



**VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
(QUEENSLAND BRANCH)
"Honour the dead but fight like hell for the living"
ABN 45 827 964 391**

**Minutes of the VVAA Qld Branch State Management Committee Meeting
Hosted by the VVAA Hervey Bay Sub Branch Saturday 27th February 2010**

1. OPENING

The President welcomed all the delegates and visitors and called the meeting to order and declared the State Management Committee Meeting open at 9.05AM. This was followed by a few moments silence for fallen and departed comrades followed by the Ode.

President VVAA Hervey Bay, John Rutland welcomed all delegates and visitors to the meeting and wished them successful deliberation

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1 State Executive

President	John Smith, OAM, JP (Qual)
Senior Vice President	Vacant
Junior Vice President	David Fiechtner
Secretary	John P Smith, OAM, JP (Qual)
Treasurer	John Skubis

2.2 Delegates.

Gympie	Keith Fraser
Cooloola	Bill Hewat
Sth Burnett	Trevor Sanderson
Sunshine Coast	David Fiechtner
Hervey Bay	Geoff Gayler
Bribie Island	Gwen Moseley
Townsville	John Trewen
Redcliffe	Bill Stowers
Logan and Albert	John Power
Cool Tweed	Bruce Weir
Bne Nth	Peter Thorne

2.3 Visitors

Bribie Island	Greg Norris
	Sue Norris
	Rob Moseley
Cooloola	Dot Hewat
Gympie	Denise Fraser
Sth Burnett	Pat Crowe
Redcliffe	Nev Cullen
Hervey Bay	John Rutland
	Daryl McPhee
Bne Nth	Sheila Smith
	Carl Boy'e
	Lesley Boy'e
Gympie	Len Herron

2.4 APOLOGIES

State Health Adviser	Ken O'Brien
State Advocate	Helena Smith
Proposed Townsville	Seconded Bribie Island
Carried	Resolution 37/09

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING

Motion: That the minutes of State Council Meeting held at VVAA Bne Nth, Black Duck Cottage, Kallangur on Saturday 12th December 2009 be taken as read

Proposed Logan
Carried

Seconded Sunshine coast
Resolution: 38/09

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Remembrance House

Still no ideas from members

A person wishes to lease the House for band use etc

\$500 per month

He will pay the Utilities

Ground maintenance

Clause "as is"

Under RTA you must give 60 day's notice

We do have legal people that we can include 'Eliades' is the group

Keith Fraser's daughter works in solicitor's office and her boss will write letters etc but he must have a complete Brief

Our expenses about \$3500

Income \$6000

Motion: that we offer a 6 month lease renewable at 6 month interval for a period up to 2 years and lessee must pay all utilizes plus cover all insurance costs including PLI. The lease will be "as is"

Proposed Hervey Bay

Carried

Seconded Cooloola

Resolution 39/09

4.2 State Meetings 2010

State Monthly and AGM

Hervey Bay

26th February to 28th February 2010

State Monthly

Redcliffe

14th May to 16th May 2010

National Congress

Caloundra

19th May to 22nd May 2010

State Monthly

Townsville

27th August to 29th August 2010

State Monthly

Kingaroy

15th October to 17th October 2010

State Monthly

Gympie

3rd December to 5th December 2010

State Monthly and AGM

Cool Tweed

25th February to 27th February 2011

Motion: that the minutes be ratified

Moved Gympie

Carried

Seconded Sth Burnett

Resolution 40/09

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of correspondence handed out. There are about 234 inwards and about 140 outwards. Have not included correspondence re ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Motion: That the outwards correspondence be endorsed and the inwards received "

Proposed Cool/Tweed

Carried

Seconded Redcliffe

Resolution: 41/09

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The State Treasurer gave a full report and this was handed out to all present. We have accounts for VVAA Qld, National Congress, Caboolture, Zac's Place and PLI.

PLI excess for Licensed Sub Branch \$5000 and non Licensed \$1000

Motion: That the Treasurers Report be accepted and the payment of all lawful accounts be ratified

Proposed Treasurer

Carried

Seconded Cool Tweed

Resolution 42/09

There was a general talk on whether Caboolture could be reestablished. The president explained that Greg Batiste, a former Sub branch president had tried to reestablish the Sub Branch. He had 16 that were interested with 11 turning up for a meeting, eight paid fees but when it came to setting up a committee no one was interested so therefore it has fallen over

Motion: To transfer the Caboolture money into the general account

Moved Treasurer

Carried

Seconded Cooloola

Resolution 43/09

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURER'S REPORT

No questions asked

9. REPORTS

9.1 ANGUS HOUSE

Just had Angus House audited and report available. We have applied to DOC for assistance with the severance pay for Steve Tardrew.

