

The National
Servicemen's
Association of
Australia Inc.

Thursday, 6th March

2025

Annual General
Meeting of the
National Council held
in Canberra, A.C.T.

Minutes



1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 The National President and Chairman welcomed delegates. There were no observers or guests.

2. OBSERVANCE

2.1 Ode of Remembrance was recited by President Ron Brandy and one minute silence was observed.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 Apologies: VP Noel Moulder, Treasurer Richard Tregear, Bob McIvor (Vic), Jim Duquemin (WA), Stuart Fairbairn (WA), Mike Lane (NT).

3.2 The WA delegates had nominated SA to exercise proxy votes of their behalf.

3.3 The Chairman acknowledged those present, accepted apologies, accepted and recorded proxy appointments. The attendance register is attached as Annex 1.

3.4 Motion: To accept attendance, apologies and proxy appointments.

Moved: Tony Stevenson Qld Seconded: Peter Kemp Vic Dissent Nil Outcome Carried

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7th MARCH 2024

4.1 Receipt of any amendments: There were none.

4.2 Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held Thursday 7th March 2024 as circulated, as attached to the agenda and as may have been amended, be taken as read and accepted

Moved: Jeff Gray Tas Seconded: Tony Stevenson Qld Dissent: Nil Outcome: Carried

5. REPORTS from 2024 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS and DELEGATES (as copied from the agenda)

These reports which were embedded in the agenda are replicated in these minutes so that they are included in the annual submission to satisfy the requirements of the South Australian Corporate Affairs Commission (because the NSAA is incorporated in S.A.).

5.1 Executive Reports:

5.1.1 National President Ron Brandy

NSAA NATIONAL PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE NSAA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE AND NATIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL AND GENERAL MEETING- 6 MARCH 2025

Members of the NSAA National Executive and Delegates, welcome to our March 2025 General and Annual general meeting. Your individual and collective presence is both welcome and appreciated.

As you are aware, decisions taken in 2024 regarding the association's future, and further refinement of our post 1 January 2027 structure and presence as a national organisation, is a primary consideration for this meeting, and no doubt future meetings.

Your input to these deliberations is critical and I welcome the collective wisdom of this council as we debate and agree the best outcomes for our members, now and into the future.

Issues facing the NSAA

Longevity and capabilities of the NSAA.

The ongoing ability of the association nationally hinges on our capacity to manage what has been implemented sustainably in all measures, physical, financial, operational. These elements fall to those willing and able to participate beyond 31 December 2026.

I am exceedingly grateful to all NSAA delegates present our NSAA September 2024 General Meeting for the good will expressed in the debate on options to be considered for our association's future. Remembering that the primary aim of the reformation initiative being to provide Nashos with a focal point to continue a connection with others, foster camaraderie, and offer National representation which in turns offer national recognition, beyond 2026.

Option (1), to 'Reform as an Individual Nation-Wide Member Organisation with a National Management Team' was unanimously endorsed with the request to delegates to canvas support at state and territory level and report the responses to the Secretary by 31 December 2024.

Sustaining a NSAA National Presence – Progress Report

Our ongoing challenge is to now fully work up a sustainable plan to deliver what Option (1) offers, Individual State and Territory based representation and communication to and from NSAA National.

It is fair, reasonable, and important that individual ordinary members have a means to channel information and queries to the National body without the need for formal committee level management, if that is the wishes of the individual membership. To achieve this, it is important that inputs to the proposed National newsletters be filtered through local focal points i.e. a member or small group of members willing to act voluntarily as a conduit between member groups and the National body.

Equally, we need to determine what level of higher level of state and territory 'top cover' is desirable to assure members that they have an experienced person able to represent them to either NSAA National, or Government, via the National team.

In this context the National Executive offers the suggestion that, where possible, states and territories retain their current Patron in that role. In doing so members should feel well served by these eminent persons that could act for them/us should it be necessary and be able to jointly provide oversight across the organisation, in the members interests.

I will be requesting our National Patron and AWM Director Mr Matt Anderson PSM to be the National oversight group convenor should this proposal be agreed. In that context, I invited Mr Anderson to our March 2025 meeting to allow him to air his thoughts on these matters. Regrettably Matt is unable to attend as he is chairing the AWM Council Meeting on the same day as our General and Annual General Meeting.

However, Matt has been kept fully informed of the proposed structural changes to the association post 2026 and has the same proposal documentation as delegates that was sent of 24 February 2025.

Projects

NSAA Archives – Vice President Noel Moulder and I have plans in place to meet in Brisbane (Wacol) in March following the AGM and GM to finalise the sorting of files, collate, box, and record the material for the National Library of Australia (NLA). We remain grateful to the QLD Branch for their cooperation and goodwill in providing storage for the records collocated there.

