



# NASHO NEWS

*National servicemen's Association*

**SEPTEMBER 2016**



**STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

**FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST..**



**State Executive:** John Thorne (President), Marlene Blackmore, (Secretary) Don Blackmore (V.President), Roger Halliday, (Treasurer) Barry Presgrave (V.President) and Keith Prideaux.(V.President).



**Yorke Peninsula members :** Nancy Rawlings, Jill and Allan Luders,



**Fleurieu members :** Neil Wilkinson. and Kevin Robinson.



**Left: Northern Central and Para District members:** Keith Fitzgerald, Joan Carter, Rosemary Etherton, Wayne Etherton, Trevor Carter, Malcolm Kruss and Graham Sargent.

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## STATE BRANCH EVENTS 2016

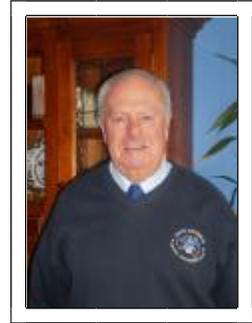
Remembrance day service at headquarters on Friday 11th November.

State Headquarters AGM Sunday 20th November 2016.

Christmas Lunch at the Rex Hotel Sunday 4th December 2016.

Last day at headquarters Friday 16th December 2016.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT.



Our applications for the grants to support the Memorial Paver Project have been successful and the money is in the bank ready for the next phase. So in the near future we will be looking for Volunteers to assist with a number of tasks necessary to complete the project with the Dedication planned for March 2017. In addition those that nominate for positions at the AGM later in the year should be prepared to be involved in this project as it is so involved that everybody will have to work together to make it a success. This is our chance to put our Organisation in the spotlight as so many people and organisations have purchased pavers, and will be attending the dedication. For example Dignitaries attending will be the Governor, Ministers of the Government, National Council of the National Servicemen's Association, Defence representatives, and members of our own organisation. So please let us work together to make this a very memorable event.

Some more good news our sausage sizzle at the Bunnings Store at Mile End was a success. Even though we very nearly blown away and drenched. Thankyou to those members who braved the day and led by Deane Bradshaw made over \$1,000.00.

Thanks to the two Treasurers, our accounts are now in order, and the Auditors Report was tabled at the recent State Council meeting. It was a pleasure to present plaques in gratitude to Roger Halliday and Neil Crabb recognising their efforts.

The recent State Council meeting was conducted on Friday 5th of August and was well attended by Sub Branches and General members who stayed on after the Regular Friday lunch and get together. It was agreed that we continue with the Friday meetings in lieu of weekend meetings. The AGM has been set for this year for Sunday 20th of November. If you wish to nominate for a position the nomination forms are available from State Headquarters.

The Christmas luncheon is to be held at the Rex Hotel on Sunday 4th of December, and a special rate for accommodation is an option for members who don't live in the metro area, but might like to stay overnight to enable them to have a drink or two and eat/sleep it off before heading home.

Unfortunately we have again lost members who have passed on. In particular Gordon Hood (Padre) and Bob Illman (Life member). I attended both of those funerals in company with an excellent representation of our members. May I pass on my condolences to the family and friends of those who have gone. Lest we forget.

John Thorne.  
State President ESM.

## TOURING CLUB REPORT.

Bivouacs for 2016.

31st Oct-7th November– Barossa Valley Tourist Park, Nurioopta  
(08) 8562 1404)

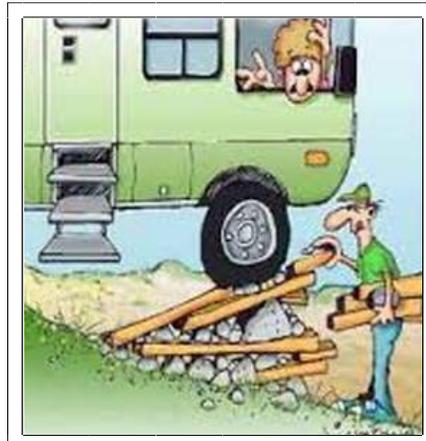
### 2017 BIVOUACS

February 20th-27th– McLaren Vale Lakeside Caravan Park  
(08) 7007 6544.

May 15th-22nd— Pt. Pirie Beach Caravan Park  
(08) 863 4275.

September 11th-18th—Millicent lakeside Caravan Park.  
(08) 8733 1188.

November to be decided



## Northern Central Area Sub Branch National Servicemen's Association

**Malcolm Kruss**  
**President**



Since my last report, we at Northern Central have been moving along steadily during the winter months, our membership is stable with 42 members which also includes 3 life members. Meetings are still held on the 4th Sunday of the month with a reasonable roll up of members and occasional visitors including a visitation from State Vice President Keith Prideaux.

