



NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SA BRANCH)



THE NORTHERN CENTRAL AREA BURBLE

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PATRON: SENATOR CORY BERNARDI

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PADRE: - REVEREND NORM CARTER: - 8368-1869. TO BE RATIFIED 24TH MAY 015

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well members it has been a long time between drinks as they say regarding a news letter being sent out, the last one that I managed to put together was my 'Presidents Report' for the AGM in March 015, April was out because of the 100th year of the Gallipoli landing and campaign, hopefully I can get back on a even keel and have a report ready for the, **28th of June** meeting. Our AGM was reasonably attended, but as usual mention that there is a AGM scheduled no matter what club you might belong to, the attendance seems to drop away alarmingly for that particular meeting and the same goes for our sub branch also, really speaking you as a sub branch member should attend, because if you have any constructive ideas or even a complaint this is the time to have your say, not leave it to the few members who regularly attend a sub branch meeting. This year as in the past the, conducting of the AGM and nominations for positions on the committee were handled as in the past by, Immediate State Past President Mr. Graham Wilson JP/LM and Mr. Graham Sargent LM. The following positions have been ratified -:

President -: Mr. Malcolm Kruss LM.

Vice President -: Mr. Tom Camplin.

Secretary -: Mrs. Heather Simms.

Assistant Secretary -: Mr. Mal Simms.

Treasurer -: Mr. Keith Fitzgerald LM.

Committee Members (three needed) -: elected, Mr. Trevor Cabot and Mr. Richard Dixon.

Padre -: To be ratified at the next meeting 24th May 015, present Padre Norm Carter, to be approached re the position of Padre and confirmed at this meeting.

Public Relations & Welfare -: Malcolm Kruss.

Patron -: At the moment Senator Cory Bernardi is our Patron, but, he has to be approached to see if he will carry on as our Patron.

Again I would like to thank Garry Ford for all the help he gave the sub branch over the past few years as Vice President, but with commitments to the Enfield RSL and now as their President, he has stepped down and handed the reigns over to Tom Camplin. Thanks Garry. With the AGM out of the way there was the dedication service and the placing of the wreath in memory of the fallen and those who have since passed on, again the cadets of 2nd/25th

Battalion of Frontiersmen SA Command, were in attendance, they smartly marched on and formed up as the Catafalque Party. As in past years the ladies of the sub branch, have always provided morning tea and nibbles after an AGM, and a few of us manage to stop on and have lunch at the RSL, but with the RSL now not open on a Sunday I decide to have a BBQ Lunch at my place, it was an open invitation to all members and their partners to come along and enjoy the comradeship of other members and of course the usual banter amongst male members.

A BIG THANKS goes out to the ladies who supplied the salads and sweets (a lot better than I could have done) and another BIG THANKS to, Nanette Dixon wife of Richard who made up and kindly donated all the rissoles for the BBQ a lot better than the usual butcher shop sausage meat patties, I think we will have to make Nanette our official BBQ rissole maker. But like all functions that this sub branch tries to arrange, there are just the faithful few that attend the functions, and yes it is most disappointing to the committee who go out of their way to arrange an outing. Seriously over the next couple of meetings, we as a sub branch must come up with some positive ideas of what we would like to do after a meeting, or is it going to be like in the past come to a meeting pick up your news letter, a general meeting, cup of coffee and go home, it is time we all backed the sub branch and go along to whatever has been organised, I'm not saying that you have to attend every outing, not everybody can do that, but please try and come along to a couple of organised after meetings lunches or visits. One thing I would like to bring back into play is the, Charter Luncheon at a venue that we all can agree on and a Christmas Luncheon like we have had in the past with our friends from Para District Sub Branch attending and likewise we attend their function. In closing there is a couple of items that has come to mind that I should have included earlier, firstly thanks to Vice President Tom Camplin for placing of ANZAC DAY -: Unfortunately this year I was AWOL due to being banged up in hospital having major surgery on what was my left knee joint, anyhow from all reports the day was a success all round, thanks to the guys who gave up their time and helped set up the hall for the 'Gunfire Breakfast' their help at the Dawn Service, and the heavy handed serving of the rum with the coffee, it was all very well appreciated by the committee of the Enfield RSL.

I believe that the Nasho Luncheon again held at the, British Workman's Club was a reasonable success and moderately attended by our own members (down on last year). Birthday cards have been sent out too members for the months of April and May, I will continue to do this for the coming year. On a sadder note I have forwarded a condolence card to Mr. Graham Wilson and his immediate family for the passing of his wife Helen and mother to their children who sadly passed away on the, 10th May 2015, Helen had been ill for a number of years. Vale Mrs. Helen Wilson.

There is one other item that I must talk about in closing, that was the service and the placing of a tribute at our plaque after the AGM back in March of this year, unfortunately the service was in reverse of what it should have been a complete stuff up, there are set guide lines for such a service, and in future those guide lines will be adhered too that I promise.

Malcolm Kruss
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NEXT MEETING
28TH JUNE 2015
10.00am