

VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA

14th NATIONAL CONGRESS

held at
GEEELONG on 29th MAY 1993

MINUTES

PRESENT:

NATIONAL PRESIDENT:	John Methven
NATIONAL SNR VICE PRESIDENT:	Tim McCombe
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:	Rob Cox
NATIONAL SECRETARY:	John Printz
NATIONAL TREASURER:	Nev Varley

QUEENSLAND-	Terry Brooke, Brian Stevens
NEW SOUTH WALES-	Ray Fulton, Sheldon Maher
VICTORIA -	Richard Culliford, Alan Hughes
AUST CAPITAL TERRITORY-	Robin Harris, Jim Thalbert
SOUTH AUSTRALIA-	Norm Coleman, Graham Nybo
WEST AUSTRALIA-	Rob Cox, Kevin Jones
TASMANIA-	Basel Breadmore and Proxy
NORTHERN TERRITORY-	Steve Poulter, Garry Casey

PROXY VOTE

Moved: WA

Seconded: QLD

That the Tasmanian delegate carries the proxy vote as tendered under the signature of the Tasmanian State Secretary.

..... CARRIED

MINUTES

Moved: WA

Seconded: NT

That the minutes as tabled are a true and correct record of the 13th National Congress.

..... CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 1 LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Mr BOB ROBERTS

Moved: NT

Seconded: VIC

That the recommendation of the National Council to appoint Mr Bob Roberts (NT) a National Life Member be ratified.

..... CARRIED

ITEM 2 COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL - RAR ASSOCIATION

It was resolved that the National Executive reply with the appropriate letter.

ITEM 3 BACK, HIP AND FOOT DISABILITIES- Mr GEOFF TOBIN

Moved: NSW
Seconded: ACT

That the VVAA formulate a submission to the Government for a survey of Vietnam Veterans to ascertain the situation with the above disabilities.

..... CARRIED

REPORTS

The following reports were tabled and any questions raised, answered.

a. Chemical Issues	Tim McCombe
b. Neuro-Toxic Stress Disorder Project	John Methven
c. National AV&DSC	Tim McCombe
d. National RSL KOC	John Printz
e. National Advisory Council	Tim McCombe
f. Mortality Study	Ray Fulton
g. Debrief	John Methven
h. Client Needs Survey	John Methven
i. Bushell Decision/Audit Office Report	Tim McCombe
j. Secretary's Report	John Printz
k. Treasurer's Report	Nev Varley

Moved: Nev Varley
Seconded: QLD

That the Audited Annual Report and the unaudited interim report (Item k) as tabled be received.

..... CARRIED

Moved: QLD
Seconded: NT

That National assets placed in Executive members homes for operational purposes, be included in the members household insurance cover, with the National Treasurer to reimburse such expenditure covering these items.

..... CARRIED

AUDITORS REPORT (Item k)

The Treasurer spoke on the point raised about the Membership Register. It was resolved that the National Secretary and Treasurer were to ensure that State Secretaries produce their Annual Membership Registers.

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Item l)

President, John Methven, gave his report as the retiring National President.

It was resolved that a notation in the National Congress minutes recognise the immense amount of support and active work given to the VVAA by John's wife, Krishna, during his two years as National President.

This was resolved by acclamation.

ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Minister for Veterans Affairs, Senator Faulkner, addressed the Congress and answered Questions.

It was resolved that the National Council meet with the Minister, at his invitation, at a time to be decided, in the near future.

The President deferred further Agenda Items until after the official opening and luncheon.

The Governor of Victoria officially opened the 14th National Congress of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia and attended the Congress luncheon.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NSW 1. MOTIONS TO GOVERNMENT BODIES.

Lapsed for want of a seconder.

NSW 2. NATIONAL POLICY HANDBOOK

Withdrawn.

NSW 3. LETTER TO MINISTER

Moved: NSW

Seconded: WA (for discussion)

That the National President of the VVAA write to the Minister for Veterans Affairs expressing this Association's serious concerns about the attitudes of the Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans Affairs, towards the benefits received by Veterans.

After discussion, the above matter was to be tabled on Sunday.
SECRETARY'S NOTE: it was resolved on Sunday that this motion be included in business to be discussed with the Minister at the proposed meeting with him, later.

NSW 4. LETTER TO MINISTER

Moved: NSW

Seconded: QLD (for discussion)

That the National President write to the Minister for veterans Affairs outlining the VVAA response to the Auditor generals Report.

..... CARRIED

NSW 5. VVCS NAME CHANGE

Withdrawn

NSW 6. STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE

Moved: NSW

Seconded: SA

That the National Executive closely monitor the new determining system, which is referred to as the Statements of Principle.

..... CARRIED

NSW 7 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i). REHABILITATION

Withdrawn

NSW 8. NAME CHANGE

Moved: NSW

Seconded: WA (for discussion)

That the VVAA make representation to the Government to change the name of the "Disability Pension" to "Compensation Pension"
..... LOST

NSW 9. NOTIFICATION BY NATIONAL SECRETARY

Moved: NSW

Seconded: QLD (for discussion)

That the National Secretary notify all State Branches of the VVAA regarding all matters which may arise as a result of discussion and/or intentions of Government/Government Departments, that are pertaining to the welfare of Veterans.
..... LOST

NSW 10. REQUESTS BY NATIONAL SECRETARY

Withdrawn

NSW 11. INFORM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Withdrawn

NSW 12. NATIONAL PRESIDENT - REPRESENTATION

Withdrawn

TAS 1. CAPITATIONS

Moved: TAS

Seconded: WA (for discussion)

That Capitations to National from Tasmania be changed from \$5 to \$3 to allow more funds to be placed in the State Account. (Devonport)
..... LOST

TAS 2. APPRECIATION

Withdrawn

VIC 1. ASSOCIATION FLAG

Moved: VIC

Seconded: QLD

That the National Congress discuss the design and appropriation of a VVAA flag. (Sunraysia).

It was resolved that the word flag be replaced by the word Banner.
..... CARRIED

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The National is to allocate the task of design to a State Branch as a project.

