



An entire French town has combined to honour Australian Diggers killed on the Somme in World War One and buried in its war cemetery. Senlis-le-sec, near Amiens, is part of the wreath exchange program with Eatons Hill State Primary School, near Brisbane. On ANZAC Day, South Burnett National Servicemen, Walter Greensill and his wife Valerie (at left) presented the Mayor, Madame Genevieve Lebailly with an Australian flag and a plaque from the NSAA. With her is one of her Councillors. Walter also presented a flag and plaque to the Basisschool de Mote in Ypres in Belgium. His uncle is buried near the Belgian town.

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Front Cover

Just the thing for the peak hour – no radar trap would dare book you. One of Australia's Leopard tanks on manoeuvres. They will be phased out soon for the American Abrams tank.

The State Art Union is open with good prizes. Get your tickets back to be in it and to help fund your Association's work for Nashos.

Official NSAA Merchandise

OFFICIAL NSAA MERCHANDISE			
Beret			\$26.50
Beret Badge – Pewter			\$5.50
Beret Badge – Silver Six Sided Logo			\$20
Book – 20 Year History of the NSAA 1987 to 2007			\$25
Caps Embroidered with Nasho Logo			\$17.50
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Lapel Badge – Tri-service			\$6.50
Medals Full Size	Unmounted	Swing	Court
ADM	\$18	\$22.50	\$27.50
ANSM	\$18	\$22.50	\$27.50
Duo ADM+ANSM	\$36	\$45	\$55
Miniatures	Unmounted	Swing	Court
ADM	\$12	\$16.50	\$21
ANSM	\$12	\$16.50	\$21
Duo	\$24	\$33	\$42
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NASHO NOTICEBOARD

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



YOU'RE INVITED: Two Branches are dedicating National Service Memorials and all Nashos are invited to attend. **Gold Coast South-Twin Towns** are unveiling and dedicating their Memorial on Point Danger on Wednesday, 3 June at 10a.m. RSVP Secretary Ian Manwaring on 07 5536 4450.

Bayside Branch will unveil and dedicate its Memorial at 2p.m. on Sunday, 28 June at Darling Point on the Manly foreshore in Brisbane. It will be preceded by a parade. RSVP Secretary Leo Solinas 07 3396 8879. Both Memorials honour the 212 National Servicemen who died on active service and the 287,000 called up for service in the Navy, Army and Air Force between 1951 and 1972.

NASHO BOOK

Martin Kennedy is writing a book about National Service and the CMF and is looking for your story. He'd like to hear from you and you can contribute anonymously if you wish. Drop Martin a line at 6 Walsh Court Gympie Q 4570. You can ring him on (07) 5483 7210 or email phylliskennedy@optusnet.com.au

**NO IFS , NO BUTTS
SMOKING WILL KILL YOU**

New Zealand Tour – 25th August 2009 to 8th September 2009

The tour will depart from the Brisbane International Airport at 9.35am on Tuesday, 25th August and arrive at Christchurch at 3.00pm. We will overnight in Papanui, a suburb of Christchurch with dinner at the local RSA Club meeting up with several NZ Nashos (Compulsory Military Training).

The following morning we will depart along the eastern coastline travelling through Oamaru for lunch before arriving at Dunedin for our overnight accommodation at the historic Larnach Castle and our evening meal, breakfast and a tour of this magnificent Castle. After breakfast on Thursday morning we will have a tour of Dunedin before departing for Invercargill where we will enjoy very chilly accommodation for the evening.

As we arrive late into Invercargill on Thursday our tour of this lovely town will be on Friday morning before we depart for Te Anau for some more sightseeing and our overnight accommodation.

Saturday we will leave for Milford Sound and we will enjoy a boat trip on the sound before leaving for overnight accommodation at Queenstown.

Sunday, 30th Aug we will depart Queenstown for our accommodation at Greymouth but on the way we will have a scenic tour of the Fox Glacier. The weather will have an important part in this part of our tour as this time of the year there can be road closures because of snow and ice but I am sure that our Coach Captain will be able to look after us very capably.

We will continue to enjoy the scenery along the West Coast of the South Island on our 7th day of the tour. We will stay at Picton for the evening.

On Tuesday we will depart Picton to travel to Christchurch where we will board a flight to Auckland to commence our Northern Island Tour.

Wednesday, 2nd September we will depart Auckland to travel to Paihai for our overnight accommodation. We will be stopping at Whangarei for lunch. This takes us into the Bay of Islands and we will enjoy a boat cruise through the Hole in the Rock before returning to Auckland on Friday, 4th September.

Back in Auckland we will join the CMT reunion celebrations, tours and experiences that they have arranged for the weekend.

On Monday and Tuesday we will have short tours from Auckland including a boat cruise on the magnificent harbour. A fishing charter can be arranged at your own cost during this period if you are so inclined.

We fly out from Auckland at 4.30pm NZ time arriving back in Brisbane at 6.20pm.

NOTICE – DELEGATES' MEETING

A delegates' meeting of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia (Queensland) Inc will be held on Saturday, 19 September 2009 at the Kingaroy-Memerambi RSL Sub-Branch Kingaroy. Registration from 0930hours for a 1000 hours start.

NOTICE – GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia (Queensland) Inc will be held on Saturday 19th September 2009 at the Kingaroy-Memerambi RSL Sub-Branch Kingaroy. Registration from 1230hours for a 1300 hours start.

Written Notices of motions should be in the hands of State Office no later than Thursday 9th July 2009. Details of Notices of motions will be in the July 2009 Newsletter

All financial Ordinary Members, Life Subscribed and Life Members shall be entitled to vote at this meeting. Proxy forms are allowed and if required will be included in the July 2009 Newsletter

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PADRE'S CORNER

Captain John Tatters – Ph: 3204 5985

There are two important dates for all National Servicemen. They are the State conference at Kingaroy in September this year and the National Memorial Dedication in Canberra on the 7/8th September 2010.