Various activities have been ongoing, including a combined visit and meeting with Para District Sub Branch, to the Jet Fighter Museum at Parafield Airport, a worth while visit, unfortunately the museum is winding down and will eventually close due to ill health. A number of the aircraft have been sold to interstate buyers including a Russian collector. After a lively meeting with plenty of banter as to who was going to win the raffle prizes (Para Districts 3, N. Central 1) Vic President Tom Camplin took us all on a conducted tour of the museum including a tour of the hanger next to the museum where all the aircraft restoration is carried out, this hanger also houses a couple of operational Tiger Moths and a operational WW2 Boomerang aircraft. This work is carried out by people who have worked in the aircraft business, have some knowledge of aircraft, plus people both male and female who are working for the dole. After the visit we adjourned to the Slug and Lettuce Tavern for lunch.

Our next away from our normal meeting place will be on the 25th September, and that will be at the Port Adelaide Aviation Museum, again a combined meeting with Para District Sub Branch, followed by lunch at the Railway Hotel. Remembrance Day in November will once again see a number of us members placing poppies on the wall of Remembrance at the Enfield General Cemetery, this has been an ongoing activity with the lead up to Remembrance Day since the inception of this sub branch 12 years ago, also combining over a couple of days, with the Enfield RSL to sell poppies at a local shopping centre providing permission is given by the management.

Keith Fitzgerald and I attended the special general meeting at HQ regarding the financial situation and glad it has been sorted out at long last. Great idea to hold it on a Friday when you have members attending, but as soon as lunch is over and the meeting is about to start you look around and only the same few attend other meetings are left everybody is out the door and on their way home. With that aside congratulations must go to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for getting the mess the books wer in sorted out, many, many hours went into it and sleepless nights just to get them on the straight and narrow, again congratulations for a job well done.

**FLEURIEU SUB BRANCH REPORT.**

Sub branch activities since June have been minimal. Membership stands at 78, and our financials are sound thanks to the continuing efforts of Treasurer Bill Renshaw, who continues to lean on members to meet their financial commitments to the Association.



The committee met in July when the main business was the planning of future events leading up to the social get together with the Nashos Touring Club in September, the AGM in October and the Christmas luncheon in December.

Our Sub branch are looking forward to the social function with the Touring club, as it gives us all a chance to meet and socialise with members from other Sub branches.

As previously reported, through the initiative of our Sub branch the 423 Victor Harbor Army Cadet unit have been presented with their \$1000.00 grant from the Stockland Community Grants program and this money is being used for the production of a unit banner for use at ceremonial functions.

The Sub branch and members have contributed to the Memorial Paver Project and are looking forward to the completion of this very worthy project at State Headquarters.

Vale Kevin Tugwell.

It was with sadness that the Sub branch farewelled long standing member Kevin Tugwell. “Tuggy” had been a dedicated member since inception as well as a very supportive member of his own intake and its members.



Neil Wilkinson. President. 25/8/2016.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**WANTED: PHOTO—1955. 3rd Intake. A.Co, 2nd PLATOON.**  
If you have a copy can you please contact Headquarters.

**NO REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM BROKEN HILL OR UPPER SOUTH EAST.**

Chaplain's corner.



Chaplain's Corner

*I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. I love to keep it by me: the idea of getting rid of it nearly breaks my heart. (Jerome K. Jerome).*

Now here's a thought.

It is fascinating to watch other people at work. Often security fencing around building sites, especially of the timber boarding type, will have peep holes so that passers-by can see people at work.

As for our own work story, most of us are retired. I imagine our reflections on our working life are mixed. Some will echo Noel Coward's observation, "The only way to enjoy life is to work. Work is much more fun than fun." Or George Bernard Shaw's confession, "Set me anything to do as a task, and it is inconceivable the desire I have to do something else."

No doubt we have found that on retiring, and having left behind working for pay, and the friendships and comradeship of the work place, that there is a void to be filled. The answer is to find new groups to join, take up voluntary service, begin a hobby, go walking and give time to pursuits which enhance personal well-being and also of the community. And what do we discover – that we run out of time to do all the things we would like to do!

As John Wesley said of old,  
*Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.*

Padre Vern



Caesar was watching Christians being thrown to the lions.

"one good thing about this sport," he said, "is that we're never bothered by spectators running on to the pitch."

