



## NASHO NEWS

*National Servicemen's Association*

**MARCH 2019**



**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S DAY  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS.

**April 22nd– Co7 RAR Vietnam 1970-71 reunion and Memorial Service**

**April 25th Anzac Day**

**April 26th –No gathering at State Branch, regular Friday meeting cancelled.**

**28th June– General meeting.**

**16th August– State Council meeting, 1pm.after lunch.**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



As the membership of our state branch declines because of sickness, resignation and sadly, death of members we have to be aware of the financial restraints placed on the executive members of your association to make sure we spend and invest wisely the funds that we are trusted with to manage on your behalf.

The decision to cut back on the publication of the "Nasho News" from 4 to 3 per year is one decision we had to make. Neil Crabb, our Treasurer has outlined some of the matters that make this so. We have over the past 12 months spelt out the reasons for financial restraint and increases to the subscriptions. This explanation had 99% support from all the past AGM, and was very clearly put with facts.

On a lighter note, the executive members were recently invited by the Premier to attend State dinner at the Adelaide Town Hall to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Some 400 guests were hosted by the Premier and entertained to a wonderful evening. (photo on inside back page).

Our Association, together with the RSL, VVA, VVF, RAAF Association, Malaya/ Borneo Association & Military Brotherhood representing some 14,150 ex service personnel in SA had been tasked to respond to a Draft Productivity Committee Report put forward by the Federal Government on the treatment of veterans.

Our Patron, Lt Col Bill Denny AM had responded with our reply which was put together by each organization and fine tuned. A number of the submissions put forward have been challenged by us. More information will follow when the final report from the Commissioner is completed. I am pleased that we have been part of this committee.

Another big issue has been the REPAT question. The previous Government closed the hospital, but following much lobbying from veteran and community groups, both the Federal and State Governments have funded huge amounts. Things are going to happen at Daws Road.

A final ask of members. Bill Denny has been working with our ESO groups to raise funding to establish a scholarship to remember Michael Herbert, the last SA Vietnam veteran to be brought home following his death when his plane crashed towards the end of the Vietnam conflict. The funds will be used at his old school Sacred Heart College to provide ongoing funding for a special student's education. We intend raising \$2,500.00 as our contribution. \$1000 in the fund at the moment, but we need more. Will each sub branch assist with a donation and ask your members to assist if they will.

The past 5 years or so have been challenging as we worked towards the completion of both the memorial walkway and later the memorial rose garden. Both of which are now completed. This huge project would not have occurred without the wonderful commitment of the members who assisted, and the sponsors with grant and goods.

Mark Pickard and his donations of the memorial stone and concrete is high on the list.

Trevor Blood has spent hours every week photographing and designing a lasting record of the pathway and rose garden, his booklet can be reviewed at HQ will be a part of the documentation we will leave as part of our history. Thanks Trevor.

Don Anderson and Kevin Newton with their able assistants have kept the garden alive as the roses take hold. Don has been coming down every few days at 6.30am and Kevin in the evenings to water. Jack and Robyn Holland, our wonderful paving experts and many more who helped make it happen.

I ask that you all be a part of leaving our service and history for all to remember by offering help for projects.

Barry Presgrave. OAM, JP.                      State President.

## RIVERLAND SUB BRANCH REPORT.

New Year greetings as we begin the next year of our meetings. I hope everyone had an enjoyable festive season.

Remembrance Day services were held in various Riverland towns; members attended at Berri, Loxton and Barmera, where Carl Vogelsang laid a wreath. I attended the Morgan service, an interesting brief address by the RSL Chairperson, Ern Pobke, and wreathes were laid by various organisations. I was invited to lay a wreath for the Nasho's, escorted by my grandson Bradley. A local man makes the beautiful wreathes all with fresh and native flowers from around town. Fellowship followed in the RSL rooms.

Our last meeting for 2018 was held in Renmark on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> with 17 members in attendance. Dates for 2019 meetings as follows:

- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at Barmera
- April 14<sup>th</sup> at Loxton
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Morgan
- August 11<sup>th</sup> at Berri
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at Renmark
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at Waikerie

Members were reminded that subscriptions were now due - \$30 per year.