VIC 2. TRANSFER FORMS

Moved: VIC

Seconded: NSW

That the National Congress discuss the feasibility of an Association Transfer Form to cover the moving of Veterans from one State to another for welfare and assistance reasons.
..... CARRIED

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Victoria State Branch to research, consultate and produce the Transfer Form

VIC 3. UNIT/CORPS AFFILIATION

Moved: VIC

Seconded: WA

That the National Congress consider means of allowing Unit/Corps Associations to affiliate with the VVAA. (Melbourne)

..... CARRIED

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Victoria is to table options for acceptance at National Council.

VIC 4. LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCE MEDAL

Moved: VIC

Seconded: NSW

That the National Congress consider that the Civilian Surgical Teams in Vietnam, from Australian Hospitals, be awarded the Logistic Support Force Medal. (Gippsland/LaTrobe Valley).

..... CARRIED

VIC 5. ADVOCACY DATA BASE

Moved: VIC

Seconded: SA

(See workshop)

That the National Congress consider that the VVAA have an Advocacy Data Base program/system and that the AVWV Trust be requested to finance such a welfare tool.

..... CARRIED

VIC 6. VVAA RESEARCH CENTRE

Moved: VIC

Seconded: Lapsed.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Motion Lapsed after notification that any State Branch may photocopy any Data when required.

SA 1. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Moved: SA

Seconded: QLD

That the Constitution of the National Council of the VVAA be amended or a By Law passed, that the National Executive of the National Council of the VVAA include the Immediate Past President of the National Council, as a full voting member of that Executive and of the National Council for the ensuing 12 Months.

..... CARRIED

QUEENSLAND

Moved: QLD

Seconded: ACT

That all State Secretaries, for the time being, be delegated authority to hold, account for and issue Sales Tax Exemption Certificates on behalf of the VVAA National Council

..... CARRIED IN PRINCIPLE ONLY

The President closed the Congress until 9 A.M. Sunday 30th May 1993.
The President reconvened the Congress at 9 A.M. Sunday and declared all Executive Positions vacant.

Moved: NSW

Seconded: NT

That Mr Brendan Lynch, Secretary of the RAAF (Vietnam) Sub Branch conduct the elections.

..... CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

T. McCombe 4
J. Printz 12 Duly elected.

NATIONAL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (CHEMICALS)

J. McCombe 16 Duly Elected

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

R. Cox 16 Duly Elected
S. Maher (Withdrawn)

NATIONAL SECRETARY

R. Fulton (Withdrawn)
S. Maher (Withdrawn)
G. Trevor-Hunt 14 Duly Elected
N. Varley 2

NATIONAL TREASURER

S. Maher (Withdrawn)
G. Trevor-Hunt (Withdrawn)
N. Varley 16 Duly Elected

The New National President then assumed the chair for the remainder of the Congress.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Moved: QLD

Seconded: WA

That the motion regarding the position of the Immediate Past President take effect as of this moment.

..... CARRIED

John Methven then took his place with the National Executive.

Norm Robertson (AVWVT) issued a handout to Congress Members (Attached) and asked for Queries.

Norm stated that nominations were due shortly for representation on the AVWVT.

Moved: WA
Seconded: SA

That Norm Robertson and Jim Greenwood be nominated to fill the VVAA positions on the AVWVT. MOTION WITHDRAWN

Moved: NSW
Seconded: VIC

That the national Executive call for expressions of interest from members to represent the VVAA on the AVWVT as Trustees. Expressions of interest are to be considered at the next National Council meeting or at a meeting called specifically for that purpose.

..... CARRIED

NATIONAL POLICY HANDBOOK

This was issued to to State Delegates (1 per State) and one for each member of the National Executive. States are to reproduce and issue the handbook to their respective sub branches.

NATIONAL AUDITOR

Moved: WA
Seconded: TAS

That the National Treasurer investigate a replacement Auditor and that this replacement be ratified by the National Executive.

..... CARRIED

NATIONAL SOLICITOR

Moved: NSW
Seconded: WA

That R. L. WYBURN and ASSOCIATES be reappointed as the Solicitors for the Association.

..... CARRIED

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM STATES

MEDEVAC & CASEVAC

Moved: VIC
Seconded: WA

That the National Council of the VVAA approach/lobby the Government to classify the terminology of CASEVAC and MEDEVAC and, if there is a difference in the classification between the two, then MEDEVAC be the same classification as CASEVAC.

..... CARRIED

BACK PROBLEMS

Moved: VIC
Seconded: ACT

That the VVAA conduct a study of foot, hip and lower back problems and that stress, as a cause of back problems be included but as a separate issue.

..... CARRIED

LETTER TO MINISTER

Moved: NSW

Seconded: VIC

That the National President of the VVAA write to the Minister for Veterans Affairs, expressing this Association's serious concerns about the attitudes of the Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans Affairs in the following matters:-

- (a) The article that appeared in the Financial review of 21 July 1992, implying that Veterans were "bludging" on the system. → *
- (b) The advice given to the previous Minister by the Department relating to the proposed amendments to the veterans Entitlement Act, was misleading.
- (c) To express concern about the contents of a paper given by the Secretary of the Department at Canberra, especially the argument within the paper, which stated that appeals by Veterans and their dependents be no longer permitted to be appealed to the AAT. → *

..... CARRIED

CONSTITUTION

Moved: NSW

Seconded: QLD

That the Constitution be amended to include the position of SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

..... CARRIED

NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Moved: ACT

Seconded: NT

That the Department of veterans Affairs be approached to provide funding to allow the Australian War Memorial to allocate resources to allow tributes left at the national Vietnam memorial, to be collected regularly for safekeeping.

..... CARRIED

That proposed improvements to the Australian Vietnam Forces Memorial include the addition of names of the fallen along with a map of the former Republic of Vietnam showing the location of towns, bases and battlefields. DEFERRED

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Moved: ACT

Seconded: WA

That the National Executive investigate the outcome of studies undertaken at RGH Heidelberg, which indicated that a high proportion of WW2 combat veterans were suffering from previously undiagnosed PTSD, with a view to pressuring the DVA to automatically accept ALL such claims from ALL Veterans as war caused. — CARRIED

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The national Executive are to investigate the above.

MEMORIAL NAMES

Moved: ACT

Seconded: TAS

That the national Executive seek a clear and understandable definition of the criteria used to include names on the scroll contained in the Australian Vietnam Forces Memorial and, in the light of information given that additional names have been added to the 504 originally declared eligible, that a policy regarding further additions be developed and publicised.

