



NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA(SA BRANCH)



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DECEMBER 11TH 2016

AFTER THIS MEETING ENFIELD RSL BBQ AND SALAD \$5 PER PERSON 12.30PM

Greetings fellow members, well the last meeting has been and gone with only 14 members deciding to come along to the meeting, with some 40 financial members on our books this includes 3 life members, more of you members should make the effort to come along, what's and 1.5hrs out of your time on a Sunday morning, nothing unless you have a prior commitment. I think in the new year I will have to start mailing out the 'Burble', since we decided not mailing out monthly the news letter attendance has dropped off, members have given me books of pensioner rate stamps and that has helped which I'm grateful for, but it only goes so far, if you are on the e-mail system you will get your news letter at the moment this sub branch has 16 members on the system and they receive their news letter on a regular basis.

Apologies received: - John Rathman, Nick Gogilis.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Tabled, read and confirmed correct. **Moved:** - Wally Smith they should be accepted. **Seconded:** - Mal Simms.

Correspondence Sent: - Nil.

Correspondence Received:

- HQ – Minutes of the AGM held, 20th November, included the election of office bearers which is unchanged, the dedication of the National Servicemen's Memorial to be held on Friday 17th March 2017.

Moved: - Correspondence is accepted, Wally Smith. **Seconded:** - Tom Camplin.

Financial Report: - Keith gave a detailed report of our finances and glad to report that the sub branch is going along quite well at the moment.

Coffee Break & Cake.

General Business: -

- Again the issue arose regarding guest speakers for future meetings, a suggestion was put forward that we approach a person or know of a person/s who are willing to talk on the transition of moving from your home to a Retirement Village and what to expect, this could be a very interesting subject providing we can get someone to do it.

- Spring Gully Pickles, still to be contacted regarding guest speaker (New Year).
- Re the dedication of the National Servicemen's Memorial 17th March 2017, as parking on that day will be at a premium a hiring of a bus has been suggested, so far 9 members have shown interest, this will one great day for all us Nasho's, think about it even if you have not ordered a paver, just come along and enjoy the day and comradeship of fellow National Servicemen.

Welfare Report: - On the Sick list at the moment, Nick Gogilis (recuperating), John Bushell, Memorial Hospital post op! Procedure has left him with an infection in his leg L/R? On drips and special care to correct a STUFF UP (e-mail received 6-12-016)

Birthdays for December: - Rosemary Ford, Danny Boon and Raelene Cabot, card have been sent or about to be sent.

Grinners and Winners: - 1st Raelene Cabot, 2nd Heather Simms, 3rd Tom Camplin, 4th Tom Camplin.

In closing I would like to Wish You All a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, and to thank the ladies for what they have done for us Nasho's this year it is very much appreciated, especially the Christmas Nibbles that we will have after this meeting.

Malcolm Kruss
President

**Australian Flying Corps
Centenary WW1
AFC Memorial RAAF Williams Point Cook
November 13 2016**

The Australian Flying Corps served with great distinction during the last two and a half years of the Great War. Little is known of the exploits and effectiveness of the AFC from 1916 to 1918 during its service in France, Egypt and the UK. All told, eight squadrons were formed.

There were No1 squadron formed at Point Cook and sent to Egypt in 1916, No2 squadron formed in Egypt, was a fighter/scout unit, and sent to France the same year. No3 squadron was formed at Point Cook as a reconnaissance unit and deployed to France in 1917: No4 Squadron a fighter/scout unit was also formed at Point Cook and arrived in France in December 1917, giving the AFC four combat squadrons on active service with the remaining No5, No6, No7 and No8 squadrons being formed in England as training squadrons for the supply of reinforcements for the other four.

All told, the period of service in WW1, the AFC put through its ranks a total of 460 officers, 2,234 other ranks, Pilots of the AFC were commissioned officers, the other ranks consisted of mechanics, refuellers, signallers, and general around duty staff.

Of the 460 pilots in the AFC 57 became 'Aces' with approximately 100 decorations, including the only Victoria Cross awarded to Lieutenant F. H. McNamara who was born in Rushworth Victoria on April 4th 1897. McNamara was later to become Air Vice Marshall during WW2, having being awarded the VC, CB and CBE.

Thanks Trevor for this short but interesting history of the Point Cook Centenary.

**DON'T FORGET TO STOP ON FOR THE BBQ AFTER THE MEETING
\$5. PER PERSON
BAR WILL BE OPEN**

