

The National
Servicemen's
Association of
Australia Inc.

Thursday, 5th March

2026

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

Minutes



Council Minutes

*General Meeting of the National Council
Thursday 5th March 2026 at Mercure
Hotel, Canberra*

1. OPENING OF MEETING

- 1.1 The meeting commenced on time at 9am.
- 1.2 The National President and Chairman Ron Brandy welcomed all present.

2. OBSERVANCE

- 2.2 Ode of Remembrance and one minute silence.

3. ATTENDANCE

- 3.1 The attending Executive members were:

- President Ron Brandy
- Vice President Noel Moulder OAM
- Secretary Pete Norman

- 3.2 The attending delegates representing their respective member associations were

- Frank Miller OAM (OTUA)
- John Faunt (A.C.T.)
- Tony Stevenson OAM and Neal Freier (Qld)
- Bob McIvor OAM and Peter Kemp (Vic)
- Jeff Gray (Tas)

- 3.3 Invited guests were

- John Hardy OAM, NSAA Queensland – present at start of meeting
- Prof. Graeme P Young, AM, FTSE FAHMS AGAF FGESA, MB BS MD FRACP - NSAA Research Consultant (attached to the Executive team)
- Sarah Kennedy – Assistant Secretary, Commemorations, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs
- Damien Zuccarini – Historian Dept of Veterans' Affairs
- Neil Leckie OAM - NSAA Victoria and OTUA member and editor/publisher "The Scheyvillian" was also invited but was unable to attend due to other commitments.

- 3.4 Apologies:

- Treasurer Richard Tregear – Executive member
- Public Officer, Constitution and Returning Officer John Thorne ESM – Executive member
- Jim Duquemin (WA)
- Stuart Fairbairn (WA)

- Mike Lane (NT)
- Darrell Suter (SA)

3.5 The WA delegates nominated SA to exercise a proxy vote of their behalf. Subsequently due to no SA delegate in attendance, Victoria exercised the proxies for both WA and SA.

3.6 The Chairman acknowledged those present, accepted apologies and recorded proxy appointments.

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

Moved Neal Freier

Seconded Frank Miller

Dissent Nil

Outcome Carried

Refer Appendix for the Attendance Register.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING 18th September 2025

4.1 The minutes were distributed by email on 24/9/2025.

4.2 Receipt of amendments, if any. There were no amendments.

4.3 Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held Thursday 18th September 2025 as circulated be taken as read and accepted.

Moved Tony Stevenson

Seconded Jeff Gray

Dissent Nil

Outcome Carried

4.4 Matters arising from the previous Council Meeting:

4.4.1

That ex-NT Branch and now Direct National Member Mike Lane be appointed as Delegate representing ex Northern Territory National Direct Members, and that he be funded for attendance at Council Meetings from the DVA Grant-in-Aid program as is already the case for "states/territories in need" of financial assistance. Should any other Member Association surrender its charter before 31/12/2026, a Delegate should be recommended by the retiring Executive and/or Patron to continue to represent their National Direct Members. A simplified succession regime should be enacted if a Direct National Member Delegate leaves office.

Moved: John Faunt ACT
Carried

Seconded: Garry Hand ACT

Dissent: Nil

Outcome:

Refer AGM minutes page 18 item 5.1.4.2.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION :

To be put to Council on 18/9/2025, if any

- 12.1 Refer 6.3: Secretary Pete to prepare an agenda item for Council consideration to continue the current S.A. jurisdiction and retain the current constitution 2027 and beyond.
- 12.2 Refer 7.1 item 3: Secretary Pete to prepare agenda item for Council consideration to endorse the Executive's softening of the relationship with Nasho Fair Go, in operational matters (not policy matters).
- 12.3 Refer 10.3: Barry Vicary Award nominations. Secretary Pete to agenda for Council consideration: Three nominations have been agreed by the Exec. Their names are agreed but are not disclosed in these minutes.
- 12.4 Refer 10.9: National Levy increase. Secretary Pete to prepare a paper for Council consideration to acknowledge erosion of the current \$5.00 pa by inflation, and to future-proof it by a reasonable and justifiable increase of \$2.50 up to \$7.50

All items have been actioned. The proposed National Levy increase was not approved.

5. ACCEPT RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING 13th FEBRUARY 2026.

5.1 Acceptance of the Record of Proceedings from Executive Meeting 13th February 2026, conducted at the Mercure Hotel, Canberra.:

5.2 Motion: That the minutes of the Executive meeting held Thursday 7th February as circulated be taken as read and accepted.

Moved John Faunt

Seconded Bob McIvor

Dissent Nil

Outcome Carried

5.3

Motion: That the following two motions be prepared for the consideration of the National Council at its meeting on 5/3/2026

Proposed Motion 1: That all documents prepared by President Ron Brandy and Vice President Noel Moulder for archiving purposes, be packaged, catalogued and dispatched in accordance with National Library of Australia policy requirements, with the expectation that the NLA will accession them unto the collection for future reference by any and all interested parties who meet NLA's perusal requirements.