We believe that the Qld RSL has agreed to give us the fire sale price of \$6500 instead of the asking amount of approx \$65000 being for assets \$38 000 and renovations done in good faith about \$27 000. We have not been advised officially of this at this time.

The question was raised about suing. With court action both parties could be tarnished and really no one wins. Angus House is still being used by RSL for accommodation

9.2. STATE ADVOCATE'S REPORTS:

9.2. a. STATE ADVOCATE

Attached

Helena happy to continue as State Advocate

Now need an authority to be submitted to with application to attend course

Helena happy to do IN House training

In House training would qualify as Refresher Training

9.2. b. TIP

Attached

Course now being run using E Learning

Requires names of practitioners etc from Sub branches so that she can update her records

Helena is national manager of MRCA

10 modules once every one is finished then 2 day face to face to examine problem areas

Question raised in regard to Jet Forms, an electronic form for claims. No longer used.

Nothing appears to be done in regard to this because DVA are finalising the single claim form.

9.4. OPERATION LIFE John Smith

Still ongoing with seminars being conducted State Wide

Replaces Suicide Prevention

Question: Who does the Training now?? (I will find out)

9.5 QFE John Smith

Replace KOC

Absent through illness

Travel allowance from DVA. Difference in what DVA pays to vets for medical appointments compared to others such as ATO, RACQ and even DVA pay to their people 30 cents for medical and 60/70 cents for others

Indexation of DFRDB etc

Amalgamation of Super Schemes

Does not include politician

Go Card V Paper Tickets

PSA Blood Tests

9.6 VVCS John Skubis/David Fiechtner

Next meeting 17th March 2010

David Fiechtner will be our rep

9.8 Family Health Study

Nil report

9.9 State Consultative Forum

Meeting held Thursday 25th February

Simon Finn was present. He is the parliamentary Secretary to the Premier on Vet affairs matter

Go card expenses referred to Minister and Qld Govt

If we use our TPI warrants we are being charged about 1/3 more

An example was that if I use the Go Card from Caboolture return It would cost \$10.80 whereas the paper ticket cost \$15.80

PSA Blood tests referred to minister

PSA Blood tests one per 12 months unless clinical need

If you have more than one year you have to pay for the extras

The minister stated that if there is a clinical need then we will pay

Robotic Prostate Surgery
Three ways normal, keyhole and robotic
Recovery from robotic is much cleaner and quicker
Prostate surgery is covered under DVA but not robotic due to cost. Can be paid if it is clinical need
Doctors have to prove clinical need not just two lines
Indexation of DFRB & DFRDB
Amalgamation of Military super and civilian into one scheme with a majority representation from Civvy Street
Downgrading the special status of veterans
Labor is treating us the same as any normal civilian
\$25 million to Taliban deserters nothing to the loyal members fighting on our side
PMAC
 Mil Comp review
 will be delayed
 Was due out in march but now appears to be late April
 Must get it right
 Very busy
 from Frank Benfield - One of the most worthwhile activities he has been involved with
 Three members of PMAC present and they were very happy with progress
 Not just another cosmetic layer
 Talk on ARES
 TMS
 Meeting started at 10.00AM and finished at 3.30PM
 45 min break for lunch

Break for Five Minutes

9.10 ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee

Governor has agreed to be Patron as long as she is Governor
All parties approached agreed to come on board
Acting CEO Peter Rule is coming on board as a member
We are conducting a peaceful assembly
We do not have to answer to the Qld RSL
Only answerable to BCC
The ANZAC Day Dawn Service Combined Committee has the complete support from the State Government and BCC
The Qld RSL only lease the offices
The Qld RSL do not lease the Shrine or Crypt
The Letter of Agreement between Qld RSL and BCC over the rest of the Square null and void since 2006
Demands from Qld RSL are not required to be met
These demands are out of order
ANZAC Square is not a work place it is a Peaceful Assembly
Only lights that will be turned off are the standard lights in the park itself
Brown Velvet Cinema submitted quote all signing all dancing about \$20 000
Screens in place from the Thursday to the Sunday with power point presentation showing WWI and Gallipoli will be shown
ADCC has agreed to print the Order of Service and cover costs,
Now in the hands of the printer that does the children's service
We have a copy of the barricade and road closure plan from BCC,
A copy of the program is in the hands of the printer, who is preparing a draft for our approval,
Army Band, Nasho Pipes and Drums, St John's, QAS, SES and BBC Choir have all agreed to participate,
Copy of the anti-discrimination actions on hand no directions given but a couple of options outlined,
ADCC has agreed to allow the ADDSCC to become a sub-committee,
The ADDSCC has agreed to this
By the ADDSCC becoming a sub- committee, then ADCC responsible for all costs,

ADCC have a copy of the quotes for screens and sound and will decide,
Governor, Premier, Leader of Opposition and British Consulates have responded and will attend
We have a copy of the protocol forms from both Government and State which have to be filled out
and returned when everything is finalized.