## **Eyre Peninsula National Servicemen and Tumby Bay Skills & Community Centre working together at Tumby Bay Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

A 'Special Event' attracting 28 participants of National Servicemen, wives, partners, family and friends enjoyed a scrumptious 3 course meal with the endless 'cuppa' and nibbles at the Tumby Bay Skills & Community Centre, hosted by Padre Norman Johnston.

Departing from the normal routine at the RSL in Port Lincoln those present travelled from around Eyre Peninsula bringing together as many as possible seeking to encourage those attending by connecting and recognising the National Service contribution to Australia's defence preparedness and support those who served.

Those present enjoyed the marvellous displays in the *Skills Centre shop* and the escorted tour of the *Community Garden and Workshop* providing insights into the remarkable potential being developed for the unemployed and projection towards employment prospects. The congenial venue atmosphere; with chats by the fireside, reminiscing on varied and wide range of topics with much merriment and impressive storytelling gave the impression of much amusement and fun.

During dinner the invited guest speaker, Mr Ken Wetherby; a US Marine and Soil Scientist residing in Australia for over 4 decades, spoke of his experiences in the US armed forces and his Government and private practice in both the Riverland and Eyre Peninsula. All present were treated to comparable perceptions to pre-war training and service in Australia and the USA, and some of the trials and successes of crop growing in South Australia particularly related to water table and sustainable moisture in viable farming practice.

With generous serves of *soup, casseroles, sweets, nibbles and cuppas* those present expressed their sincere gratitude and thanks to Skills Centre volunteers Nicole Kroemer & Michelle Young for their cheery and efficient service and helpful photography.

Visit the Tumby Bay Skills & Community Centre for a delightful outing, pleasant shop and garden surroundings and a variety of meals and refreshments. You won't go away hungry or be disappointed.

*Report by Padre Norman Johnston. Photography by Michelle Young.*



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**RIVERLAND**  
**SUB BRANCH NEWS.**

Greetings to all members and best wishes to those folks who have been unwell in this cold winter.

June 12th saw 12 members attend the meeting in the Morgan RSL hall. Members were given a report on the trip to Monarto Zoo which was enjoyed by all. 5 BBQ days have been held at Stratco's, all successful, so it was decided not

to continue with the Bunnings idea, as we really don't have enough members able to do the work. The raffle being held will be drawn at Stratco's on July 3rd. Following the August meeting in Berri, a trip to the Cod Farm will be held.

The following members have received their 20 year membership certificates: Bill Thompson, Rod Thomas, Ross Hill, Bill Vlemmix, Dean Kilsby and Mark Newman. An enjoyable BBQ lunch followed the closing of the meeting.

August 7th, President Peter welcomed 26 members in the Berri RSL hall and a minutes silence was held to remember past members. The fundraising BBQ's at Stratco's have slowed a little, but still worth the effort. The raffle drawn had been won by members Lois and Ern Campbell, other prizes by local Riverland folk. The committee have decided to organise a trip to the Maritime Museum in Port Adelaide on October 14th, providing enough members will make up the bus numbers. The October meeting will be held on the Waikerie riverfront lawns, and the final meeting at Lock 4 in December. Following lunch about 20 members went to Renmark for the visit to the Cod Farm. Thank you Ron Hill for giving me the following information:

Parkers Fish Farm is situated in the Cooltong area west of Renmark. Members were shown the many tanks to raise the Murray Cod. 10,000 fingerlings are purchased at a time, but probably only 7,000 will survive to maturity. As the fish grow in size, they are moved on to the next tank, finally to be sold to the public. Each tank receives 1 1/2 kgs of fish food in the morning then 2kgs each night. Callop is now being introduced as a new venture at the farm. Ron said the information given was very interesting and members really enjoyed the visit.

Roma Hausler  
Scribe.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The ball on top of a flagpole is  
Called a truck.

The wife comes home late at night from a night out with the girls. She quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the sheets she sees four legs instead of two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the sheet as hard as she can.

Leaving the covered bodies groaning, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there reading a magazine.

"Hi, sweetheart", he says, "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom.

"Did you say hello?"

### **Yorke Peninsula Report**

We have had a number of members with health problems recently and we wish them well and hope that they will improve when the weather warms up. Our patron Hon Alan Ferguson is now home from Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre following a spinal infection which left him unable to walk. He has been working hard and is now almost able to walk without a frame.

