



National Service and Combined Forces
Association of Australia Inc.
No. A03230
Newcastle Branch



Good morning and welcome to this the 2010 National Service & Combined Forces Association of Australia Inc A.G.M. this year being held in conjunction with the Opening of the National Servicemen's Memorial at the Australian War Memorial.

As usual the Newcastle Branch has had a very busy year doing BBQ's out the front of Woolworths Mayfield not only is this a good fund raising activity for us but a good social day as the members come together whilst working have a chat amongst themselves whilst having something to eat plus finding out what is coming up plus the selling of our large range of Merchandise to all those members who have assisted during the year on behalf of Brenda & Myself a big thank you.

During the year we also sold Anzac Day Badges at Wallsend Plaza and Bunnings due to these efforts we were able to Donated \$1000.00 to the Calvary Mater Hospice at Waratah.

We have held our bimonthly social BBQ on the Stockton Beach front also we held one at the Diggers Newcastle Club in the winter then after lunch we walk over and visited Waratah Mayfield R.S.L. Sub Branch Rooms for afternoon tea to look at one of the best display in the State of War Memorabilia thanks to Brian Fishlock.

At the Battle for Australia Ceremony in Civic Park on the 1 September Robert Burns and I had a meeting with Newcastle City Council and the District Council of R.S.L to discuss the Centenary of Anzac Day in 2015 to get our thoughts on what we would like to see done plus to assist Newcastle City Council in lodging an application for Government funding.

The highlight of our year was receiving a \$16,500.00 from the D.V.A. in conjunction with Nelson Bay Branch thanks to John Kelly Nelson Bay Branch President which in turn has allowed us to have Coach Trips to the National Maritime Museum in Sydney, a Christmas in July Cruise on Sydney Harbour, a 4 day Coach Trip to Lighting Ridge Our 4 day visit to Canberra for the A.G.M plus the Opening of the National Service Memorial and we still have 2 more trips to go a day trip to Harrington and a day trip to Sydney to the factory outlets for our ladies to do some Christmas Shopping.

Can I say a big thank you to all the members who have assist both Brenda & Myself throughout the year when ever we have asked for help they have said yes can I say I feel it a very privilege to be the leader of such a great group of Men & Women from the Newcastle Branch.

In closing on behalf of all the Newcastle Members we would like to say sorry to all those Branches that have lost members during the year Newcastle Branch lost Roger (Gus) Forbes and Howard Civill.

Robert Owen J.P.
Newcastle Branch
President