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## Front Cover

Service at State Memorial in Toowoomba to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Association. The Recessional and music provided by the Harlaxton RSL Brass Band, singing supported by the Townsville Choral Society.

## STOP PRESS

On the evening of Monday 6th November illegal entry was made into the Wacol Precinct and equipment including generator, mowers, whipper snippers and saws were stolen. Security camera images are being reviewed.

## Official NSAA Merchandise

**OFFICIAL NSAA MERCHANDISE**

<b>Beret</b>			\$32
<b>Beret Badge – Pewter</b>			\$5.50
<b>Beret Badge – Silver Six Sided Logo</b>			\$20
<b>Book – 20 Year History of the NSAA 1987 to 2007</b>			\$25
<b>Caps Embroidered with Nasho Logo</b>			\$17.50
<b>Coffee Cup with Nasho Logo</b>			\$ 9.00
<b>Flag – Association Logo White Full Size (6'x3')</b>			\$220
<b>Flag – Association Logo White small size (hand waver)</b>			\$12.50
<b>Lapel Badge – Association Blue</b>			\$5.50
<b>Lapel Badge – Navy, Army or Air Force</b>			\$6.50
<b>Lapel Badge – Tri-service</b>			\$6.50
<b>Medals Full Size</b>	<b>Unmounted</b>	<b>Swing Court</b>	
<b>ADM</b>	\$18	\$22.50	\$27.50
<b>ANSM</b>	\$18	\$22.50	\$27.50
<b>Duo ADM+ANSM</b>	\$36	\$45	\$55
<b>Miniatures</b>	<b>Unmounted</b>	<b>Swing Court</b>	
<b>ADM</b>	\$12	\$16.50	\$21
<b>ANSM</b>	\$12	\$16.50	\$21
<b>Duo</b>	\$24	\$40	\$45
<b>Medal Ribbon Bar with ADM+ANSM medal ribbons</b>			\$15
<b>Miniature Metal Ribbon Bar ADM+ANSM</b>			\$10
<b>Necktie with Nasho Logo</b>			\$33.50
<b>Nasho Pocket Patch – Bullion Thread – Red</b>			\$36
<b>Nasho Pocket Patch – Queensland Red Logo</b>			\$10
<b>Nasho Port</b>			\$13.50
<b>Nasho Key Rings Acrylic</b>			\$4.50
<b>Nasho Wattle Key Rings</b>			\$10
<b>Number plate covers 'I Am a Nasho'</b>			\$22
<b>Shirts – Chambray short or long sleeves S M L XL XXL</b>			
(add \$3 for XXXL size)			\$36
<b>Shirts – Polo White or Maroon S M L XL XXL</b>			
(add \$3 for XXXL size)			\$31
<b>Stubby Holder with Nasho Logo</b>			\$5.50
<b>Video – 50 year anniversary celebrations</b>			\$5
<b>Video – Last March Out at Wacol</b>			\$5
<b>Wall Plaque – 6 sided Nasho Logo on Timber</b>			\$42.50
<b>Pay by Credit Card – add \$1.00</b>			
<b>Postage not included</b>			

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Alex Garlin)**



In October, the SMC hosted the 2017 Conference that comprised the Meet and Greet in the refurbished Everyman's Hut, Coach trip (3 coaches) to Toowoomba to celebrate our 30th Anniversary with a service at the State Memorial, a bus trip to Tamborine for non-delegates, Delegates and General Meetings, Formal dinner on Saturday evening and Church Service on Sunday. Visitors to Wacol were able to see the recent improvements of the refurbished Everyman Hut and the mini-Museum and Library in the Lecture Hut. The Dinner was the first opportunity for our Patron, Councillor Angela Owen, to meet the members and she did it in style by presenting a Brisbane City Council flag to the Association. It was flown for the first time on Sunday morning. The Deputy Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, Leanne Cameron and her husband were also guests at the dinner. At the dinner and OBE was presented to Lois Garlin. The weekend functions made good use of the kitchen that had been donated by Brisbane South Branch for the Everyman's Hut.

The meetings did not produce any new policies or major issue and the details will be in the minutes that will be sent to all Branches.

Neal Freier and National President, Earle Jennings, commented on the recent National Council Meeting held in Canberra and some topics are included in this issue.

On 31st October, 25 members of the Association were invited to attend a meeting of the Brisbane City Council, where our Patron is Chairman, enjoy morning tea and have a tour of City Hall. I was invited to address the meeting.

Lois and I take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy and Safe Christmas and all the best for 2018.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT (Neal Freier)**



Hello to all Members and Supporters. I recently attended our Delegates Meeting and our General Meeting held in the Everyman's Hut at Wacol where I presented my financial report. I distributed copies of my report to all members and explained various items as I saw fit. I am comfortable with the way we are handling our finances and it appeared that our members at the meeting were satisfied.

During my financial report presentation I again addressed the Welfare situation. I urge all branches to ensure they are providing suitable welfare for any of their members in need. There are many ways to assist your members – pay their membership fees if they are unable to do so - place grab rails in their bathrooms – provide wheelchairs – organize bus trips – the list is endless. Just call me if you

need guidance on this and I will assist you.

The White Card was discussed at our Wacol meeting and we were addressed by Ben Isaacs from DVA in Brisbane. In September Tony Stevenson and I attended the National General Meeting in Canberra where we were addressed by the Hon. Dan Tehan, the DVA Minister. Both men told us that anyone who completed just one day in the Services is considered to be a Veteran and is entitled to a White Card upon discharge for certain conditions. Mental Illness is an automatic White Card. Quite a few of us have a White Card for skin cancers. To get that, see an Advocate, complete the forms, mention you were never provided with protection from the sun and attach a copy of your medical records from the doctor who treated you.

It is that time of the year when I am waiting to hear from the Anzac Day Trust Committee to see the result of my application for a Grant. As all Branch Treasurers know, the success of this Grant application depends on all branches getting a copy of their annual financial returns in to me on time. This particular grant really helps us to administrate our organization and helps keep our membership fees down.

Well that's enough for this edition. I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas as we march on into 2018. Cheers.

Neal Freier

# An Italian Nasho Sailor Home from the Sea

Bell bottom trousers  
Coat of navy blue,  
She loves a sailor  
And he loves her too



This romantic naval story, as befits all sailors began in 1969, when one Franco Pagliuso was conscripted to the Italian Navy, as we here in Australia were, as a National Serviceman thus beginning a two year stint in the Italian Navy. His initial posting was to LA SPEZIA, a naval training base for one month, followed by transfer to TARANTO to the Radar School C.E.M.M. [Marina Militare] where he trained as a Radar Operator for a further four months, then to a naval vessel, ETNA, a supply and troop carrier; a huge vessel with 40 radar operators and 2000 personnel. He served on the troop carrier for one month when a minesweeper, the PIOPPO berthed without a radar operator. Duly transferred to this vessel he served out his time on the minesweeper. PIOPPO is a variety of tree and the minesweeper fleet carried tree names.