Noel will by then have prepared the material he has been working on in NSW for collection and deposit at the NLA.

AWM Sponsored NSAA Commemorations and DVA Grants. NSAA National Vice President Noel Moulder maintains contact with both organisations and will update the Council in his report.

AWM UPGRADE PROJECT-NSAA DISPLAY

At an appropriate time, and with the input of the National Executive, I will seek guidance from AWM Director Mr Matt Anderson PSM on how the National Executive may get involved in the proposed reestablishment of the NSAA display planned for the upgraded AWM Post WW2 area. I think it would be helpful to the AWM for us to offer some realistic suggestions e.g. a publicly accessible, digitally searchable record of our fallen and our records.

Issues of Concern

Nasho Fair Go (NFG) Again, there have been some concerns raised about the less than factual, self-serving statements published by NFG Northern Territory in the local media, and more recently in newspaper advertisements. NSAA NT representative Mike Lane has, with input from the National Secretary and I, responded to the author requesting he desist and pointing out some 'facts of life' relative how this association views his remarks. That said, we do not seek to engage in a tit for tat, media and or public spat with NFG. We engage with NFG where appropriate but do not retaliate.

NSAA National Executive and NSAA National Council Delegates

My ongoing thanks to the members of the National Executive, Vice President Noel Moulder, Secretary Peter Norman, Treasurer Richard Tregear, and Public Officer, John Thorne, and all NSAA National Delegates for your ongoing efforts and leadership in your respective roles. Thank you for supporting me and the association through the work you do on behalf of the Council, our membership, and all National Servicemen.

Ron Brandy, National President, National Servicemen's Association of Australia, 26 February 2025

5.1.2 National Vice President Noel Moulder

EXECUTIVE MEETING 5TH FEB 2025 VICE PRESIDENT REPORT
UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP

- * ASSIST WITH ADMIN OF MEMBERSHIP MASTER FILE
- * ASSIST WITH PROCESS OF MEMBER APPLICATIONS
- * MAIL NEWSLETTER TO ALL MEMBERS
- * PREPARE CAMPAIGN FOR 2025 MEMBERSHIP

A.C.N.C REGISTRATION

- * FOLLOW UP REGISTRATION FINALISATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RECORDS PRESERVATION.

- * MEET WITH NATIONAL LIBRARY STAFF CANBERRA
- * OBTAIN PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION TO LIBRARY.
- * MARCH 2025 VISIT QLD. TO FINALISE DOCUMENT CULLING IN PREPERATION FOR NLA.
- * MINUTES FROM 1992/2024 PREPARED FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY PICK UP.
- * FINANCIAL RECORDS FROM 1995/2024 PREPARED FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY PICK UP.
- * CONTACT WITH NATIONAL LIBRARY RE PROCEDURE.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- * NEGOTIATE AND OBTAIN QUOTES FROM MERCURE HOTEL CANBERRA.
- * FINALISE AND CONFIRM SUITABLE PROGRAMME FOR MARCH/SEPT. 2025

GRANTS IN AID (GIA)

- * UPDATE REPORT ON OUTCOME OF 2024 FUNDED ACTIVITY
- * NEGOTIATE UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS TO 2025 APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT.
- * AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED \$9,888 DEPOSITED 24TH DEC 2024
- * AGREEMENT NOW SHOWS PERIOD OF SPEND NOV.24 TO JULY 2025
- * EVENT FUNDING WILL NOW HAVE TO BE MARCH 2025 COUNCIL MEETING.

A.W.M COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 2025

- * SUBMIT REQUIRED APPLICATION
- * CONSULT WITH AWM RE EVENT PROGRAMME AND PROPOSED DATE.
- * EVENT DATE AGREED FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

NOEL MOULDER.

President Ron elaborated on some of VP Noel's report as follows:

- (a) Vicki Blundell continues to manage the National Membership Database.
- (b) The ACNC registration is now a new requirement for grant applications.
- (c) The Archive project has advanced with liaison with the National Archives preceding.

- (d) Tony Stevenson QLD ask if more boxes are destined to Wacol: Yes, in the short term, with Noel and Ron attending when able to prepare that material for the National Archives.
- (e) AWM Service in September to include a 60th anniversary commemoration of the 1st Intake of the 2nd Scheme June 1965. Frank Miller OTU-A requested that we formally invite members of the Victorian Veteran Council. Ron then asked all delegates to ensure that all members are informed that they are welcome to attend.
- (f) Member Association wishing to access grant funds for attending the September 2025 and March 2026 meetings in Canberra should liaise with VP Noel and Treasurer Richard asap.

