . at the Goolwa Hotel where it is to be hoped that more members will see fit to attend this function.

Declining Membership and interest by ex Nashos is increasing rapidly as we approach the 65 years since those early intakes completed their National Service and we must all consider the legacy we will leave for the future.

One option is to join the RSL. Another option for the Fleurieu Sub-Branch is to support the 423 Victor Harbor Army Cadet Unit. .

In the interim period we will continue to provide an annual program for those members who continue their membership and interest of fellowship with fellow Nashos.

Neil Wilkinson Fleurieu Sub-Branch.





### Chaplain's Corner

*Hope is an active grace. Hope is like the spring of a watch, it sets all the wheels of the soul in motion. Hope of a crop makes the husbandman sow his seed. T. Watson.*

Now, here's a thought.

These words come from last century, and perhaps the language is dated. But they carry a truth. There are times when things go wrong. There are disappointments. The storms with hail stones destroy crops. It is devastation. Floods take away a season's work. Sometimes someone close has health difficulties and the future looks bleak. It is devastating.

At such times we find ourselves saying "All we can do is hope." Hope is, however, a positive force. It carries with it an attitude which allows divergent thinking. It opens the mind to possibilities. It prevents the person from falling into an absolute despair where one is unable to even consider any possible future. Despair is when the spring of the watch is broken.

One writer used the image of a fishing net. Hope is the cork on one side. Though the lead on the one side sinks the net, yet the cork on the other lifts it up.

The wisdom of the ages comes to us afresh:-

When Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) rendering Psalm 90 into poetry, wrote the words we sing every Memorial Day, he gave words to us fresh for our times –

Our God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
 And our eternal home.

Padre Vern

May the spirit of Christmas last the whole year through.



**UPPER SOUTH EAST SUB BRANCH.**

Welcome back to all our members after the recess period. On July 20th some of our members attended **“A.Solemn Commemoration of the Fallen from Naracoorte in the Battle of Fromelles during its Centenary”** held at the ‘The Anglican Church of Naracoorte’. This was then followed next month of August 4th by a **“Solemn Commemoration of the Fallen from Naracoorte in the Battle of Pozieres during its Centenary”**.

Our first official meeting after the break was held at the Crown Hotel in Kingston on September 11th. Twenty-two members gathered for lunch.

On October 9th members from Bordertown, Kingston, Mount Gambier, & Naracoorte came together at the Bordertown Hotel combining our meeting with a luncheon & raffle.

November was a busy month for our branch which kicked off on November 6th at the Memorial Park in Penola with the unveiling of the **“Coonawarra/Penola RSL Commemorative Plaque to Honour War animals”** Peter Haran who unveiled the plaque was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a dog handler with one of the “Australian Army’s first Combat Tracking Teams”. The commemorative plaque honours the contribution of dogs and horses had given during the wartime. (photo on page 14).

On November 11th members gathered together to commemorate Remembrance Day at MacIntosh Square neighbouring the war memorial monument in the centre of Naracoorte. After formalities concluded members had lunch at “Billy Mac’s Hotel” and enjoyed a lovely afternoon mingling with one another.

Once again branch members were invited to join with the Apsley RSL members for their **“Annual Christmas Luncheon”** on Sunday 20th November at the Border Inn Hotel. After lunch a guest speaker spoke about the light-horsemen that served as far back as the Boer War and WW1.

Our **“Annual Christmas Luncheon”** will this year be held on November 27th at the **“Crown Inn Hotel”**, in Kingston to bring another year to a close. As this is the last newsletter before our Christmas break, I would like to thank everyone that attended our meetings throughout the year. Just a friendly reminder that our first meeting in 2017 will be held on February 14th at the **“Lucindale Hotel”**. This will be held in conjunction with the **“National Servicemen’s Day”** and the **AGM**.

Until we meet again in 2017, I would like to wish all Nasho members a safe and enjoyable festive season.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!**

Susan Hinton.....Committee member.

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**BROKEN HILL SUB BRANCH REPORT.**

At the AGM the following people were elected.

- President: Les McQuillan
- V.President: John Bacich, JP
- Secretary: Merry Pedernana OAM, JP
- Treasurer: John Carney
- Liason Officer: John Condon



Committee: Val Huxtable, Pat Bacich, Alan Stevenson, Arthur King, Laurie Camilleri.

