

# V.V.A.A. National Presidents Notes

## November 2015

On 11 November 2015 I attended, in Canberra, a meeting of Presidents of Australian Defence service Organisations (ADSO) that would be attending the Ex-Service Round Table (ESORT) meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, to discuss agenda items of interest, these included;

- A briefing by the DVA Principle Medical Advisor on health matters.
- A briefing related to the DVA Newsletter “Vetaffairs”
- A briefing related to the 2016 Long Tan Commemorations.
- A briefing on a proposed National Memorial in Adelaide to indigenous servicemen.
- A briefing on progress with the Terendak Repatriation of war dead in 2016.
- A briefing on DVA Service delivery Reform.
- A briefing related to the ongoing Vietnam Veterans Family Study.
- A briefing on a revised DVA Carers booklet.
- A briefing on the removal of over the counter items from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- A briefing on a proposed Private Hospital service procurement plan.
- A briefing on a review of DVA Dental and Allied Health Arrangements.
- A briefing on the Advocacy Training review.
- A briefing on the BEST Outcomes – Rounds 17-18.
- A briefing on the Repatriation Foundation.
- A briefing on proposed changes to the DVA Programme Performance Indicators for outcome 1.
- A briefing on a proposed Digital Transition Strategy.
- A briefing on the VVCS Functional Review.
- A briefing on the DVA Unreasonable Complainant Conduct Framework.
- A Briefing on Veterans homelessness.
- A briefing on the proposed single appeals pathway

I can address any specific questions on any of these matters on request.

On 13 November I attended a final meeting of the DVA commissioned MRCA Special Rate Disability Pension review group, this groups report is being finalised and will be presented to the appropriate authorities in due course.