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MARCH 20TH 2016

Greetings members, a good roll up of members which I must say was pleasing, plus we had a guest speaker as well which does help. **Apologies** were received from the following members: - Graham Sargent, John Rathman, Neville Pollitt Bob Kay and Wally Thamm.

Minutes of the previous meeting: - Were read and confirmed, Moved: - Wally Smith, Seconded: - Mal Simms.

Business arising from the minutes: - Following the AGM, a sausage sizzle will be held at the RSL, the ladies have organised the salads (thank you), and the lounge bar will be open for those who wish to have a drink. Visitation and general meeting June 26th 016 will be held at the Classic Jet Museum Parafield Airport, followed by, BBQ or Hotel Luncheon, yet to be determined but you will be given plenty of forewarning of, which way we will go regarding lunch.

Correspondence Inwards & Outwards: - Notification letters, regarding the sub branch AGM sent to the following :- State President John Thorne ESM, State Vice President Keith Prideaux and Patron Cory Bernardi. E-mail received from Senator Cory Bernardi regarding his position as, Sub Branch Parton, regretting that his ability to assist the Sub Branch will be restricted due by competing parliamentary, committee and electoral duties throughout the coming year, he further stated that he would fully understand if Northern Central Area Sub Branch would prefer to appoint a new Patron for the coming year. After the letter was read and the question was put to the members present, it was a unanimous decision to retain Senator Bernardi as Patron for the forth coming year. Minutes received from HQ, minutes of AGM 2015 and Agenda for the General Meeting to be held on the, 1st May 2016. Moved that Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted: - Mal Simms 2nd Trevor Cabot.

Financial Report: - Treasurer Keith Fitzgerald tabled his report and bank balance as of the 31st January 016. Moved that the Financial Report be accepted: - Wally Smith, 2nd Danny Boon.

Time for a Coffee Break

General Business: - Again the question arose, speakers for 2016, ideas for speakers or visitations please. Suggested AGM program and lunch venue

Welfare: - Garry Ford doing as well as can be expected, we wish you well Garry. Birthday Greetings for, March; - Fred Jackson.

Guest Speaker: - Mr. Glen Woodward who spoke on, "After the Wars", a very comprehensive and enlightening talk on, just what it was like between WW1 and WW2 plus the following conflicts too this day, most interesting is the fact that school children in Japan are taught very little or nothing of WW2 it is sad

regardless. During the talk he broke into spontaneous singing of various well known songs from WW1 & WW2, a very well travelled person and most interesting to listen too, a small presentation was made to him from Secretary Heather Simms of two jars of homemade Marmalade Jam it appears that Glen has a likening for, homemade Marmalade Jam. Thank, you Glen.

Padre Norm spoke briefly on Easter and the meaning of it. Thank, you Norm.

Malcolm Kruss
President

Friday 18th March, Tom Camplin, Keith Fitzgerald, I and some members from the Tea Tree Gully RSL ventured down to the Wayville Show Grounds to witness, the of the Sprit of Anzac Centenary Experience, this was a free travelling exhibition, that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War and ensuring Century of Service, although the exhibition was free you had to go on line and book your tickets, our tour started off at 1330hrs as a reasonable size group of people from all walks of life, first up rules and regulations, no drinks to be taken in the exhibition area, camera's ok but no flash lights from the camera's too be used, as 90% of the exhibition was behind glass panels, next line up for your sound system, headset and transcribers' that hung around your neck, tuned in and away you went as you walked through each section, so your transcribers' automatically tuned into that part of WW1, to walk the exhibition took about 2hrs, from the first bullet that was fired to the signing of the armistice it was there to be seen. After walking through the mock up of the trenches in some places and out onto the killing fields, I can now realize, and with other people just what our Fore Fathers, Uncles and distant relatives had to endure and what they went through just to keep our Nation what it is today and Australia, a proud country to live, in free of any major conflicts. At the end of the tour you move out into a area and were able to view a set up of the Cheer-Up Hut as it was and how they served meals and gave a bed to those troops who were on their way to the front, or home on a bit leave, this group were running through the 1914-18 and 1939-46. wars and is now part of the, Sprit of Anzac exhibition, The Cheer-Up Hut Society will be having a exhibition and collecting darter, Adelaide Drill Hall Torrens Parade Ground from Friday 20th May through to, Monday 23rd May 2016.

Northern Central Area Sub Branch AGM
20th March 2016
Presidents Report

Another year has passed and it has been a pleasant year, with our membership reasonably steady, although we have not gained any new members, we did have three or four of our members who did not rejoin because of health reasons or moved away from the area, the cold weather, and sickness, hospitalising for some of us played a big part on the downfall of attendances during the year, but I'm glad to say that, members attendances at meetings are picking up (warm weather). Guest speakers have been used at most meetings and have proved popular with the members, as well as various visitations, our main visitation on a yearly basis is too the, Military Vehicle Museum which we as a sub branch support in a small way and with a meeting firstly, followed by a good BBQ luncheon, a tour of the museum and if we are lucky a ride in a restored army vehicle. Still working in close liaison with Para District Sub Branch going along to their, Charter Luncheons and Christmas Luncheons, and copping a ribbing for scooping up the raffle prizes likewise them to us when the occasion arises. Thanks from myself to those members who have helped out in the past and still do at, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, a lot of setting up and thought has go into these two days, it is very much appreciated by the Enfield RSL Sub Branch, Remembrance Day, unfortunately this year we were not able to go out and sell Anzac Badges in the shopping centre because of the man power that was needed, so a few of us helped out with the RSL Sub Branch stand, again permission was given too place

poppies on the Wall of Remembrance in the Enfield General Cemetery, a tradition we have kept up now for many years. Unfortunately this year saw the standing down of Vice President Garry Ford due to ill health, from all of us at Northern Central and you too Rosie we wish you both all the best. Tom Camplin stepped up into the position of Vice President, thanks Tom. Secretary Heather Simms continued on again as the Secretary and Keith Fitzgerald as Treasurer, to you both I thank you both for your ongoing help. The committee you know who you are thank you for all your help, the backbone of the sub branch, Ladies, Raelene, Barbara, Rosie and Heather who always help out with salads, for the BBQ's, cakes and biscuits for morning tea, not forgetting Nannette Dixon who kindly makes up the hamburger patties, you are all very much appreciated by the sub branch. Padre Norm Carter thank you for your help, when needed you are always there.

In closing once again thank you all for your support, and getting behind the committee and backing their ideas and carrying them out when passable.

Malcolm Kruss
President

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Remember the March issue will be the last

News Letter that I will be posting out due to the cost factor \$1

**Alternately if you want to continue receiving the 'Burple' forwards me enough
'Pensioner Stamps' for the 12 months and I will make sure you get a news
letter, failing that**

Come a long to a monthly meeting and enjoy the comradeship

**Those on the e-mail system will still get a news letter same as birthday cards
etc.**