5.1.3 National Secretary's Report for 2024

Direct National Members: The closure of Northern Territory and NSW Branches has required National to establish for the first time a national newsletter for those members who transitioned into Direct National Membership. Three editions under the masthead NASHO have been produced so far with the next edition now being compiled for May-August 2025. It is preferred that electronic copies be sent to members to keep the costs down, but there has been a requirement for printed copies to be sent to those members without email addresses. VP Noel Moulder has been managing the Australia Post mailout. Vicki Blundell is managing the Direct National Membership database and producing perennial membership cards for new members transitioning in.

Greg Mawson (NSW National Servicemen's Association) was approached re the offer of direct National membership of individual members, or admission of the NSWNSA as an entity association. Neither is likely to be taken up because members do not wish to pay any fees to NSAA, even the \$5 national levy.

Post 2026:

Option (1), to 'Reform as an Individual Nation-Wide Member Organisation with a National Management Team' was unanimously endorsed with the request to delegates to canvas support at state and territory level and report the responses to the Secretary by 31 December 2024. Vic President Bob McIvor responded that Vic members are entirely supportive: I have assumed that because no dissent has been advised by any other member association, that the concept is generally supported, subject to emerging developments.

2024 Administration: Jeff Gray replaced Barry Sonter (deceased) as the Tasmanian delegate on the National Council, for the remainder of Barry's term, i.e. until the 2025 AGM. The National constitution was replaced due to the creation of the Direct National Membership classification. Vice President Noel Moulder and Public Officer John Thorne did all the heavy lifting to amend the Rules and Bylaws, and for John to obtain the necessary approval of the South Australian government. Controlled release copies were then distributed to Association entities.

The question of Directors Insurance for VP Noel Moulder was averted (from being a National issue) because he transitioned into membership of the Victorian Branch following the closure of the NSW Branch.

The NSAA Website: The owner and operator of the [www. Nasho.org.au](http://www.Nasho.org.au) website, being Hugh William (Victoria) has modified his website so that it points to our www.nashoaustralia.org.au website. There are still plenty of references to the NSAA on his website, but he has sufficiently complied with our request.

5.1.4 Treasurer Richard Tregear

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA INC.
ABN 67 616 946 832

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA INC.
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**SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

2023		2024
\$		\$
30670	Balance as per Bank Accounts at 1st January 2023	29718
27853	Income for the Year	25964
<u>58523</u>	Sub Total	<u>55682</u>
27280	Expenses for the Year	25277
	Less Non Cash	<u>2611</u>
<u>31243</u>		<u>22666</u>
		<u>33016</u>
-1525	Plus Balance Sheet movements for the Year	242
<u>29718</u>	Balance as per Bank Accounts at 31st December 2024	<u>33258</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Year		Note	\$	Budget \$
2023				
	INCOME			
17035	Capitation Fees		13995	15210
	Direct Members		825	
481	Commission on Rose Sales		425	100
649	Donation Military Shop		565	100
9612	Grants in Aid		9888	9600
76	Sundry	1	266	50
27853			25964	25060
	LESS EXPENDITURE			
1417	Executive meeting			400
950	Melbourne			400
1348	Council meeting		1604	1760
1677	Canberra		1645	1800
699			972	1650
1891	Executive meeting		599	400
824	Melbourne		363	400
2241	Council meeting		2967	1760
2527	Canberra		1829	2800
1813			1072	1650
15387			11051	13020
1996	Archival Expenses		971	3500
600	Audit		660	660
5875	Branch expenditure re-imburement (Grants in Aid)		5009	5875
1302	Insurance		1302	1350
	National Member Expenses	3	385	
	Postage		116	250
	Printer and software maintenance		132	300
331	Printing and stationery		180	400
	Secretarial services			250
1000	Storage		374	1120
80	Sundry	4	1720	2650
113	Telephohe			250
376	Travel local			400
220	Web hosting		219	350
	Wreaths		546	200
	Write off Plant & Equipment		2611	2611
27280			25276	33186
573	Surplus/Deficit for the period		688	-8126
	Bank Accounts			
29719	Opening Bank balance 1st January 2024		29718	29718
573	Surplus /Deficit as above		688	-8126
-574	Balance sheet movements Receipts		2812	
	Balance sheet movements Payments		-2571	
	Non Cash Item (Plant Write Off)		2611	
29718	Closing Bank Balance 31st December 2024		33258	21592

Richard Tregear CPA
Honorary Treasurer
2/01/2025

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

2023		2024
\$		\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
991 Debtors		4
29718 Cash at Banks		33258
	Prepayments	745
<u>30709</u>		<u>34007</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
2611 Plant and Equipment at Cost		0
<u>33320</u>		<u>34007</u>
0 Less CURRENT LIABILITIES		
0 Creditors		0
<u>33320</u>	MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>34007</u>

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2023		2024
\$		\$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
	WRITE OFF	
700 New Laptop & Charger	-700	0
300 New Printer	-300	0
1193 New Computer etc	-1193	0
418 Hard Drive	-418	0
<u>2611</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>-2611</u>
		<u>0</u>

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA INC.
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

1 Statement of significant accounting policies

a) Statement of compliance

The committee has determined that the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with following Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107	Statement of Cash Flows
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 1048	Interpretation of Standards
AASB 1054	Australia Additional Disclosures

Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical cost and do not take into account changing money values except where specifically stated.