The AGM followed, with Carl as returning officer all positions were declared vacant. 2019 elected members as follows: President – Neville Rosenzweig, Vice President – Alan Smith, Sec/Treasurer – Peter Tucker and myself as scribe. Committee is Ron Hill, Vene Trezise, Erald and Daisy Hunter, Ron Law and Carl Vogelsang. BBQ lunch and time to chat with friends followed the meeting.

On Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 16 members met in the Barmera RSL rooms for our first meeting. VP Alan reminded everyone about the Anzac Accolades afternoon to be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Renmark Hotel at 2pm, always an enjoyable afternoon. Sec Peter reported we have 48 financial members at this time. Loxton will be our next meeting. Members then drove to the Garden of Memory cemetery for our National Serviceman's service. Pastor David Buck assisted with the reading from Romans Chapter 8. Sec Peter Tucker laid the wreath at our cairn and Carl recited the ode. Pastor Buck was thanked, as this was his last time to be with us, as he is leaving the Riverland. A BBQ lunch was then enjoyed by all.

Sadly that day I was told that Lois Campbell, one of our regular members had passed away the night before. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ern and his family at this sad time. We will miss her friendly face.

**Roma Hausler**  
Scribe



## **YORKE PENINSULA REPORT**

We held our final meeting for 2018 on Sunday 25 th November at the Weeroona Hotel, Wallaroo. Twelve members, our Padre Rev June Ladner and four guests enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch followed by the AGM. Allan Luders was returned as President and Nancy Rawlings as Secretary/Treasurer.

There was a discussion regarding the future of the Sub Branch since there are so few attending meetings. It was decided to continue for 2019, our 25 th Anniversary year, and review the situation again at the next AGM. Our Padre Rev June Ladner has taken up an appointment as minister at Burra. We are pleased that she will not be there full time and will continue to be our Padre. She has been a great supporter, joining us as often as she can.

We were lucky with the weather for the National Servicemen's Day Service at the Memorial on Saturday February 6th with the temperature in the low 30s. On previous years it has been very hot causing concern for the cadets who form the Catafalque Party. We thank the cadets and their supporters from the 2 nd /25 th Battalion Legion of Frontiersmen for again making the trip over from Adelaide to attend our Service. Our thanks also to our Padre Rev June Ladner, who officiated and Brian Mundy who played the Bugle. Following the Service ten members joined the cadets and their supporters for lunch at the Weeroona Hotel.



## **NSAA Report for March 2019** **Para Districts**

The Annual General Meeting was held in February and the 2018 Committee were re elected . A wreath was laid for the Bombing Of Darwin Memorial Day at the Salisbury Memorial by me, representing the Assoc. After the service we returned to the RSL where Light refreshments were had.

Our next social outing was a visit to the Sea View Hotel at St. Kilda, in March and was attended by 20 persons including 2 members from Northern Central, Malcolm Kruss and Keith Fitzgerald.

Our social calendar has been organised by Cheryl Wellington our Social Director and looks like it will be a busy year. It has been printed on the back of the news letter for all to see. All visits are open to all sub divisions and all members are welcome to attend..

Our next meeting will be held on the 7 th. April at the Salisbury RSL at 10:00 A.M.

Trevor Carter President.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



For Nasho News March 2019

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

An elderly lady was taking a train to a holiday destination. She asked the train guard, please to tell her when the train reached Ellenville (fictitious name). She asked him several times, and so the guard not wanting to be further pestered said "I will come to you and tell when we have reached Ellenville". The train travelled on, and the guard suddenly realised that they had passed Ellenville, and he had forgotten to tell the lady. He ordered the train to back up until Ellenville had been reached. He found the lady and announced "We have reached Ellenville. I will help you with your luggage."

"Oh, thank you" replied the lady. "Never mind, I am not getting off here. My daughter just told me that when I got to Ellenville, it would be just about the right time for me to take my tablet."