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> May a lunch was held at the Royal Hotel, Moonta with fourteen members attending. The meal was very good and was enjoyed by all. Our June outing was on the 19<sup>th</sup> and was to the Bute RSL. As usual the three course lunch was excellent and good value for \$15. Eighteen members made the trip including Graham Sargent and Norma and Keith and Margaret Prideaux from Adelaide. This is always a popular venue. Ros Jackson won the lucky money draw. The response to the Normie Rowe Show at Port Pirie on July 8<sup>th</sup> was disappointing especially from the Port Pirie members. We make a point of going there once a year to give them an opportunity to join in. There were only nine members who attended with only two of those from Port Pirie. The show was very good and brought back memories of our younger days. Thanks to Pat Greenfield for doing the organising. Following the show we had lunch at the Risdon Hotel. Only ten members went on the bus to Headquarters on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> August. Unfortunately five had to pull out due to illness. We were pleased to have our Padre Rev June Ladner come along with us. Those of us who did go had a great day. On arrival Keith Prideaux explained to us what is happening with the memorial and then we had a pleasant lunch and were able to meet with members from other branches. Don Blackmore accompanied us to the Military Vehicle Museum at Edinburgh, On the way he told us something of its history. It was a very interesting visit and much appreciated by all.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Knispel who has been a member of the Sub Branch for 8 years. Some of our members attended his funeral on the 25<sup>th</sup> August. Our condolences go to his family. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September we have planned a BYO BBQ at our Memorial site at Wallaroo and on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October we will travel to Blyth Cinema for a movie, followed by lunch at the hotel. Our Christmas lunch and AGM is set down for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Weeroona Hotel, Wallaroo as usual. They always look after us very well.

Nancy Rawlings,

Yorke Peninsula.



## **NASHO NEWS PUBLISHING DEADLINES**

**1200 Hr's FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.**

**Email: [nashospublications@gmail.com](mailto:nashospublications@gmail.com) Photos welcome with articles, but obviously not all can be published. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER DEADLINE, AS THE PRINTER IS EXTREMELY BUSY AND REQUIRES EXTRA TIME FOR PRINTING AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.**



## National Service Memorial. A dream come true.

The dream of having a National Servicemen's Association memorial and gardens, dedicated to all of those who served, but in particular to those 212 young men who gave their lives in Borneo and Vietnam has become a fact. Hard work, lobbying, and donations from a number of businesses together with 3 different grants, when we expected perhaps one, has put funds in the bank to cover the whole project. Many of you will know that we will have a walkway in front of the memorial stone which is already sited. On this walkway will be the 212 gold pavers with the service details of those young men laid out to form a cross in the centre, and surrounded by those of our members who have purchased a paver, many ex service organisations, RSL branches and families. We will have more than 700 pavers on this walkway and the memorial stone will be flanked by garden beds containing the two Crepe Myrtle trees already planted there and Rosemary hedges forming the garden boundaries.

This magazine should be in your hands by mid September, so if you still didn't hold your hand up to get your name in this piece of history, you have until the end of September before we send off the list to the manufacturers. A call to me, the office or an email will still allow the last 25 pavers to be purchased.

In March 2017 (date to be advised) we will have the dedication ceremony, attended by several hundred guests and members. There will be BBQ's, drink stalls etc covered by one of our grants and I have negotiated with Scarpantoni winery to have a dedicated bottling of a great Shiraz red wine with the details of the memorial on the label. A Collectors piece similar to the return to Woodside special bottling we had. Many members have already asked for their numbered bottle to be held for them. They will be free for all who have purchased a paver.

On the day we will need members to assist with various tasks, so contact with the office, or Dean Bradshaw (the BBQ man) and Harold Dunn (Social co-ordinator) or me will see you listed as a volunteer. A couple of hours is all that is needed.

Barry Presgrave. OAM, JP.  
Vice President. Special events  
Project Manager.

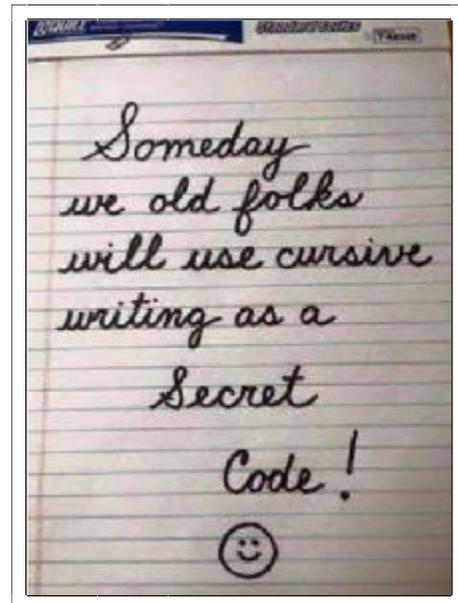
### VALE BOB ILLMAN.

Bob was a life member, who passed away on 8th August, 2016.

