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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greeting members, well the June meeting was reasonably attended considering once again it was a cold and frosty morning, but with the hall heaters switched on it did not take long to warm the hall up. Apologies were received from the following members -: Heather & Malcolm Simms, Harry Gregory, Wally Thamm, Alan & Beth Mugford, Tom & Barb Camplin & Padre Norm Carter.

I received a phone call since the last meeting from, Senator Cory Bernardi's office, informing me that the Senator will accept once again the position of Patron of our Sub Branch for the next twelve months; an e-mail was sent to the secretary, from Padre Norm Carter informing her, he was more than happy to continue in the role of Padre for our Sub Branch. I have also this month received a couple of e-mail's from fellow member, John Bushell bring me up to date on his medical condition, briefly John and his wife toured Spain and the Western Front for the Anzac celebrations and whilst in Spain he contacted a respiratory infection from coughing and wheezing PAX, this unfortunately lowered my immune system and accelerated my leukaemia resulting in that I now have to start Chemo in 4 weeks and that will continue every 4 weeks for the next 6 months, as John put it, something to look forward to??? I have sent him a Sub Branch 'Get Well Card' which he replied with a short note, Quote(Many thanks for the get well card, it just shows people care, I almost have my voice back but it comes and goes at this stage, which is a real pain in the arse. Swallowing can be achieved with some surety; chemo begins in two weeks so that will fix the problems. Best wishes to you and all the Nasho's.) Unquote, e-mail also from former National Service Magazine Editor, informing that he would not be continuing on as editor due to family commitments! Secretary received an e-mail from, Adelaide Cemeteries once again giving approval for the placing of poppies on the Wall of Remembrance as we have done in the past years, as **Remembrance Day falls on a Wednesday this year**, I would like to suggest that this year we place the poppies on the remembrance wall either **Monday 9th November or Tuesday 10th November 015 to be discussed at the July meeting**, either way your help will be required as in the past the more that volunteer the quicker we get it done, this also includes the selling of poppies over at the **Newton Shopping Centre on the, 6th and 7th of November 015**, names to Keith if you can help out selling poppies, so he can work out a roster.

Treasurer's Report-: was tabled and accepted with no questions arising for him (so we are still in the black), move that it be accepted-: Tom Camplin, seconded- Danny Boon, carried.

General Business-: Again it was discussed that we hold a two or three meetings away from the RSL at various venues of interest, it was suggested a visit once again to the Military Vehicle Museum, this was

agreed upon and a date to be set for the **25th of October 015**, General meeting at the museum **10.00am** followed by a BBQ lunch and a tour of the museum. Please support this outing whole heartedly, as at the moment know one knows how long South Australia will have a Vehicle Military Museum, because it might have to close for good, another place of interest gone forever in this nanny state as they refer us too, please again support our Sub Branch day visit to the Museum as you have done in the past visit, bring along your wives, family, grandchildren, just remember to let us know how many are coming for catering purposes, Vice President Tom Camplin also suggested a meeting and visit to the Aircraft Museum at the Parafield Airport followed by either a BBQ lunch or a hotel luncheon, the only time we really have to fit it into this year is either **August or November**, to be discussed at the July meeting.

Keith and I attended a General Meeting at Nasho HQ on the, 12th July 015, although not very well attended by other members, it was an interesting meeting, main topics discussed was membership and numbers are diminishing quoted for this year alone were 75 not paid up with 940 full members taking in the fact that some members have passed on or are in residential care and their families have not notified HQ of the situation. A letter was received and tabled from Treasurer John Piep that he would not be seeking re-election as treasurer at the AGM (position vacant at the moment). Past President Barry Presgrave spoke on the Memorial Garden that is going to be established and progress at HQ with the help from, West Torrens Council, the pavers inscribed with your name, number and rank, that will surround the memorial stone and garden of remembrance, if you intend to have a memorial paver please get your application in ASAP along with your money to HQ or alternatively give it to me and I will pass it on to Barry, the cut off date for these pavers inscribed is the, **31st December 2015**. Application forms are available at the July meeting, cost per paver \$40 for a single inscription or \$75 a double inscription. As I mentioned earlier in my report, the resignation of Editor Tony Van Rhoda, I have now received an e-mail informing us that President John Thorne's wife Chris has taken up the challenge as magazine editor, congratulations from all of us at Northern Central and we wish you all the best. It was pleasing to have a guest speaker at HQ's General Meeting, RSL State Vice President Steve Larkins, who spoke on, "The Modern RSL-Looking Forward and the way it is going to be presented in the future, South Vietnam Service Medal for 90 days service in Vietnam as a lot of Nasho's who did not serve their 12 months in Vietnam missed out, there is a move to get this changed to 90 days so they will be able to receive this medal, he also spoke on the, **Virtual War Memorial.com.au**, I advise any member that has had someone in their family that served in any conflict to log onto this site, you will be amazed what you will find out about that person.

Birthday Cards and Best Wishes for July have been sent to the following:- Keith Fitzgerald, Dennis Newberry and Allan Carpenter. Get Well card sent to Dennis Newberry also on the sick list, John Rathman. Monthly raffle winners:- 1st Nick Gogilis, 2nd Richard Dixon

Malcolm Kruss
President

Next Meeting
August 23rd 2015
10.00am