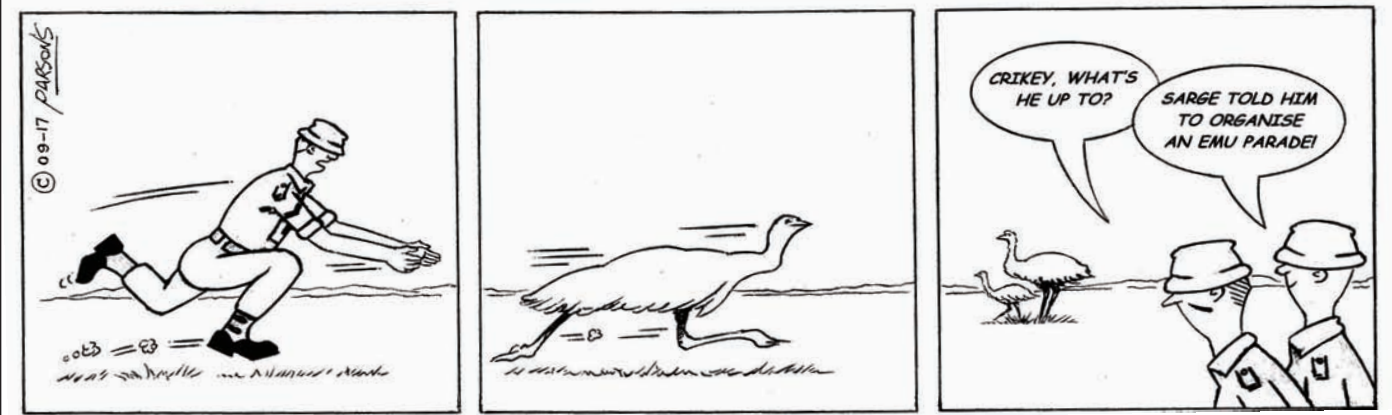
The National Memorial Dedication will be a time of reflection for those who gave their lives for this country and when we march on the streets of the city of Canberra we all can be very proud that we all contributed something for the defence of this great country called Australia.

More than 15,000 National Servicemen were posted to Borneo and Vietnam and 212 paid the ultimate cost with their lives. It was a very sad day for this nation but I am very much aware of the personal cost emotionally that many of our young men on their return to their homes and loved ones had to endure. There were not the post traumatic stress programmes that we have today. It was all suppressed and the sufferers had to get on with life the best way they could. That is why today we have many troubled servicemen who need our love and respect and where possible and with God's help we need to encourage them. Vietnam is still alive in the minds of some of our National Servicemen and our prayers will always be with them also. The battles are all around us to seek the mind of God our creator, to allow him to direct us in the journey of life and to always give thanks to God in every situation.

Your servant in Christ, Padre Captain John Tatters.

NASHO DAZE

By Ron Parsons



THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Queensland Branch of the National Servicemen's Association has a new President.

He is Bill Morriss, who was a member of the Association's founding committee with Barry Vicary in Toowoomba in 1987.



Bill succeeds Colin Bell (at right) who was President from 1996 and put the Association on a sound footing after inheriting administrative and financial problems.

The new Vice President is Ivan Davis, a Vietnam veteran and Chairman of the National Service Heritage Precinct at Wacol.

The new State Management Committee is Bill Morriss; Ivan Davis; State Secretary Howard Bazeley; State Treasurer, Warren Hegarty; Administration Manager, Tony Stevenson; Assistant Treasurer Noel Findlay; Merchandise Manager Alex Nunn; Minutes Secretary John Hardy and new Committee members Graham McFadzen and Vince Urquhart. Captain John Tatters, of the Salvation Army, continues as State Padre.

Graham McFadzen is a Vietnam veteran from 1967-68 and Vince Urquhart was a CMF alternate from 1965 to 1971. This means Queensland's governing body has all types of National Servicemen – 1950s, 1960s, Vietnam veterans and CMF alternates. The Editor of Nasho News, Allen Callaghan, retired after nine years in the position which also included the organising of the annual parade through Brisbane and ceremonies such as the Laying Up of Ensigns at the Wacol Chapel. He remains as National Media Officer and Media Officer for Bayside Branch. Others stepping down are John Brosnan, Evan Edwards and Bruce Reedman.

Another Association stalwart, Don Henderson (left) was made a Life Member for his many years in fund raising activities for the NSAA.

President Colin Bell presented Don with his framed certificate and Life Member's badge at the Annual General Meeting.

Don, who did his basic training at Wacol, went into the Armoured Corps. He was the organiser of the merchandise for the annual badge sales by Branches.

The meeting decided to erect an Honour Board, donated by Ray and Hazel Lower, at State Headquarters in memory of Carol Bell, late wife of the Past President and other women who were made Honorary Members to mark their service to the NSAA



TANKS, PLANES AND TRAINING

The National Service Heritage Precinct at Wacol could be home to some of Australia's best retired military hardware.

The Queensland Branch has applied for an F111 swing-wing fighter bomber and a Leopard tank.

They would be housed with the Naval Bofors gun and other major displays in new purpose built buildings when the Precinct moves to its new home at Wacol.

The Federal Government has invited applications from interested veterans groups for the tanks which are being replaced by 59 Abrams tanks and the F111 which is being phased out after 40 years of outstanding service.

SPOTTING THE LEOPARD

In 1977, the Leopard AS 1 Main Battle Tank entered service with the Royal Australian Armoured Corps.



Spotted in the rear vision mirror – a Leopard tank on a public highway near Darwin on exercises.

It was the replacement for the Centurion Tank, which had given sterling service since 1952, including four years on active service in South Vietnam.

Late in 1971, the investigation into the replacement of the Centurion Tank took a step forward, when it was announced that two contenders, the German Leopard and the US M60A1, would be trialled in Australia. The nature of the trials was such that a special tank trials unit was formed. B Squadron 1st Armoured Regiment, under the command of Major Peter Jarratt, was converted to the Medium Tank Trials Unit (MTTU) in Puckapunyal in early 1972. Training of personnel in Germany and the United States was undertaken, and in mid 1972 the tanks arrived. Trials of the Leopard and M60A1 tanks started later in 1972, initially being conducted in Puckapunyal and later moving to the Tully – Innisfail region of north Queensland.

The 42-tonne Leopards are nearly 10 metres long and come with a 105mm main gun capable of firing armour-piercing shells.

