

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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AUSTRALIA'S FORGOTTEN ARMY

THE NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA:-
WANTS YOU !!!!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR EX-NASHOS TO ENLIST IN OUR ASSOCIATION.

THE NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION WAS ESTABLISHED BY
LATE BARRY D. VICARY OF TOOWOOMBA IN 1987.

DID YOU KNOW:

FROM 1965 to 1972, 64 000 TWENTY YEAR OLD MEN SERVED THEIR
COUNTRY IN THE REGULAR ARMY. 23 000 SAW ACTIVE SERVICE IN
VIETNAM. 187 WERE KILLED. 1 479 WERE WOUNDED IN ACTION.

THE NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SEEKS: ———

- 1: THE REOPENING OF RE-ESTABLISHMENT LOANS AND
VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME;
- 2: THE EXTENSION OF THE DEFENCE SERVICE HOME LOANS TO ALL
ALL FORMER NATIONAL SERVICEMEN;
- 3: THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AUSTRALIA SERVICE MEDAL
1964-73.

YOU WILL RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS AND WILL BE KEPT UP TO DATE ON
ALL OUR ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00. per year.

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On Sunday 2 February we had another successful barbecue get-together and Branch general meeting at John Burke Park under the Storey Bridge. 14 members plus their families attended.

Before the Branch meeting was held, Ken Coates (Branch President) presented a certificate to Mrs Ruth Williams declaring her an Honorary Life Member, following the recent sad passing of her husband Roland. Ruth is the second Honorary Life Member to be appointed to the Association. The first was Mrs Mary Vicary of Toowoomba, widow of our founding national president, Barry Vicary.

The meeting started on time. Some of the items of business that we covered and which members might find of interest were:

PLAQUES:

John Sinclair is arranging production of decorative plaques showing the Association badge (including the tri-forces emblem) fixed to a stained timber backing. They will be available for purchase by members. We will let you know when they are ready for sale.

ANZAC DAY:

We are asking members to leave free Saturday 25 April as the Brisbane Branch has secured approval to march in the Anzac Day parade for the first time in our own right under the Association's banner. All members are invited to participate. We will meet in George Street as contingent 147. After the march we have been invited by the Royal Australian Regiment Association to socialise with them at the Waterloo Hotel, Commercial Road, Fortitude Valley. Lunch will be provided. We'll keep you posted on arrangement details. Let us know if you think you can make it to the march or the gathering afterwards.

UNIFORM:

The Branch has agreed on a uniform for formal and social events. It isn't compulsory but its use can help to get the message across about the Association's existence and presence at events like the Anzac Day arrangements. The dress code is:

- . Grey slacks
- . Pale blue shirt
- . Corps or unit tie
- . Navy blue jacket

Pocket badges for jackets are available .Phone 2778905 (Ken Coates). Corps ties are available from Christies, 8 Blevendon Street, Botany NSW (02-3166077).

We have negotiated a discount at Lowes Menswear. Members wishing to take advantage of the discount (10 percent) should note it's available only through Lowes Toombul Shopping Town and Garden City stores. Just show your Association membership card and the letter of authority attached to this newsletter.

BEER COOLERS:

We are having 1,000 coolers made up for sale. Powers Brewing are involved. The coolers will show the Association badge on one side and Powers emblem on the other. They will be available at \$2.50 each. We need your help in selling them. If you think you can help us to find outlets to take mutiple sets, please contact Peter Ryan or any other committee member.

We are also negotiating with Powers to make a run of 20,000 cans with the Association badge and a few details on one side of each can as part of a promotion for us and Powers. We especially have in mind getting this done before Anzac Day as part of our publicity drive. So please support the Association and show Powers your appreciation by purchasing the beer and the stubby holders.

The coolers should be available to buy at our next Sunday barbecue (29 March).

DID YOU KNOW?

Brisbane Branch's territory covers from Tweed Heads to Nambour and West to Ipswich. Members from that territory get all their needs met by Brisbane branch and pay their annual fees to Brisbane branch, not Toowoomba. If you meet potential members who are unsure of who they are supposed to deal with in the Association, Brisbane branch committee members are very happy to help them with relevant information. We are also keen to encourage the Association to spread across the State and elsewhere. So keep your eyes and ears open for the chance to spread the word about the Association. The committee is always keen to hear your suggestions.

NEXT MEETING

NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE AT 11 AM SUNDAY 29 MARCH IN JOHN BURKE PARK UNDER THE STOREY BRIDGE (NEXT TO THE FERRY TERMINAL). It's a b.y.o. barbecue/picnic. Come along and meet some fellow Nashos and have a relaxing family day. The park has plenty of room for the kids to move around and the Riverside markets are just a quick ferry ride over the river if anyone has a compulsion to help the consumer-led recovery!!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (2 March 1992)

Venue: Peter and Carmel Ryan's residence, Sunnybank Hills.

Present: Peter Ryan, Tony Walis, Eddie Spring

Apologies: Ken Coates

Treasurers Report:

No report as treasurer Ken Coates not in attendance.

General Business:

(1) General Meeting venue:

Discussed John Sinclair's suggestion that general meetings and social events venues should be varied. John offered the use of his home at Bli Bli for a picnic/barbecue and meeting. Ken Coates investigated coach hire for members to visit Bli Bli. Cost of \$350 is considered by the Committee to be out of our reach at present. Committee is also looking at a suggestion for a Brisbane River trip. The Committee would like to know what members views and suggestions are. Are members keen for a change or is the Storey Bridge venue convenient for the time being? Do we need to do something different?

(2) Football Doubles:

We are selling football doubles again this year in the NSWRL major league competition. The Executive Committee believes the doubles are a good way to raise money for the Branch. Doubles will be sold for every home game of the Broncos plus the three State of Origin and the Grand Final fixtures. Each doubles ticket will sell for \$1. The prize is \$100 for the winning tickets for first scorer for each team. Sales will start 2 weeks before the first Broncos home game fixture (against Cronulla). If you want to buy some, sets are sold in \$5 lots. Send your cheques made out to the Association care of Ken Coates address (see letterhead on this newsletter) and we will send the tickets to you. If you would like to make a standing order for every game, just write to us saying how many per game you want. Peter Ryan will send them to you before each game. If you want more information on how the doubles system works, contact Peter Ryan or otehr Committee members. WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP TO SELL THE DOUBLKES TO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, ACQUAINTANCES, WORKMATES ETC. PLAES CONTACT US . WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP EVEN IF IT IS ONLY IN A SMALL WAY.

Next Executive Committee meeting:
To be notified

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EDDY SPRING

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RUTH STEPHENS
STORE MANAGER

This authorization gives current
card holders of the National Servicemen's Association
of Australia a 10% discount on clothes in Ladies
Stores at Garden City, Mt Gravatt and Toorbul
Shopping Town, Toorbul.

AUTHORIZED BY: QUEENSLAND STATE MANAGER
JOHN BROADWAY

AUTHORIZED BY: BRISBANE SUB-BRANCH
PRESIDENT