..... CARRIED

DEBRIEF

Moved: NT

Seconded: QLD

That John Methven continue to organise, print and publish Debrief. Editorial control is to remain with the National Executive.

..... CARRIED

ASSOCIATION HISTORY

Moved: NSW

Seconded: ACT

That all States seek out veterans with Association experience and skills and report these names to the National Executive and the National Executive is to appoint members to submit writings on the history of the Association to an Editor selected by the National Executive.

..... LOST

Moved: VIC

Seconded: QLD

That John Methven undertake the research and writing of the history of the Association and that a timetable and estimate of costs be submitted to the National Executive.

..... CARRIED

1994 NATIONAL CONGRESS

Moved: ACT

Seconded: WA

That ACT take up the option and host the 1994 National Congress.

..... CARRIED

FUTURE CONGRESSES

Moved: WA

Seconded: NT

That future National Congresses be held in States as per the current rotation cycle.

..... CARRIED

The Congress adjourned for lunch.

SPECIAL NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

A special Council meeting was called by President, John Printz, during the luncheon break.

Moved: WA

Seconded: QLD

That John Methven be awarded Life Membership of the National VVAA.
..... CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Congress resumed after lunch

The National President, John Printz, presented the Immediate Past President, John Methven, with a Life Membership Badge. Northern Territory presented John Methven with a pin badge from the NT on behalf of all delegates

WORKSHOPS

The Congress was then divided into workshops for the previously selected topics.

The results of the workshops are as follows:-

ADVOCACY DATABASE AND COMPUTER NETWORK

Brian Flower

Requirements:- Computer, Fax/Modem to connect with a bulletin board in South Australia. Modem cost is approximately \$600
Further investigation is to be carried out by South Australia as to cost and equipment type.

Moved: SA

Seconded: NSW

That a submission by South Australia be made to the National Executive and distributed to all State Branches.
..... CARRIED

VVCS

John Deane

A discussion paper resulting from the workshop is to be sent out.
Recommended:-

That the VVAA be represented on the VVCS selection Committee.

That a Pension Officer be placed at VVCS Offices.

It was noted that a clinical evaluation of VVCS Counsellors is currently underway as to Counsellors qualifications, Knowledge of Vietnam Veterans and the Age of the Counsellor.

It was suggested that a Doctor or pool of Doctors be made available at the VVCS.

It was noted that the relationship between the VVAA and the VVCS was good.

STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE

John Deane

A written paper is to be presented to the national Executive and then distributed to State Branches.

FUNDRAISING

Norm Coleman

State Branches are to present an idea to the National Council. Ideas are to be presented as a full package complete with costings and licence (if any) fees and any other associated costs. Some ideas presented were; A shopping spree; Collection Cartons; Badge Day. It was also suggested that manpower required be reduced by utilising other sources.

South Australia are to take fundraising on as a project and present details to the National Council.

REHABILITATION (DVA INITIATED)

John method

2 out of 12 on the Rehabilitation Course are Vietnam Veterans. A letter be sent requesting that a guarantee be given of no pension loss. The program should not continue after the pilot without consultation with VVAA and others. Any rehabilitation undertaken should include a written contract between the Veteran and the Department. It was suggested that a means of running rehabilitation courses for servicemen and women on discharge from the services.

Recommendations on the above are to be submitted in writing to the National Executive.

It was generally decided that the Victorian trial rehabilitation course for PTSD sufferers be renamed a Health Awareness and Lifeskills Course, to avoid confusion with the DVA Rehabilitation Course.

Alcohol problems are still to be pursued.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:- ALL SUBMISSIONS FROM THE WORKSHOPS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WORKSHOP TEAM LEADER.

STATE REPORTS

VICTORIA

2 new Sub Branches had formed in the last 12 months. Others are being encouraged.

Job Link is currently being assessed.

A submission is being made for a grant to fund Job Link.

Melbourne Sub Branch office is now open at KEW RSL from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Monday to Friday.

Nui Dat House has minor financial problems which are currently being worked on.

An Advocacy training Course is currently being developed.

QUEENSLAND

The State Annual General Meeting had been held in February and Terry Brooke is now the State President.

The format for the newsletter O Group is being changed.

Queensland is fighting attempts to move the VVCS to DVA.

Angus House has an occupancy rate of 7.65 persons per night.

Townsville has an occupancy rate of 3.5 persons per night.

NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales thanked the organisers of the Congress weekend. Updated equipment had been purchased to improve administration. A profit had been shown as against the last few years. Membership had increased by 60 per cent. The majority of the Committee were working at welfare. NSW was working well with the VVCS.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The ACT is keeping financial. The divisions of the past had now healed. The Committee was now more active. The ACT Branch has become the focal point for the National Memorial. There appears to be moves for pilgrimages to the memorial, any State Branch knowing of pilgrimages are requested to inform the ACT Branch. The principal welfare operations of the State is the maintenance of the Phil Thompson Centre. The Executive were disappointed that they were unable to get an Advocacy Service going. ACT has the resources to host the 1994 national Congress which should be a memorable one.

The ACT was requested by the Congress to check on the flying of flags at the Memorial on Anzac Day.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Membership has dropped to 75 financial members. Others are known but there remains a contact problem. Excellent support is being received from the Government and Government Departments. A Sub Branch is established at Alice Springs and is operating out of the RSL. Coral House is running exceptionally well. Fundraising has been excellent. An excellent relationship is had with the VVCS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Membership is rather slow. A mail out had a positive effect on membership. Anzac Cottage is up for restoration. The WA Branch had withdrawn from Job Link. Involved with the RSL in a Joint venture to get Veterans and families to Canberra for the Memorial weekend. The VVAA credibility in WA is very high. Welfare resources are very stretched. The WA VVAA is represented on the RGH Hollywood Advisory Committee. Pension claim acceptance rate is currently at 100 per cent with help from Tim McCombe. Requests for talks at schools are on the increase.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

(Attached)

TASMANIA

Tasmania had 5 Sub Branches with about 250 members.
Veterans at St Helens had been contacted.
The Bush Retreat was used for 203 days in 1992.

The President, John Printz, thanked Geelong Sub Branch for the work put into organising the Congress and for its success. He also thanked; the National Executive and the Delegates for the work done over the past year; Those observers who had remained for the 2 days and finally thanked all those who helped at the Sunday lunch to due the sadness that had befallen the Motel owners.