In a great piece of irony, the first to drive the new tanks were the waterside workers in Melbourne who had distinguished themselves by trying to disrupt essential supplies to Australians troops during the Vietnam War. In the days when they controlled the waterfront, they had to drive all vehicles off ships and underwent four days training at the Armoured Centre!

TOOWOOMBA (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Odd months 1900 hours. Venue: Irish Club Hotel)



ANZAC Day and associated activities for 2009 have now passed.

Plaque Unveiling On Sunday 19th April Nashos laid floral tributes at ceremonies held at the Garden of Remembrance in Toowoomba and the Cross of Sacrifice at Drayton. At these events, plaques were unveiled in memory of servicemen who have passed away during the year. One of these was for our member Ross Fisher who died in July last year. About 15 Nashos and partners attended the service. Dennis Gillbard and Terry McGovern laid wreaths on behalf of the Nashos. **Badge Selling**

at shopping centres was undertaken again this year with

good results. We seem to have developed a clientele who look for us each year, which is a very good way to do business. Thanks go to all who assisted.

ANZAC Day A number of our Nashos marched at the Dawn Service. A very moving address was given by Lt Col Duncan Schultz, CO 25th/49th Battalion RQR. At the 9:00 am service, our wreath was laid at the Mother's Memorial by Nasho Merv Watson, and the mid-morning parade saw over 50 Nashos marching. Another 10 were acting as Marshals along the route and at the memorial, and a few went by jeep so not a bad turnout. The service was enhanced by the fly-over of a vintage war-bird from the local collection at Toowoomba, and later two choppers from Oakey Army Aviation flew over the assembly. A release of white doves symbolised the gathering's desire for peace. Nasho Chaplain Matthew Weatherley was the officiating padre for the occasion. **AGM** President Peter Wilson, Vice President Leo Camm, Secretary Pat O'Sullivan, Asst Secretary Joan O'Sullivan, Treasurer Brendan Power.



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

St. Patrick's Night Dinner was attended by 60 people at the Cutheringa Bowls Club and everyone enjoyed the entertainment by our local talent of course with an Irish flavour. ANZAC Day badge selling in the lead up to ANZAC Day again this year proved very successful thanks to our dedicated band of volunteers. We received good financial results from 11 venues. ANZAC Day again this year saw large crowds attend the Dawn Service and Civic Parade and Service. This year our numbers in the march were down (around 80) due mainly to age and health problems. A few of us were able to travel in jeeps and other vehicles provided by the Restored Military Vehicles Association. After the march our usual "Sausage Sizzle" was held with 81 people attending. On Sunday 3rd May 24 members and wives travelled to Cardwell to participate in the 67th Coral Sea Commemoration Service. A large contingent of Nashos from the Tableland, Cairns, Innisfail and Ingham joined us for the march to the Coral Sea Memorial led by the Townsville RSL Pipes and Drums. During the Service two letters were read out by Organiser Ann Mealing, one from the President of the United States Barack Obama, the other from a survivor of the Battle. After the Service a BBQ lunch was held on the beach behind the Coral Sea Memorial. The Annual get together at Bowen is on 26th July. This year we will have on board 15 members from Gladstone Branch who will visit Townsville for 4 days. A "Meet and Greet" will be held at the Townsville RSL on the night of their arrival Friday 24th July.



NASHO TOURING CLUB

Some seven years ago Don Weimer took the helm of the Nasho Touring Club and has guided it to a formidable club that it is today. From humble beginnings it has grown and travelled to numerous places both in Queensland and New South Wales. At the last outing held at Stanthorpe in March there were some 61 members present with 7 apologies and when Don entered the room for the General/AGM Meetings he was set back by the numbers. The General meeting took some time to resolve some of the items and in the end it was agreed that the May outing would be at Golden Beach, Caloundra and the October meeting will be in Esk. The Esk outing has since been changed to September. The AGM saw the retirement of Don as President and the new President is Evan Edwards who will be ably assisted by the incumbent Secretary Marcia Powell and Treasurer Jill McFadzen. As a fitting gesture of the service given by both Don and Elspeth, the club bestowed upon them Life Membership. You do not have to have a Caravan or Motorhome to be in the club. For any inquires about the touring club, contact HQ and they will put you in touch with the club.



REDLAND BRANCH (Meeting: 1st Sunday each month 1000 hours: Redlands RSL)

A good number of Nashos represented our Branch at the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day and participated in the short march from the RSL Clubhouse to the Cenotaph through a packed crowd. It was pleasant to see the number of children attending the Dawn Service, who were then invited to lay small posies supplied by the RSL after the official wreath laying. In fact, there were so many children involved that some missed out on the posies. Redlands Branch was also represented with a large contingent of smartly dressed Nashos at the 10.30 march from the Cleveland Bowls Club to the Cenotaph, led by our President Robin McLaughlan, with flag bearer Joe Hodgson and banner bearers Col McLean and Bill Vowles. I think our age is beginning to show, as there were a lot of tired bodies after the march. A big thankyou to those members and supporters who helped with badge selling in the week prior to ANZAC Day.



ROCKHAMPTON (Meeting: 4th Wednesday each month 1030 hours. Venue: Frenchville Sports Club.)

Anzac Day in Rockhampton was very well attended by members of our organisation. Several were present at the Dawn Service held at the Cenotaph in the Rockhampton Botanical Gardens, with the march through the city streets to the 11.00am Service on the river bank precinct attracting a large number of Nashos. After the Service many returned to the Frenchville Sport Club for beverages and lunch. A very social atmosphere prevailed. As has been the custom of the past few years, the Association hired a bus to transport members and their families to the afternoon Anzac Day activities at the small township of Marmor south of Rockhampton. Twenty-one took advantage of this, and as usual the ceremony and hospitality was first class. Some members of the RSL also attended. The volunteers who manned the various memorabilia stalls throughout the city leading up to Anzac Day should be congratulated on their efforts, which were well and truly worthwhile.

SUNSHINE COAST (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Bi-monthly at 1000 hours. Venue: Maroochydore RSL House.)