Just prior to his “call up” in 1969, two young Australian girls, Sheryl and Gail, on a working holiday to Italy arrived in San Remo and Franco was dispatched to the railway station to meet and greet the young ladies and to escort them to their reserved accommodation, to begin their European adventure and odyssey. Sheryl spoke some Italian but Gail was devoid of any Italian language skills as was Franco’s mastery of the Australian language. Franco was designated the delightful task of squiring the young women around the city and district, showing them the sights and soaking up the culture of the Liguria Coast. To share this task he called upon his mate for assistance. Franco’s initial contact was with Sheryl but his ‘real interest’ was in Gail. Before his departure for the Naval Training School he, with the assistance of Sheryl, as interpreter, requested Gail remain in Italy while he fulfilled his military obligations and on discharge they would marry and he would migrate with her to Australia and begin a new life. To this she agreed. Preparations were made for a Civil Marriage Service. By now he was a Navigator and stationed in the Mediterranean Sea, the time allocated him for the service precluded his attendance at the ceremony. Again, another “mate” was called “to duty” to act as proxy and thus Franco married Gail--he, on his ship, in absentia, and she on land in San Remo. Eventually, the ship berthed at Siracusa, in Sicily and Franco made his way by train across the Strait of Messina, the train on a ferry, and proceeded up the spine of Italy to San Remo, hopefully for a church wedding. Alas, his problems continued, this time of a religious nature as Franco was a Catholic and Gail was not. In the late 60’s and early 70’s this was a major problem with some religious denominations. They were refused the Marriage Ceremony at a number of Parish Churches but eventually Franco found an elderly Priest, in a beautiful, small church in old San Remo City, who, following a detailed and thorough explanation of their dilemma agreed to marry them in the Church.

After Naval discharge they began preparations for migration. This involved a visit to the Australian Consulate in Genoa where they were interviewed by a young Australian Consulate Official, who on learning Gail’s maiden name was GEESON, remarked that he knew a fellow named Geeson who worked at the Macknade Sugar Mill near Ingham when he, the official, spent a year at the mill before commencing his consular career. This of course was Gail’s father. Some coincidence. Needless to say he “fast tracked” their application and they arrived back in Australia in late 1972. Franco was then employed at the Macknade Sugar Mill for the rest of that year.

After his contract as a migrant, to work for two years at whatever occupation the Government deemed, he was welcomed by the Federal Government to apply for permanent residence. He then returned to his trade and was naturalised on the 13/11 at 11.00 am 1977.

Franco built up a very successful business, is well respected in the Community and takes an active interest in local affairs. Gail and he had 3 daughters, all daughters still living in Ingham NQ. Sadly, after 34 years of a fruitful and happy marriage, Gail fought an eventual losing battle in 2005 with cancer. He joined the Ingham and District Branch of the NSAA as an "International" member. He is not the only one in Queensland to have served in an overseas country as a Nasho but is definitely "one of only a few".

A romantic Naval Story that shows in this modern era, Love Romance and Youth can still overcome all obstacles. As a matter of interest, Franco's mate John Graniglia, who assisted him in entertaining the 2 young women when they first arrived in Italy migrated to Australia with Sheryl when she completed her Italian holiday. John and Sheryl travelled to Australia together on the "Achille Lauro" departing from Genoa. The PIOPPO just happened to be in port that day and Franco was able to wish them Bon Voyage. They were married in Ingham and lived out their lives here. In itself another great and wonderful true migration story. The photo above shows Ingham Branch members Gordon Schmierer and Franco Pagliuso taken at 75th Anniversary Commemorations at the 2017 Battle of the Coral Sea in Cardwell.

Maurice Filei, Secretary, NSAA Ingham Branch

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### **An American gets a Grant to study Australian Involvement in Vietnam War**

The story starts at a university in South Carolina, Dr. Erin McCoy is a lecturer in liberal studies and a assistant professor, she has been involved with veterans from the Iraqi and Afghanistan wars, on the US side, it so happened that she was looking up grants at the university and she come across a grant to look into the Australian involvement in the Vietnam war, so she applied for the grant, she was successful in getting the grant so she started to plan how she would go about it.

Her first thoughts would be to go to Vietnam and see where the Australians fought and that was Phouc Thuy Province in the south east of the country. She arrived in Saigon at the end of May 2017, and looked for a guide to take her to the province. She found a guide that was experienced with tours to Nui Dat, Long Tan and Vung Tau involving the Australians, his name was Quach Trang Thang (Thomas). It so happened that Thomas is my guide from Saigon who I had taught all about the Australians and the places we operated in and where every battalion was and had fought, where the fire support bases were, and lots more. Thomas had been my guide on some 10 tour's I had taken to Vietnam.

At lunch after the Phouc Thuy tour Erin said to Thomas what she was doing and what she was trying to find out about the Australians in Vietnam, because 80% of American people did not know that Australia was even involved in the war. Thomas then said my dad (who he calls me) was a soldier here in 1971 and he can give you a good insight into the Australians in Vietnam, so Thomas gave Erin my contact numbers and email. Some days later Erin contacted me and said she was in Cairns, so my wife and I arranged to travel from Ingham to Cairns to meet Erin, we picked her up at her hotel and headed for the Tablelands, on the way she asked me all about my involvement in the war and about all kind of things I had done since.

We ended up at the Yungaburra Avenue of Honour, a memorial to the Australians killed in Afghanistan, she was impressed, then onto Rocky creek and she was blown away by the size of the memorial, there. We finished the day at Kuranda and she got to hold a Koala bear, her day was complete. We returned home and have been in contact with Erin ever since. She left Cairns for Canberra and the Australian War Memorial where she spent 3 days collecting as much info as she could on the war. Erin lives in Savannah, Georgia and has promised to return to Australia with her husband one day, I bought up this story at our local Nasho meeting last month so it was decided to host Erin at a luncheon in Ingham when she does return to Australia.

Editor. This information was provided by (Patrick) Rick Butler of Ingham. Rick has led tours to Vietnam and John Hardy has been on one of the tours.

#### **WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION**

The motion to rescind the decision of the March meeting to pay Delegate expenses was carried. However a Notice of Motion with a rewording of the intention of payment to delegates will be on the agenda for the March 2018 Meeting

## *Vietnam Commemorative Walk at Seymour 1 hour north of Melbourne.*

In commenting on the previous article, John Hardy provided this information on the Memorial



The Walk is a meandering red earth path set in native trees and grasses that resemble rubber trees and rice paddies. These two plants are synonymous with Vietnam.

The centre piece of this Walk is the wall, made up of panels of DigiGlass with the name of every Serviceman and Woman who served, in their various capacities in that conflict. The names are separated only by the Service in which they served and are in alphabetical order. The plinths on which the panels stand have holes for you to place Poppies; the effect is to have a field of Poppies under the names. Behind the names is the picture story of the Vietnam conflict.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

On 10th July 1967, Pte Noel Desmond Barker was injured when an Armoured Personnel Carrier crashed off a bridge on Deebing Creek near Ipswich and plunged 20-30 feet into the creek bed. Seven soldiers on the APC at the time were thrown into the creek bed.

In the incident Noel was rendered unconscious and suffered two broken vertebra. Noel has been undergoing surgery, the most recent in July 2017, as a result of continuing issues with these two vertebra.

In 2005 a Doctor reported that he must have had an accident after he left the army. The Army has since produced records of the incident

Noel has been in contact with the RSL in Rockhampton to have his case reopened.