The Victorian President, Richard Culliford, congratulated those national Executives who were elected. He thanked Geelong Sub Branch on behalf of the Congress for their good efforts in the organisation of the Congress (This was carried by acclamation).

The Geelong Sub Branch President, Russ McKay, responded.

The President then declared the 14th National Congress closed at 3 P.M.


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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT

REPORT ON SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1992 - 1993

For South Australia, some of the highlights of the year have been:

- The Erection and Dedication of the Vietnam Memorial Stained Glass Window in the Chapel at the Repatriation General Hospital at Daw Park. This was a joint venture between the VVA, The RAR Association and the Vietnam Logistic Support Veterans Association.
- The Dedication of Street Names at Montague Farm - named after South Australians and other Australians Killed in Action during the Vietnam War. Our thanks to Fred Pritchard, Project Manager of the South Australian Housing Trust and a member of our Association for the effort in submitting his idea and getting it approved.
- A Range Shoot conducted at Murray Bridge in September. It was a marvellous day thanks to Brig Peter Bray and Major Geoff Campbell, both members of the Association and the team of Regular Army Instructors.
- We have been supportive of the Grunt Club's Mootatunga Retreat Project and been instrumental in enabling them to obtain a grant, as a joint venture, for the purchase of a truck to the value of \$10,000. Things are progressing well.
- We have also supported Errol Noack House and are pleased by it's widespread acceptance and use by veterans. The House has recently been expanded by the addition of 2 semi detached units nearby to allow more people to use it's facilities. Bill Johns represents our Association on the Management Committee.
- And finally Welfare. We were pleased with the outcome of Mike Schar's case. Mike has also been doing a great deal for veterans and ~~will report briefly on his activities, later.~~
- I am pleased to report that we have continued with the warm relationships established by my predecessor, Adrian Walford, with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service.
- Our Badge Day this year was a great success. Thanks must go to Geoff Halsey for all the work he put in to organising it and to our team of volunteers, particularly the Grunt Club on the Day. I can't give you final figures yet, as we are still to get the returns in from the RSL Branches but we expect to double last year's record efforts. Particular mention must be made of McLaren Vale RSL Sub. Bch. who raised \$760.

NORM COLEMAN
SOUTH AUSTRALIA PRESIDENT

REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE
VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ON 29 MAY, 1993.

THIS MY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE V.V.A.A. WILL BE FOCUSED ON AN AREA OF ACTIVITY OF THE WORK OF THE AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM WAR VETERAN TRUST THAT HAS BEEN PRAISED AND MORE IMPORTANTLY HAS BEEN MISS-REPORTED IN ONE STATE JOURNAL.

THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED IN 1992 TOTALLED \$1.053 MILLION AND THE TOTAL FROM THE ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTED HAS REACHED \$2.8 MILLION.

DURING 1992 1100 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR ASSISTANCE. PAYMENTS WERE MADE FROM THE 11 CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED.

THE OPERATION 1992 OVERVIEW SHEET (ANNEX A) INDICATES THAT EDUCATION TAKES 9.2% OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET THIS IS FOR GENERAL SCHOOL NEEDS AND IS NOT A COMPONENT PAYMENT OF THE TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS. THE RECIPIENTS OF THESE EDUCATION PAYMENTS ARE USUALLY A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE VETERAN AND IN SOME CASES TO THE VETERAN WHERE THE VETERAN IS UNEMPLOYED AND RETRAINING IS NECESSARY AND HE HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE THAT WILL ENHANCE HIS RE-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WHEN RETURNING TO THE WORKFORCE.

THE V.V.A.A. CHARTER GAVE SPOUSE AND DEPENDENTS EQUAL STATUS OF WELFARE NEED WHERE A VETERAN HAD SERVED IN VIETNAM.

THE TRUST PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR AND 25 WERE GRANTED IN 1992 THIS CAME FROM 232 APPLICANTS FROM ALL STATES. THESE CHILDREN OF VETERANS ARE OFTEN GIFTED BUT WOULD NOT HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ON TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IF THE TRUST COULD NOT HELP. THE TRUST BUDGET FOR THIS FACET OF ITS WORK WAS JUST 8.9% OR \$94,000 OF ITS BUDGET FOR 1992.

I ALLUDE TO INACCURATE FIGURES PUBLISHED UNDER THE HEADING "WHAT'S HAPPENING TO AGENT ORANGE MONEY" (ANNEX B) FIGURES IN THIS ARTICLE SUGGEST THAT \$3 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT ON SCHOLARSHIPS. THIS ARTICLE REQUIRED THE V.V.A.A. REPRESENTATIVES ON THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE HAVING TO DEFEND OR DENY MATERIAL PUBLISHED BY THEIR STATE JOURNAL. CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THESE VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE THEIR TIME FREELY TO ASSISTING THOSE IN NEED WHEN PUBLISHING MATERIAL OF A SENSITIVE NATURE.

THE TRUST RELIES HEAVILY ON ACCURATE DISPERSAL OF INFORMATION THROUGH SERVICE RELATED PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE

NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE TRUST. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TRUST TO REPLY BEFORE PUBLICATION OF CRITICAL MATERIAL WOULD PREVENT THE MISINFORMATION BEING CIRCULATED.

THE 1992 ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED AND CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION SHOULD ASSIST MORE VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS UNDERSTAND THE OPERATION OF THE TRUST AS IT MOVES TO MID TERM OF DISPERSAL OF FUND A.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHICH IN TURN PROVIDES A SERVICE FROM A REWARDING ENTERPRISE TO THOSE COMRADES AND THEIR DEPENDANTS IN NEED.