#### Now, there's a thought.

We all make mistakes. Some can be big. I recall reading many years ago about the building of a church in one of the Scandinavian countries. The local church elders decided they needed a new church building, so they found an "off the shelf" design and presented it to the local builder. The builder commenced work, but soon the elders realised a mistake had been made. It seemed to be too large. They checked the plan with the builder and discovered that where the plan said "one" the builder had read "one metre", where-as the plan meant "one foot". The elders decided to go ahead anyway, and they had a much bigger church.

A local all-purpose recreation building was constructed with an area for indoor basketball. But when the line markers were laying out the basketball space, they discovered there was not enough room behind the backline. The back wall was a metre out. The mistake was in the original plans. The wall had to be pulled down and rebuilt in its proper position. That too, was a big mistake.

Mistakes can occur because neither person knows clearly what is in the other person's mind, as in the case of the Ellenville story. Misunderstandings occur. A friend and I were collaborating on a project. We decided to meet and made arrangements by phone. But it didn't work out. We didn't meet. Why? Because he said "Ten" and I heard "Two", and we were briefly irritated with each other.

Sometimes mistakes can be made, and continued, because the mistake has a "corporate" complexion. It is "how it has always been done", and it takes a radical thinker to realise that "group think" has applied and the procedures have not been questioned. This is the role of the "Whistle blower".

It is not easy to acknowledge when we have made a mistake, We can try to deny it, or we can blame others and say "They made me do it.", or we can try to soften our response by saying "I have made an error of judgment", or we can say "I have made a mistake. I apologise. How can we put things right?"

#### And what can we do with the mistakes which we can't quite forget...

*God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change  
Courage to change the things I can  
And wisdom to know the difference.*

Padre Vern

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## **BROKEN HILL REPORT.**

Well at last the weather has cooled down to a liveable temperature.

Our first meeting for the year was held on Sunday 10th February, where our President welcomed those members present and wished all a Happy New Year. At this meeting discussions took place about holding a Picnic Day for members, at a venue to be decided, sometime later in the year, when the weather has cooled somewhat. Each member will receive a letter regarding this proposed picnic.

Last Sunday 17th February, the local Salvation Army once again supported our Sub branch by allowing us to celebrate National Servicemen's day as part of their Sunday service. A special thank you to Major Clarke-Pearce, and our own sun branch Padre Ross Mawbry for a very moving service. Thanks also to those members and their wives who supported the day.

Anzac Day is fast approaching, and our President is asking all Nashos who are able, to roll up and support our group. I know we are all getting older, and walking can be a problem, but don't forget the RSL will have buses available for those cannot walk the distance, so please think about it.

Merry Pedergnana OAM. JP.



**President Les McQuillan and Padre Mawbry, and the group of Nasho members at the Citadel.**



## **HEADQUARTERS SOCIAL CLUB**

Anzac Day lunch will be held at 722 Port Rd, Beverly (Bus stop 18).

Cost is \$20 per head and must be booked and paid for by 12th April, owing to Easter being on 19th April, and Headquarters will not be open.

Keith Prideaux. Social Co-ordinator.

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there dear". With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "I think its Adam's underwear".

**LOWER SOUTH EAST SUB BRANCH NEWS.**

Greetings from the Lower South East.

Our traditional January meeting was held at our National Servicemen's Memorial Park with a BBQ and was well attended, in ideal weather conditions. (photo)

The Park with its gardens and lawned area and with seating is seen to be used regularly by members of the public and is a picture of colour at the moment.

National Servicemen's Memorial Day was celebrated at the Vansittart Park Memorial with a ceremony including the laying of wreaths and followed by a meal at the RSL.

Our AGM was held during our February monthly dinner meeting at the RSL with the present Office Bearers being returned for a further 12 months. (see photo)

The addition of an After Dinner speaker which has been enjoyed in the past was voted to continue and we will meet as before on the last Monday evening of each month for a meal and fellowship.

**Ted Jordan.**

President.

**All photos on back page of the Nasho News.**



**Committee for 2019—2020.**

**Vice President : Peter Johnson**

**President : Ted Jordan**

**Sec/ Treas: Phil McInnes**

**Patron : Major (ret) Bruce Ridland MBE.**

## **UPPER SOUTH EAST SUB BRANCH**

I am writing to inform you that there will be no Nash News article this month and going forward from the “Upper South East Branch”. This is mainly due to several members unable to attend our get-togethers any more due to poor health, and therefore unable to travel to the various locations. Some members have to travel on wards of 200kms round trip in one day to attend our get-togethers which is just no longer possible due to their current health. A very small number from our branch catch up every now and then just for lunch.