Noel desires to make contact with other members in the APC incident to see if they have had similar health issues.

Noel can be contacted 07 4938 3991 or mobile 0417009932.

# EXTRACT FROM THE NATION PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

## THE WHITE CARD



**The Minister for Veteran Affairs, the Hon. Dan Teehan MP, has outlined the issue of white health cards to all veterans.**

Mr. Teehan was opening the NSAA's National Council meeting in Canberra – one of a long line of Ministers holding his portfolio to do so.

He also detailed the new policy that veterans' digitised records would go to the Department of Veterans Affairs on discharge so that they could be informed of their entitlements immediately.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provided this detailed outline of the new arrangements to the Council:

### 1. **Whether all veterans will be entitled to the white card**

All current and former members with at least one day's continuous full time service are eligible for treatment of any mental health condition through non-liability health care (NLHC) arrangements. The condition does not have to be related to service and a diagnosis is not required. This treatment is delivered through the DVA Health Card- Specific Conditions (White Card).

White Cards are also issued to veterans for other specific service-related conditions through normal liability claiming arrangements.

### 2. **Veterans with active service are entitled to the gold card**

All veterans with qualifying service (ie. have served in a war or conflict) are automatically eligible for a DVA Health Card- All Conditions (Gold Card) at 70 years of age. Veterans with a high level of disability as a result of service are also eligible for the Gold Card. In addition, the 2017-18 Budget extended Gold Card eligibility to ADF members who served with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force and Australians who participated in the British Nuclear Tests.

### 3. **Is the white card general issue or does it have to be applied for**

Where a claim for liability is lodged and accepted by DVA for a war or service caused injury or disease, a White Card will be automatically issued.

Individuals who apply for non-liability health care for mental health support will be issued with a White Card to access treatment. An applicant may need to provide proof of identity. For more information, please refer to the Factsheet HSV109- Non-Liability Health Care: [www.dva.gov.au/factsheet-hsv109-non-liability-health-care](http://www.dva.gov.au/factsheet-hsv109-non-liability-health-care).

### 4. **If it has to be applied for is it for all conditions or a specified condition**

A White Card issued following DVA acceptance of liability will provide treatment for specific condition(s). Where an individual has a high level of disability relating to their service, or otherwise automatically qualifies for a Gold Card, it can be used for the treatment of all conditions.

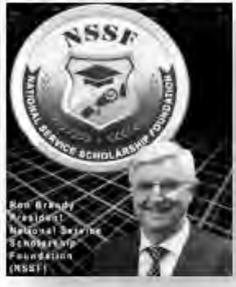
White Cards issued under NLHC provide access to mental health treatment.

### 5. **Does the issue depend on certification about a condition or conditions from a medical practitioner, Welfare officer or similar person recognised by the Department of Veterans Affairs**

For NLHC mental health treatment, a diagnosis is not required. For treatment of cancer and pulmonary tuberculosis for eligible veterans under NLHC, a diagnosis by an appropriately qualified health professional is required, but may be made by a person's treating medical practitioner.

For other conditions claimed as related to ADF service, a diagnosis from a medical practitioner is required to support the claim before liability can be accepted and a White Card issued.

# National Service Scholarship Foundation (NSSF)



The following information was provided by Mr Ron Brady, President of the Foundation to the National Executive Meeting held in September 2017

## Background

- National Service in the modern context was the compulsory conscription of eligible males into military service in the middle years of the last century in the periods 1951 to 1959 and 1965 to 1972.
- Those who served in that time were proudly known as Nashos.
- In the period 1951 to 1972 some 286,000 National Servicemen served the nation. Many served on operations and were engaged in armed conflicts in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam.
- To preserve and honour the memory of National Service, we have created a Scholarship Foundation as a charitable entity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) with Deductable Gift Recipient (DGR) status.
- This document explains the concept of 'Sustaining the Nasho Spirit - A Living Memorial' and highlights our progress in establishing the Foundation.
- The Foundation is a 'Living Memorial' to National Service and recognises all who served in order that we leave a lasting and sustainable benefit that enhances the wellbeing of the nation.

## Our Purpose

- The purpose of this Foundation is to fund scholarships as a direct contribution towards the advancement of the wellbeing of the nation.
- These scholarships will be awarded to selected individuals or groups for targeted medical, nursing, dental and or allied health further education, research, or enhanced skills training.
- By supporting the Foundation, you are contributing to the further education and skills development of those already committed to the wellbeing of the nation.

## Our Method

- The National Service Scholarship Foundation (NSSF) has adopted a Scholarship Award model that includes two key attributes.
- The NSSF will deal directly with research and learning institutions who have already identified individuals and projects in need of funding. This method removes the time/cost burden required to call for scholarship applications, assessment and matching.
- Scholarships may be funded in full or in part by the NSSF, partnering with the relevant institution.

## Current Situation

- Through generous donations from the National Servicemen's Association of Australia and the Geelong Connected Communities fund, the Foundation has developed a comprehensive web site which will be launched in December 2017.

What can you do to assist?

- The Board would be delighted to hear from individuals and organisations willing to support or gain further information on the Foundation's initiatives.

## Conclusion

- By supporting the Foundation, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are contributing to the further education and skills development of those already committed to the wellbeing of the nation and that the enhanced learning and skills developed will be of benefit to our society.
- In providing this background information, it is hoped you, your family and or your organisation will support the National Service Scholarship Foundation.
- I commend the National Service Scholarship Foundation 'Living Memorial' to you, recognising that you can help us make a real difference to the wellbeing of the nation and have the satisfaction of honouring those who gave their 'Service to the Nation'.



## LAST POST

This LAST Post includes Nashos who are not members of the Association. No Branch is shown beside these Nashos

1/704260	<b>ALLAN</b> , Jock Donald	3/1952, Wacol	Caboolture
1/709715	<b>ASH</b> , Raymond Owen	1/1954 Wacol	
1739670	<b>BATES</b> , Edward Charles Patrick	3/1972 Singleton	
1/701766	<b>BENNETT</b> , Kevin Philip	1/1952 Wacol	Ex Townsville
1/722695	<b>BESGROVE</b> , Selwyn Ronald	3/1956 Wacol	
4571NS	<b>BONEHAM</b> , Bruce Douglas	2/1954 CEREBUS	Redlands
1/708160	<b>BROWN</b> , Raymond Clive	2/1953 Wacol	
2/774620	<b>CLAYDON</b> , Pastor Gary	2/1958 Wacol	
1/725932	<b>COOKE</b> , Mervyn Royce	3/1957 Wacol	Beaudesert
3/716781	<b>CROSSWELL</b> , Geoffrey Vernon	2/1953 New Norfolk	Sunshine Coast
1/713695	<b>DAVIS</b> , Laban Jeffrey	3/1954 Wacol	Rockhampton
1/702593	<b>DUFFY</b> , Geoffrey Charles	1/1952 Wacol	
4/706759	<b>DWYER</b> , John Stuart	1/1954 Woodside	Townsville
2/771511	<b>EDWARDS</b> , Ronald Keith	1/1958 Wacol	
2784753	<b>ENRIGHT</b> , Dennis	1/1966 Kapooka	
1/710295,	<b>FINDLAY</b> , Noel Ernest	1/1954 Wacol	Brisbane South
A111012	<b>FRANKLIN</b> , Desmond Arthur	2/1951 Toowoomba	Brisbane South
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1737125	<b>JAMESON</b> , James Victor	1/1970 Singleton	
2/723288	<b>JEWELL</b> , James Henry	3/1953 Ingleburn	Sunshine Coast
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1/709819	<b>LAIDLEY</b> , Colin John	1/1954 Wacol	
1/705917	<b>McCRONE</b> , Thomas Wilson	1/1955 Wacol	
1733648	<b>PAGE</b> , Victor John	4/1967 Singleton	
A27846	<b>PARDEY</b> , John Leonard	2/1952 Fairburn	Bribie Island
3/746604	<b>PIMM</b> , Brian Edward	1/1953 Puckapunyal	Gold Coast North
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***LEST WE FORGET  
THEY SERVED AUSTRALIA***

