

National Servicemen's Association of Australia (Qld Inc.)

Redlands Branch

Nasho News

August 2017



IMPORTANT EVENTS

BMC Meetings:
Last Tuesday of the month

Branch Meetings
First Sunday of the month

August:

- 6th Branch Meeting
- 7th Mess hall — Barcella Restaurant (Lunch) 1130 [formerly Toscana's]
- 19th Ladies Lunch "Hogan's Restaurant" - Wellington Point Pub

September:

- 3rd Branch Meeting
- 6/8th Hervey Bay Trip (full)
- 4th Messhall - Full Cream (Lunch) 1130
- 20th Ladies Lunch "Arabica Cafe", Cleveland

October:

- 1st Branch Meeting
- 10th The Sands - Cleveland Dinner 1730/1800
Branch BBQ TBA
- 24th Ladies Lunch "Victoria Point Tavern"

November:

- 5th Branch Meeting
- 7/10th Remembrance Memorabilia Sales
- 11th Remembrance Day
- 13th Messhall - Samson's - Raby Bay 1730/1800
- 22nd Ladies Lunch - Christmas Party TBA



Feature Story: Peacekeeping Matt Dohney

Answer to last months question in on page 5

President's Report



The Redlands National Servicemen's Branch continues to enjoy good fellowship at regular events. 68 people recently met for a Christmas in July lunch at the Redlands RSL. Unfortunately Ann and I were unable to attend but reports were unanimous that the food was good and a great time was had by all

We are fortunate in having so many members who always do that bit extra for the benefit of their fellow members. At our July meeting, I was honoured to present Meritorious Service Awards to three of our members who have terrific records of contribution which are better than outstanding. Ian Gray, Les Warner and Bruce Reedman have been giving their time for the benefit of others for an incredible length of time with 17, 16, and 15 years continuous service on our B.M.C. Ian Gray (*17 years of dedicated service to the Redland's Branch as a member of the Branch Management Committee as the Branch's Merchandising Officer*), Bruce Reedman (*the commitment and compassion Bruce has demonstrated during his 15 years as a member of the Redland's Branch Management Committee including 14 years as the Branch's Welfare Officer*) and Les Warner (for his exceptional contribution to the development of the Redland's Branch NSAA through his 16 Years as a member of the Redland's Branch Management Committee as our Membership and Development Officer)..

It is appropriate to record our appreciation even in a small way. They certainly deserve recognition.

Our best wishes to Ian Gray who has been selected to represent RSL Queensland, RSL Redlands and the Nashos at the dedication of the first Australian memorial to war animals at Pozieres. Ian will be laying a wreath on behalf of our branch as part of his visit to the World War One battlefields. Would we like to be there to see him do it? You bet!

Our monthly meeting attendance continues to average in the eighties and is the envy of many other branches. Whilst we really enjoy the fellowship and company of fellow members, interesting guest speakers add value to our gatherings – but they are often difficult to find. If you know of someone who would be willing to speak on an interesting and relevant topic, please let Les Warner know on 3821 2894.

Eric Shaw



Secretarial Scribblings:

At our last meeting it was agreed to introduce a process whereby members who no longer are able to attend our monthly meetings and have email access may be provided with copies of the minutes of our meetings. The intent is to allow these members to stay current with the activities and happenings of the Branch and maintain some degree of involvement.

If you are in this situation or know a member who might like to avail themselves of this service, we would suggest the following:

If it is you, contact the secretary;

If it is another member, speak to the member and confirm their interest, then

Either you or the member concerned forward their email address to the secretary;

The secretary will then establish a link with the members and forward a copy of our unconfirmed minutes each month.

Our email address is redsec@virginbroadband.com.au and phone 3207 8385.

Our Welfare Officer Bruce often expresses concern that it is not possible for him to visit all members whose illnesses inhibit their involvement in our activities. If you are prepared to join our visitation team and spend a little time with a member confined to quarters, Bruce would welcome your call on 3488 0557.

It was very pleasing to see the significant contributions by several of our long serving Branch Management Committee members acknowledged at our July meeting

Our Mess Hall lunch in August will be at *Barcella's*, Lakeside, Victoria Point on Monday 7th August. It is the same place we went last year but it was then known as *Toscani's*. Remember - It is a lunch time activity with timings 11.30 am for 12.00 noon. If you haven't signed on, contact Phil on 3245 1181. It will be a pasta lunch. Our September function is also a lunch time activity – the last for the winter season. Whilst we are talking about lunch, Phil made the point last meeting that if you sign on for a meal and then find you are unable to attend, please let him know as early as possible. Restaurants are within their rights to charge for the number of meals booked and this has the potential to cost the Branch a lot of dollars if we cannot give them timely notice of any change to numbers.

Last year we undertook to provide some financial support to the three Cadet Units functioning in the Redlands, providing they presented us with a proposal or a project. All three units have complied and we have presented cheques to the TS Norfolk Naval Cadet Unit (\$928 for first aid equipment), 136 ACU Army Cadets (\$900.00 for signage) and 217 Squadron (\$764 for storage facilities). In addition we donated \$250 to Everyman's Welfare to assist the excellent support they provide our defence force personnel.

