

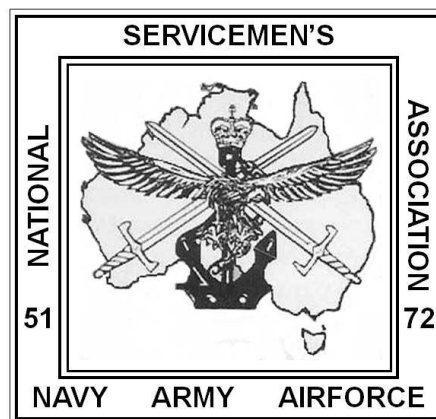
**The National  
Servicemen's  
Association of  
Australia Inc**

Tuesday, 9 September

**2014**

*General Meeting  
of the National Council  
held in Canberra, ACT*

**Minutes**



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## **1. OPENING OF MEETING**

- 1.1 The National President, Mr Earle Jennings welcomed delegates, observers and guests and acknowledge the presence of Mr Ian Davenport from Malay Borneo Vets Association.

## **2. OBSERVANCE**

- 2.1 National Ode of Remembrance (Vice President) with one minute's silence.

## **3. GUEST SPEAKER**

- 3.1 The Chairman introduced guest speaker, BRIG CG Appleton CSC Retired, Director Australian War Graves and outlined a profile and background.
- 3.2 BRIG Appleton expressed his pleasure at being invited to address the National Council; he made the following points.
- 3.2.1 Recorded on the AWM Honour Roll are 103,000 names killed in action as well as 315,000 who died as a result of war service.
- 3.2.2 The Centenary of WWI is the current focus of the War Graves Office.
- 3.2.3 Over 10,700 Australian Service personnel who died in France have no known or named grave. An interpretive centre is to be built on the Western Front to Honour their service. With a plan to open the centre in April 2018.
- 3.2.4 There is a proposal for a National War Cemetery to compliment the AWM in Canberra. A discussion paper will be released by the DVA seeking feedback relative to four questions:
1. Do we need a cemetery for significant ex servicemen?
  2. Who would be eligible for interment?
  3. How would the interred be selected; and
  4. Who would select those for interment?
- To date, there are mixed feelings on the idea.
- 3.2.5 The Australian War Graves maintain 72 War Cemeteries across Australia. Most Australian families desire their deceased ex service relatives to be buried in the home town / region.
- 3.2.6 An Australian War Memorial to be built in New Zealand.
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- 3.2.7 Upgrading of memorials in Fromelles and Villers Bretonneux.
- 3.2.8 A Vietnam Veterans Education Centre in Washington as a joint venture between Australia and the US commemorating those Australians killed in action opening proposed in 2019.
- 3.3 Vice President, Bill Dabner thanked BRIG Appleton for his address and complimented him on his efforts with the War Graves Office.

## 4. ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 Present

- 4.1.1 The Chairman requested that recording of the meeting be done only with the approval of Council members. The Chairman acknowledged those present as per the Attendance Register. No apologies.

### 4.2 Proxies

- 4.2.1 The Secretary tabled proxies. F Boisset for N Mallard, NSW. K Pages-Olive for S Fairbairn, WA. B Phillips for B Presgrave, SA.

- 4.3 **Motion:** *That the proxy appointments and new delegates be accepted.*

**Moved:** J Thorne (SA) **Seconded:** T Stevenson (QLD) **Motion Carried.**

## 5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 2014

- 5.1 Amend F Miller initial requested.

- 5.2 **Motion:** *That the minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 13 March 2014 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

**Moved:** N Moulder (SEC) **Seconded:** R McIvor (VIC) **Motion Carried**

## 5.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes of March 2014

- 5.3.1 Contact with ACNC re. ex NSW to be followed up.
- 5.3.2 After discussion, agreed to continue with application to Governor General as Association Patron.
- 5.3.3 After update on current Doughty situation, it was agreed to contact relevant NSW Minister re. lack of action by Law Society.
- 5.3.4 Corporate Governance obligation discussed re. minutes. Meeting agreed draft minutes be posted on the website.
- 5.3.5 The Treasurer advised of the selection of an auditor. Motion to be put later in the meeting.
- 5.3.6 QLD request for New Guinea NASHO teachers recognition was discussed. Matter will be taken up with relevant Minister.
- 5.3.7 VIC request for naming of a naval vessel "NASHO SPIRIT". Secretary to investigate procedure for naming ships.
- 5.3.8 Request for directional signage at National Service Memorial AWM. President to follow up with Director, Brendan Nelson.