# THE PADRE'S CORNER.

## G'DAY EVERYONE.



Greetings to you all. WOW !!!! where has this year of 2017 gone? Here we are at the beginning of November which means, at time of writing, there are only 61 more days left in this year.

The article below which impressed me when I read it was sent to me by our Nasho's SMC Treasurer, Neal Freier, and I thank him for it, as I share it with all my fellow Nashos who receive this "Nasho News". The author of this "spoof" is unknown but it makes me think and have a little giggle each time I read it.

### GOD'S RECALL NOTICE.

*The MAKER of human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured (created) regardless of make, colour or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units, code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the production of the same defect in all subsequent units.*

*This defect has been identified as "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed. Some of the symptoms include: 1. Loss of direction. 2. Foul vocal emissions. 3. Amnesia of origin. 4. Lack of peace and joy. 5. Selfish and/or violent behaviour. 6. Depression and/or confusion. 7. Fearfulness. 8. Idolatry. 9. Rebellion. 10. Hate and many more.*

*The manufacturer, (GOD, the Creator), who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus (GOD'S SON), has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs from this recall.*

*The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please unload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, JESUS (GOD'S SON), into the heart component.*

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Also, feel free to make contact with me at any time if you wish. (Contact Ph. 0408 457 931 or my email: tomhelen61@yahoo.com ). I know many of you may consider what I have written above as something "outside the box" Well that is okay with me but for me it is real and I share it with you as I think it is vital for all of us to consider these things and make up your own mind. Your decision. I am only a simple old bloke, a Nasho, 5th Platoon, B Company, 1st Intake, 1956, who wants to serve you as your Padre, wherever & whenever needed, if possible. God bless you all.

Thomas S. Andrews, OAM.



# BRANCH NEWS

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**BAYSIDE BRANCH:** *(Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 10.30 at Wynnum RSL Tingle Rd Wynnum).*

Another busy and fun filled time for Bayside Branch. We have now explored the Brisbane River up as far as the Bremer River and discovered what a beautiful river we have; organised beautifully by our own Trevor Jones. The 2017 State Conference was attended by our delegates Mick Richardson and Norm McKechnie who are dedicated to our organization. Having the conference at Wacol was a new experience and the Everyman Hut was a great venue for the conference dinner. Bayside Branch has had an informative visit to Parliament House at the invitation of Member of Wynnum, Joan Pease. Parliament was sitting on the day and it was lovely to be officially welcomed by the Speaker. We were given a private tour through the precinct and finished up with morning tea organised by the office of Joan Pease. Again, organised by the hard working Trevor Jones. To continue our knowledge of civic affairs members of our branch joined other Nashos at City Hall where our new State Patron Cr Angela Owens showed us through the building and included interesting facts regarding its renovation. We were fortunate to watch the City Council in action and listen to our State President address the councillors. Our meetings have been well attended and we have had interesting talks by a representative from Angel Flight and a school chaplain. Our Padre (also State Padre) is a leading light in this organization and is passionate about it. Bayside is also privileged to have one of our supporters, Betty Boland turn 90 years and the Bayside Belles had a morning tea in her honour. Currently we are in the middle of badge selling so a big thank you to all who are helping out. As Christmas will soon be upon us, Bayside wish one and all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Branch Contact: Secretary Pat Dunne. Ph: 33968723

**BEAUDESERT:** *(Meetings 1st Monday of even months 1030hrs. Venue: Beaudesert RSL Function Room)*

Our members attended the combined branch "Fun Day" at Wacol hosted by Beaudesert and Beenleigh-Logan Branches on 20th August where we were entertained by our Supporter member Tom Moore. On 4th September, Beaudesert and Beenleigh-Logan Branches combined for a bus tour of the Port of Brisbane, we had morning tea at the Port Office overlooking the port (photo) where we were given a talk about the history of the port by our guide before doing an extensive bus tour of the port facilities. After this we had lunch at the Wynnum RSL Club with members of Bayside Branch before returning home. After our Management Committee meetings, other members join us for morning tea and a chat in the park. At our last General Meeting, two NSAA members transferred to our branch. In October, Several of our members attended events at the Wacol Conference. Our Patron Major General W.B. "Sandy" Thomas CB, DSO, MC and bar, ED, Silver Star (USA) (ret'd) passed away on 20 October aged 98 and his funeral was held in St Thomas' Anglican Church in Beaudesert on Friday 10 November 2017. Born in NZ, Maj-Gen Thomas joined the military during WWII. He fought in the Greek mainland campaign and Battle of Crete in 1941. He was severely wounded, captured by the enemy and eventually escaped. His courage under fire was rewarded with a Military Cross when he was just 22-years-old. He became the youngest battalion commander in the NZ army after leading the 23rd Battalion at age 24. We are having our Christmas Luncheon following our General Meeting on 4th December.



Twice wounded in action, four times decorated for bravery, W.B. "Sandy" Thomas became, aged 24, the youngest commander of a New Zealand infantry battalion at war.

He experienced the Battle of Britain, the fighting withdrawal from Greece and defiant stand in Crete, the successful battles for North Africa and hard campaigning in Italy; he then led a New Zealand battalion in the

Occupation Forces in Japan.

Transferring to the British Regular Army, he fought the Mau Mau in Kenya, the communists in Malaya and terrorists in Yemen, interspersed with postings to the European zone of Cold War confrontation. Rising steadily through the ranks, he commanded a British division before closing his military career as the last Commander of Far East Land Forces in Singapore.

Sandy is now living in retirement in Queensland.

**BEENLEIGH-LOGAN:** *(Meeting: 4th Monday each month 1000 hrs. Venue: Beenleigh RSL)*

After last quarter, this quarter has been somewhat subdued. Our branch would like to welcome another new member, Jim Steele who was called up in 1968 and based at Singleton NSW. On 19th August, Logan City hosted a ceremony to present Freedom of Entry to the City for the Australian Air Force Cadets, 202 Squadron John Paul College, who our Branch supports. President, Colin Waite and Vice-President Terry Green represented our Branch at this significant event.