Cool, windy and wet would be the adjectives to describe our last picnic which was held at Golden Beach Caloundra on 5th April but 35 people attended and enjoyed each others company. Many of our members assisted the Branch by manning our ANZAC Day badge selling stalls at Noosa Civic, Noosaville and Coolum. Thanks to all the volunteers, without your assistance the load on the executive would have been difficult. Thirty one Nashos marched at Maroochydore ANZAC Day parade. We were proudly led by our Branch President Pat Tempest who laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. Well done everybody especially our Banner Bearers. Events to keep in mind will be Reserve Forces Day March in Brisbane 28th June. The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th July and our picnic on August 9 which will be at Lilly Ponds Mapleton. Members are reminded that the more you attend meetings and picnics the more you are going to be able to voice your suggestions on the efficient running of our Branch and State Organisations.



In 1995, the 1st Armoured Regiment moved from Puckapunyal in Victoria to Palmerston, south of Darwin, in the Northern Territory.

SWINGING 60S

The F111 was an aircraft that overcame initial teething problems and widespread criticism to become the workhorse of the RAAF for 40 years. Even today there is almost no other aircraft available to match its all-round capabilities as a fighter-bomber.

The General Dynamics F-111 is a medium-range interdictor and tactical strike aircraft that also fills the roles of strategic bomber, reconnaissance and electronic warfare in its various versions. Developed in the 1960s and first entering service in 1967, the United States Air Force (USAF) variants were officially retired by 1998. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) is the remaining operator of the F-111.



The F-111 pioneered several technologies for production military aircraft, including variable-sweep wings, afterburning turbofan engines, and automated terrain following radar for low-level, high-speed flight. Its design was highly influential, particularly for Soviet engineers, and some of its advanced features have since become commonplace. During its inception, however, the F-111 suffered a variety of development problems which led to criticism in Australia over its selection.

In USAF service the F-111 has been effectively replaced by the F-15E Strike Eagle for medium-range precision strike missions, while the supersonic bomber role has been assumed by the B-1B Lancer. In 2007, the RAAF decided to replace its 21 F-111s in 2010 with 24 F/A-18F Super Hornets.

The 'Pig' as the F111 became affectionately known proved a good buy and became a familiar sight over Brisbane and around Australia particularly for the spectacular fuel dump burn over Grand Prix races and other events.

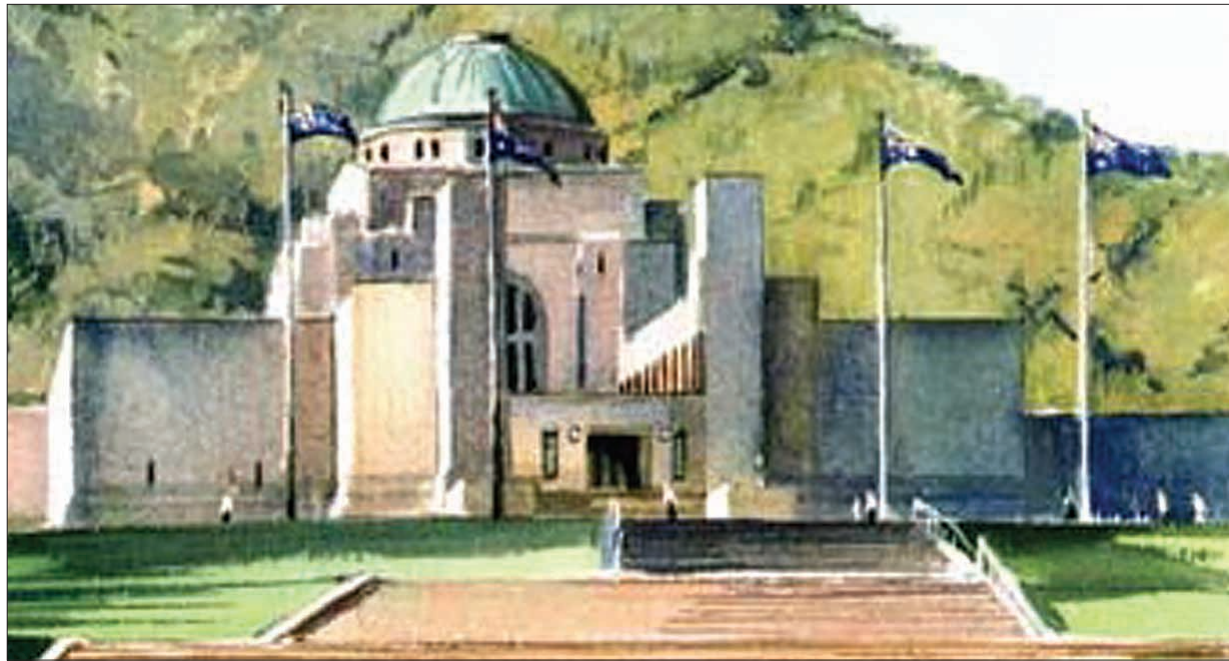
However, several have crashed or been involved in incidents such as bird strikes or undercarriage failure as in this famous incident (below) when in a display of cool, superbly skilled flying the pilot brought it into a wheels up landing using an arrestor wire at Amberley Air Force Base.



The aircraft never saw active service. The Association has asked for one which would be housed in its own building at Wacol. At over 22metres long, it will form an outstanding display with viewing platforms so the cockpit and other features can be inspected. It would be a fitting tribute to an outstanding part of Australian military history.

RIGHT DRESS FOR CANBERRA

The National Council has confirmed that the National Service Memorial at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra will be dedicated on Wednesday, 8 September 2010.



The ceremony will be preceded by a Reception at Parliament House on the Tuesday night and a parade in Anzac Avenue on the Wednesday stepping off at 10:30a.m.

The Reception will be by invitation only but all National Servicemen will be able to attend the March and the Dedication. All planning to attend should book their accommodation in Canberra as soon as possible.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE RECEPTION

Because of the limited capacity of the Great Hall at Parliament House, invitations will be limited to 500 National Servicemen plus their partners – 1,000 in all. State Management Committees of the NSAA and the kindred National Service organisations will allocate the invitations based on a quota determined by capitation. Because of security requirements no-one without an invitation will be allowed into Parliament House. There will be no private parking at Parliament House or the War Memorial.

