

National Service and Combined Forces Association  
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Griffith and District Branch\*

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2010 report of the Griffith Branch of the NS&CF Assoc. Of Australia inc.

We have had a good but quiet year. All our members are ageing and continuing medical problems are taking a toll of members meeting attendances and outings.

The annual meeting returned the previous executive.

Our social activities this year included a very successful B.B.Q at Darlington Point put on by our members and wives. Leeton and Hay branch members joined us and the day was a very enjoyable one.

Also members of our branch travelled to Leeton in March at the invitation of the Leeton Branch. Our hosts put on a B.B.Q with all the trimmings. Their wives supplied lovely salads, etc. Many thanks to them all for a great day out.

The Griffith branch held a very successful Christmas party with many members attending. It was a fun night, enjoyed by all.

Our members were involved in the Griffith Garden festival in October, by erecting in the main street of Griffith our orange sculpture, which is a huge koala.

The orange sculptures are held in Griffith, the only place in Australia. The only other orange sculpture event is held in a town in France. The orange sculptures have to be seen to be truly appreciated.

Four of our members attended the final location of the Hay National Servicemen's Memorial. Location being the Hay High School. We were invited to lunch with the Hay members at the Hay Bowling Club.

Six of our members helped the Griffith RSL with the construction of the Honour Roll in the Griffith Memorial Park. Their help was very much appreciated. Many thanks to them.

Our branch was well represented on Anzac day, commencing with the Griffith Dawn service. After a hearty breakfast supplied by the Griffith Exservicemen's Club, our members formed with Exservicemen, and members of various organisations to march to the Cenotaph for the morning service. The Griffith service, both dawn and morning, are getting larger with each year.

In the afternoon a number of our members travelled to Goolgowi, a small town some 30 miles from Griffith and marched with the locals. After the service we were treated to a lovely afternoon tea, supplied by the local CWA. Some of our members have been travelling to Goolgowi for many years to add to their small local contingent marching.

Our members were very saddened by the loss of two of our members, John Farrell and Warren Salvestro.

Finally, from the Griffith branch, we wish good health to all.

  
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J. MCGANN. PRESIDENT