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**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024
continued:**

2 Statement of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

b) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairments losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee members to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

c) Income Tax

The association is a not-for-profit organisation and is exempt from income tax under section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits, held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities cash within three months.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024
continued:

e) Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

f) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

g) Trade creditors and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days on recognition of the liability.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024
continued:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
3 Cash and Cash equivalents		
Cash at banks	33258	29718
	<u>33258</u>	<u>29718</u>
4 Debtors		
ATO GST refund	4	191
NSW State Branch Capitation	0	800
Prepayments	745	
	<u>749</u>	<u>991</u>
5 Trade and other payables	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6 Revenue		
Capitation Fees	14820	17035
Donor Receipts	1120	649
Other Income	10024	10169
	<u>25964</u>	<u>27853</u>
7 Cash Flow Information		
Cash at the end of financial year as shown in cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the Balance Sheet Cash and Cash Equivalents	33257	29718
	<u>33257</u>	<u>29718</u>
Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to surplus		
Surplus from ordinary activities	686	573
	<u>686</u>	<u>573</u>
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Increase (decrease) in receivables	-987	950
Increase (decrease) in assets	687	-952
Increase (decrease) in payables	0	-575
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>-300</u>	<u>-577</u>
8 Related party		
There were no related party transactions conducted during the year.		

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

	2025	2024	
Note 9. Capitation Fees	Budget	Actual	Budget
Aust. Capital Territory	25	29	30
Officer Training Unit	510	538	640
Queensland	1100	1204	1300
South Australia	180	220	280
Tasmania	48	54	75
Victoria	580	618	600
Western Australia	70	82	110
	<u>2513</u>	<u>2745</u>	<u>3035</u>
Northern Territory	6	7	7
Direct National Members	50	55	
	<u>2569</u>	<u>2807</u>	<u>3042</u>
	\$		
Value			
2513 @ \$5	12565		
6 @ \$7	42		
50 @ \$ 15	750		
	<u>13357</u>		
Note 10. Meeting was by Zoom			
Note 11. National Members Expenses			
Printing & Stationery	85.22		
PO Box	79.09		
Postage	221.00		
	<u>385.31</u>		
Note 12. Sundry			
Costs re funeral Late E Jennings	1645.3		
Domain Name	70.86		
Bank Fees	4.00		
	<u>1720.15</u>		

Schedule 1

Regulations 18,19 and 20

Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

**National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc.
ABN 67 616 946 832**

Annual statements give true and fair view of financial position of incorporated association

We, Peter Norman and Richard Tregear, being members of the
Committee of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc., certify that -
The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of financial
position of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc., during and at the end
of the financial year of the association ending on 31st December 2024

Signed  _____

Dated 15/1/2025

Signed  _____

Dated 15-1-2025

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

SCOPE

I have audited the Financial Report consisting of a Summary of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Financial Performance, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc. for the year ended 31st December 2024. The committee is responsible for the Financial Report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Report in order to express an opinion to the members of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of members.

The Financial Report has been prepared for the purpose of reporting to the members. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been fully undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Australian accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

It is not practical for the National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations and fundraising activities until their initial entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to donations and fundraising was limited to the amounts recorded.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the Financial Report presents fairly the assets and liabilities of National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc.as at 31st December 2024 and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

David J Taplin

David J Taplin CA
TBT Accounting Pty Ltd
Suite 3, 43 Railway Road, Blackburn Vic 3130

Dated: 22nd January 2025

2025 Budget Estimates:

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC
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Year	PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025		Budget
2024			\$
	INCOME		
13995	Capitation Fees		13357
825	Direct Members		750
425	Commission on Rose Sales		200
565	Donation Military Shop		350
9888	Grants in Aid		9900
266	Sundry		100
<u>25964</u>			<u>24657</u>
	LESS EXPENDITURE		
	Executive meeting Accomodation February		600
	Melbourne Travel		400
1604	Council meeting Accomodation March		1700
1645	Canberra Function		1700
972	Travel		1000
599	Executive meeting Accomodation August		600
363	Melbourne Travel		400
2967	Council meeting Accomodation September		2100
1829	Canberra Function		1800
1072	Travel		700
<u>11051</u>			<u>11000</u>
971	Archival Expenses		500
660	Audit		660
5009	Branch expenditure re-imburement (Grants in Aid)		6000
1302	Insurance 14/03/2025		1400
385	National Member Expenses		500
116	Postage		250
132	Printer and software maintenance		200
180	Printing and stationery		400
	Secretarial services		300
374	Storage		0
1720	Sundry		500
	Telephopone		250
	Travel local		200
219	Web hosting		400
546	Wreaths		250
2611	Write off Plant & Equipment		0
<u>25276</u>			<u>22810</u>
<u>688</u>	Surplus/Deficit for the period		<u>1847</u>
	Bank Accounts		
29718	Opening Bank balance 1st January 2025		33258
688	Surplus /Deficit as above		1847
240	Balance sheet movements		
2611	Non Cash Item (Plant Write Off)		
<u>33257</u>	Closing Bank Balance 31st December 2025		<u>35105</u>
	Richard Tregear CPA Honorary Treasurer 8/01/2025		

