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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL NORTHERN CENTRAL AREA NASHO'S & THEIR FAMILIES

Greetings members, being the first news letter for the year it will be brief, as there has been very little happening over the Christmas break, firstly we all who attended our December meeting and Christmas Nibbles, must sincerely thank the ladies, who provided a wonderful variety of nibbles to choose from, not forgetting our treasurer Keith for loosening the purse strings and allowing us members to abide in a couple of free drinks also. The down side of it all was the lack of attendance by members, each and every one of you would have had an e-mail or a posted out copy of the "Burble" or be told at the previous few meetings, this is the program for the break up. The lack of attendance at each meeting to me is alarming and how we are going to get members to come along must be discussed ASAP, there is not a meeting that goes by that we at the table ask for ideas future meetings, and an idea is put forward and activated there is still the same old few members that will attend. Please let's make this year, 2017 a year to move forward and pull together and make the time to come too meetings and where can join in on the, activates that have been planned. Well that is my gripe for the New Year.

Friday 20th January 017, Keith and I attended the State Council meeting HQ. a number of items on the agenda were discussed at length and resolved (1) By Laws regarding the conducting of an Annual General Meeting, New By Law 14.1.4 Annual General Meetings. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum is present. (2) Membership as of yesterday, there is only 867 members and of that number 332 members have paid up, of that 332, only 13 of our own members have paid up, please get yourself financial by sending your subs to, treasurer Keith Fitzgerald or pay up at the next general meeting. **Do not make a direct payment to State H.Q all payments must go through the sub branch treasurer.** (3) A lengthy report was given by, Barry Presgrave OAM, JP regarding the unveiling and dedication of the National Servicemen's Memorial located at HQ, confirmed that the Governor of South Australia will be present, officially the dedication will be Friday 17th March 2017, Memorial pavers will commence going down the second week in February, as I said previously a well known owned South Australian Brewery has come onboard with a sizable donation of pale ale plus other firms donating their time to making this day, a day to

remember for years to come, this day is not only for you, but also your families so come along even if you have not brought a paver, mentioned also was the fact this is the only true National Servicemen's Memorial in Australia solely dedicated to those who served between 1951-1972 including the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice with their lives. An innovation was extended to our sub branch by Para District Sub Branch, if we would like to go to lunch out at the St. Kilda Hotel on the 6th March 017, \$10 per head plus a free drink, think about it and let me know, pay on the day.
Malcolm Kruss
President.

Adelaide South Australia

Trivia, as per the, NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Summary: - 1st March 1954 at 3.40am, Magnitude 5.5 earth quake. Casualties, no deaths, 3 injuries.

Estimated damage: AU\$8. (1954 value)

The most severe damage was sustained at Tapleys Hill and Blackwood.

Buildings: - Many houses were cracked and heavy pieces of masonry fell from parapets and tall buildings in the city. One of the settlement's earliest buildings the Victoria Hotel (Top of Taps) partially collapsed. Other major buildings severely damaged included the local church, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, the Adelaide Post Office clock tower and the newly completed Blackwood Hospital in Blackwood which sustained major damage in all its wards and offices (though an operating theatre survived). The Britannia Statue in Pirie Street Adelaide was badly damaged, and since it had also been similarly damaged in the 1897 Beachport and 1902 Warooka earthquakes, the clock in the statue was permanently removed.

Utilities: - The Troubridge Lighthouse of the south east corner of Yorke Peninsular 83km west of Adelaide after the earthquake damaged its generator while the Cape St Auburns Lighthouse on Kangaroo Island began flashing irregularly.

Question: - Can any one of you remember the Britannia Statue in Pirie Street Adelaide??????