We were honoured with the presence of Graham Sargent and Norma at our AGM. Graham was given the honour of presenting Life Membership to president Les McQuillan, who on receiving the award, stated that he was very touched to receive this honour. Merry had arranged for Les’s daughter Sheridan, husband Nick and son Ben, as well as Les’s brother Don, and Les’s best mate “Doggy” Brennan to be in attendance while the presentation was made. I might add, that knowing Les for many years, this is the first time that I have seen him speechless.

Things are in full swing for our Xmas Disposal, and ticket sellers will be out and about in November.

Our last meeting for the year will be on Sunday 12th December, after which we will have a break and resume in February for our National Servicemen’s day service at the Salvation Army Citadel.

Merry Pedernana OAM. JP  
Honorary Secretary.

## RIVERLAND SUB BRANCH NEWS

On October 9th, 22 members met at the Waikerie riverfront, thankfully in the Lion's shelter area, as it was a dreadful day, very windy like many such days in our area this year.

A moments silence was held in memory of departed members. Not a great deal to be discussed, the proposed trip to Pt. Adelaide was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Best wishes to all of our members on the sick list, hope you will soon be back to good health as you are missed at our meetings.

An invitation was received from the Barmera RSL to attend the Pozieres 100 year commemorative dinner on Oct.10th. Rob Baird, an Army surgeon in Afghanistan is the guest speaker. Our Secretary Peter Tucker has visited Pozieres and will present an informative paper– a condensed section will be included at the end of this report.

A BBQ lunch followed, and members enjoyed the sight of the PS Marion making her way downstream on the Murray River to Mannum. Our last meeting will be held on Dec 11th at Lock 4.

No report from other towns on Remembrance Day services but Morgan held a short service, led by RSL Vice President Ern Pobke, attended by local residents and the primary school children. My Grand-daughter Ashleigh Johnston led the singing of the National Anthem as well as laying a wreath on behalf of CFS. A light luncheon and refreshments were enjoyed afterwards.



**POZIERES;** a little known village in Western France, until 1st July 1916, the opening day of the Somme Battle. After 5 British assaults had failed, the Australian troops were sent in. 5 weeks later they had moved the front line forward by 1500 metres, but had suffered tremendous casualties. On August 4th 1916, the Australian troops finally captured the windmill on the high ridge outside the village, a huge loss to the Germans, giving a high advantage “look out post”. A plaque at the ruins of the Poziers windmill reads “Here was the centre of the struggle at this point of the Somme Battlefield in July/August 1916. It was captured on Aug 4th by Australian troops who fell more thickly on this ridge than on any other battlefield of the war”. Sadly this battle has been largely neglected in history, whilst the Gallipoli anniversary is celebrated by huge numbers each year, the Pozieres battle now 100 years ago is overlooked.

Roma Hausler. Scribe.

## REMEMBERANCE DAY 11TH FEBRAURY.

Remembrance Day will be held on Saturday 11th February 2017

In the Garden of Remembrance at

The City of West Torrens.

Light refreshments will follow at State Headquarters.

## Yorke Peninsula Report

We were saddened to hear of the passing in September of another of our members, Geoffrey Button of Port Broughton. Our condolences go to his family. The weather on Sunday 11th of September for our BBQ lunch at the memorial could not have been better. Sadly only 6 members turned up including Rev June Ladner. After lunch Allan got the Bocce balls out for a game. Then we enjoyed a time recalling childhood memories. On Friday 14th October seven members traveled to the Blyth Cinema where we had a lovely morning tea before watching the movie "Eddie the Eagle" a true story about Eddie Edwards the first skier to represent Great Britain in Olympic ski jumping. We also visited the Medika Gallery which houses Ian Roberts' many paintings of birds and other craft items. After the movie we were to have lunch at the Blyth Hotel but discovered on arrival that it was closed due to storm damage, so we went into Clare for lunch at the hotel there. Our Christmas lunch will be held as usual at the Weeroona Hotel, Wallaroo on the 27th November and will be followed by the AGM. As usual there will be no meeting in January.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Nancy Rawlings.