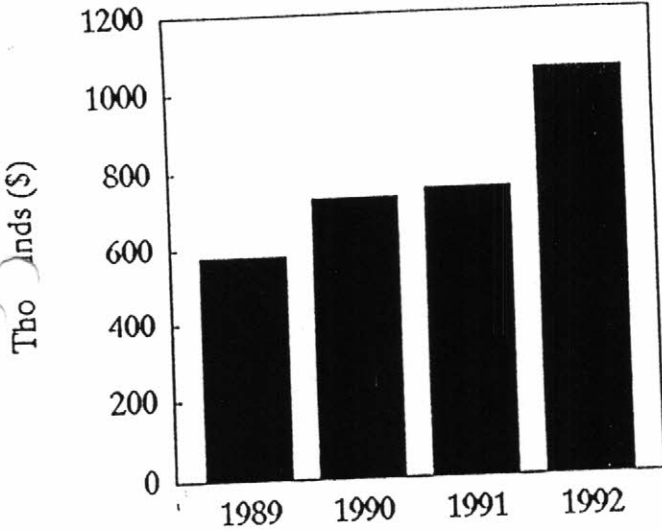
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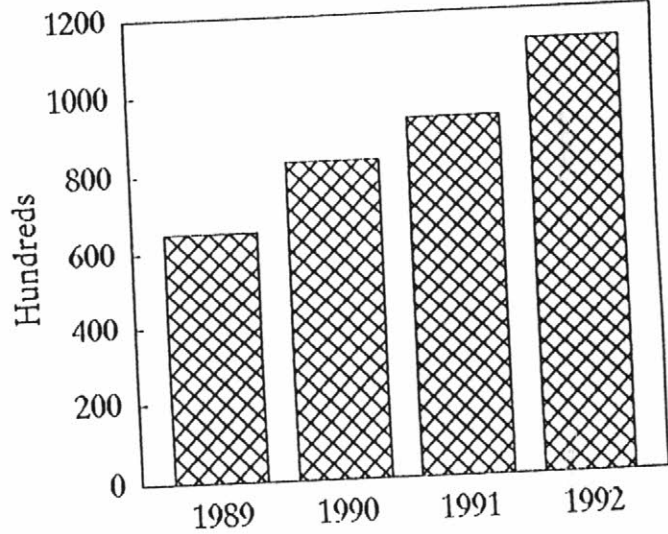


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1992 OVERVIEW**

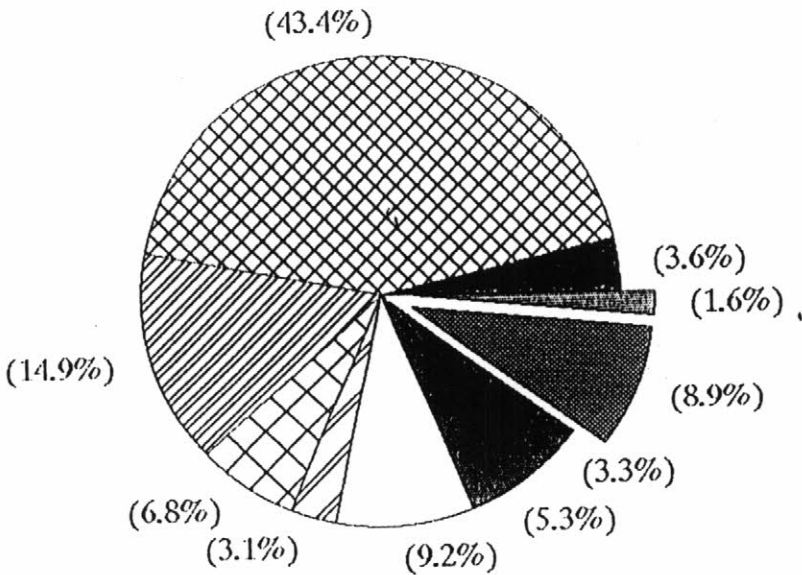
**ASSISTANCE
DISTRIBUTED BY YEARS**



**APPLICATIONS
RECEIVED BY YEARS**



**PAYMENTS BY
CATEGORIES 1992**



- Medical and dental
- VWTEAS
- Hhold repairs\items
- Education
- Other Assistance
- Debts
- Subsistence
- Funerals
- Collective support
- Accommodation

**DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY
(\$5.5M Received late 1988)**

Item	1992	Since Start
Individual Assistance:		
applications	1122	3534
: veterans	79%	83%
: dependants	21%	17%
approved	77.8%	76%
average pmt	\$1056	\$1048
amount paid	\$0.941M	\$2.632M
appeals lodged	45	196
appeals upheld	17	77
VVTEAS:		
applications	232	464
grants	28	53
amount paid	\$0.094M	\$0.116M
Collective Assistance:		
applications	7	27
grants made	3	16
amount paid	\$0.017M	\$0.095M
Distributed:	\$1.051M	\$2.842M

AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM WAR VETERANS' TRUST

Vietnam Veterans' War Trust Money

✓ Vietnam Veterans will have heard of Agent Orange.

Australian Vietnam Veterans will also be aware of a \$5,000,000 payment which resulted from a law suit about Agent Orange in the United States of America in the mid 1980's. What is happening to the Australian share of that money is of interest to all Vietnam Veterans and is the subject of this article.

The Australian Vietnam War Veterans' Trust was established in 1985 to distribute the Australian share of those settlement funds. It operates under a distribution plan approved by the United States District Court. The Trust must report back to this court every year.

The Australian Distribution plan's objective is that 90% of the funds are to be distributed by the end of 1996 and the Trust is on track to meet that target. The other 10% of the funds are to be used from 1997 and are for the remaining life of the Trust.

✓ What is the money used for? Just under 50,000 Australians served in the Vietnam War. All these Veterans and their dependents are able to apply to the Trust, and receive payments, should they meet its full criteria. The trust has spent a lot of money on disabled Veterans and their children, and other worthwhile projects involving Veterans.

However, they have spent money on some projects that I would not give R.S.L. Sub-Branches Welfare monies to.

They have allocated money for a young man to take up the opportunity to represent his State in an international football team tour. I find also that the monies being spent on other projects are really the problem of the

Federal Government and State Governments. Aside from this assistance to individuals the Trust is sometimes giving to large scale projects for which they claim will benefit the Veteran Community as a whole. Such grants made available to a group studying the health of Veterans. They also paid for a professional artist who is a Veteran to study overseas with a view to improving his artistic competence and his livelihood. The Trust also runs an educational assistance scheme to help the children of Vietnam Veterans with their costs. Currently, 28 students are receiving grants for higher education under the scheme which is called Vietnam Veterans' Trust Education assistance Scheme (VVTEAS). The grants are \$3,500 per year each.

Money spent so far is \$2.5 million dollars on 2,000 people and groups, I use the word people as not all are Veterans. The graph is for 1989-1992, over 3,000 people applied for the \$2.5 million. Of the 3,000 people two thirds were successful, (2,000 people).