## 6. ACCEPTANCE OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2014

- 6.1 **Motion:** *That the Record of Proceedings of the Executive Meeting held 7 February 2014 as circulated be taken as read and accepted as correct.*

**Moved:** C Adams (Treas.)      **Seconded:** W Dabner (V/Pres.)      **Motion Carried**

## 6.2 Matters Arising

- 6.2.1 The Chairman advised members of correspondence with the DVA and subsequent meeting re. campaign for recognition of smoking during training.
- 6.2.2 The Secretary drew attention to Vietnam Veterans' Family Health Studies agreed to provide information.
- 6.2.3 The Chairman spoke on support for Richard Barry in his quest to have qualifying period in Vietnam for South Vietnam Service Medal reduced from 181 days to 90 days.

- 6.2.4 Veterans' Indemnity Training Association (VITA) re. insurance policy to be raised in correspondence segment.
- 6.2.5 Motion relating to cash float was discussed and agreed.
- 6.2.6 It was noted that the flag, pole and finial from the memorial dedication were located in Victoria. It was agreed they be relocated and stored with the AWM in Canberra. Mr McIvor to follow up present location. Mr Callaghan to contact the AWM.
- 6.2.7 A President's Bulletin will be issued following this meeting and after the Deed of Settlement with ex NSW has been concluded.
- 6.2.8 The chairman advised that after the ABC television item on National Service, an email explaining our actions had been circulated to all Branches.
- 6.2.9 Details of figurine sales were discussed to date over 330 have been sold and commission received by the Association.
- 6.2.10 In response to a query re. ex NSW Branch debt to the Association, the Chairman advised it will be pursued after Deed of Settlement conclusion.
- 6.2.11 The current use of the name being used by ex NSW Branch was questioned. Members were advised of continued contact with NSW Fair Trading this matter will be followed up.
- 6.2.12 Re. letter of complaint from Mr Watson of Shepparton Sub-Branch. Mr McIvor (VIC) updated members re. his meeting with the complainant.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 The Secretary distributed register of correspondence and sought requests on items registered.
- 7.2 The following letters were tabled and discussed.
  - i. From NSW Fair Trading Dept re. ex NSW name registration;
  - ii. From Richard Barry re. correspondence with various Ministers and submission to Honours & Awards Tribunal re. reduction to 90 days to qualify for Republic of Vietnam campaign medal;
  - iii. Response letter from Governor General re. second era NASHOs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
  - iv. From Toowoomba Branch re. book on National Service;
  - v. From CEO of Vietnam Veterans' Museum re. 2015 Conference;

- vi. From VITA re. confirmation of policy for insurance cover for Welfare Officers;
- vii. From Melbourne Legacy re. confirmation of VIC State President and National President;
- viii. From National Kindred Organisation Committee (KOC) re. motion to dissolve National KOC.
- ix. From CEO of Vietnam Veterans' Museum re. termination of his contract in November 2014.

## **8. ADDRESS BY IAN DAVENPORT**

- 8.1 Mr Davenport is the National President of the Malay Borneo Veteran's Association. He is a NASHO from the first intake, second era and served in Malaya. Although not solely a National Service Association, many members are NASHOs and two NASHOs were killed in Borneo. He has recommended to his National committee that they form an affiliation with the National Servicemen's Association of Australia.

## **9. UPDATE ON NASHO SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

- 9.1 Mr Brandy circulated a report on the current situation of the project. The following points were covered.
  - 9.1.1 The committee have consolidated information and guidance into a plan.
  - 9.1.2 On advice they have consulted with a legal entity specialising in the establishment and running of Not for Profit organisations.
  - 9.1.3 The structure, activities and results must withstand close scrutiny.
  - 9.1.4 Communication is a vital element. These communications can be best managed by a website.
  - 9.1.5 Each of these legal and media elements will be sourced from professional providers.
  - 9.1.6 The project will require NSAA and broader community support to succeed.
  - 9.1.7 It has been difficult over several years to get acceptance from NSAA membership.
  - 9.1.8 In order for the Trust to progress, he called upon the NSAA through the National Council to consider underwriting establishment costs. It is established legal costs in the order of \$6,000 and website design up to \$6,000.