The Parade in Anzac Avenue will form up at 9:30a.m. and step off at 10:30a.m. It will left wheel and then turn again to pass across the front of the Australian War Memorial where the salute will be taken. Only National Servicemen will march. There will be no transport for disabled Nashos, but a special seating area will be provided for them at the Dedication. The NSAA and kindred organisations will appoint marshals for the parade and all Nashos are asked to heed their instructions.

PREFERRED DRESS

September is Spring in Canberra. It will be cold and probably windy so National Servicemen will need at least a jumper or cardigan. The preferred dress is beret, blue or black blazer, blue or white shirt, tie, grey trousers and black shoes. Nashos are asked to limit badges to two on their blazers, one on their berets and to leave their name tags in their pockets during the march. If you don't have a blazer, most op shops have them at very reasonable cost.

The parade will be in companies of 50 to 100 led by the Australian flag and the National Servicemen's Memorial Pipes and Drums. There will be no Association, State, Branch or Unit banners – the aim is for all Nashos to march as one.

All National Servicemen should be able to have a seat at the dedication. Parade fall-out, movement and seating arrangements will be publicised later. Channel 7 is sponsoring the search for the relatives of the 212 who died on active service so they can be invited. This is a great day for all National Servicemen and you are asked to dress and act sensibly because you will be on show, representing all 287,000 Nashos in official and public eyes. For further information visit our National website at www.nashoaustralia.org.au

INNISFAIL (Meeting: 4th Tuesday each month 1800 hours. Venue –Innisfail Cultural Complex)

Nasho Day was celebrated with a street march from Canecutter Court to ANZAC Park where a dedication of 12 plaques for past Nasho's was carried out by our Padre Glen Luottit. These plaques are situated on our Memorial Wall which was blessed and dedicated last year. The Salute was taken enroute by Brig. George Mansford AM (Ret'd) and State President Colin Bell. After the ceremony we all adjourned to Warrina Lakes where the supporters catered for a delicious light luncheon. The AGM was held on 24th February with the return of nearly all the same office bearers except the secretary. Major Eddie O'Farrell OAM (Ret'd) is once again the Patron and Glen Louttit accepted the Padre's position again. Any Nasho travelling in the district at the time will be made most welcome.



IPSWICH AND WEST MORETON (Meeting: 2nd Thursday each month 1900 hours, Venue: RSL North Ipswich.)

The Branch held a bowls day on 15th March which was a very enjoyable day for the members and family at Swifts Sports Club, many thanks for the support the club gave us on the day. ANZAC Day was well attended by members and once again the Branch must thank the ongoing support from the girls and boys from Ipswich State High School for carrying our banner and flags. Certificates of appreciation will be forwarded to these students. Our President Kevin and wife Jean are on a well earned holiday down south. The Branch has some activities that the committee will discuss with members at the next meeting.

MACKAY (Meeting: 4th Monday each month 1730 hours. Venue: North Mackay Bowling Club)

There was a very good roll up of Nashos and their families at this year's Church Service to commemorate National Servicemen's Day which was held at the Apostolic Church North Mackay. Most of the mornings congregation stayed behind and joined with us for our Service which was conducted by Vietnam Nasho Rev. Russell Flor. We were then invited for a delightful afternoon tea. At our AGM there were few changes in Office Bearers. Except the long standing Secretary Graham Jenkinson stood down and was replaced by John Priest who also is our Merchandising Officer. Treasurer of two years was replaced by Doug Dennis. Age must have caught up with the old Nashos at this year's ANZAC Day Services in Mackay, Mirani and Finch Hatton as there was fewer numbers at the marches this year. However it was not all doom and gloom. As our sales of ANZAC Day memorabilia was well up on last year, maybe the boys wore themselves out selling badges etc.



MARYBOROUGH (Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month. Venue: Maryborough RSL.)

Since we have had bad weather on each of the last two National Servicemen's Day Commemoration Services. This year we chose to conduct the Service at the Maryborough "Plaque" which sits in a semi circle section surrounding the Cenotaph. Each Australian Defence Unit has a plaque in this semi circle. We had 18 members and two supporters in attendance. Pastor Derek Lawton conducted the Commemoration Service but had to officiate at a wedding and could not attend the BBQ. Following the service a BBQ was held at the home of Brenton and Beryl Bahr with some 24 members and supporters some of whom attended the service and some who went direct to the BBQ.



GLADSTONE (Meeting: 3rd Wednesday each month 1300 hours. Venue: RG Hotel)

Gladstone Nasho Branch members have enjoyed a cordial sausage sizzle with ex-servicemen at the Gladstone RSL. ANZAC Day:- Dawn Service & Main Parade were well attended with some new faces very welcome. Mr. Bobby O'Dowd provided his Rolls Royce suitably decorated for the comfort of our members who were unable to march. The Gunfire Breakfast & Lunch was enjoyed by all. Members from Gladstone NASHO Branch are planning a visit to Townsville in July. Townsville Branch has organised a "Meet n Greet" & a combined bus trip to Bowen to join with Bowen's Nashos. This occasion is eagerly anticipated. We wish a speedy recovery to our members on the sick list.

GOLD COAST NORTH (Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each even month 0930 hours. Venue: Mudgeerba Light Horse and National Servicemen's Precinct)

Many thanks to the Beaudesert Nashos for the excellent day they put on for us on the 18th April. Nashos and partners of Gold Coast North travelled by bus to Beaudesert and on our arrival were greeted by the Beaudesert group with morning tea. We then headed off in their bus through the beautiful country side arriving at Errol Steinhardt's property, Widgee. Errol's grazing property nestles in a magnificent valley surrounded by ranges in the area generally known as the Lost World. Walking up to the house from the bus, dodging the dung mines, we were served a beautiful BBQ lunch with the beef melting in our mouths, top export steak. Errol and his son Dean then gave us a demonstration of branding and the other thing done to calves which brought tears to the blokes' eyes. After the walk back to the house we had a very delightful afternoon tea. Errol had earlier given us a talk on his family and the pioneering work done in developing the property, going on to his life story, saying how being a Nasho helped him in his younger years. What a great day, and we thank the Beaudesert Branch, Errol and Trish, showing us great country hospitality – isn't this what our Association is all about? Good on you Beaudesert. Well done also to Roy, and our Branch social organiser, Shirley. Locally, ANZAC Day was well attended for a march at Southport with over 100 Nashos, and later a smaller group marched at the invitation of the Mudgeeraba RSL at their 4pm Sunset ceremony.