Our branch and Beaudesert branch combined to host a Fun Day at Wacol on 20th August. It also marked 30 years of the Association and our Branch's 10th Birthday. After our General Meeting on 21st August, a birthday cake complete with Nasho logo (thanks to Carol Strachan) was cut by Ray Bennett, one of our original members. Photographed are members of our Branch and Beaudesert Branch on a bus outing to the Port of Brisbane on 4th September. A good morning tea and a wonderful tour guide. Lunch at Wynnum RSL, followed by a visit to the Golden Circle Cannery Warehouse where some very good bargains were purchased. There were 4 raffles held during the trip. President Colin Waite and Secretary Lynne Porter attended State Conference at Wacol as Delegates. 10 members enjoyed the trip to



Toowoomba for the Service at the National Service Memorial. Colin acted as a member of the Catafalque Party. Christmas is nearing and a Christmas Luncheon is being organised for our branch members on 18th December including raffles and good cheer!

**BRISBANE NORTH:** (Meeting: 1st Sunday each month 1000 hours. Venue: Kedron Wavell Services Club).

Our members have been busy with the Brekkie Creek raffles with a couple of other members joining the team. Our memorabilia sales are our next project and are well advanced in the planning stage. We usually operate with 7 outlets but maybe we have to reduce due to manpower shortage. This is something we have to face as we all getting older. Sixty Nashos boarded the "Lady Gillian" for a delightful cruise from Newstead Park in Brisbane to the Gold Coast. A very scenic trip amongst the many islands of the inland waterway. Branch Contact Secretary Trevor Koks 3261 2688. Further info Brian Nichols 0419717354.



**BRISBANE EAST:** (Meeting: Third Monday each month Venue: Manly-Lota RSL Hall.)

Brisbane East Branch has launched a project to identify all Bayside residents who served in World War One. The Branch will hold a Service at the Hemmant Chapel at 11a.m. on November 11, 2018 to mark the Centenary of the Armistice that ended what was thought at the time to be 'the War to end all Wars'. A Memorial triptych (Ed. - a



work of art (usually a panel painting) that is divided into three sections) in St. Peter's Anglican Church in Wynnum gives the names of all who enlisted. It was discovered in a lumber room and was restored by the Branch Padre, Sandy Marshall OAM RFD (Lt.Col Retd). Many of the servicemen are buried in Hemmant Cemetery. Brisbane East will install a bronze plaque near the Vietnam Memorial to commemorate the Centenary. Contact, Secretary, Allen Callaghan phone – 07 3265 1523, mobile 0409 219 058, email allgwen@powerup.com.au .

**BRISBANE NORTH WEST:** (Meeting: 3rd Sunday each month (other than December) 1015 hours. Venue: Gaythorne RSL).

As a fundraiser leading up to Remembrance Day, members sold outside Coles and Woolies. There is something special about the two occasions of the year that we do this thing, not only for the money we raise but also for the chance of chatting to those that approach us. All seem to agree that we are performing a commendable task and the two retailers are always happy for us to be there. On 21 October 1917, a resident of the former Enoggera Shire died of wounds received at Passchendaele. The centennial of the death of 27 years old private Roy Nestor Brown was marked at our branch meeting and at a service at St John's Anglican Church in Wardell Street with a floral tribute being laid at Roy's memorial stone. Branch contact - Vice President / Press Officer Dave Livett 3366 3191.

**BRISBANE SOUTH:** (Meeting 4th Sunday each month at 0930 hours. Venue: Sunnybank Bowls Club).

Branch News Editor Contribution – We mourn the passing of the Nasho News Correspondent and Branch Treasurer Noel Ernest Findlay aged 82. Noel passed away peacefully on 22nd September, 2017 with a funeral held at the Hemmant Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2017. A guard of honour was organised for Noel with a burial following the service attended by branch members and supporters. I have known Noel since 2005 since I served on the SMC and he was generally in the Camp Hill Bunker assisting Tony Stevenson receipt membership fees along with other tasks. Having another Nasho volunteer step up to fill Noel's position will not be an easy task. Noel was called up and began his military service in the 1st Intake at Wacol in 1954. The photo shows Noel fundraising at Carindale shopping centre, Carina. Condolences to his wife Arline and her family. Branch contact, Secretary, Len Ramsay, 32095541.



**BUNDABERG:** (Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the month 1330 hrs. Venue: Bundaberg RSL Board Room)

Our monthly luncheons are ongoing; more are planned going forward! Our last coach trip was to Monto via Mt. Perry and Ceratodus. For those interested in history, just 1km down river from the Rest Area at Ceratodus, there was a Native Police Force at Traylan. This was established by Governor Fitzroy of the Colony of New South Wales. The force consisted of a Commandant, a sergeant and a number of Native Police drawn from other areas in the Colony. Unfortunately due to the isolation of this post, the decision to re-locate was made. The presence in the northern areas of the Wide Bay within the NSW Colony only lasted from 1851 to 1856, still before Queensland became a separate Colony. A commemoration stone has been moved from the original site to the Rest Area. The initial planning for this coach trip was to travel to Cracow then home again. Unfortunately mine host at the Cracow Hotel, Fred Brophy and Sandy were not available as Fred was away at the Birdsville Races followed by other very popular western Queensland activities. Our planning guru still has Cracow on the drawing board for a later trip. Another coach trip was conducted on 9 November. The Melbourne Cup winning punters among us had more money to make purchases at the Dusty Hill Winery and the Lavender farm visited. Our end of year function is also being planned at this time. The photo taken on our coach trip to Kilkivan is with Fred and Sandy Brophy together with President Mick, Secretary Brian and Treasurer John in the photo. Branch contact Secretary Brian Trost 41513485.



**CAIRNS and DISTRICT:** (Meetings 2nd Thursday each month at 10:30am upstairs at the Cairns RSL boardroom.)

As the years roll on the aches, pains and groans steadily follow us through time. However, those whose health is still with them are blessed with life's pleasures. The months of August and September were busy for the Cairns Branch, with members attending Commemorative Services at Rocky Creek, Mareeba and Cairns for Vietnam Veterans day and also the first time a service was held at the Cairns cemetery to remember those who perished at Polygon Wood, France during WWI. Wreaths were placed at all of these centres. Nasho Tablelanders, Ray Byrnes and Tim Webster-Young, were placed first and third at the NSAA Inter-Branch rifle shoot held at the Kurrimine Beach in August. Cairns member, George Russo, scored well to gain second place. Congratulations to you all. Thanks to Kurrimine SSAA President, Roger Gobel, and the members of his team for hosting this day. The three Far Northern branches are fortunate to have such good shooting venues close to our towns and are always made to feel at home when visiting them. Wishing all Nashos and their families a very Happy Christmas and may you all look forward to a healthy and safe 2018. Branch Contact: President Fred Cave 0408 173 112.

**DECEPTION BAY, PENINSULA and DISTRICTS:** (Meetings 1st Thursday bi-monthly 9.30 am February - December. Venue: John Naumann Hall, Deception Bay Rd, Deception Bay.)