- 9.2 Mr Brandy posed the question – Do we pursue the concept, and if so, will NSAA support it? If not, we take the idea off the table. To allow for detailed discussion on the matter, Mr Brandy volunteered to absent himself from the room.
- 9.3 The Chairman advised of his support for the project and would raise funds from his own Sub-Branch. It was suggested that an amount of \$1,000 per State and Member Association could be raised in the short term. After considerable debate, the following motion was moved:
- 9.3.1 **Motion:** *That the National Council members endorse the establishment of a Scholarship Trust and will encourage their members to support the project financially and in principle.*
- Moved:** R McIvor (VIC)      **Seconded:** J Thorne (SA.)      **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- 9.4 Mr Brandy returned to be the meeting and thanked members for their support and further advised.
- 9.4.1 Will require an initial capital base in the order of \$1.5m to \$2m to become operational.
- 9.4.2 Scholarship values would vary from \$20,000 to \$50,000 annually.
- 9.4.3 Proposal endorsed by AMA and Australian Military Medical Association.
- 9.4.4 Proposal may include scholarship for undergraduate degree students in addition to post graduates.
- 9.4.5 Debate re. name of trust to include the words “National Service” or “National Servicemen”. The matter has been left open at this stage.

## 10. MATTERS RELATING TO FEDERAL COURT PROCEEDINGS

- 10.1 The Chairman reminded members that they should already be aware of details of the writ and pending court action. Currently, we have been advised the solicitor for ex NSW (the applicant) Mr Doughty being ill and another solicitor appointed. He has studied the application to the court and will apply for the case to be discontinued.
- 10.2 A Deed of Settlement has been prepared and this will be signed by the eleven co-respondents. This deed binds the co-respondents only. The Chairman spoke of the personal emotional and health cost to himself and his family over several years and he will now treat any further actions by the ex NSW group by placing them in the bin.



- 10.3 Concern was expressed that the saga had damaged the Association and that this entire saga had been an orchestrated affair to discredit the National Association Council. Mr Callaghan, PR & Media Officer assured members that in his contact with media, authorities, Ministers and Government Departments, many are aware of the attempt to discredit, but still hold the Association in the highest regard.

## **11. NASHO SECOND ERA COMMEMORATION 2015**

- 11.1 Mr Frank Miller (O.T.U) advised of the following:
- 11.2 Date confirmed as 30 June 2015. This is acceptable to the AWM. Discussions have commenced with AWM staff.
- 11.3 A street march is proposed. At this stage, numbers cannot be estimated. To avoid road closures, it is preferable to stay within the War Memorial grounds.
- 11.4 A promotional flyer/brochure will be produced and mailed to all ESOs and National Service Sub-Branches.
- 11.5 The DVA will be approached for a grant and a sponsor sought. The Military Shop was suggested.
- 11.6 The Seven Network and ABC will be approached for promotion and coverage on the day, when all details are firmed up.

## **12. MEMORIAL WALKWAY**

- 12.1 Details were provided by G Hand (ACT).
- 12.1.1 The ACT Authority suggested we find a location. The old Arboretum had been identified as a suitable site. On submission, the request was rejected on the basis of not meeting guidelines in that a memorial already existed at the AWM. The next course of action is to approach the ACT Government who have different land responsibilities.
- 12.1.2 Mr Hand reminded members that once a location has been approved, the matter of design, either pathway or wall or combination, has to be considered as well as the ongoing upkeep and maintenance.

## **13. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

### **13.1 National President**

- 13.1.1 Presented by E Jennings and copies issued. The following points emphasised.
- 13.1.2 Court proceedings relating to the use of the National Service trademark/logo and the eventual application by ex NSW to discontinue proceeding;
- 13.1.3 Ex NSW members continue to use the trademark/logo in defiance of QLD Branch (owners of the logo) instruction to cease using or displaying the logo;
- 13.1.4 Planning is well under way for the 50th Anniversary of Second Era National Service to be held on Tuesday, 30 June 2015 in Canberra;
- 13.1.5 The National Council is now on a proper funding basis with the recovery of funds owed and the payment of outstanding debts, thanks to the work of Treasurer, Carl Adams. Additionally, the outstanding debt of the ex NSW Branch will be pursued;
- 13.1.6 A revised publication of the Dedication book has been published and will be issued to appropriate organisations;
- 13.1.7 The matter of smoking during National Service due to the issue of cigarettes and resulting health problems is being taken up with the DVA; and
- 13.1.8 The future of the Association and communication stand out as being two matters that will be addressed in the immediate future.