## NASHO TOURING CLUB

The Nasho Touring Club November Bivouac was held at the Barossa Valley Tourist Park, Nurioopta. 19 members attended. Members visited Gully Gardens Dried Fruit and Nuts, and the Barossa Brewing Company and the Original Pipe Organ from the Adelaide Town Hall which has been restored. We also held our Melbourne Cup Luncheon and hat parade. The hat parade was won by Shirley Rowe and Geoff Hewitt. Championship Bocce was won by Maureen Krollig and Kevin Robinson. Runners-up were Marlene Blackmore and Reg Donoghue.

The wooden spoon was awarded to Chris Thorne. The AGM was held on Wednesday 2nd November, and the following people were elected to office. President—Allan Luders.

Sect/Treas— Glenda Donoghue

Assistant Sec/treas— Sandra Hewitt.



**2017 Bivouacs:** Feb 20th-27th McLaren Vale Lakeside Caravan Park- (08) 7007 6544  
May 15th-22nd Pt Pirie Caravan Park (08) 8632 4275  
Sept 11th-18th Millicent Lakeside Park (08) 8733 1188  
Nov 6th-13th Buronga Caravan Park (03) 502 33040.

## **NASHO NEWS PUBLISHING DEADLINES**

**1200 Hr's FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

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**INTRODUCING RON HILL.**

Ron was born to Muriel and William at Terowie SA. He is second in line with 2 sisters and 2 brothers. He attended Terowie Primary School, and Peterborough High School, and left at the age of 14yrs, to work in a garage in Terowie, serving customers and mending punctures. He worked there for 8 months and then transferred to Broken Hill to do an apprenticeship as a mechanic with the same company, Argent Motors. He stayed there for 24 years and ended up as service manager.

Ron was a Nasho in the 1956 intake at the age of 21 after being deferred for 3 years. He did 3 months at Woodside, but his first camp was the School of Military Engineering, just out of Sydney, as he did Nasho service out of Broken Hill.

His second camp was at El Alemain.

He married Valerie in 1957, and had one son and four daughters. Valerie passed away on Anzac Day 1975, in Adelaide and Ron finished working in the garage and went doing maintenance for an earth moving contractor until 1987.

Ron then worked as a driver with Redimix for 12 months and then worked in charge of maintenance in the workshop in 1990.

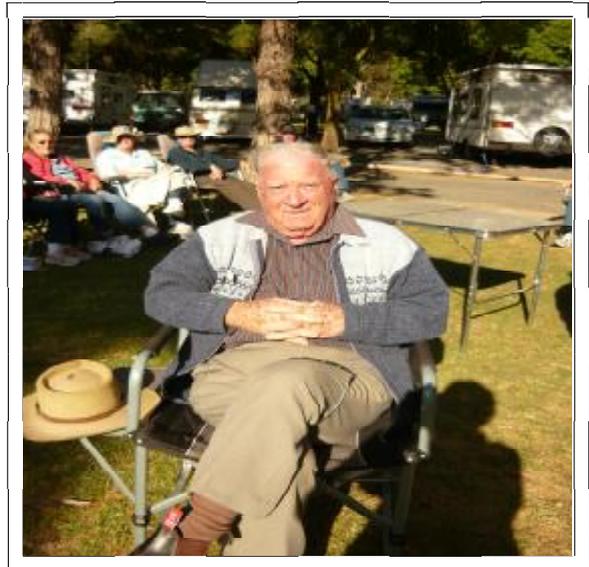
He stayed with Redimix until 1993, when he shifted to Waikerie to retire.

Ron re-married in 1994 to Marie, but she passed away in 1998.

It was at the cemetery when he was visiting Marie’s grave, that he met Vene who was visiting her late husband’s grave. They became firm friends, and now enjoy a lovely relationship.

In Waikerie, Ron is the President of the Senior Citizen’s club, on the committee of the Riverland Nasho Sub-branch, a member of Probus, and Mr. Fix-it if anyone in town needs a hand.

Ron and Vene enjoy caravanning around Australia to catch up with family and friends and sight-seeing.



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**INTRODUCING—DON ANDERSON**

**Donald H. Anderson** was born on 12th December 1933. Don has been a member of Nasho’s for 20 years joining on 16th October 1996.