The budget estimates as prepared by Treasurer Richard were assessed by delegates as being a fair representation of expected incomings and outgoings during 2025.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE MONTH ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025

Year		\$	Budget £
<u>2024</u>			
	INCOME		
13995	Capitation Fees		0 13357
825	Direct Members		750
425	Commission on Rose Sales		200
565	Donation Military Shop		350
9888	Grants in Aid		9900
266	Sundry		100
<u>25964</u>			<u>0 24657</u>
	LESS EXPENDITURE		
	Executive meeting Accomodation February		600
	Melbourne Travel	481	400
1604	Council meeting Accomodation March		1700
1645	Canberra Function		1700
972	Travel		1000
599	Executive meeting Accomodation August		600
363	Melbourne Travel		400
2967	Council meeting Accomodation September		2100
1829	Canberra Function		1800
1072	Travel		700
<u>11051</u>			<u>481 11000</u>
971	Archival Expenses		500
660	Audit	660	660
5009	Branch expenditure re-imburement (Grants in Aid)		6000
1302	Insurance 14/03/2025		1400
385	National Member Expenses		500
116	Postage		250
132	Printer and software maintenance		200
180	Printing and stationery		400
	Secretarial services		300
374	Storage		0
1720	Sundry		500
	Telephone		250
	Travel local		200
219	Web hosting		400
546	Wreaths		250
2611	Write off Plant & Equipment		0
<u>25276</u>			<u>1141 22810</u>
<u>688</u>	Surplus/Deficit for the period		<u>-1141 1847</u>
	Bank Accounts		
29718	Opening Bank balance 1st January 2025	33257	33258
688	Surplus /Deficit as above	-1141	1847
240	Balance sheet movements		-109
2611	Non Cash Item (Plant Write Off)		
<u>33257</u>	Closing Bank Balance 31st January 2025	<u>32007</u>	<u>35105</u>

Richard Tregear CPA
Honorary Treasurer
1/02/2025

5.1.5

5.1.5 Motion: That the reports from Executives be taken as read and accepted into the minutes of this meeting.

Moved: Neal Freier Qld Seconded: Darrell Suter SA Dissent: Nil Outcome: Carried

Treasurer Richard was acknowledged-in-absentia for his good work with the management of the NSAA's national finances.

5.2 Delegates Reports: As below and as summarized by ACT President John Faunt:

5.2.1 ACT Report for the 2025 AGM and Council Meeting on Thursday, 7th March 2025.

Age and time continue to decimate our membership base, and our membership profile is detailed below. Our oldest member is 94 with three others celebrating their 90th birthday this year. Our youngest is 72 with the remainder between the mid 70's and the middle to late eighties and the average age at 82 years. Our current membership base sits at 41 all inclusive. The structure is laid out below.

Ordinary Members	29
Associate Members	6
Patrons	2
Honorary Pastor	1
Life Members	3
Total	41

Despite the easing of restrictions due to Covid – 19, our members are still wary of the appearance of Covid mutations that continue to arise and thus, we have not re-initiated bus trips to locations that once were popular prior to the original outbreak of the pandemic.

As mentioned above, our aging members are also reluctant to partake in social activities due to mobility and transport issues.

Attendance at major events such as the observances of Vietnam Veteran's Day, Anzac Day Battle for Australia Day and Remembrance Day have diminished with myself usually being our only attendee.

National Servicemen's Day on 14th February has received full support from the Australian War Memorial with a handful of members attending the Last Post Ceremony. The emphasis during the ceremony is acknowledging the role of the National Servicemen.

The members have decided to continue as the National Servicemen's Association Canberra and efforts continue to attract new members is ongoing, albeit with minimal effect. We are aware that in accordance with Incorporation, we will have no alternative but cease operations if our membership base numbers fall below fifteen members and general meetings become untenable.

John Faunt, (President), February 2025

John also explained that their Branch will remain viable while they have at least 15 members. They are already incorporated under the A.C.T. Incorporations Act.