Susan Hinton.

## **TOURING CLUB.**

The Nasho Touring Club, February Bivouac was held at the Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park. 8 members attended. We visited the Gelati and Pancake Kitchen at Moonta, played fun bocce and had dinner at the Anglers Inn at Wallaroo.

### 2019 Bivouacs.

May 20—27th Burra Caravan and camping park. Burra. (08) 88922442

Aug 19—26th Lake Albert Caravan park Meningie. (08) 8571411

Oct 21—28th Morgan Riverside Caravan Park. Morgan. (08) 8540 2207.

Glenda Donoghue.

It is with much sadness that we lost a much loved member Lois Campbell in February. RIP Lois.



National Servicemen's Day was celebrated on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>. when approximately 80 people attended the Memorial Service and Wreath Laying at our Memorial in The Strand at Port Elliot.

Wreaths were laid by the Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie MP, Mr. Peter West, representing Member for Finnis, David Basham MP, City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Dr. Moira Jenkins, Alexandrina Council Mayor, Keith Parkes, District Council of Yankalilla Mayor, Glen Rowlands, Port Elliot RSL President Dean Watson and our own Life Member Kevin Robinson.

Following the service 65 Members, dignitaries, RSL members and friends were hosted to a very enjoyable luncheon as prepared by Social Events Coordinator Lorna Jones and her band of willing helpers.

During this luncheon the Sub-branch officially handed over to the Alexandrina Council, the audio/visual equipment and the commercial dishwasher which the Sub-branch has been successful in obtaining through grant funding for the Council owned RSL hall.

This equipment now becomes available for all users of the hall.

The dishwasher was certainly appreciated by all those involved in the catering for this function.

A very successful raffle table generated considerable funds for the Sub-branch.

The Sub-branch's close working relationship with the Port Elliot RSL has been a real bonus during 2018 and now into 2019.

Both organisations are facing declining memberships and this association is providing a positive bond of fellowship between the 2 organisations.

The Sub-branch's next major activities will be ANZAC Day services followed by a Members luncheon at the Old Bush Inn, Willunga on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Neil Wilkinson.            President.            March 6<sup>th</sup>. 2019.

Q: Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them.?

A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over 70 year old husband.?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 70 plus year olds when they enter antique stores.?

A: "Gosh, I remember those".

## WORLD WAR ONE.

In 1914, Australians became involved in World War One. This conflict saw death and injury on a unprecedented scale involving most of the countries of Europe, the British Empire and the United States of America.

The German Kaiser (Emperor) launched attacks on Holland, Belgium and France to support the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The German Empire included colonies in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands just north of Australia. France, Britain and Russia declared war on Germany, but the conflict soon stalemated into trench warfare that was to take lives of millions of men on both sides trying to gain a few metres of ground amidst barbed wire, intense machine gun fire and artillery. New inventions including high explosive mines, poison gas, tanks and aerial bombing added to the deaths from wounds and disease.

Russia lost 2 million men, Britain one million men, France 1.3 million, Germany 1.7 million, and the USA 116,000. Proportionately Australia with a population of 4.9 million in 1914, suffered one of the highest casualty rates– 62,000 killed and 152,000 wounded.

Australia had it first major experience of trench warfare in the landing at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915 in company with units from Britain, France, New Zealand, India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Nepal( Gurkhas) and Newfoundland (now a Canadian Province). There also was the Zion Mule Corps of volunteers from the Jewish Community in Alexandria in Egypt, who provided their own animals to carry supplies to and from the beach. They may have supplied Simpson with his donkey to rescue Allied wounded. The Allied aim was to neutralise Turkey as a German ally but they could not overcome the determined Turkish resistance holding the heights of the Peninsula.