### **13.2 National Secretary**

- 13.2.1 Presented by N Moulder; copies distributed to all members.
- 13.2.2 For the report period March to September 2014, correspondence register distributed. Analysis shows 71% received by email, 19% relating to Federal Court action, and 13% were requests for information.
- 13.2.3 The Secretary attended all scheduled meetings and prepared documents.
- 13.2.4 The Association Seal was not used during the reporting period.
- 13.2.5 The website is being upgraded. Most enquiries come from viewing of website.

## **13.3 National Treasurer**

13.3.1 Presented by Carl Adams; copies distributed to all members.

13.3.2 The following documents were tabled covering 7 months ending 31 July 2014.

- i. Statement of Financial Performance;
- ii. Statement of Financial Position;
- iii. Summary of Income and Expenditure;
- iv. Plant and Equipment Register; and
- v. Budget Review.

Each document was reviewed and discussed in detail.

13.3.3 The Treasurer spoke of his contact with the ATO and tabled tax documents relating to a Registered Charity.

- i. Endorsement for Charity Tax Concessions; and
- ii. Public Ancillary Fund Guidelines.

13.3.4 Matters relating to the benefits available as a Registered Charity were discussed in detail. This matter to be covered at the March 2015 Council Meeting.

## **13.4 National Media Officer**

13.4.1 Mr Callaghan advised members of the update of the Memorial Dedication booklet. The missing photos of five NASHOs have been located and all 212 now show a photograph. Finalising the booklet came after five years of detective work. It included updates of some details and additions to others. As well, the revised edition includes an appendix showing the location of graves or interment sites of all 212.

13.4.2 The Media Officer issued each State and Member Association with a copy plus a disc which will allow them to place details on their websites and have a permanent record.

13.4.3 Books and discs will be sent to the Federal and State Parliamentary Libraries, major news organisations, Federal and State Departments, selected National ex Service Organisations and to those families that can be found.

13.4.4 This has been made possible by the support from the O.T.U Association, Brisbane East Brisbane North and Rockhampton Sub-Branched. They were thanked on behalf of the National Council.

13.5 The Chairman requested State Reports be distributed and taken as read.

## **13.6 Australian Capital Territory Report**

- 13.6.1 The report contained a fitting tribute to Tony Sullivan, long term Association member and Inaugural Sub-Branch President who passed away on 10 June 2014.
- 13.6.2 The Branch attends all AWM ceremonies representing the Association.
- 13.6.3 Fundraising continues and the Branch is in a sound financial position.
- 13.6.4 Insurance is a major expense and alternative cover is being sought.

## **13.7 New South Wales Division Report**

- 13.7.1 Copies issued to members. Mr Mallard reported a very positive six months since the Adelaide meeting. He advised the first Division AGM will be held on 14 September 2014. All Executive positions have been filled with only one nomination for each, therefore there was no requirement for a postal vote. As most Sub-Branches are regional, the Division will be controlled by email and teleconferencing with Sub-Branches encouraged to run themselves with Divisional Executives being a contact point.
- 13.7.2 There has recently been a surge of new members, but sadly, the Macleay Valley (Kempsey) Sub-Branch has closed due to no candidates for Executive positions. It is anticipated a new President will guide the Division to new heights.

## **13.8 Northern Territory Report**

- 13.8.1 The report gave details of the Centenary of ANZAC Memorial Walk in Darwin with signage, Memorial Garden and landscaping to be completed. It is expected to be opened in February 2015. A formal invitation was extended to the President to attend. Other members of the Association would also be welcome.
- 13.8.2 The AGM was held in June 2014 with all key Executive positions filled.
- 13.8.3 Sales of merchandise continue to be a good source of income, averaging between \$400 and \$600 per week.
- 13.8.4 Concern was expressed that the Branch struggles to attract new members and a strategy needs to be found to boost membership.
- 13.8.5 The NT Branch posed the following questions: "What is the National mood? Is there a succession plan by any Branch? Do we want succession given that National Service is no more? Do we seek to now cement our legacy to the Nation and prepare for an ordinary wind up?"