Heather Donoghue reports: Greetings to all Nashos and Supporters This year has gone by so fast and with the festive season fast approaching we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As Secretary of the Branch I would like to thank our Branch President Denly Shiner for taking such a hands-on role especially over the past 15 months. Denly has attended meetings at Wacol and travelled to Ipswich for Reserve Forces Day while Phil and I couldn't. Not since Bill Newton have we been so fortunate to have someone so dedicated. The Branch along with some lovely residents of the Palm Lake Resort at Deception Bay went on a bus trip to Caloundra RSL for Oktoberfest. We enjoyed great entertainment, food and had a chance to make new friends thanks to our Branch member John Salkeld who filled the bus with some of his fellow residents. Also on the day Neville and Margaret Dacey had a small family reunion with their brothers and sisters on the day. With future bus trips in the planning, we are all looking forward to the New Year. The photo shows our Branch



Members and Supporters at the last BBQ at Woody Point with the regulars turning up for a beautiful day on the Bay. The BBQ'S are continuing next year and we welcome any Branches who would like to join us with great company and outstanding views of Moreton Bay and the Mountains. Next year's Calendar is complete with guest speakers from Angel Flight, the Heart Foundation, a talk on Boggo Road Jail and M.S plus a visit from one of our favourite Poets Mick Martin. Anyone wishing to attend please contact myself for further information. Till next year stay safe and well.

**GOLD COAST TWIN TOWNS:** (Meeting: 3rd Sunday, Bi Monthly even months at 10 am QLD Time. Venue: RSL Twin-Towns, Anzac Room, Tweed Heads NSW). As of 2018, the General Meeting Day will change from a Sunday to Friday.



Seventeen Members and friends joined together for lunch at the Chinderah Tavern including 5 Nasho's from the Murwillumbah Branch came along and joined in as well. Everyone blended in, some knowing the other Nasho's and everyone felt right at home. Hopefully we can keep this camaraderie between us. There will not be a lunch in November as it is our Christmas Lunch, Members discounted (a 3 Course Meal included in the price) at \$40.00 per head on November 29th at Tweed Heads South Bowls Club. All welcome contact: 0438 447 497 for bookings. May everyone enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2018. .

**GLADSTONE:** (Meeting: 3rd Wednesday each month 1300hrs: Venue: Rocky Glen Hotel)

Everybody's birthdays were celebrated with coffee and cake following the August Branch meeting. Members and supporters have been kept busy with sausage sizzles at Bunnings and badge selling for Remembrance Day. With several members unavailable to help through ill health, the ranks of badge sellers was depleted considerably. Thank you to the members and supporters who rallied to the cause for badges and sausages. Our branch had two delegates and supporters attend the State Conference at Wacol during October. The bus trip up the range to Toowoomba with the service at the Nasho Memorial was well organised and enjoyed by our members attending while our supporters explored the delights of the vast Mount Ommaney shopping centre. Supporters assisted with the lunch time sausage sizzle after the delegates meeting and backed up with a return visit to Everyman's Hut for the very enjoyable dinner on Saturday night. The accommodation at the Mount Ommaney Hotel/Motel was ideal. Members and supporters attended the Remembrance Day service at Anzac Park. Photographed is our hard working secretary Keith Leach who joined the ranks of the O.B.E. when he recently celebrated this very important birthday with family and friends. The final function for this year was our Christmas luncheon held on 22nd November at the Rocky Glen Hotel. Gladstone branch wishes all Nasho's and supporters the blessings of Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year 2018. Branch contact is Secretary Keith Leach ph. 49721731.



**HERVEY BAY:** (Meeting: 4th Wednesday of the odd months 1000hrs. Venue: Hervey Bay RSL).

We at Hervey Bay have been having a very busy time, with a lot of tourists coming up here for the Whale Watching season. This event runs every year from June to October. We run a very successful sausage sizzle and selling of pins and lapel badges for Long Tan Day and Remembrance Day. I wish to thank all the members who donated some of their time in both these activities. During this year's whale watch season, we had the privilege of having the Redlands Nasho's up here. We hope they left with some fond memories. I wish to thank the president of the Hervey Bay RSL, Mr Ray Eustace (who happens to be a NASHO), for rolling out the welcome mat for them. We had 10 club members who met up with the Redlands Branch. Two delegates and 2 members attend the 2018 State Conference at Wacol and they were impressed with what's happened and being done there. This being the last NASHO NEWS for the year, we wish all NASHO'S and members and families a MERRY XMAS and a safe NEW YEAR. Branch contact President Ian Debert 0499771481 or Secretary Joy Hynes 0429803562.

**INGHAM:** (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday each month 1900hrs. Venue: Ingham RSL).

The frantic pace for Ingham Branch Nashos over the last 2 months has now eased and a more sedate march to the end of 2017 is envisaged. The Ingham Branch Nashos were well represented at the Vietnam Veterans Day at the local Cenotaph, followed by a gathering at the Ingham RSL. Once again we will be represented at the Police Remembrance Day Service on Friday 29th September at 2.00 pm at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Ingham. Sunday 29th October is the Annual Cardwell northern Nasho Get-Together-Day. A bus has been organised and hopefully it will be well patronised. This was followed by Remembrance Day on the 11/11/2017 and on the 18th December the "Texas Terror", B 24 crash on Hinchinbrook Island will also be remembered. Nashos will be represented at all these gatherings. That will then bring us to our annual Christmas function followed by recess until February 2017. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all from Ingham Branch. Branch Contact - Secretary Maurie Filei Ph 4776 1752.

**INNISFAIL BABINDA TULLY:** (Meeting: 4th Tuesday each month 1800hrs. Venue Innisfail RSL).

On Monday 16th. October, a happy group of Nasho's and their wives and assembled at the Innisfail Show Ground for a 7-00am start to a wonderful social day outing to Irvinebank. John Wakefield was the organiser, and Col Ritchie drove the bus. They all sang along to the old time songs on the Howie Brothers dance music tape. At 9-30am we arrival at the heritage-listed Irvinebank School of Arts Hall to be greeted by Ellen Barnes, President of their Progress Association. Her group of volunteers had a wonderful morning tea ready with homemade cakes and tea and coffee. A visit to the nearby Loudoun House Museum with a very interesting talk by the owner gave the Group a great insight into the history of the town and John Moffat himself the town benefactor. Irvinebank is the birthplace of Henry Dalziel VC who was born on 18 February 1893. He was the 1,000th soldier awarded the VC while serving



with the AIF during WWI and is the only FNQ recipient of the award. A BBQ lunch was organised by Ellen and her volunteers and the group then visited "Brian's Shed" where the men were greatly entertained by Brian Perkes who was able to start and demonstrate every machine that either pumped, pushed, clanged, smoked or banged "loudly". Inside the Shed was an amazing collection of items also. A great day was had by all with their only regret being that our President Carlo Prete was unable to be with them due to some very serious ongoing health issues. Thanks to the State Welfare Officer, Graham Bird who visited Carlo at the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane. Congratulations to our members Lawrence Calleja (rear, sunglasses on cap) and Ron Trackson (photo far right) on being placed first and second in the Tableland Inter-Branch Rifle Shoot on 4 November at Ravenshoe. Members are mourning the passing of our Branch Patron, Edward (Ted) Bosworth MM who passed recently away at the Innisfail Hospital on 2nd November 2017. Ted served in WWII, BCOF, Korea and trained Vietnam era National Servicemen at the Innisfail 51RQR depot.-Branch Contact, George Palmer Ph. 4061 2550.