5.2.2 Officer Training Unit Association - Chairman Frank Miller reported verbally.

Well-meaning younger elements of the Association had recently been talking up the possibility of continuing beyond the present target termination date being 30/6/2026, but when a vote was taken at the AGM, it was defeated by a substantial margin.

Not all state branches are incorporated, but they are being encouraged to do so to enable maximum flexibility for decisions to wind up, or to continue in other form/s after the OTU-A national entity closes. The Scheyvillian may continue in a lesser form beyond 2026, as will access to the website continue even after capitation fees are no longer collected.

5.2.3 Queensland delegate Tony Stevenson reported verbally.

Queensland is continuing to work towards closure at the end of 2026 as planned. A number of very strong Qld branches, such as Ipswich, were lost last year, earlier than expected.

5.2.4 South Australia

Former SA delegate John Thorne has relinquished the State President position to Darrell Suter who will report next time. John will now concentrate on his Executive roles as Public Officer and Returning Officer for the remainder of 2025/26,

Given Darrell's newness to the presidency, John reported on 2024 and 2025 to date.

Membership is running in the order of 180-200. Members are still meeting socially for lunch most Fridays. Two sub-branches have closed (audio unclear) but some of their members who wish to remain connected have sent their capitation fees to S.A. Branch.

The building which SA has used at Keswick for many years has been identified for demolition but will be replaced by a \$7M new building which will have shared access by other community groups, possibly including the Hilton RSL Branch. The Nasho Day memorial service, with band accompaniment, was attended by about 60 people. The band uses the NSAA meeting facility for band practice, so the relationship continues strongly. The new secretary and new treasurer are not filled with experts in their fields, so will be given guidance by John and Darrell as the year progresses. A bookkeeper will be commissioned at cost to assist the treasurer.

Darrell also contributed comments, particularly the difficulty of assembling the State Executive/Committee at the start of 2025, and his need to jump in the deep end. He and John shared the load and responsibility of all positions for the first two months.

Darrell had additional comments which he will address in later business in the General Council Meeting.

5.2.5 Tasmania

NSAA Tasmanian Branch Inc - Report to NSAA National Council – 6th March 2025 by Jeff Gray

With the closure of the Launceston Sub-branch & the North Eastern Sub Branch on December 31st 2023, we started 2024 with just 3 Sub-branches in existence in Tasmania: the Mersey & District Sub-branch with a membership of 30, the Northern Midlands Sub-branch with a membership of 30, and the Hobart Sub-branch with a membership of 10.

At a State Branch level there were just two State Branch ordinary Meetings as well the AGM. Nothing else happened at a 'State Branch' level. The rest of the NSAA activities during 2024 were conducted at the 3 Sub-Branches. These included February 14th NSAA Commemorative Services, attendance at Anzac Day, Vietnam Veteran's Day & Remembrance Day Services. Each of the Sub-Branches held regular Meetings as well as the Hobart Sub-Branch holding monthly Luncheons.

Each of the Sub-Branches recorded deaths during the year, with the most significant one, from the State Branch perspective, being that of Barry Sonter, a former State Branch President. The family of Barry declined either a NSAA or an RSL Service. The six Nashos who were in attendance were involved however at the burial service and were requested by the Funeral Director to carry the casket from the hearse to the graveside and as the service progressed to lower Barry into his final resting place. So we were able to say goodbye to him. At our next State Branch Meeting, as part of the opening, I was able to relate to the meeting events which took place as part of the funeral of the late Barry Sonter who was a past Tas Branch President. Bob Pitt, the President of the Northern Midland's Sub-Branch, gave a brief resume of Barry's life of service through his time living in Scottsdale and his Army Service life. Barry reached the rank of Major during his 28 years of service. He was sent to Vietnam for a period whilst he was a Captain, and served also in New Zealand. Barry retired in 1983. He was elected to the position of President of the NSAA Tasmanian Branch in 2018 until ill health forced his retirement in 2023. To complete the opening of the meeting those present were asked to stand while I recited the Ode and observed a minute silence as a Tribute to Barry.

On the 9th of July the State Secretary & I received a letter from the Northern Midlands Sub-Branch advising that at a special meeting, a motion was passed to dissolve the Northern Midlands Sub-Branch at the end of their financial year, 31st December 2024. They advise that the committee members with an average age of 86, feel they cannot continue and form a committee in 2025. They stated: "We only have one second scheme member on the committee, the rest of us are all 'old timers'." I was able to attend their Christmas Break-up to bring greetings from the State Branch, and chat with those there.

At this stage the Mersey & District Sub-Branch & Hobart Sub-Branch will continue until the end of 2026, with both of them moving to an unincorporated "social basis" after that. We are "going down with the ship."

