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NOVEMBER 27TH 2016

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

Greetings fellow members , a reasonable roll up of members for the October meeting which is encouraging now that the warmer months are just around the corner hopefully and the arthritic aches and pains are behind us all for the next few months. Prior to the meeting starting a minute's silence was observed for the passing of, Wally Thamm 23rd September 2016.

Apologies: - John Rathman, Padre Norm Carter and Nick Gogilis.

Minutes: - read and confirmed. **Moved:** - Donald Campbell, **Seconded:** - Raelene Cabot.

Business arising from Minutes.

Flying High and Sausage Sizzle 6th November. (Report in News Letter)

Kokoda Day, 2nd November 10.30am. Poorly attended.

Placement of Poppies, Enfield Cemetery 8th November 1.30pm.

Poppy selling, North Park Shopping Centre 9th and 10th November.

Remembrance Day Service 11th November Enfield RSL 10.30am.

Correspondence sent: - Nil.

Correspondence Received: - HQ AGM 20th November 10.00am

Moved the above be accepted: - Wally Smith, **Seconded:** - Mal Simms.

Financial Report: - Keith gave a comprehensive report on our finance and bank balance.

Welfare Report: - Nothing to report at the moment.

General Business: - Speakers for next year's programs, surely some of you members have heard of a person that is of interest and also at the same time could be of interest to us members. Vietnam Museum at the Keswick Barracks that could be open on a Sunday afternoon, do not have much information on that. Avalon Air Show Victoria 3rd – 5th March 2017, again not much information has come to hand at the moment.

Birthday Wishes for the following member/s: - Johnny Rawlinson 5th November 1935.

Grinners & Winners monthly raffle draw: - 1st Donald Campbell, 2nd John Hadaway, 3rd Danny Boon,

4th John Hadaway. I must give thanks to Danny Boon who never fails when he comes along to a meeting and donates a box of chocolates towards the raffle; form all of us, Danny thank you.

Enfield Cemetery 8th November, a very disappointing roll up of members to help place the poppies on the Wall of Remembrance, yes there were only three of us, myself, Jock Whitehead and Donald Campbell, the three of us worked very hard and long to cover the four walls, compliments were given by the public for the work we were doing, I know some members have other commitments on the day and a couple on the sick list, but there are other members who know what we are doing, and what it is for but for some unknown reason never show up, and it is left to the willing few to carry out the task that we committed ourselves too do. Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th in conjunction with the Enfield RSL sold Poppies at the North Park Shopping Centre with reasonable success, The main day for Northern Central Thursday we collected some \$1.201.1 in sales and donations, combining monies taken on both days it totalled to \$\$2.088.05. Note Nasho Sub Branch, poppy sales money taken will appear in the RSL Signal as from Northern Central Area Sub Branch. Remembrance Day 11th November was again reasonably well attended by Northern Central with a good roll up of school children from 3 different schools in the area, plus RSL Members and the public.

Keith and I attended the AGM of the National Servicemen's Association down at State HQ Sunday the 20th, a good meeting that went smoothly with no arguments that can mar an AGM, Congratulations again to John Thorn ESM for accepting the position of President of the association for the next 12mnths. The main focus of the AGM in general business was, the dedication of the memorial and the unveiling will be held on the, **17th March 2017 at 11.00hrs** some 212 gold (type) inlaid crosses will form the cross in front of the memorial and the pavers that we have purchased will be laid around the cross, interesting to note, there have been enough pavers sold to equal those who surround the Memorial to the Vietnam Veterans at the Torrens Parade Ground. Each person who has brought a paver will be given a special labelled bottle of port, there will be also labelled bottles of port for sale, a well known brewery 'C' have given slabs of their beer for the day, soft drinks also a giant BBQ, most of this is all free to you members and partners, the work and donations that have gone on behind the scenes is unbelievable, just too many to list, there are moves afoot to entice the Governor of South Australia to the opening, and many other dignitaries both South Australian and interstate. More news as it comes to hand regarding this event. In closing I would like to congratulate along with Northern Central members, Rev Norm Carter who has stepped up into the position as one of the three Reverends' the National Servicemen's Association HQ S.A.

Malcolm Kruss
President