He was made a life member in 2008, and spent many years on the committee assisting when ever he could.

Bob ordered a special paver for the memorial garden, and when asked what he wanted engraved on it, he said, "Just my name, and the fact that I am a PROUD NASHO'.

RIP Bob Illman.



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

We continue to enjoy a Dinner Meeting each month at the RSL on the last Monday.

We have been fortunate for many years to have the sole use of the Member's Lounge, better known as The Digger's Rest, which is a comfortable well appointed room with a vast variety of Military Memorabilia decorating the walls and can cater for up to 50 members.

This allows us to have our meal served to us, and to conduct our meeting and have fellowship without interruption. Any Nasho finding themselves in our area on the last Monday in the month, will be made welcome at our meetings.

Some of our members, clockwise:  
Mary & our Patron Bruce Ridland,  
Helen and Don Whitmore, Heather and  
John Allen and Kevin Davids who is an  
Original 1951 Nasho..



Below: Secretary Phil McInnes  
Presenting Brian Jones with a Nasho pen  
For his impromptu talk on his time as a Nasho



Our group attended and placed a wreath at the recent Vietnam Vets Remembrance Ceremony at the local War Memorial, and also attended the Reserve Forces night during August.

One of our members Brian Jones gave us an interesting address on his time in the Nasho's and these impromptu talks after our meal have become a popular addition to our dinner meetings. Some of the memories are quite interesting and amusing.

The next important occasion on our calendar will be Remembrance Day on November 11th which is always well attended by our group and the public generally.

**Ted Jordan. Lower South East Publicity Officer.**

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA**  
**PARA DISTRICT'S SUB BRANCH.**

Members attended Service Dog Day at the Orange Ave Memorial of 7th June along with handlers and dogs from Army and Air Force.

On June 26th nine members attended the jet museum with members of Northern Central, and adjourned to the Slug and Lettuce for a lovely meal.

August started with the meeting at the Military Transport museum, but was poorly attended due to ill health of some members. Lunch was enjoyed by all who attended.

I laid a wreath on Long Tan Day on behalf of the NSAA.

The Citizenship Ceremony at the Salisbury Council Chambers was the last function attended on behalf of the NSSA.

The next function will be the Charter Dinner on September 11th at the Salisbury RSL. Northern Central members will be part of the invited guest's. **TREVOR CARTER. PRESIDENT.**



# LAST POST



<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE NO.</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
1-7-2016	Kevin Bellman .	4-702543	Lower S.E.
23-7-2016	Brian Cates		
1-7-2016	H.Dean Eustis	5949	H/qrts
2-7-2016	Gordon Hood		H/qrts
	Keith M Skuse	4-47062	Riverland
23-7-2016	Bryan Squires	4-700655	H/qrts
1-7-2016	Keven N Tugwell	4-30467	Fleurieu
	A.J.Jim Thredgold	4-26993	Riverland
8-8-2016	Robert.W. Illman	4-703860	H/qrts
6-8-2016	John A. Holzberger	4-70104	Broken Hill.
18-8-2016	Robert Knispel	A41499	Y.Peninsula



## “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!*

There have been parking issues at the NASHO headquarters, in the Surrey Rd car park at Keswick.

The Council has now installed a 3 hour parking sign, so that our members and people using the park for recreation can easily get a park.

Members need to display a member sticker, so as to avoid a fine, and these are available from the quarter master at headquarters, at \$2 each.





Happy 85th Birthday, to our oldest NASHO member, Max Kernich. A regular at the State Headquarters luncheons on a Fridays.

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE— 3RD SEPTEMBER 2016**



Many thanks to Dean Bradshaw, for his work organising the Sausage sizzle.



A fabulous effort for the day Approx. \$2,000 raised after expenses taken out.



**EYRE PENINSULA SUB-BRANCH OF NAT.SEVICEMEN'S ASS. (S.A.)**

**SPECIAL DINNER PHOTOS FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST, TUMBY BAY.**

NSMA Padre Norman Johnston  
with  
USAF Chaplain Robert and Connie  
Dunn.



Ken Wetherby, Don Smith, Carole Wetherby,  
Kay Smith, Doris Wollaston, Marie and Kevin  
Lally.

Corinda and Lloyd Star, Dean Andrew, Gordon  
Hartley, Joyce and Arnold Meyers, Brad Flaherty.



Rick and Frances Daniels, June and Bob  
Prout, Noel and Joan Rudy, Kathy  
Kinny.

Graham Ellis, Robert and Connie Dunn,  
Lorraine and Norman Johnston,  
Allen Turner and Heather Ellis.