**MACKAY:** (Meeting 4th Monday of the month 1830hrs. Venue: North Mackay Bowls Club)

Our branch has been very active during 2017 focusing on member's welfare and other activities. On Sunday 30th



July we had a coach full of members including our guests from Gladstone attend the Annual Reunion at Bowen Racecourse. President Arthur Williams and Secretary John Priest were delegates to the State conference at Wacol. The photograph shows our Arthur (centre) presenting a cheque of \$500 to the State Treasurer Neal Freier while Secretary John looks on. The donation will assist with repairs needed to the CCTV at Wacol. This system is badly needed to protect the precincts at Wacol and the bunker. The highlight of the conference was the coach trip to Toowoomba to attend the 30th Anniversary Service of the formation of the NSAA. The service was well organised and attended by local dignitaries and brass band. Our annual BBQ was held on 18 October at Frosty McLean's property and was another successful outing. We also had a bus trip on Thursday 16th November to Mount Coolum and other highlights in the districts west of Mackay. Our branch also conducted badge selling prior to Armistice Day. This year our Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday 2nd December at North Mackay Bowls Club. Cheers. Branch contact Secretary John Priest 0438519964.

**REDLANDS:** (Meeting: 1st Sunday each month 0945 for 1000 hours start. Venue: Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL.)

In September, 53 of our members travelled to Hervey Bay to visit the local attractions, see some whales and meet up with Hervey Bay branch members. The trip was a great success. The whales, while friendly, and some did wave to us, did not reach the level of hospitality extended by the local branch members, who went out of their way to make us welcome. We stayed at the Econo Lodge which is owned by the Hervey Bay RSL, where the service was great and well matched by the hospitality extended to us at the RSL Club. Our needs were anticipated and well provided for by the friendly staff under the guidance and active participation of local RSL Club President, Ray Eustace, who also took time out to guide us on a tour of Hervey Bay.



A presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to our President by the President of the Hervey Bay branch of the NASHOS, Ian Debert, was another highlight of our very enjoyable visit. Return and similar events are in the pipeline. October trips were to Wacol for a BBQ lunch and a guided tour through the very interesting Military and PNG Museum, and, in the same week on a very rainy Saturday, to Toowoomba for the unveiling of the memorial to War Animals. With the continued well-being of our members in mind, we have

organised a supervised fitness programme for those interested, taking into consideration the individual level of health of each person participating. Branch Contact: Les Warner, Membership/Development Officer, 07 3821 2894 Mobile 0450577186.

**ROCKHAMPTON:** *(Meeting: 4th Wednesday of the month 1030hrs. Venue: Frenchville Sports Club)*

2017 has been a good year for our Association. Our monthly meetings have averaged an attendance of 45 – 52 with new members being welcomed. Our social activities have also been well supported. Everything is in place for our Remembrance Day memorabilia sales and lunch and our Christmas luncheon. Members enjoyed an excellent day bus trip with 44 taking part. The trip started with a visit to the Stanwell Power Station. From there travelling to Wowan where a very good morning tea was served at the Wowan Pub. Three Nashos from the town joined us. We travelled on to Biloela where lunch was taken at the local RSL club. The club was pleased to have us visit and supplied a special surprise for desert. On the way back to Rocky we visited the big dam at Mt. Morgan. A lot of work has taken place at the dam making it an excellent place for a picnic or BBQ. Children are also catered for with a playground. Our secretary John Day should be thanked for organising the trip. There is another military exercise (exercise Wallaby) taking place at nearby Shoalwater Bay involving over 4,000 Singaporean Armed troops. All types of military equipment is in use. Our members wish all Nashos a very happy and healthy Festive Season. Branch Contact, Secretary John Day – Phone 4928 0081 / 0439 090 738.

**SUNSHINE COAST:** *(Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the odd month at 1000 hrs. Venue: Maroochydore RSL)*

I can't believe this is our last Newsletter for 2017. Where has the year gone? We have had a busy and successful year and most of us are still in fine form and ready to tackle the Christmas festivities. We've had wonderful weather in the last couple of weeks, plenty of rain but it stayed away for our picnic at Golden Beach. Once again our head chef Joe and his 2 offsiders Gary and Ted dealt up a feed fit for a king. Thanks to these three stalwarts and to Desley for her work with the grant from DVA relating to Veterans Health Week. Our president spoke about Veterans health and they loved the photos and were grateful for the quick grant acquittal and we are so grateful for the DVA support. We drove to Gympie for a picnic at the Duck Pond park with the few remaining Nashos in Gympie and we thank Arthur and Gwen Bishop for the opportunity to pay a visit between branches. Lots of our members have close ties with Gympie and it is a good chance to see some old stomping grounds. A great time was had by all, highlighted by the company of the Australian President Earl Jennings and his wife Yvonne; a great day out. Our Christmas lunch party will be held on the 4th December and we still have a few tickets left. We wish all branches a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



**TABLELAND:** *(Meeting: 2nd Sunday of each month at 1000 hours. Venue: Nasho's shelter at the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park).*

August military activities included attending the VP Day Military Muster at the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park, assisted organisers by selling raffle tickets and participating in the parade. Our members have participated in two Inter-Branch rifle shoots with mixed results. At the Innisfail Branch shoot at Kurrimine Beach on 19 August, our Patron Ray Byrnes managed to retain his marksmanship trophy. However in the Tableland shoot on 4 November at Ravenshoe, he had to surrender it to Lawrence Calleja from the Innisfail Branch. Supporter Brendan MacRae, Malanda maintained his consistency by recording the highest score for all of the last four Branch shoots. Terry Edmondson and John Hardy attended the Wacol 2017 State Conference in early October and reported a good time. Six members and supporters attended National Police Remembrance Day service in Mareeba on 29 September. The five Northern Nasho Branches combined to hold the annual 'Nasho Reunion' on 29 October at the Cardwell RSL.

This event was supported by 6 Tableland members and supporters. A DVA Veteran's Health Week (VHW 2017) grant of \$720 enabled Branch members and supporters to travel to Woodleigh Station near Ravenshoe on Wednesday 25 October 2017. The bus tour also including Legacy widows and carers. With a 'Physical Activity' theme, it incorporated aerobic activities in the southern Tableland rural and WWII historical areas. Our Branch this year supported the Yungaburra's Afghanistan Avenue of Honour and Malanda Remembrance Day services on 11 November. Fundraising across the Tableland leads up to the day and included selling poppies and other merchandise as well as tickets in a Branch raffle. The photo shows our Branch Secretary / Treasurer / Merchandising Officer Terry Edmondson selling merchandise at an Innisfail PCYC Car Show on 3 September. Our celebration for Christmas is a lunch being held on 29 November at the Millaa Millaa teahouse. The Innisfail Branch are attending as well. Our members will also travel to similar functions at Innisfail and Cairns in early December. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Branch Contact, Secretary Terry Edmondson ph. 4095 4154 / 0409 924 711.



**TOOWOOMBA** (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 1900hrs; (odd months); 2nd Sunday at 1300pm (even months). Venue: Irish Club Hotel (Meals available before meetings).