## **13.9 O.T.U Association Report**

- 13.9.1 Mr Frank Miller covered a number of developments and events within the report.
- 13.9.2 Scheyvillians marched behind their banner on ANZAC day in Brisbane, Perth, Sydney and Melbourne. The annual Victorian Dinner in May attracted over 110 Scheyvillians.
- 13.9.3 The O.T.U National Council met at Toorak in May with members from each State and Territory. Their enthusiasm remains similar and strong. Recognising a finite time span for the Association one goal remains strong "Lets keep the blokes together".
- 13.9.4 Membership continues to remain steady.
- 13.9.5 The Ninth Annual Geddes Dinner was held in August recognising BRIG Ian Geddes, the founding Commandant of Scheyville.
- 13.9.6 The Association continues sponsorships of Youth Development in different States.

## **13.10 Queensland State Report**

- 13.10.1 Report was submitted by Mr Alex Garlin, QLD Branch President. The following points were covered.
- 13.10.2 New membership continues with losses to Father Time being evened out.
- 13.10.3 The Statement Management Committee conducted two services at the Wacol Chapel with Sub-Branches also conducting services.
- 13.10.4 Plans are under discussion for rebuilding the Museum at Wacol.
- 13.10.5 Many functions were attended in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.
- 13.10.6 One significant function at Parliament House was the unveiling of the ANZAC Hundred Year celebration.
- 13.10.7 The QLD Governor and other dignitaries attended the Commemoration at Wacol by PNGVR of the First Engagement of Australian Troops of the First World War.

## **13.11 South Australia State Report**

- 13.11.1 Copies distributed to all members.
  - 13.11.2 Mr John Thorne, Branch President, reported that the Branch continues to be very active. Over 200 members participated in the Adelaide ANZAC Day march. At a following luncheon, two members were presented with Life Membership.
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- 13.11.3 The Branch remains at over 1000 members.
- 13.11.4 The well attended Friday Get-Togethers continue.
- 13.11.5 Two State Council meetings and one General meeting have been conducted this year. The General meeting voted unanimously to purchase a defibrillator.
- 13.11.6 The State President was invited to attend the State RSL Conference as the Association is well recognised by the Conference.
- 13.11.7 A service on National Service Day as Tanunda RSL was organised by second era NASHOs and the National Service State President gave the address. This resulted in 85 expressions of interest in the Association. This may lead to a new Sub-Branch in the Barossa Valley.
- 13.11.8 Many functions have been attended, one of which was an ANZAC service conducted by the Salvation Army in Adelaide.
- 13.11.9 The SA NASHO News remains the best form of communication.

## **13.12 Tasmania State Report**

- 13.12.1 Report submitted by R Payne, Tasmanian State President.
- 13.12.2 Advice of the State AGM in March with Mr Payne re-elected; Mr Lyons as Vice President and both Treasurer and Secretary re-elected.
- 13.12.3 All Sub-Branched doing well with two celebrating their 15 years.
- 13.12.4 The President attended an aboriginal community Flag Raising Ceremony to honour those aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have served in the defence of the country, including aboriginal National Servicemen.
- 13.12.5 The President of the Hobart Sub-branch was honoured to officiate at a civic Commemoration to mark the start of WWI.
- 13.12.6 The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Servicemen's Day in Tasmania will be celebrated at Longford in 2015.

## **13.13 Victoria State Report**

- 13.13.1 Report compiled by Bob McIvor, Victorian State President.
  - 13.13.2 It included advice that the Victoria State Branch is now located at Waverley RSL, a modern building with excellent facilities and good public transport access.
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- 13.13.3 The annual State NASHO Toy Drive has just been completed with over 40,000 toys being donated to the Salvation Army.
- 13.13.4 A long term and respected association member, Mr Don Earl has passed on. Among many things, he was credited with the motto "Service to the Nation".
- 13.13.5 The Victorian Treasurer has successfully obtained GST refunds for Victoria and finances are now in a strong position. Legal action is being considered for those responsible for the demise of the Branch finances.

## **13.14 Western Australia State Report**

- 13.14.1 Mr Ray Palmer submitted a report which covered the following:
- 13.14.2 National Servicemen were recognised on ANZAC Day by inviting the State President to view the parade from the RSL VIP enclosure. This has not occurred before.
- 13.14.3 The State Branch was invited to attend American commemorations and lay a wreath on American Veterans' Day.
- 13.14.4 Fremantle Sub-Branch plans to place a plaque on Monument Hill.
- 13.14.5 The ANZAC Centenary Re-Enactment at Albany will be attended by a contingent of NASHOs.
- 13.14.6 Many social events remain high on the calendar of WA NASHOs.
- 13.15 **Motion:** *That all reports as presented and circulated be received.*  
**Moved:** N Moulder (SEC)      **Seconded:** R McIvor (VIC)      **Motion Carried**

## **14. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

- 14.1 Request from Tasmania that State reports be presented in alphabetical order.
- 14.2 Considerable discussion with Treasurer re Registered Charity status. Chairman request to be placed as an agenda item at the March 2015 meeting.