If we look at 1993-1995 and say 3,600 people apply, this is a 20% increase on the previous 189-1992 figures. The money that can be allocated is \$2 million as 10% must be

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(Assumes runs to 1999 + (66 Fund B does same as Fund A)

retained for 1996 and beyond or as the Trust puts it the remaining years of the life of the Trust. If of the 3,600 people who apply two thirds are successful, then we have 2,400 people who will receive a grant.

Now we finally get to the 1996-1999 period, \$500,000 left a 30% increase on the previous 1993-1995 figures 4,600 people will apply for help. Two thirds are successful, that means 3,067 will receive a grant. A total of 7,467 people will have been helped by the end of the Vietnam War Trust and its winding up. If we take a conservative estimate and say only half were actual Veterans the rest being Family of Veterans or other groups

who received grants over the life of the War Trust. It would be feasible to say 3,734 Veterans received some form of assistance. Other things taken into account is the education scheme set up to help Veterans' children. If we take a very conservative estimate the education programme will cost more than \$3,000,000 during the period of the that the scheme will be running. And if we consider that close on 50,000 Service Personnel served in Vietnam only about 4,000 will receive some form of help. The majority of Veterans some 46,000 and their families will not receive any form of help.

I'm not going to draw any con-

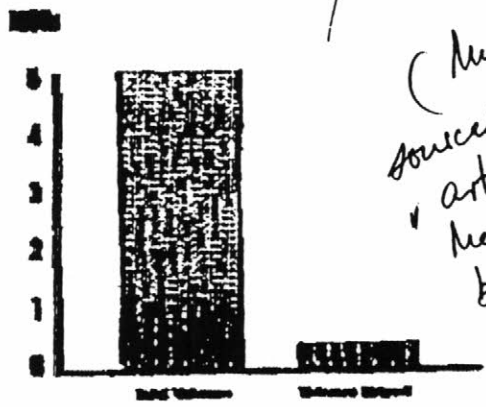
No! Grossly wrong

Source: Australian Vietnam Forces Publication Number NA S9466 June 1992

A	\$2.5 Million spent
B	\$2 Million spent
C	\$500 Thousand spent

approx 2,000 people helped
 approx 2,400 people helped
 approx 3,067 people helped

Expenditure



(Much of this is sourced from an article in the Memorial Committee booklet, printed by me. Some other info for the 1992 Annual Report)



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John Nordman

(Member VVA Association Unit 500-2000)

clusions about what I have witten. This I will leave to the reader. However, I have drawn a graph on the expenditure, so far.

(The source and author of this article is unknown to me, but I have reproduced it here for everyone's information. The use of the Trust funds is a major concern to all Vietnam Veterans. Editor)

NATELECT JP/93

NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS NOMINATION FOR 93/94

General:

1. Minute No 8 National Congress 1990

- (1) Persons wishing to nominate should apply in writing "and" submit a written resume in support of the nomination
- (2) Be lodged with the National Secretary not less than two months (60 days) prior to the National Congress
- (3) That the nomination be approved by the nominees state branch Committee/Council
- (4) The National Secretary to dispatch copies of the nominations and resumes to all National Executive and National Council members as soon as possible after receipt
- (5) Nominations from the floor can be accepted through State Delegates, in exceptional circumstances, but would naturally be disadvantaged by not being under consideration by state bodies and not included in voting instructions from those states.

2. Listed are those nominees for National Office Bearers positions and a table of requirements as listed above.

Position	Name	Int	State	Nominate Form	Financial Membership	Submission in support
National President	McCombe	T	NSW	Y	Y	Y
	Printz	J	VIC	Y		
Senior Vice President	McCombe	T	NSW	Y		
Vice President	Cox	R	WA	Y	Y	
	Maher	S	NSW	Y		
National Treasurer	Maher	S	NSW	Y	Y	Y
	Trevor-Hunt	G	VIC	Y		
	Varley	N	NSW	Y		
National Secretary	Maher	S	NSW	Y	Y	Y
	Trevor-Hunt	G	VIC	Y		
	Varley	N	NSW	Y		

NOTICE OF MOTION

Introduction

1. Listed below are the 'Notice(s) of Motion' received by the due date. It should be noted that Queensland has asked for a delay of passing of their Notice's of motion until the 20th April I will post them out as I receive them. The normal process with late notice of motion is for the moving state, to motion the meeting, for approval to accept late notice of motion. (in the past this has been approved)Space for notation is provided.

NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW 1.

MOTIONS TO GOVERNMENT BODIES

(a) The National Secretary send in writing all motions that have been approved by National Congress, that involve possible decisions by State and Federal governments, to those bodies for comment.

(b) On receipt of these comments, the National Secretary circulate them to State Branches.

NSW 2

NATIONAL POLICY HANDBOOK

The National Executive publish in book form the National Policies of the VVAA.

NSW 3

LETTER TO MINISTER

That the National President of the VVAA write to the Minister of Veteran's Affairs expressing this associations serious concerns about the attitudes of the Repatriation Commission and the Dept of Veteran's Affairs towards the benefits received by Veterans.

NSW 4

LETTER TO MINISTER

That the National President write to the Minister of Veteran's Affairs outlining the VVAA response to the Auditor Generals Report.

NSW 5

VVCS NAME CHANGE

That this congress discuss the possibility of a name change to the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service, and The results of this discussion be forwarded to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and the National Advisory council.

NSW 6

STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPAL

That the National Executive closely monitor the new determining system which is referred to as the statement of principals.

- f. In the event of some TPI pensioners being re-employed, this would not be used in any way to attempt to justify a review of all TPI pensioners.
- g. The psychological state of these veterans be closely monitored at all times and that the veterans choice of doctor, Psychiatrist or medical specialist be given the final say, where opinions are concerned, over any doctor, psychiatrist or medical specialist employed by any government department
- h. Veterans in receipt of any part of the general rate of pension be given an opportunity to partake in the rehabilitation program
- i. That the VVAA be represented on the National and State committee which be convened to oversee the program.

NSW NO 8

NAME CHANGE

The VVAA make representation to the government to change the name of the 'disability pension' to 'compensation pension'

NSW NO 9

NOTIFICATION BY NATIONAL SECRETARY

The National Secretary notify all state branches of the VVAA regarding all matters, which may arise as a result of decisions and/or intentions of government of government departments that are pertaining to the welfare of veterans

NSW NO 10

REQUESTS BY NATIONAL SECRETARY

The National Secretary continually request, from the State Branches of the VVAA, information, direction, attitude and intentions, at all times, regarding all controversial decisions or intentions raised by government or government departments.