Don left school in year 9 from Lefever Boys Technical school in 1947 aged 14yrs. He started work in January 1948 as a carpenter improver, as he was too young to start an apprenticeship.

Don first joined the army at 16yrs, in 3rd Field Squadron Royal Australian Engineers CMF.

Don was conscripted at 18yrs for National Service on 2nd January 1952 at Woodside, and discharged from 3rd Field Squadron R.A.E. on 2nd January 1957.

He has been married to Joyleen for 60 years, marrying on 2nd March 1956, and they have three great sons who are very caring, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grand-daughters.



Don’s field of work was building, and was last employed with H.C.I. as building and furnace Superintendent. He retired at the age of 55 1/2 years, and is still enjoying life at the age of 83 years.

**National Service Memorial. UPDATE: 17th March.2017.**

Our National Service Memorial is nearing completion. This memorial is dedicated to all who served under the National Service banner between 1951-72, and has been put together by the few who have dedicated the past 2 years to make the dream come true. There will be some 1000 pavers on the concrete walkway running down from the memorial stone, crepe myrtle trees and the rosemary bushes when the dedication takes place on FRIDAY 17th MARCH 2017 at 11am. The South Australian governor, His Excellency, the Hon. Hieu Van Le.AC has been invited to jointly carry out the dedication service with our patron, Col. Bill Denny AM,BM on this date. 212 Gold pavers with the service details of those young men who gave their lives in Borneo and Vietnam will form a cross in the centre of the walkway, and be surrounded by red pavers purchased by our members, ex-service groups, RSL's and families of many who served and are no longer with us.

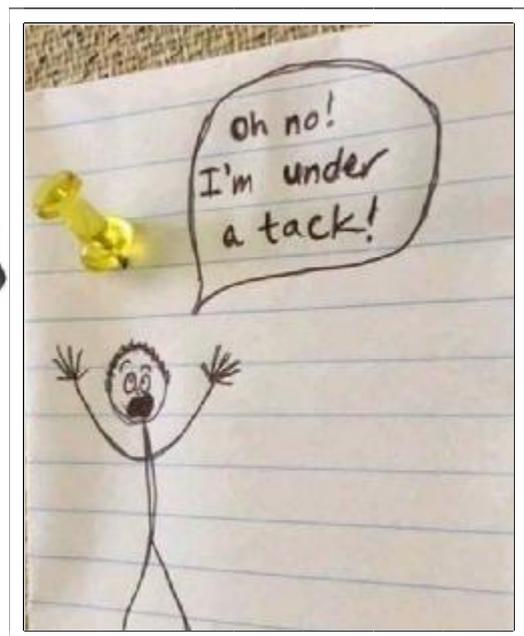
Following the dedication service we are providing a BBQ lunch and refreshments for all, and those that have purchased a paver will be presented with a collectors Scarpantoni Shiraz wine especially bottled and labled for this occasion by this acclaimed winery from McLaren Vale. Car parking will be available on the oval at Kesmond Reserve adjacent to our State Headquarters as street parking is very limited.

Sub Branches especially are encouraged to attend the function and should consider travelling in groups, perhaps by a chartered bus to enable them to enjoy the day with us.

We are most grateful for the assistance given by both the Federal and state governments and our many sponsors who have made available grants and donations to assist in making this huge project a reality.

We expect several hundred guests to attend on the day, so we suggest you arrive early for the 11am start, to what will be the greatest undertaking by our Association in South Australia to remember our service.

Barry Presgrave. OAM, JP  
Project Manager.



**GREETINGS FROM THE LOWER SOUTH EAST SUB BRANCH.**

As a very wet and windy winter is officially behind us, a local has commented that spring occurred on a Thursday this year in Mount Gambier !

Our monthly dinner meetings continue to be enjoyed by our rather small but dedicated group of members and wives. The meals at the RSL are of good standard and having a room to ourselves makes for good fellowship.

After our September meeting we adjourned to the Military Museum which is on the premises of the RSL complex. This museum has been set up by RSL members and others with memorabilia and war time ordinance and weapons etc donated or loaned by local families. .The museum has expanded since its inception and now comprises 4 rooms almost packed with memories of many wars and skirmishes and personal items from servicemen which demands at least 3 to 4 hours to really appreciate the value of so many .