I have been told verbally that the Lord Mayor will be present

I believe that all these people that are attending are there to critically assess our running of the
service

Most of the things put in place at the moment are to ensure that this year goes off without a hitch

We have to ensure we put on a triple 'A' rated performance so as to cement us to continue

WE are putting improvements in place to ensure the success

We are not changing the format

ADCC is the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee

ADSCC is the ANZAC Day Dawn service Combined Committee

We are holding a Peaceful Assembly

We have to apply to both the BCC and the QPS which we have done

We will be endeavouring to increase the attendance of Veterans marching

Hopefully Sub branches will support us

Security of screens etc in the hands of Brown Velvet Cinema and ADCC

Qld is unique in that we are the only state to have a peoples committee chaired by the premier
and deputy chair is the leader of the opposition

The VVAA Qld is on the ADCC

Next meeting 9th March commencing at 9.30 AM at ANZAC Square

9.11 National Congress

Progressing well

Moreton Bay Council bus booked for Tuesday and Saturday

Mayoral reception at Caloundra RSL Wednesday

Still no word on funding

Bar B Q Thursday night Caloundra RSL

Official opening Minister Vet Affairs, Thursday morning

Bus Trips for ladies Thursday afternoon all day Friday

Congress dinner Friday night

Cost \$50 per head

Canapés

Two course dinner

Wines on table, one bottle red, one white

Some Refreshments

Entertainment, Radio Saigon

Smart casual

Still chasing funding

10. Suspend standing orders 1045 AM to discuss Zac's Place

Moved Logan

Carried

Seconded Hervey Bay

Resolution 44/09

Motion to Resume Standing Orders at 12.27PM

Moved Cool Tweed

Carried

Seconded Townsville

Resolution 45/09

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

11.1 Notice of Motion from Bribie Island

Hi Greg,

Gwen has told me that you are going to attend the state meeting on behalf of our unit, firstly thanks for doing it and secondly would you be able to bring up for discussion on the floor so that other branches can ask their members how they feel about this topic and that is;

would they support a motion that we intend to propose for the Jan./Feb. state meeting that State send a letter to the state government asking that they give Veterans and Pensioners a better deal on vehicle and fuel pricing as on the sum of money paid by the Federal Government paid to us each fortnight does not give any relief to us for the much higher car registration and fuel costs, registration is the highest in Australia at least by a minimum \$200 to the other states and since the QLD. Government took away the 8 cent subsidy on petrol [joke,joke] this is also the highest. This request was made by one of our members at the last meeting [Dec.2nd] seconded and past by those attending, this could give us feed back for our members as to what other branches think and then can be put to a motion at the next meeting,

Thank you again for doing this and hope that you and Sue are in good health, have a very Merry Xmas and a Happy, Healthy 2010.

Kindest Regards
Dave

**Moved Bribie Island
Carried**

**Seconded Gympie
Resolution 47/09**

Bne Nth did not vote due to them not having discussed this motion

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Supply to State a copy of Audited Financial Statements, Executive with contact details plus who your delegate will be and if necessary who your proxy may be. Please make sure that you pay capitation fees well in advance of February State meeting. Capitations should be paid no later than beginning of February New Treasurers Details 15 Arthur Street, Caboolture, 4510 ph 54280713, mobile 0418 727 110 Welfare and Advocacy Practitioner details must be sent to Helena Smith

b. From Bribie Island

PLI excess Licensed premises \$5000 non licensed \$1000

c. From Cool Tweed

Website Please supply info and photos of your local areas

State executive here to control and administer the State

State website the responsibility of State

Neo G relief from swelling and pain in legs

d. From Hervey Bay

Post 75 conflict

Still on going

13. NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be at Redcliffe at 10.00am Saturday 15th May 2010 at the Redcliffe RSL Sub Branch

14. CLOSURE

The President thanked the Hervey Bay Sub Branch for hosting the State Management Committee Meeting. The President declared the meeting closed at 1142 AM

Proof read and approved for Distribution

John P Smith, OAM, JP (Qual)
President

Approved by State Management Committee Meeting
15th May 2010

John P Smith, OAM, JP (Qual)
President