The 13th August dawned bright and fair and Toowoomba Branch had their annual OBE lunch at the Irish Club Hotel to honour our 80 year olds from 2017 or should it be from 1937. Barry Baldwin, Bob Elliot, Graham Hansen, Ron Keelan, and Alan Zimmerle lined up for their certificates, which were presented by President Bill Lane. The meal, plus the lucky door prizes and raffle were enjoyed by all. Kevin Bryant, Don Parcell and John Greenleaf were also 80 this year but unfortunately unable to attend. The Toowoomba Branch of the National Servicemen's Association was pleased to welcome members and friends who came on the bus trip from State Conference on Friday 6th October; all went well. A cuppa was provided to all before the commencement of the wreath-laying ceremony at the State Memorial. The catafalque party are to be commended for their devotion to duty in very hot trying conditions. They were Peter Wedgwood, and Ron Neale from Toowoomba, and Col Waite (Beenleigh/Logan) and Len Ramsay (Brisbane South). The flag party consisted of Bill Lane, Dennis Gillbard, Rick Brewster-Webb and Bill Hills. Padre Matthew Weatherley led the ceremonies with the Guest speaker being Lieutenant Lachlan Harley from 7th Signal Regiment at Cabarlah. Harlaxton RSL brass band provided the music and the Toowoomba Choral Society led the singing. State President Alex Garlin and State Padre Tom Andrews OAM also spoke to the gathering, which was also well supported by local Nashos. Lunch was provided by the Toowoomba

Bowls Club at their nearby clubhouse. We trust that our visitors enjoyed their day in Toowoomba. On 28th October, twenty six people from our branch went on a bus trip to the centre of a huge pastoral holding, Glengallan Homestead near Allora. It is a historic pioneer two-storey structure which has been restored and redecorated. The attached shop/café served a lovely smoko and we were provided with a guide, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the visit. A short trip around Warwick to see some of the old sandstone buildings was followed by lunch at the RSL. A brief look at "Mary Poppins" house in Allora and the memorials in the park rounded out the day. Nobody said who won the sheets of trivia questions, but it didn't really matter. It was a great day out. Leading up to Remembrance Day, we sold poppies and badges. Many thanks to all who assisted in any way. Branch Contact Secretary Pat O'Sullivan on 07 4633 2564.



**TOWNSVILLE:** (Meeting: 2nd Wednesday each month 1930 hours. Venue: Townsville RSL)

The Annual Seniors Lunch provided by the Townsville City Council was held at the Townsville Stadium on Thursday 24th August, 2017. The 34 members who attended enjoyed the meal provided by the Council and entertainment by the '45s'. MC for the day was Radio Personality Steve Price from 4TO. A BBQ was held at the Holy Family Church Hall on Wednesday, 27th August and was well attended by 52 members, wives, partners and family. Sadly, we did not have Val Griffiths to do her usual raffle as she is recuperating from a broken hip. Maurie Degiovanni and Helen Woodhead filled in for her. Our entertainment was provided by our friend Barry from Radio Station triple t. Well done Barry. Many thanks to our ladies who always supply morning tea and our Chefs John Evans, Gordon Robertson, Jim Chaillon and Kel Shannon. A competition organised by our own Gilly Williams between the Townsville RSL Social Darts Team and the Nashos was held at the R.S.L. on Wednesday, 27th September. Thanks again Gilly for a good night. Results were our VP Neville Hines shared in the winning Team with Runner up Sally Hines in her team. Police Remembrance held on Friday, 29th September was attended by President Vince Crowley and Treasurer Maurie Degiovanni. A book was laid on our behalf with a donation to Police Legacy. Our Annual Bus Trip to Cardwell took place on Sunday, 29th October with 18 people on board. Attendance from Cairns, Tablelands and Innisfail was also down with a total of around 30. No representation from the Ingham Branch. We were greeted by the New President Laurie Martin and his wife Ann. Laurie is an Air Force Nasho who did his training at Fairburn RAAF Base in Canberra. Helen Woodhead suffering a knee injury requiring a trip to the Ingham Hospital by ambulance. Thanks to Jim and Beryl Chaillon who went to Ingham the next day to return them safely to Townsville where Helen will undergo further treatment. Our next activity was Badge Selling for Remembrance Day at our 9 venues from Monday 6th to Friday 10th November. Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, 13th December at the Townsville RSL, 7 for 7.30 pm start. Bookings and payment to Tony Caruana. Branch Contact Secretary Kyle Macleod on 4779 3929.



*R to L Branch President Vince Crowley and Vice President Neville Hines chat with the State President Alex Garlin at the Toowoomba Bowls Club on 6th October 2017.*

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S RSL SUB BRANCH (INC.):** (Meeting: 2nd Sunday each month 0900 hours. Venue: Norman Park Sports and Community Club, Norman Avenue, Norman Park).



Our members who travelled to Toowoomba on 6 October for the 30th Anniversary of the National Servicemen's Association Qld Inc. enjoyed the day and helped cement the friendships that were made many years ago. Our Senior Vice President Ken Cort laid a wreath on our behalf. We have included a photo of our members in front of the Memorial in Toowoomba. Our latest addition to our Memorial Gardens is a Lone Pine Tree donated by our Federal Member for Griffiths Terri Butler MP and has been planted behind the Flag Posts and will have an interesting backdrop in the years to come. Our Thanks to Terri for her help. We have a busy program to come before the end of the year and then all members can enjoy the Christmas and New Year break. Our Sub Branch would like to take this opportunity to wish all Nasho's and their families all the Best for the Christmas and New Year. Thanks to Alex and his executives for their help and support during 2017 and we look forward to an even bigger and brighter 2018. Contact Secretary Margaret Besgrove on 3349 2468 Contact Secretary Margret Besgrove on 3349 2468.

# NASHO NOTICEBOARD

**Got a reunion planned? Looking for an old Nasho mate?  
Want to get information on anything? This is your page . . .**

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## **INTAKE BULLETINS**

Graham Bird 07 3200 0446 requires a Bulletin for intake 2/58; and  
Vince Crowley 07 4779 9460 requires a Bulletin for intake 1/52

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## **SEEKING REUNION:**

Cliff Weber is seeking a reunion with a group of nine from A Company, Wacol from April 1954 (2/1954) Intake. A photograph was taken at the City Hall in July 1954. A photo image was supplied but could not be reproduced. The Nashos in the photo were: Milton Menary; Wally Newell; Eddy Myers; Cliff Weder; Ivan Richters; Bill May; Billy Proctor; Jim Moore and Sam Slaughter.

Editor: Based on information on the Nominal Roll and Intake No the following is noted.  
If Billy Proctor was William Henry Proctor then he is noted as Deceased.  
Sam Slaughter could be Leslie Earl Slaughter.

Cliff's contact is 07 3166 83536 or [csweder@live.com](mailto:csweder@live.com)



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**DATE CLAIMER**  
**2018 STATE CONFERENCE.**  
**To be held in Beaudesert**  
**11th, 12th, 13th, 14th October 2018**

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**The State Management Committee wishes all  
members and their families a safe and joyous  
Christmas and all the very best for 2018**



**State Treasurer Neal Freier, Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial and Administration Officer Tony Stevenson at the visit to Australian War Memorial as part of the National Council Meeting. Dr Nelson had just accepted being the National Patron of the Association. More photos of the visit can be viewed on the AWM website.**

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