GOLD COAST SOUTH (Meeting: Bi-monthly 1000 hours. Venue: Twin Towns RSL.)

At the Branch AGM in March President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected. Eleven members of the Gold Coast South-Twin Towns Branch attended the unveiling and dedication of a Nasho Memorial Plaque



installed on the Remembrance Wall at Murwillumbah by the Tweed Valley Murwillumbah Branch (NSW). On ANZAC Day a very pleasing turnout of about 100 Nashos marched proudly from Goodwin Park in Coolangatta to the Cenotaph in Tweed Heads for the 1100 hours commemoration. For the first time the recently appointed Branch Patron Brigadier (Ret'd) Dick Flint marched with the Branch contingent. The Nasho sub-committee is extremely busy with last minute organisation for the unveiling and dedication of a memorial to all National Servicemen at Point Danger on 3rd June. The sub-committee has been working towards this day for over a year and looking forward to a good turn-out. Come one come all. Next

major items on the social calendar are Tugun Theatre Production of "Sound of Murder" 30th May, and Ted's Golf Day 28th June.

GYMPIE (Meeting: 2nd Sunday Bi-monthly even months 1300 hours. Venue: Gympie RSL)

Eight members and four supporters attended the AGM with no changes to the committee. The meeting expressed their thoughts to those who are not well especially Dreshen Begega and his wife and Bill Deans. Our trip to the Maryborough Military Museum did not eventuate and we will try again later in the year. During the year different locations have been tried for meetings and it has been decided that the RSL is most suited and that social get togethers should be in the odd months on dates decided. The first social was held at 12 Alenola St. Gympie (Arthur Bishop's) on 17th May.

IT'S A KILLER

When I was a boy in the 1940s, pneumonia was a killer.

It was the scourge of the very young and the elderly. It still is and guess which category we fit into today?

Despite antibiotics, pneumonia is an ever-present threat to the elderly as a complication of the flu or other viruses. You also are at risk after major operations when your immune system is down. The growing problem of resistance to existing drugs by diseases means you cannot take the risk lightly. But, unlike when my mother lost a baby to pneumonia, today it is preventable.

All you need is a simple injection from your doctor. The protection is long-lasting and something all of us should have.

Similarly, you should have the annual flu shot. It's a relatively small cost compared to a funeral. If you are a pensioner, the flu injection is free.

Don't believe the stories about it only guards you against last year's flu or that you never get the flu or that a good dose of rum will cure it.

I have had the flu shot for the past five years ever since my doctor included it in treatment for the recovery from an operation. I have noticed a definite difference. I still get the occasional sore throat but no full-blown attack of flu.

What do you have to lose – except your life? In my opinion, a flu shot and a pneumonia shot are simple, safe and worthwhile precautions.

And while you're at it, when did you have your last tetanus shot?

That's another killer that's been tamed, but not eliminated. There are plenty of hazards around the house that make it wise to keep your tetanus protection up to date.

When we're young, we think we're 10 feet tall and tough as nails. But as we get older, it dawns on us that no one lives forever. That's why we should all be prepared for the future by pre-arranging a fixed price funeral with your preferred funeral director, Metropolitan Funerals. You'll save money, protect your pension and ensure your funeral goes the way you want.

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A STRANGE CASE OF MEDALS...

The medals of an ANZAC killed on Gallipoli have helped unite a modern day serviceman with his.

Combined detective work by the National Servicemen's Association and the Directorate of Honours and Awards has returned the Australian Defence Medal and the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal to former Navy man Felix Kilmister, of Yomanto, near Ipswich,

He lost them and the Australian Service Medal in a burglary last October. The ASM was found in the middle of a road in Ipswich but Felix had given up hope of the others and applied to DHA for replacements.

Now his ADM and the Pingat Jasa Medal also have been returned after being handed to National Servicemen selling ANZAC Day badges in Brisbane.



Mr.Kilmister, a T.P.I Pensioner, served in the Navy in Australia, Malaysia and south-east Asia, which made him eligible for the Pingat Jasa medal issued by the Malaysian Government and approved for wear by Australian servicemen and women.

Mr.Kilmister, got his medals back in time for ANZAC Day.

Mr.Callaghan praised the Directorate for its prompt response and the young man for enabling their return.

They were given to the National Servicemen's Association's National Media Officer, Allen Callaghan, by a young man who said he had found them on a dump in a Brisbane Bayside suburb.

Allen had on display the Gallipoli medals of Private Raymond Bowen, buried at Lone Pine and the young man said he would like to see the modern day medals returned to their owner.

Allen, who also holds the ADM, noted the service number and name engraved on the rims.

He knew it was a Navy number because it is similar to that of his brother, former Navy Warrant Officer Bob Callaghan.

After searching the Brisbane phone book unsuccessfully for F.M.Kilmister, he contacted the Directorate of Honours and Awards in Canberra who told him that there had been an application for replacement of stolen medals.

DHA in turn contacted Mr.Kilmister who was able to state his number and describe the medals to Allen. They are in their original boxes and are in mint condition together with their miniatures and ribbon bars.

CABOOLTURE (Meeting: 3rd Tuesday each month 1930 hours. Venue: Seniors Citizens Building, Hastings St.)

