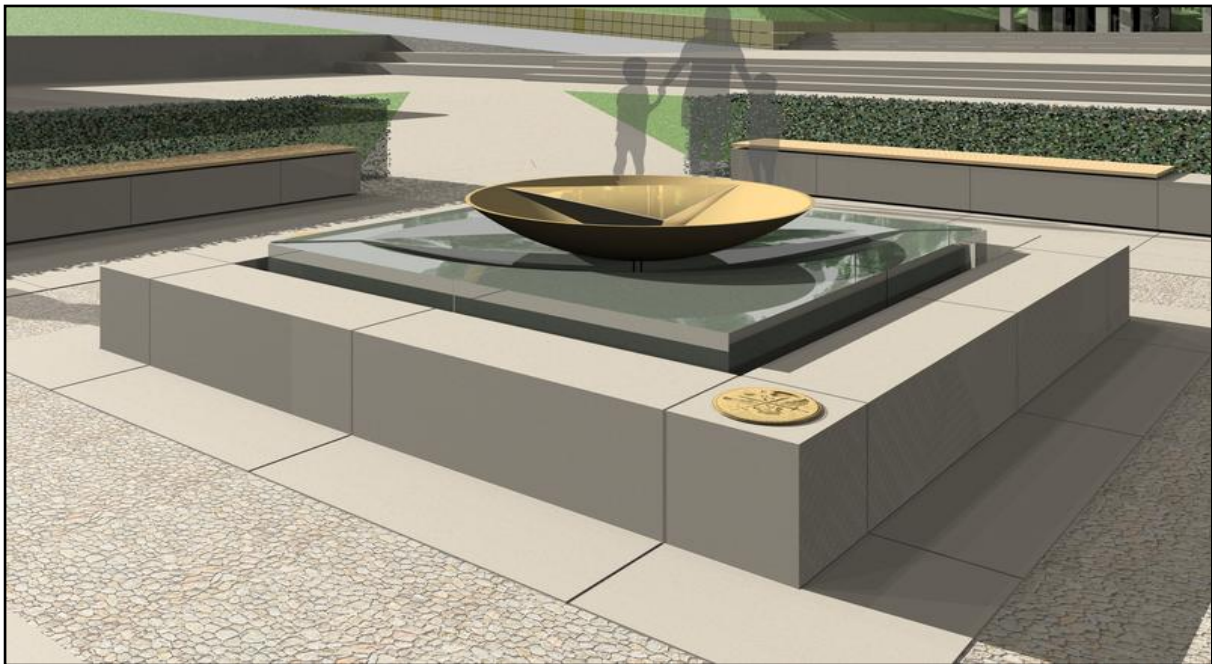


# THE NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

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### **NATIONAL SERVICE MEMORIAL APPROVED**



**The National councils of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia and the Australian War Memorial have approved the initial concept for the National Service Memorial in the War Memorial's grounds in Canberra.**

The AWM has allocated a prime site at the right hand side of its main entrance.

The NSAA has the funds in hand to begin construction of the fountain, probably late next year, for a dedication expected in 2010.

### **SYMBOLS OF SERVICE**

**The concept is being circulated to each State Branch and every sub-branch around Australia for approval. The National Council resolved that it be tabled at sub-branch meetings and a vote taken. The results are to be returned to the National Secretary by mid December.**

The National Service Memorial will honour the 212 National Servicemen who died on active service in Borneo and Vietnam. The story of National Service from 1951 to 1972 will be told on plaques near the seats around the Memorial.

The sandstone plinth, 4 metres square, represents the Army; the water in the large bronze bowl, the Navy and the sky reflected in the black polished granite the Air Force. The Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal will be reproduced on the corner closest to the Australian War Memorial and the services badges of the Navy, Army and Air Force on the other sides.

Our Memorial, designed by one of Australia's foremost architects, Richard Johnson, will be set in its own paved square, bordered by seating and ornamental box hedges. The top of the bowl will be at the chest height of a sitting person. The fountain will use recycled water, but is designed to stand alone should the drought make this necessary.

*Earle Jennings AM RFD ED*  
**National President**

## NATIONAL ART UNION

The NSAA will hold a National Art Union to complete fund-raising for the National Service Memorial and for the dedication service and commemorative dinner expected in 2010. This will enable National Servicemen around Australia to contribute to the Memorial. The Art Union will be organised by the Queensland Branch. Sub-branches and members will receive application forms for books of five tickets costing \$2 each. Prizes will be any combination of set items.

The Australian Government and prominent businessman, Kerry Stokes, of Channel 7, have donated \$150,000 each, together with donations from State Governments, Local Authorities, RSL sub-branches and NSAA sub-branches Australia-wide.

## BARRY VICARY MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP



Douglas Black, Chairman of the National Fund-Raising and Victorian State President, was honoured with the inaugural Barry Vicary Memorial Fellowship at the National Council in Canberra on 27 September. Douglas (at right, with National President, Earle Jennings) put forward the idea for a National Memorial and then proceeded to raise the funds for it in only 18 months.

## YOUR NATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the National Council and State Delegates met in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial on 27 September for the Annual General Meeting of the National Council.



Standing (L to R): Ivan Johnston (TAS); Douglas Black (VIC); Roy Payne (TAS); Barry Presgrave OAM (SA); Alex Garlin (QLD); Colin Bell (QLD); Des Casey (WA); Brian Prangnell (WA); Graham Wilson (SA); Neil Arena (NSW); Tony Sullivan (NSW).  
Seated (L to R): Media Officer, Allan Callaghan (QLD); President, Earle Jennings AM RFD ED (QLD); Vice President, Bill Dabner RFD ED (TAS); Treasurer, Eric Beutel (QLD); Secretary, Noel Moulder (NSW); Vern Delaney (VIC).