

**NATIONAL SERVICE & COMBINED FORCES ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA Inc**

**MAITLAND & DISTRICT BRANCH**

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**2010 ANNUAL BRANCH REPORT**

Since the last National AGM held in Maitland the Branch has provided a washing machine to the Pink Ladies volunteer group at the Maitland Hospital. This was possible with proceeds from the selling of raffle tickets for the Rotary Club. This year (2010) the proceeds will benefit the Maitland Palliative Care Unit with over \$700 raised to date for them.

Financially the Branch is sound and as indicated earlier; donations are made to worthy causes and other worthwhile causes. The 2009 executive committee applied for a DVA Grant, which was successful, to purchase a PA system. This unit is very mobile and has the capability of providing a better communication tool for meetings and outdoor functions.

After a bit of controversy the Branch had its own newsletter, Coffee Club News, which was intended to provide absent members with information of Branch happenings. This has now progressed to having a copy available on the NSCFAA website, courtesy of Laz Csibi for the other Branches' information.

In February, this year, a reasonably new committee was elected when the retiring President and Secretary did not renominate for their positions. The Treasurer, Jim Lintott renominated and was elected. The new Committee decided that an Agenda and a copy of the last Minutes would be available at each general meeting. This appears to be successful in keeping members informed and aids in reducing meeting times.

During this current term there was a successful get-together of the local Branches with a cold and windy picnic day at Chinaman Hollow, Weston. This was well attended and enjoyed by Newcastle and Lower Hunter Branches with Nelson Bay apologising due to bouts of ill health in their Branch.

Also Newcastle joined with us for the annual "Christmas In July" held at the East Maitland Bowling Club Billabong Restaurant.

Since the Branch was advised about the AWM Nasho Memorial Dedication and this AGM the members have formed a travel group to organise travelling to various functions and venues such as this one. Each participating member has a job to do so as to avoid one or two persons having to do all the work. Other trips are in the pipeline for the future.

Another activity introduced is having guest speakers at meetings and this year we have had a speaker from the Palliative Unit, The Fire Brigade and a speaker on the Kokoda Track. Also the quarterly sausage sizzle was re-introduced. Our usual monthly raffles continue to be run by our energetic Mavis Allen.

Coming events proposed are the Seniors Christmas Concert in Sydney, a tour of Victoria Barracks organised with the Mid State NSAA President as the guide, Christmas Luncheon and Christmas Party. If it can be fitted in, another combined picnic day will be held closer to the other Branches.

The Patrons are supporting the Branch with their attendance at functions.

This report is a compiled condensed version of the information available through the Coffee Club News to be found at [nscfaa.org.au](http://nscfaa.org.au)

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Approved by: Branch General Meeting 26/8/2010