Our Branch has donated to the flood appeal in North Queensland to the amount of \$500.00 and \$1000.00 to the Victorian Fire appeal and with our S.W.O.N.S donating \$500.00 to each appeal. Also \$500.00 to Queensland Medical Research Centre. With the attendance of thirty one members at our A.G.M. This meeting elected the Branch Officers for coming year are President Bill Newton Vice President John Mould, Secretary Alex Nunn, Treasurer Graham Murray, Welfare Noel McKewan. Eight members and three supporters travelled to Coolum to participate in their tenth year of being a Branch of the Association. Our thanks go to our driver Geoffrey who did the honours. Anzac Day Festivities over for another year with our parades getting shorter each year. Some members also attended the Dawn Service in Caboolture. With the Piper in attendance Our Dawn Service at Wamuran began. With public in attendance in the vicinity of 900. At the designated time of 06200 hour the Fly Past occurred. Our special thanks go to Wamuran Rural Fire Brigade who prepared the Gunfire Breakfast. Also Tullawong State High School Concert Band. With the Wreath Laying(Piper in background)Twelve representatives laid Wreaths, which included Our President, President of S.W.O.N.S, Tullawong State High School, Wamuran State School, Rural Fire Brigade, War Widows, Federal, State, local representatives, Army Personal, Sporting association then public. We then attended the Caboolture Parade with 31 in parade. Then travelled to Brisbane for the Main ANZAC parade linking up with other members from other Branches. Then travelled to a Club for a well deserved Lunch. Then returning home for a well deserved rest.



CORAL COAST (Meeting: 2nd Sunday each month 0930 hours. Venue: Bowen Bowls Club.)

Coral Coast Nashos and supporters attended the dawn service at the Cenotaph in Herbert Street and later marched in the ANZAC Parade and attended the Anzac Service at the Cenotaph. Nashos and supporters along with Nasho Padre Alf Dixon attended an ANZAC Service at Cunningham Villas at 8-30a.m. President Terry Hansen as Parade Marshall conducted the service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Nashos. About 20 residents of Cunningham Villas attended the service with several wreaths being laid. Nashos Noel and Joyce Burkitt and Rex and Rose Holmes attended the ANZAC Day service at the Gumlu State School. Noel as Parade Marshall conducted the Service with hymns, poems & readings by the school children. A wreath made by Rose Holmes was laid for the Coral Coast Nasho Branch by Glen Bauer who is Noel & Joyce's grandson. There was an attendance of about 60. A Barbecue held after the service was enjoyed by all. Members of the Coral Coast Nashos from the Proserpine area marched in the ANZAC Parade and attended the ANZAC Service at Proserpine. On 26th July the Coral Coast Branch is hosting another branches get-together at the Bowen Racecourse. Townsville and Mackay Branches along with visitors from other branches are expected to attend. Previous get-togethers have been very popular and keep getting bigger and better every year.



DALBY (Meeting: 1st Saturday Bi-Monthly 1030 hours, Venue: alternately Miles/Dalby/Chinchilla RSL's)

There were 25 members attended the April meeting at Dalby, we had 9 members travel to Toowoomba on 24th February to join the Toowoomba Nashos for a dinner cruise on the "Kookaburra Queen II". Our members had a very enjoyable day. Thanks to the Toowoomba Nashos. Our members were reminded by President Kev of the dedication dates for the National Memorial in September next year. Our next meeting will be on June 13th at Chinchilla RSL (Please note 2nd Saturday because of the long weekend.)



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

Our March meeting was our AGM and the 2 key positions we keenly challenged with both positions being filled by new members. Colin Bell took the chair and presided over the election of office bearers assisted by 2 scrutineers from SMC. While this was in place Colin gave us a very positive rundown on Wacol and the acquisition of military hardware that was in the system. He paid compliments to Allan Clayton for his dedicated effort in running the club, and the work members had carried out in respect to Chapel at Wacol



. Both contestants for the Presidents position gave a brief run down on their experience and how they saw the club in the year ahead, with Dave promising interesting changes should he be elected.

When the results were announced DAVE BURGESS was elected President with GRAHAM LEHMAN Vice President. Acclamation showed this was a popular outcome.. Trevor Kok, Barry Loose, Col Garson were re elected, Bill Henderson will continue as Auditor and Rev Keith Briggs as Padre. A new team with some new blood looks very good for the year ahead at Brisbane North

BRISBANE SOUTH (Meeting: Last Sunday each month 0930 hours. Venue: Sunnybank Bowls Club)

At our meeting on 29th March, the position of Secretary was filled by Des Cowell. Thanks Des. As Des doesn't have a computer, he can be contacted by emailing phineau34@gmail.com as our previous computer address cannot be transferred. Bookings for our mid year boat trip are filling fast. Contact Tony 3397 7512 ASAP. As you may realise, April 11 2009 was the 10th Anniversary of the founding of our Branch and plans are under way to hold a celebration luncheon later in the year. Many thanks to those members who assisted with ANZAC Day sales. We collected almost \$8,000 from our 4 outlets. A better result could have been gained if only more members were available.

BRISBANE WEST (Meeting: 1st Sunday each month 1030 hours. Venue: Darra Cementco Bowls Club.)

Another big year is planned for the Brisbane West Branch. We have just held our Annual General meeting and had a good rollup for the meeting. The Executive thanked all the members for their support through out the year. The AGM was officiated by Les Bryant who oversaw the re-election of all members of the board. Peter Zeller has been re-elected as President. Recently the branch applied the Gambling Community Benefit fund for a grant to fix up an old Vietnam Small arms Workshop trailer. The Branch was successful in its application for \$16,500 and the trailer will now be restored to former glory and be put into use in static displays for the branch and will also act as a memorial to Brian Bennett, the foundation secretary and saviour of the trailer from the scrap heap. As far as we can find out the trailer was only one of three put into service in Vietnam for this purpose and is the only one remaining. Updates will come as the restoration takes shape. As for Static displays the branch has a static display booked at the Kruger Road State School on the 6th of April.

BUNDABERG (Meeting: 2nd Saturday each month 1330 hours. Venue: Bundaberg RSL)

Our main activity for April was the Commemoration of Anzac Day. While only a few members attended the Dawn Service in Bundaberg, 10 of our fellows ventured out to the seaside service at Bargara which is becoming more popular each year. As the sun rose the service began with the distinct sound of an approaching P51 Mustang which flew overhead. For some it brought back solemn memories seeing an old warbird in full flight once again. Following the service the parade marched back for the traditional gunfire breakfast at the Bargara Hotel. Later in the day around



0830 hours approximately 60 Nashos gathered to prepare for the march through the City via Bourbong Street to Alexandra Park in Quay Street for the Official Service. Unfortunately due to insurance issues and the usual red tape we were not permitted to march back to the RSL Club. Our entire contingent returned under their own steam to the QCWA Rooms adjacent to the RSL for an enjoyable BBQ lunch and the obligatory "coldie" or three!!! A memorable day was had by all. The next item on our Social Calendar is a Bowls Day at Elliott Heads and enquiries are already underway to determine a possible destination for another bus trip.