Jeff Gray, President, NSAA Tasmanian State Branch

Jeff verbalized additional comments including the attendance of Barry Sonter along with three other Exec and a small number of other NSAA members, Six of them carried Barry's casket and lowered it into the grave. A suitable tribute to Barry was also offered by Jeff at the Tasmanian State AGM, noting that he had served 28 years in the Reserve Forces, finishing with the rank of Major. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and had also served as an exchange officer in New Zealand.

Although the Tasmanian sub-branches are now reduced to two, and membership is declining expectations are that they will continue through to the end of 2026.

5.2.6 Victoria

Victorian Delegate Peter Kemp emphasized some of President Bob's written report, and verbalized some of his own thoughts at the end.

Victorian State Presidents Report AGM 2025 – Bob McIvor

Fellow members, as our year draws to a close our Association enjoyed another good year in 2024. So sad to have good members pass on during our Year. On behalf of all members our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those members who will be long remembered by their many mates within our National Servicemen's Association. Our Association has over six hundred members within our State of Victoria for the coming year, so let us come together and support each other and make 2025 another good year for all National Servicemen.

Our Memorial Services around our State of Victoria were well supported again over our year. National Servicemen's Memorial Day Shrine Melbourne, Pucka Memorial Day March and Memorial Service, Navy Memorial Day HMAS Cerberus, Airforce Memorial Day Pt. Cook, Anzac Day March and Services around Victoria, Springvale War Graves Remembrance Day Service, RSL Remembrance Day Services around our State of Victoria.

Your wonderful support again for our Nasho Toy Drive with this year's total of Toys, our grand total of toys donated over twenty-two years is now 125,000 to the Salvos to assist them in their support of underprivileged children within our state of Victoria. To our members who donated, Thank You, and well done again.

The Geelong and District Sub-Branch have made a wonderful donation at their Annual Christmas Luncheon to Bay Leaf Kitchen to assist them in their good work in support of local people down on their luck and need help. Your good people with your wonderful donation have lifted our National Service profile throughout Victoria.

Our patron Maj. Gen Jim Barry AM MBE EO RFD RETD has again been a wonderful support to our Association with Fine Counseling throughout our year.

Our Chaplain Colin McMillin has again supported our members by attending our Memorial Services and supporting our members in their time of need. Well done again Chaplain Colin McMillin

Our State Executive SVP Ron Brady, VP Peter Kemp, Sec Peter Norman, Asst Sec Bill Matherson, Committee Charlie Munday, Flags and Bearers Garry McNamara, Membership Gerry Thomas, Returning Officer and Constitution, Nasho New Editor Shane Murphy and his team, our Memorial Days Coordinators Sam Cucè, National Servicemen's Day Shrine, Navy Memorial Day HMAS Cerberus , Jim Farrow & his team. Airforce Memorial Day Pt. Cook. Laurie Bell, John McDonald Anzac Day Shrine Melbourne Neil Graham.

To the above Executives and Members, thank you and well done again in 2024. In the future things will change in the coming years as we become Socia Clubs, but let's stick together and support each other as before, and always be proud of your service as Australian National Servicemen and thank you for your service to our Nation.

Victorian State President, Bob Mclvor OAM

Peter Kemp elaborated by advising delegates about his frequent exchanges with Macca on his ABC Australia-wide Sunday morning radio programs.

Peter then went on to acknowledge his Victorian Co-Delegate for this meeting, Major-General Jim Barry AM MBE RFD ED Retired, who we will hear more from during the Council Meeting.

5.2.7 Western Australia

WA REPORT TO NATIONAL COUNCIL – 2025

This past year has been challenging, most of our members are from the 1951 – 59 era and they have reached a point where they are unable to contribute much due to mobility and other health issues. Our Membership Officer David Lewis passed away and our Chaplain Peter Cowley has gone into permanent care leaving our state committee a mere rump juggling more than one portfolio to keep things going. We moved to a more social luncheon agenda for the most part last year as we were only getting one or two members + the committee, turning up for the formal meetings.

The York Sub-Branch finally closed last November leaving just Mandurah Sub-Branch still bravely soldiering on with meetings most months (Mostly through the sterling efforts of the lady members)!

We held a ballot for the 3 options presented by National Council post 2026 and the overwhelming majority of votes preferred option one.

We held our Annual General Meeting earlier this month and it has been decided to formally close as an Incorporated body on 31st December 2025 our remaining agenda for this year will be just a social luncheon each quarter. We have encouraged all members to take up the option of National Membership from 1st January 2026.

It is hoped that the informal get togethers will continue for the foreseeable future beyond 31st December 2025 and that we will still maintain links to local RSL bodies and the National Council without the incumbrance of WA State legalities that obliged us to have formal meetings and mandatory reporting etc.

Stuart Fairbairn

5.2.8 Nat Direct Members Mike Lane ex NT.

Mike was an apology – no report.