Ken Cullum

Personal details

	Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill
Born	30 November 1874 <u>Woodstock, Oxfordshire, UK</u>
Died	24 January 1965 (aged 90) <u>Kensington, Co. London, UK</u>
Cause of death	Stroke
Resting place	<u>St Martin's Church, Bladon</u>
Political party	<u>Conservative</u> (Before 1904; 1924–1964) <u>Liberal</u> (1904–1924)
Spouse(s)	<u>Clementine Hozier</u> (m. 1908)
	<u>Diana</u> 1909—1963 <u>Randolph</u> 1911–1968
Children	<u>Sarah</u> 1914 - 1982 <u>Marigold</u> 1918—1923 <u>Mary</u> 1922—2014
Parents	<u>Randolph Churchill</u> <u>Jennie Jerome</u>
<u>Alma mater</u>	<u>Royal Military College, Sandhurst</u>



Sir Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill, KG, OM, CH, TD, PC, PCc, DL, FRS, RA

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955.

Light Horseman
Of
Queensland
Centenary



Facts Relating to Peacekeeping

The League of Nations-controlled International Force in the Saar (1934–35) may be "the first true example of an international peace observation force".^[2]

This year 2017 is the 60th anniversary of the Australian Military's involvement in international peacekeeping. However, The **United Nations Peacekeeping** began in 1948. Its first mission was in the Middle East to observe and maintain the ceasefire during the 1948 Arab–Israeli War. Since then, United Nations peacekeepers have taken part in a total of 63 missions around the globe, 17 of which continue today. The peacekeeping force as a whole received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1988. The defence force's inaugural operation was in 1947 when a small contingent, consisting of just four officers—two Army, one Navy and one Air Force—were deployed to the Dutch East Indies (present-day Indonesia) in September of that year, being deployed as military observers under the auspices of the United Nations Good Offices Commission, during the Indonesian National Revolution. A total of 45 Australians were eventually deployed as part of this commitment, which ended in 1951.^[4] After that first operation, Australia's involvement in peacekeeping expanded slowly. Between 1950 and 1989, these commitments, while numerous remained small-scale, consisting of the deployment of small numbers of troops in support roles. In 1956, the UN responded to the Suez Crisis with the United Nations Emergency Force to supervise the withdrawal of invading forces. United Nations Emergency Force^[3] as a peacekeeping force was initially suggested as a



concept by Canadian diplomat and future Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson as a means of resolving conflicts between states. He suggested deploying unarmed or lightly armed military personnel from a number of countries, under UN command, to areas where warring parties were in need of a neutral party to observe the peace process. Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957.

In 1989, however, this changed when Australia committed a sizeable engineer force to Namibia. After this, throughout the 1990s Australia made further contributions to peacekeeping operations in various places around the world including the Middle East, Cambodia, Somalia and Rwanda, and in many cases—for example in Somalia where an infantry battalion group was deployed—these deployments have consisted of sizeable numbers of combat troops. Between 1997 and 2003, military observers were sent to Bougainville as part of a peace monitoring mission.

In 1999, Australia's involvement in peacekeeping reached a new level when it took the lead in deploying a force that peaked at around 6,000 personnel commanded by Major General Peter Cosgrove our current Governor General, to East Timor during that country's emergence as an independent nation, before handing over to a UN-led mission in 2000; further commitments to East Timor

were also made throughout the following decade as episodes of unrest occurred.^[5]

Between 2003 and 2013, a total of 7,270 Australian personnel rotated through the Solomon Islands as part of Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands.^[1] The early years of the 21st century also saw the deployment of thousands of personnel to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in war fighting roles.^[2] In addition, smaller scale commitments were made to missions in Africa, including to places like Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan and Darfur.

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It should also be noted that Australia's role in Cyprus ceased in June this year after a period spanning fifty years.

Matt Dohney

Uniform Humour

A discussion took place in a small violent country where the United Nations had intervened. After a temporary peace was established by an Australian contingent of U.N. personnel, the various commanders relaxed and sat sipping their gin and tonics and after a while the topic developed around the securing of a strategically placed small building which was well liked for sniping by the rebel gunmen. The four commanders consisted of a R.A.N. Captain, an R.A.A.F. Group Captain, an R.A.R. Colonel, and a N.S.W. Superintendent of Police. Each of the commanders reflected on the problem.

The Captain said, "The Navy would check the building for explosives then post guards around that building."

The Group Captain said, "The Air Force would just go in and turn the lights out and lock the doors when leaving the building."

The Colonel said, "The Army would burst in and check the building with guns ready for action after which it would use it as an operational headquarters."

The Police Superintendent just smiled and said, "I think the police would lease the building from the rebels on a short term contract with an option to purchase it for a police station. That always works in Australian trouble spots." And needless to say, the building was cited as a 'prime location' with the rebels moving into the real estate business so the world lost some marksmen and a police district was created. If you can't beat the coppers, join them!

Dudley Orchard

Nashos reunion brings mates together

THE Gosnells Hotel played host to Nashos WA's mid-year reunion for returned servicemen last weekend.

More than 50 ex-national servicemen and their partners gathered to reunite with old friends, remember those who had gone before them and enjoy a meal and drink with former colleagues.

Nashos WA founder Bob McGuire said the mid-year reunion was important as it gave former servicemen a chance to see their friends and even make some new ones.

"It's important to keep up the friendship amongst the ex-national servicemen," he said.

"After 40-odd years, a couple of them may not have seen their mates since their service ended.

"A few new people joined us, we sat them down amongst people and by the end of the day they're laughing and joking because they've got new mates."



Cheers: Returned servicemen Tony Green, Bob McGuire, Ian Whitelaw and Bill Morris.

Nashos WA started with just five members in 2008 but its mid-year reunion has become an important event to its growing membership.

"We need to keep in touch with our mates; when you see them face-to-face, you know how well they are," Mr McGuire said.

Last Post

Donald Ian Coombs 3/711993 Puckapunyl

Service with Pride



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