

National Service & Combined Forces Association of Australia Inc

NELSON BAY BRANCH

REPORT FOR AGM – CANBERRA 2010

What a busy year we have had and still to have. We have combined with the Newcastle Branch to participate in bus outings during 2010.

Our first outing on March 15th was a visit to the Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour. This began with a ferry trip around Sydney Harbour with morning tea included and then a guided tour of the museum. It was a well planned day and enjoyed by all.

On 15th to 18th June we had a four day trip to Lightning Ridge - A great place to visit if you want to see something different. Visits were to the Glengarrrie Hilton which is on the Hilton Hotel world list and built out of corrugated iron and pine timber. A great lunch was had here. Other places were the 'Sheepyard Pub', the 'Club in the Scrub' (No Pokies allowed!) and a combined Nasho/Veteran Memorial out in the middle of somewhere.

8th July. Christmas in July was enjoyed aboard the luxury vessel Captain Cook on Sydney Harbour. I missed this day because I went overseas (no it wasn't to Manly!)

At the time of writing our future outings begin next Monday 6th September to Canberra, 12th October to Forster/Harrington for lunch at the Irish Pub and then our final fling is for a day's shopping at factory outlets situated at Homebush and Birkenhead Point on Saturday 20th November.

Combine all these activities with the normal "Nasho Day", "Anzac Day", "Reserve Forces Day" and monthly meetings and BBQ's, I feel like yelling out 'Stop the World, I want to get off!'

Look forward to telling you more after the AGM.

John Kelly
President – Nelson Bay Branch