Refer also to Council agenda Item 9.2.

5.3 Motion: That the reports from Delegates be taken as read and accepted into the minutes of this meeting.

Moved: John Faunt ACT Seconded: Darrell Suter SA Dissent: Nil Outcome Carried

6 OFFICE BEARERS for 2025 & 2026

6.2 2025 is an election year for 2025 & 2026. All 2023 & 2024 Executive members (President Ron Brandy, Vice President Noel Moulder, Treasurer Richard Tregear and Secretary Pete Norman) remained in office until today's 2025 AGM. Public Officer John Thorne will continue in the role of Public Officer as well as performing the role of Returning Officer for today's AGM.

6.3 Returning Officer John Thorne advised that nominations were requested in the minutes of the National Council meeting of 5/9/2024 to be received by 31/10/2024. Four nominations were received as follows:

Positions	Nominees	Nominators	Seconders
President	Ron Brandy	Jeff Gray (Tas)	John Thorne (S.A.)
Vice President	Noel Moulder	John Faunt (ACT)	John Thorne (S.A.)
Secretary	Peter Norman	Bob McIvor (Vic)	John Faunt (ACT)
Treasurer	Richard Tregear	James Duquemin (WA)	John Thorne (S.A.)

There were singular nominations for each position, so elections were not applicable. John thanked the returning executive members for their nominations and declared the four positions filled for 2025 and 2026.

6.4 Motion: To accept the outcome of the nomination and election process, as follows:

President Ron Brandy
Vice President Noel Moulder
Secretary Pete Norman
Treasurer Richard Tregear

Moved: John Thorne Ret. Offr. Seconded: Peter Kemp Vic Dissent: Nil Outcome: Carried

6.5 NSAA Patrons

National - Matt Anderson PSM, Director, Australian War Memorial

ACT - Gary Humphries AO, Peter Baldwin President RSL ACT Branch, and John King, Past President RSL ACT Branch

NT - John Christopher Anictomatis AO ex NT Administrator and 9RAR.

Qld – Angela Owen, ex Qld Councillor

SA – Lt. Col. William (Bill) Denny AM BM (Rtd)

Vic - MAJ GEN Jim Barry AM MBE RFD ED (Rtd)

WA - LT COL George Howell RFD ED RL (Rtd)

Tas – no patron

OTU-A – no patron

NSW – follow-up to record who was the delegate for NSW – VP Noel Moulder to advise.

7 DELEGATES POSITIONS FOR 2025 & 2026

7.2 As at 1/1/2025, the registered delegates continuing from 2024 are:

ACT John Faunt

ACT Garry Hand

OTUA Frank Miller

Qld Tony Stevenson

Qld Neal Freier

Tas Jeff Gray

Vic Bob McIvor

Vic Peter Kemp

WA Stuart Fairbairn

WA Jim Duquemin

Nat Direct Members Mike Lane ex NT

SA John Thorne was replaced by Darrell Suter as SA Delegate from this AGM. John continues as Public Officer, constitution advisor and as Returning Officer.

7.3 Motion: To accept the nomination of Darrell Suter as Council Delegate for South Australia until prevailing circumstances require change.

Moved: Jeff Gray Tas Seconded: Frank Miller OTU-A-D Dissent: Nil Outcome: Carried

8. APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR

8.1 As per Rule 25, an auditor shall be appointed annually at the annual general meeting of the National Association.

Nominee:

Mr. David Taplin
TBT Accounting Pty Ltd
3/43 Railway Road
Blackburn Vic 3130

8.2 Motion: To appoint Mr. David Taplin as auditor for the 2025 accounts.

Moved: John Thorne SA Seconded: Peter Kemp Vic Dissent: Nil Outcome: Carried

9. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT AGM

Thursday 5th March 2026 at the Mercure Hotel Canberra. (Council Meeting same day)

10. CLOSE OF 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At 10:15am

A coffee break was then taken prior to reconvening the Council Meeting.

Annex

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National Council Meeting & AGM 6th March 2025, Mercure Hotel Canberra

Name	Position	Council Member ✓	Observer ✓	Guest ✓
Pete Norman	Secretary	✓		
PETER KEMP	VICTORIA	✓		
JIM BARRY	VIC PATRON			
FRANK MILLER	Chairman OTU Association	✓		
GARRY HAND.	COMMITTEE.	✓		
John Fount	CANBERRA PRESIDENT	-		
Tony STEVENSON.	V. PRESIDENT & GEN.	-		

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Ron Brandy	NATIONAL PRESIDENT	✓		
John THORNIE	Public Officer	✓		
DARRELL SUTER	S.A. President	✓		
JEFF GRAY	TAS PRESIDENT	✓		
NEAL FREIER	Treasurer Qld.	✓		

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