NSW NO 11

INFORM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The national secretary inform the National President, of all information, direction, attitude and intentions received from all the VVAA state branches.

NSW NO 12

NATIONAL PRESIDENT/REPRESENTATION

The national president represent and present to government and/or government departments, at all times, the combined and general information, direction, attitude and intentions of the VVAA as per information gained from state branches and not his own personal information, direction, attitude and intentions.

(Secretary's note) NSW was to forward the detailed supporting arguments, but had not arrived by posting time. Notice of motions were over the signature of Tim McCombe, State President.

TAS NO 1

CAPITATIONS

That capitations to National from Tasmania be changed from \$5 to \$3 to allow more funds to be placed in state account
(Devonport)

TAS NO 2

APPRECIATION

Feeved that National gave no "Thank You" for a National Congress that was first class as well as money saving other states thanked them.
(Launceston)

(Secretary's Note) Notice of motion(s) were over the signature of Colin Knowles, State Secretary.

VIC NO 1

ASSOCIATION FLAG

That the National Congress discuss the design and appropriation of a Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Flag.
(Sunraysia)

VIC NO 2

TRANSFER FORMS

That the national congress discuss the feasibility of an association transfer form to cover the moving of veterans from one state to another for welfare and assistance reasons (Note victoria is considering this action between sub-branches within the state)
(Mornington Peninsula)

VIC NO 3

UNIT/CORPS AFFILIATION

That the national congress consider means of allowing Unit/Corps associations to affiliate with the VVAA.
(Melbourne)

VIC NO 4

LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCE MEDAL

That the National Congress consider the Civilian Surgical Teams in vietnam from the Australian hospitals, be awarded the Logistic support force medal.
(Gippsland/La Trobe Valley)

VIC NO 5

ADVOCACY DATA BASE

That the National Congress consider that the association have an advocacy data base program and that the AVWV TRUST be requested to finance such a welfare tool.
(Geelong)

VIC NO 6

VVAA RESEARCH CENTRE

That those states wishing to create its own information centre for the assistance of claims be permitted to copy any evidence in the files of the VVAA research centre so as to have access for claim presentation so as to avoid the three instances where no response to queries occurred.
(State Executive)

(Secretary's Note) The notice of motion from Victoria were over the signature of Geoff Trevor-Hunt, State Secretary

SA NO 1

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

That the constitution of the National Council of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia be amended or a By-law passed that the National Executive of the National Council of the VVAA, include the Immediate Past President of the National Council as a full voting member of the executive and of the National Council for the ensuing 12 months.

(Secretary's note) SA notice of motion was over the signature of Barry Newman, State Secretary.



National Patron:
Mr J.H. Greenwood OBE

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WA

Mr John Printz OAM
National Secretary
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia
RMB 5040
Via Heyfield
Victoria 3858

Dear Sir

Nomination for National Vice President

At the committee meeting held in March 93 it was moved by the committee to nominate Mr Rob Cox for the position of National Vice President.

This document is to confirm that he is a financial member of the VVAA WA branch inc.

Yours Sincerely

Keith Jones

Keith Jones
State Secretary

*John Sorry about ADDRESS
Change has been NOTED*



VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
VICTORIAN REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN BRANCH

To Whom it may Concern

VIC

RE: FINANCIAL/STATE SUPPORT NATIONAL ELECTIONS

This is confirmation that the following members are currently financial members of the State VVAA of Victoria in their relevant Sub-branches.

Secondly that they have the support of the State Council in their standing for the following National Executive positions.

Geoff Trevor-Hunt

National Secretary
National Treasurer

John Printz.OAM.

National President

Yours sincerely

Richard Culliford
State President



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RESUME

JOHN D PRINTZ.DAM

Introduction

1. This resume is prepared for the Election of National Office bearers of the National Council Inc, of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia for the Year 1993-94.

NAME

John David PRINTZ

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MARITAL STATUS

Married to HELEN, Two Daughters.
One Son.

EMPLOYMENT

Australia Regular Army
Post Master General's Department
Country Roads Board, Victoria
Rural Water Corporation, Victoria

Currently,
VVAA and RSL Advocate to the Veterans
Review Board(Victoria)

VVAA INVOLVEMENT

Committee, inaugural G/LV Sub-branch
President, G/LV Sub-branch
Treasurer, G/LV Sub-branch
State Secretary, Victoria
State Treasurer, Victoria
Delegate, National Council, VVAA
National Secretary, VVAA

REPRESENTATIVE

STATE VVAA
AVWV Trust, Inaugural chairman(Vic)
AV & DSC, Inaugural delegate(Vic)
RSL, Kindred organisation Assoc(Vic)
NUI DAT House, Inaugural Chairman(Vic)
JOBLINK(VIC), Board of Management
RGH Heidleberg, Veterans Treatment
Monitoring committee
DVA JOINT VENTURES Committee
VVAA CRISIS unit
WELFARE/PENSION seminar, Convenor
ADVOCATES seminar, Committee
VVCS Appointment panel(Vic)

NATIONAL VVAA
VVAA National KOC Delegate
VVAA National Health Conf Delegate
VVAA NURO TOXIC working group
VVAA Rehabilitation Committee
VVAA DEBRIEF working group


ELECTION STATEMENT

I have been National Secretary for many years to both Tim McCombe and John Methven through both frustrating and exciting periods. During the last two years I have had much satisfaction in seeing the Association take an upward swing in Ex service circles and this has been borne out time and time again from both Ex service (Including Unit and Corps Associations) and Government departmental areas. Since we stopped the "Baseball Bat" tactics and developed a negotiation stance, this association at National level has never enjoyed such a credibility in the success and reputation stakes before.

Around the States you can see the mirror image where the State Branches have taken the same attitude and approach, the service to veterans and their families in those states are far reaching, sadly (To varying degrees) some who still adopt the old ways.

I see the National Council's task to continue the upward swing and the states then have the choice of joining in the same tangible benefits available, those states that dont take the same aims will take their own path but allow those states to grow that want to. I think ALL state should grow.

I have stood for the National President's position as I have the knowledge and the experience to follow on in John's lead (Perhaps a different personality) but for the GOOD of the Association which translates to the GOOD of the Veteran and his family BUT with the "Golden Principal" upper most.





