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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greeting members, great to see a good roll up of members and visitors for our, September meeting, made welcome to the meeting were -: Salisbury RSL President/Secretary Para District Sub Branch National Servicemen's Association SA Mr. Mick Lennon and Mrs. Lennon, Mr. Graham Wilson JP, from Hervey Harvey Bay Queensland, former Sub Branch Secretary Mr. Kym Foster and Treasurer Mrs. Margaret Foster who are at the moment touring the country side, welcome along. Apologies were received from the following members -: Bob Kay, Richard Dixon, Wally Thamm, Allan & Beth Mugford.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. **Moved -: W. Smith, Seconded -: T. Cabot.**
Business arising from the minutes -: Poppy selling at the Newton Shopping Centre 6th November, we are still looking for volunteers who are willing to give up a couple of hours of their time to sell poppies, at the present moment volunteers are very thin on the surface, speaking to Keith and agreeing to his suggestion we just might have to cut back to one day of selling due to the lack of members wanting to help out. 9.00am start. Placing poppies at the Wall of Remembrance, Enfield General Cemetery will now be on the 9th November; again volunteers are required for an hour or two as there are four (4) walls that have to have poppies attached to the plaques, start 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Correspondence Received -: HQ – copies of the General Meeting and the State Council Meeting were received and tabled. Forms to access personal records held by the Department of Defence also tabled. No other correspondence received or sent.

Moved that the previous minutes and correspondence inwards be accepted -: Moved -: J. Rathman
Seconded -: M. Simms.

Financial Report -: Not tabled as the Treasurer is away on holidays.

General Business -: October meeting, out at the Military Vehicle Museum, Edinburgh Park, general meeting (museum) 10.00am followed by tour of the museum and a BBQ lunch, after a discussion, the ladies of the Sub Branch volunteered to provide the salads, club to supply the sausages, and hamburger patties, thank you Nanette for making up the patties they were very well received and consumed at the last BBQ. After a discussion it was decided waver the cost of the BBQ to members attending.

Again the question was raised regarding guest speakers for 2016; yes it is good to have speakers of note who are willing to give a Sunday morning for 20-30mins too give us a talk, the only downside is, a lot of the speakers ask for a reasonable donation towards the organization they are representing, and we as a sub branch do not have that sort of money to give away, so it is the old age question who do you know that will

come along preferably for free and give an interesting talk on any subject that will hold the interest of the members, think about it and put your ideas forward at the next meeting of failing that how about you taking the floor and giving a short talk on what have been your interests or your present interests, anything within reason would be interesting.

Unfortunately time has caught up with me this month and I have not found time to post off Birthday Greetings, there were a couple -: Wally Smith, Bob Kay, John Hadaway, from the sub branch members, Happy Birthday, Enjoy.

Monthly raffle -: Good question just who did win it, my fault I forgot to write them down. Sorry.

Malcolm Kruss

President

KOKODA TRAIL

Guest Speaker -: Brenton Summers

A very informative power presentation and talk was given by Brenton on the trials and tribulations of walking the Kokoda Trail, definitely not for the faint hearted or an unfit person, months of physical fitness training went into it before even thinking of tackling the trail, Brenton and a friend who was on the same expedition did most of their training up and around the Anstey's Hill Conservation Park, to get fit. There seems two ways a person can tackle this track, either walking up the track and flying back down or flying up to Kokoda and walking back down either way it did look hard, but a wonderful experience to say and talk about that you have been over the Kokoda trail. Thank you Brenton from all of us, for a most informative talk.

Just off the road from Port Moresby at the southern end of the Kokoda track is Bomana, the largest war cemetery in the Pacific. Established in 1942 it contains 3.3779 graves. There are 3.069 known graves and 237 unknown Australians from fighting in New Guinea together with 443 Allied soldiers, sailors and airmen.

JUST A HELPFUL REMINDER

**OCTOBER 25th GENERAL MEETING 10am BBQ LUNCHEON ETC
EDINBURGH PARK MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM**

**MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER PLACING OF THE POPPIES AT THE
WALL OF REMEMBRANCE ENFIELD GENERAL CEMETERY**

**FRIDAY 6th POPPY SELLING AT THE
NEWTON SHOPPING CENTRE GEORGE ROAD NEWTON
HELP REQUIRED FOR BOTH VENUES**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE 11-11-015
ENFIELD RSL ASSEMBLE 10.30am**

**HEAD QUARTERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th 015
BRITISH WORKMAN'S CLUB WINGFIELD**