Until the successful evacuation of the Allied troops in December 1915, Turkish casualties totalled 56,000 dead and 107,000 wounded and the Allies 56,000 dead and 123,000 wounded. Australia's casualties were 8,709 dead and 19,441 wounded and New Zealand's 2,721 dead and 4,752 wounded. Although Gallipoli was a costly military failure, the Australians and New Zealanders showed courage, fortitude and mateship in extreme adversity that set an example for all those who followed in later conflicts and for their nations as a whole.

The aftermath of World War One saw Australians in their first conflict with Communist forces– the Red Army that seized power in Russia in 1917. In 1919 two Australians Corporal Arthur Sullivan and Sergeant Samuel Pearse– fighting with Allied and White Russian forces in Russia were awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery. Sergeant Pearse is buried at Archangel in northern Russia.

### **THE VICTORIA CROSS.**

The Victoria Cross was introduced on 29th January 1856 to honour acts of valour.

Between 1899 and 2013, Australians have been awarded 100 Victoria Crosses.

Boer War	6
World War One	64. (including 9 at Gallipoli)
North Russia	2
World War II	4
Vietnam	4
Afghanistan	4



## Port Lincoln commemorates

# Australian National Servicemen's Day

COMMERMORATE: Port Lincoln RSL president Peter Linn and National Serviceman Allen Turner on Friday at the ceremony.

For the first time National Servicemen's Day on Friday combined with the Port Lincoln RSL Club to help commemorate and remember the many young men who were conscripted to service.

Under the *National Service Act 1951* young men were required to register for compulsory military training, seeing about 255,000 men conscripted to National Service from 1951 to 1959. Port Lincoln's Allen Turner was a National Serviceman, after he was conscripted into the Australian Army in 1954 and undertook 176 days of military training.

He said remembrance days were held all over Australia to commemorate National Servicemen and Port Lincoln's coincided with Adelaide's chosen day on February 15.

"It's the first year we have combined the day with the RSL," he said.

Mr Turner thanked the Port Lincoln RSL Club for helping to put the ceremony together.

During the last Scheme from 1964 to 1972 more than 804,000 young men registered and about 63,000 were called up to serve.

Mr Turner said during the Vietnam War 15,381 National Servicemen served, with 200 killed and 1,279 wounded before the Scheme was abolished on December 5, 1972.

*Story & picture – courtesy Pt Lincoln Times. (picture on front cover)*



NO REPORT FROM NORTHERN CENTRAL.





# LAST POST



<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u> <u>BRANCH</u>
<u>2018</u>			
Dec 22		Keith Thiele	A41863 Headquarters
Dec 27		Louis Kowald	A41600 Headquarters
Dec 29		James (Jim) Stewart	Upper SE
<u>2019</u>			
Jan 23		Fred Tedmanson	4/713054 Northern Cent.
Feb 13		Lois Campbell	Riverland.
March 9		Basil Hille	A41857 Headquarters

## "LEST WE FORGET"

They shall not grow 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!



### THE ONE EYED REDHEAD.

A man was dining alone in a fancy restaurant where there was a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He had been checking her out since he sat down, but lacked the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezed, and her glass eye came flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reached out, grabbed it out of the air, and handed it back.

"Oh my, I m sorry" the woman said, a she popped her eye back in place, "Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you"

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they went to the theatre followed by drinks. They talked, they laughed, she shared her deepest dreams and he shared his. She listened to him with interest.

After paying for everything, she asked him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooked a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy was amazed. Everything has been incredible. You know he said "you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet"

She said "You're just the first man who happened to catch my eye"

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**STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE STATE DINNER FOR ARMISTISE DAY. 100 YEAR CELEBRATION.**



**BLASTS FROM THE PAST.  
FROM HEADQUARTERS.**



## PHOTOS FROM LOWER SOUTH EAST



The garden at our National Servicemen's Memorial Park.

Enjoying our January meeting, BBQ meal



Some of the members gathered at Vansittart Park for National Servicemen's Memorial Remembrance Service.

Vice/Pres Peter Johnson in front with RSL President Bob Sandow and our Chaplain Rev. John Deer, and on the right our Patron Major (ret) Bruce Ridland. MBE

Group photo with