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VICTORIAN REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN BRANCH

I, Geoffrey F. TREVOR-HUNT, do hereby nominate for the position of NATIONAL SECRETARY of the VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL COUNCIL INCORPORATED. I declare that I am a financial member of the above Association.

Geoffrey F. Trevor-Hunt
.....
(G.F. TREVOR-HUNT J.P.)

24.1.3.1993
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I, Geoffrey F. TREVOR-HUNT, do hereby nominate for the position of NATIONAL TREASURER of the VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL COUNCIL INCORPORATED. I declare that I am a financial member of the above Association.

Geoffrey F. Trevor-Hunt
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(G.F. TREVOR-HUNT J.P.)

24.1.3.1993
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VICTORIAN REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN BRANCH

GEOFFREY F. TREVOR-HUNT

RESUME

- 1959 to 1980 - SERVICE IN AUSTRALIAN REGULAR ARMY, RANK OF WO1 ON DISCHARGE. EX ARMY APPRENTICE
- 19 TO 1985 - OWNED AND CONDUCTED OWN BUSINESSES
- 1986 TO PRESENT - PENSION AND WELFARE WORK FOR VETERANS IN NORTH EAST VICTORIA.
- MARCH 1988 - FOUNDED WANGARATTA AND DISTRICT VIETNAM VETERANS. INAUGURAL PRESIDENT
- 1989 TO PRESENT - SECRETARY OF WANGARATTA AND DISTRICT VIETNAM VETERANS.
- 1990 TO PRESENT - VETERANS ADVOCATE TO VETERANS REVIEW BOARD
- NOV 1991 - VICTORIAN STATE VICE PRESIDENT (COUNTRY)
- MAY 1992 - DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONGRESS (LAUNCESTON)
- NOV 1992 - VICTORIAN STATE SECRETARY

Also President North East and Border TPI Social Club for Four Years (the first Vietnam Veteran to hold such a position) and President of the Wangaratta Branch of the Legion of Ex Service Men and Women for Four Years, currently Vice President and Pension/Welfare Advisor (resigned Presidency due to vietnam veteran ASSN commitments)

Geoffrey F. Trevor-Hunt J.P.



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Mr. J.H. Greenwood OBE

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NSW

John Printz
National Secretary
Vietnam Veterans Association

Dear John.,

I wish to nominate for the following positions on the National Executive

- (a) National President
- (b) Senior Vice-President

My submission in support of my nominations will follow in the next couple of weeks. I am currently doing the Associations submission concerning the Auditor General Report which is consuming most of my time at present.

Tim McCombe

Tim McCombe
NSW State President
National Senior Vice President
19th March 1993



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22 March 1993.

Mr. J Printz.
V.V.A.A.
National Secretary.
RMB 5040 Via Heyfield,
Victoria. 3858.

Dear John,

I wish to stand for the position of Secretary on the National Executive of the V.V.A.A. My resume and reasons will follow at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Fulton
Secretary
V.V.A.A.
N.S.W. Branch Inc.

P.S. The V.V.A.A. N.S.W. Branch Inc. Committee has endorsed my nomination to stand for National Secretary at the Committee Meeting Friday 12 March 1993.

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25 March 1993

Mr John Printz OAM
National Secretary
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia
1 Piton Crt
SALE VIC 3850

(Fax: (051) 441489)

Dear John,

I refer to my letter dated 19 March 1993, I now advise my nomination for the position of National Secretary for the National Executive of the V.V.A.A.

I now wish to register with you my nomination for three positions for the National Executive of the V.V.A.A. to be voted on at the forthcoming National Congress.

Full Name: Sheldon Mitchell Maher OAM
Date of Birth: 19 September 1947
N.S.W. V.V.A.A. Membership Number 1993/3040

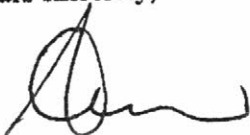
Positions: **National Vice President**
 National Secretary
 National Treasurer

My nominations have been supported by the N.S.W. V.V.A.A.-. Branch Committee and formal endorsement will be forwarded to you shortly.

If you should need any further information on this matter please feel free to phone me on (066) 244486.

With Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,



Sheldon Maher OAM J.P.

c.c. Mr Ray Fulton Secretary N.S.W. Branch V.V.A.A.

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KANAHOOKA 2530
Ph (042) 617 930

7/3/93

The Secretary,
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia
National Council Inc.
1 Picton Crt,
SALE Vic 3850

Dear John,

Please accept this letter as my nomination for the position of National Treasurer of the V.V.A.A. for the forthcoming National Congress.

I have enclosed a resume of my work history and of my time within the Association. Also enclosed is a certificate from my sub-branch Secretary certifying as to my financial status.

I have written to my State Branch Committee seeking their endorsement of my nomination. I will forward their reply in due course.

Yours Faithfully,


Nev Varley.

51 TAIT AVE,
KANAHOOKA 2530
Ph (042) 617 930

7/3/93

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Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia
National Council Inc.
1 Picton Crt,
SALE Vic 3850

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Yours Faithfully,


Nev Varley.

NAME:

NEVILLE VARLEY.

ADDRESS:

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PHONE DETAILS:

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(042) 622 102 (fax).

MARITAL STATUS:

MARRIED TO LURLENE SINCE 1969
THREE SONS 19 17 & 14 ALL
STUDENTS.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Worked for 21 years with the
NSW Public Service. Retired at
the end of 1991. At retirement
held the the position of
Admin. Officer Valuer Generals
Dept. Illawarra Region.

Currently receiving TPI
Pension.

INVOLVEMENT WITH V.V.A.A.:

Joined the Association in 1980
and maintained membership
since then. I have held
position of Secretary and
President of Illawarra sub-
branch. Position of Secretary
NSW Branch for short
period, Committee member from
1987 to Jan 1991; Re-elected
to NSW Branch Committee at
1992 AGM. Appointed to NSW
Regional Committee for AVWVT
Ltd, elected inaugural



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT Mr N. VARLEY IS A FINANCIAL
MEMBER OF THIS SUB-BRANCH FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1st
JANUARY 1993 TO 31st DECEMBER 1993.

Yours Faithfully,

P. Bowmaker

PAM BOWMAKER
SECRETARY TREASURER.