THE NEW NAVY

Thirty years after the retirement of the aircraft carriers HMAS Sydney and HMAS Melbourne, the Navy is getting two modern replacements.



Officially designated Amphibious Ships, the two Spanish designed vessels will combine helicopter carrying capacity with transport of heavy equipment such as tanks and up to 1,000 soldiers or other personnel for war, peacekeeping or humanitarian aid purposes.

Each is bigger by up to 8,000 tonnes than the *Melbourne*. Costing \$3billion each, they will form the new Hobart class. They will carry the historic Navy names of *Canberra* and *Adelaide*.

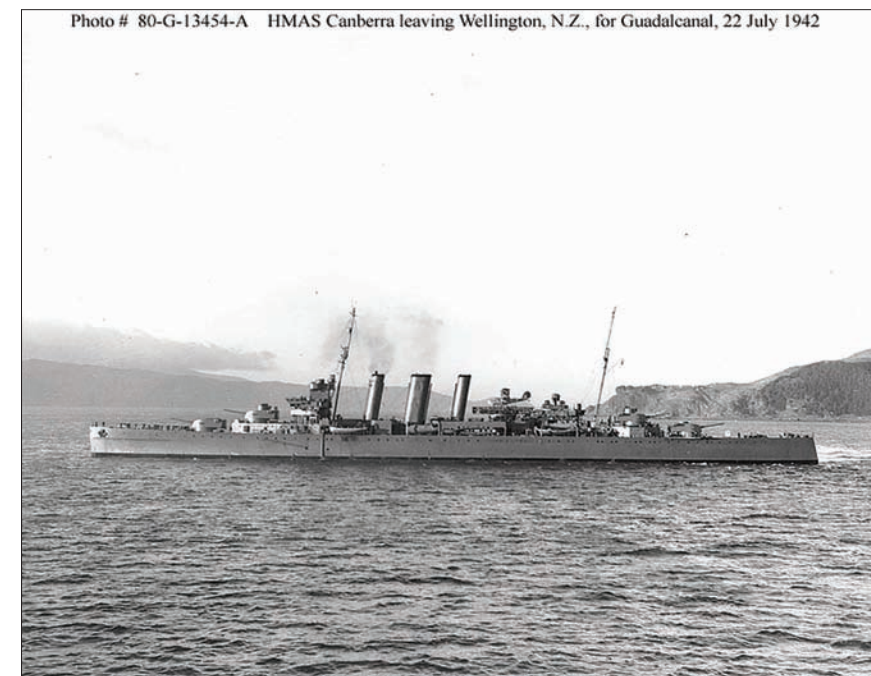


Photo # 80-G-13454-A HMAS Canberra leaving Wellington, N.Z., for Guadalcanal, 22 July 1942

The heavy cruiser, HMAS *Canberra*, (left) built in 1928, was sunk off Guadalcanal in the Solomons in a battle with the Japanese fleet in 1942.

The first HMAS *Adelaide* was a light cruiser built in 1918 and commissioned in 1922. Both have had later vessels named after them.

Although a ski jump ramp has been incorporated in the new Amphibious Ships' design there is no indication they will operate Vertical Take Off and Landing Aircraft such as the Harrier. The design and the aircraft were used by Britain in the Falklands war.

Also on order are three new Air Warfare Destroyers at a further cost of \$8billion. The three Navantia F100 class AWDs will be assembled in Adelaide at an estimated cost of \$8 billion.



The new *Canberra* and the *Adelaide* will have displacements of 27,851 tonnes. They will be 230metres long with a beam of 32metres and draft of 7.18metres.

They will have a speed of 20.5knots and a range of 8,000 nautical miles or 15,000km at 15knots.

Both will be able to operate for 50 days before requiring replenishment.

Both ships will carry between 16 and 24 helicopters.

The flight deck will have a 13degree ski jump with 6 in-line landing spots and permanent deck parking space for 6 extra aircraft.

Each ship will be able to carry heavy equipment such as tanks, guns, vehicles and stores for up to 1,000 personnel. They also will be equipped with their own landing craft so that they will be self contained. Defence will be by missiles and fixed deck guns. .

HMAS *Sydney* and HMAS *Melbourne* (starboard) were World War Two designs transporting both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.

They saw service in the Korean and Vietnam wars before being phased out together with the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet Air Arm.

The Navy's air capacity now is confined to helicopters with new machines replacing the aged Sea Kings.

National Servicemen were familiar with both ships. As well as with HMAS *Vengeance*, on loan from the Royal Navy which sailed in Korean waters returning No.77 Squadron to Australia from operations.



BRANCH NEWS

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BAYSIDE (Meeting: 3rd Tuesday each month 1900 hours. Venue: Manly-Lota RSL.)



The Bayside National Service Memorial will be dedicated with a parade and service at 2p.m. on Sunday 28 June 2009. All National Servicemen are invited. The site is on the Esplanade at Manly opposite the Darling Point Special School and the Sea Scouts Hall. The Federal Member for Bonner, Kerry Rea MP, will represent the Prime Minister. The Memorial honours the four Bayside National Servicemen who died on active service in Vietnam and commemorates the 287,000 called up between 1951 and 1972. **At left, big hat, small customer at the Bayside stall selling Anzac Day badges.**

BEAUDESERT (Meeting: 1st Monday even numbered months 1030 hours. Venue: Beaudesert RSL.)

Our branch continues to attract new members and be involved in our community. We have recently made donations of \$600 to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal and \$500 to the North Queensland Flood Appeal through the Salvation Army. Our members were saddened to learn of the death of John Nisbet, after a long illness. John was a foundation committee member of our branch. We thank member Errol Steinhardt for allowing the use of his property "Widgee", for the visit by Gold Coast North Branch, it was a great day. Our President and four committee members attended the Anzac Commemorative Service at the Flagstone Community College on Anzac Eve. Our members attended the Anzac Day Dawn Services and later marched in our Street Parade. **The history of the Bingera NSW meeting will appear in the next Nasho News.**