## **15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **15.1 Motions from the Floor**

- 15.1.1 Discussion re. the area surrounding the National Service Memorial being used for other purposes. After debate, the following motion was raised:
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15.1.2 **Motion:** *That the National Council write to the AWM and seek to declare the immediate area surrounding the memorial to include the grass as the Memorial Precinct.*

**Moved:** A Callaghan (Media) **Seconded:** T Stevenson (QLD) **Motion Carried**

15.1.3 The Treasurer provided details of a pending Auditor, Gregory Pike from Collins Pike Public Accountants.

15.1.4 **Motion:** *That Gregory Pike from Collins Pike be appointed Honorary Association Auditor.*

**Moved:** C Adams (Treas.) **Seconded:** G Hand (ACT) **Motion Carried**

## 16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Mr Colin Shapland (NSW) expressed concern that the existence of the ex NSW Branch was retarding the efforts of the new Division to get going and that some action should be taken to allow the new Division to promote themselves as the true representatives of the Association.

16.1.1 He advised he had been in contact with the Dept of Fair Trading NSW and advised them of certain facts about ex NSW. Their response was to put it in writing.

16.1.2 The Chairman responded by reminding that the NSW Division has full authority to take whatever action is necessary through Fair Trading including objecting to the current name used by ex NSW and any action, providing it is proper would be supported by the National Council. Authorities and ex Service Organisations will be circulated advising of the new Division representing the Association. He said in our book, the ex expelled Branch no longer existed.

16.1.3 Mr Bob McIvor (VIC) expressed, on behalf of Victorian members, their frustration at the ongoing saga of ex NSW and requested we get on with positive actions and ignore the expelled Branch, giving full support to the new NSW Division. He also advised of the amount of unaccounted funds from Victorian finances and spoke of pending court action.

16.2 Mr Tony Stevenson (QLD) addressed the meeting re. his dissatisfaction at not being included in the President's meeting on Monday evening. He believed that all delegates should have been involved. He pointed out the idea of a think-tank was good, but should have involved all people and an agenda should have been issued. He had been instructed as a delegate to attend every meeting of the Association.

16.2.1 The Chairman responded by advising the meeting had been an impromptu event called at short notice to seek the views of the most senior people in the Association – Presidents only. As no State President from QLD was in attendance, Mr Freier

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attended. No agenda was prepared because it was an informal meeting with no subject content. He did advise that a bigger meeting may be considered in the future.

- 16.2.2 Mr Lane (NT) took the floor and explained the meeting content and outcome. Mr Stevenson, not convinced with the response and reasons continued to protest and advised he will report his exclusion to his State President.
- 16.2.3 Mr Callaghan responded and asked if Mr Stevenson was aware that his President had advocated a Presidents only National Council. Mr Jennings added “and it is in writing”. Mr Stevenson answered he was not aware.
- 16.2.4 The Secretary spoke of nothing sinister about such a meeting; it’s considered good management practice for a chief executive to call a small impromptu meeting of senior managers to seek their advice.
- 16.2.5 Mr McIvor (VIC) applauded the special meeting. Mr McLeod (VIC) asked was QLD represented. When told the State Treasurer attended, he replied “then what’s the big deal?”
- 16.3 Mr Payne (TAS) spoke of the accommodation and travel register and its detail and requested we keep it going.
- 16.4 Mr Bill Dabner made an announcement that after 12 years on the Executive, he will not be seeking re-election for any position in 2015. He requested that his position be filled by a nomination from the younger generation of NASHOs. The Chairman thanked Bill for his support.
- 16.5 Mr G Hand (ACT) paid a tribute to Mr Tony Sullivan who passed away in June. The Chairman supported Mr Hand’s comments and had corresponded with Mrs Sullivan.
- 16.6 Mr Neal Freier tabled a book on NASHOs being promoted by Toowoomba. He recommended it as a good read.

## **17. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

- 17.1 Proposal from Tasmania for March 2015 meeting to be held in Devonport. After discussion, it was agreed Thursday, 12 March in Devonport, Tasmania.

## **18. MEETING CLOSURE**

- 18.1 With no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5:00pm.