At our October meeting we were fortunate and delighted to have as our Guest Speaker, Mr. Cyril Blackmore, a veteran soldier of the 2nd World War. He is now 91 years of age and his powers of recollection are still acute. Cyril kept us wrapt with his stories of his time in the Army. Serving in New Guinea and the islands. Some incidents very serious and dangerous were very well described and some quite humorous tales of the lighter times with his mates. Cyril was thanked and given a Nasho Pen, then transported home to his retirement quarters by one of our members. A most enjoyable address.

Remembrance Day, 11th November was conducted in perfect weather with a very large public attendance comprising all ages. About 30 wreaths were laid by various organisations including our National Servicemen’s group.

Also unveiled for the first time was the Eternal Flame set within the shape of a Poppy, which was locally made. The photo is on the back page of the Nasho News.

Our next dinner meeting on November 28th will be our annual Christmas function and the last for the year.

Our group wishes all Nashos and families a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Ted Jordan. Publicity Officer.

(All photos are featured on the back page of this Nasho News).

**EYRE PENINSULA SUB-BRANCH QUARTERLY COMMUNIQUÉ**

Having endured cold, wind and rain in the past few months we have emerged thankful that our unique food bowl of Australia has again produced a bountiful harvest; for which membership gratitude is expressed, with our strong connection to the land.

Again we are saddened with the passing of esteemed members Robert (Bob Glass) and William (Bill) Siviour. They are sadly missed. We capably mounted ‘*Guards of Honour*’ at both funerals, which their families deeply appreciated.

The ‘*NSMA EP Sub-Branch*’ make an annual donation to ‘*Riding Cheque for the Disabled*’ in memory of our past member Brian Kenny *handover* whose widow; Kath Kenny, continues to be closely involved. *to RFD*

Remembrance Day saw members represented at both Port Lincoln and Tumby Bay and a local contingent of the ‘*4<sup>th</sup> Division Light horsemen*’ at Tumby Bay from a strong association with our NSMA EP Sub-Branch.

With advancing years various members have regular medical happenings for necessary ‘*Tune ups*’ and/or ‘*Replacement parts*’ for which we wish them well and speedy recoveries. We are grateful for phone calls and visits by ‘*Padres*’ and city members when requested. (Photos on inside back cover)

May the festive season be both meaningful and filled with joyous blessings.

*Padre Norman Johnston - EP columnist*

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# LAST POST



| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u>       | <u>SERVICE NO.</u> | <u>BRANCH</u>    |
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| 2/9/2016    | William Siviour   | 4/705959           | Eyre Peninsula   |
| 13/9/2016   | Geoffrey Button   |                    | York Peninsula   |
| 23/9/2016   | Walter Thamm      | 4/707035           | Northern Central |
| 26/9/2016   | Glen Chandler     | 4/716155           | Headquarters     |
| 29/9/2016   | Robert Glass      | 4/700399           | Eyre Peninsula   |
| 23/10/2016  | Robert Andrew     | 4/705464           | Eyre Peninsula   |
| 23/10/2016  | Robert(Rob)Grant  | A41390             | Headquarters     |
| 28/10/2016  | Barrie L. Searles | 4/707421           | Headquarters.    |

## "LEST WE FORGET"



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*



*We Will Remember Them!*

### COONAWARRA/PENOLA RSL COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE TO HONOUR WAR ANIMALS.





**Cutting the cake at the Para Districts Charter dinner, Tony Zappia, (Patron) Gillian Aldridge, (Mayor) Trevor Carter (President) and John Fisk.**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY PHOTOS FROM EYRE PENINSULA.**



**BOB PROUT**



**NOEL REIDY**



**Yallunda Flat 4th Division Nurse & Light Horsemen**



**PRESIDENT- ALLEN TURNER**

**PICTURES FROM THE LOWER SOUTH EAST REPORT**



**Some of the exhibits in the Museum at the RSL. Mount Gambier.**



**Left: Vice President Peter Johnson with our Patron Bruce Ridland and Lyndon Manser in one of the exhibition rooms.**

**Below: Cyril Blackmore with President Lyndon.**



**Left: Kevin Davids a 1951 Nasho with the eternal flame set within the shape of a poppy, which was locally made.**