Proposed Motion 2: That all copyright ownership formerly held formally or informally by the NSAA or its agents in the performance of the NSAA's mandate as an incorporated Not-For-Profit Ex-Service Organization, be now relinquished to the National Library of Australia

Moved by Noel Moulder Seconded by Ron Brandy Dissent nil Outcome carried

President Ron explained that one of our guests today, being DVA's Damien Zuccarini, who has been tasked with writing a history book about National Service, to be invited to review the above archival material prior to its handover to the National Library of Australia. This is to assist Damien to understand the NSAA's role in capturing post-National Service history from the perspective of members of an ex-service organization. Delegates responded in the affirmative and were agreeable that the Executive make all necessary arrangements.

Delegates were also supportive of the concept that the copyright of all material written by NSAA members and by others acting as NSAA's agents (for instance Allen Callaghan), is deemed to be owned by the NSAA. Such material subsequently deposited with the National Library of Australia for historic retention and dissemination to future generations in accordance with its charter, policies and procedures, is without copyright restrictions.

Moved Neal Freier

Seconded Frank Miller

Dissent Nil

Outcome Carried

5.4

Motion:	That the 2025 actuals and 2026 estimates accepted by the Executive on 13/2/2026 be now submitted to Council for endorsement at the AGM on 5/3/2026.
Motion:	Given that member organizations representing New South Wales, Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia have closed, and that OTUA is expected to close 30/6/2026, that their Delegates continue to sit with full voting rights at National Council until 31/12/2026.

These two items 5.3 and 5.4 were included in the AGM agenda.

6. PRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Written reports were embedded in the agenda for the AGM and are therefore not repeated here.

7. PRESENTATION OF DELEGATES' REPORTS

Written reports were embedded in the agenda for the AGM and are therefore not repeated here.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Date	Item Number	From Sender	Letter or eMail	To Receiver	Needs Action ?	Subject
22/09/25	25.134	Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd	E	Ron Brandy as Nat President	Y	invitation to the 35th Annual Commemoration of the MNWMF
26/09/25	25.135	AWM's Irene Easton	E	Ron Brandy as Nat President	N	various re AWM NSAA ceremony 19 Sep.
28/09/25	25.136	Ron Brandy as Nat President	E	Maj-Gen Stephen Jobson	N	Thanks for being guest speaker at Council dinner 18/9/2025
29/09/25	25.137	Peter Norman as Secretary	E	John Hardy OAM	Y	Offer to take over "Nasho: newsletter compiler publisher
29/09/25	25.138	Peter Norman as Secretary	E	all state secs	N	document culling
2/10/25	25.139	Peter Norman as Secretary	E	all state secs	Y	Seed Funding for Direct National Members 2027
22/12/25	25.140	Ron Brandy as Nat President	E	all Council Delegates, state secs, members	N	individual members to take their own action or not.
11/11/25	25.141	DVA	E	Ron Brandy as Nat President	N	Responses to Q's re legislation reform
18/12/25	25.142	Mercure Hotel	E	Noel Moulder/Ron Brandy	Y	Room and food arrangements March 2026
20/12/25	25.143	NSAA S.A	E	Ron Brandy as Nat President	N	Building works and temp accommodation Keswick
22/12/25	25.144	DVA's Joanne Maclean	E	Ron Brandy as Nat President	N	notice of departure from DVA
22/12/25	25.145	Ron Brandy as Nat President	E	all Council Delegates, state secs, members	N	Nasho Day event Parliament House Canberra 2026
20/01/26	26.146	Lung Cancer Screening	E	Pete Norman as Secretary	N	request for participation in a screening program for 50-70 year olds
9/02/26	26.147	DVA	E	Pete Norman as Secretary	Y	Registration to attend Nat Service event at Parliament House 14/2
all above 25.134 to 26.147 submitted to National Council 5th March 2026						

Links to this correspondence were provided to all delegates via email.

Qld Delegate Tony Stevenson advised that he had received a phone call from Tony Winter from Tamworth, advising that he was receiving many calls asking for Tony Stevenson. VP Noel advised the meeting that Tony Winter is the President of the (former) Tamworth Sub-Branch of the now defunct NSW Branch. Tony requested Secretary Pete to investigate.

8.1 Motion: That the correspondence as listed and as circulated be taken as read and accepted

Moved Bob McIvor

Seconded Tony Stevenson

Dissent Nil

Outcome Carried

8.2 Business arising from the correspondence – as may be raised at the meeting.

None was raised.

9. BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

9.1 Nashos in PNG – Prof Graeme P Young AM FTSE FAHMS AGAF FGESA, MB BS MD FRACP. (N.B. this item may be advanced up the agenda to suit time constraints).

9.2 The NASHO newsletter from 2027 - John Hardy OAM. John Hardy's presence at the meeting was again acknowledged. President Ron noted that the latest edition of the Queensland Nasho News had been tabled and asked John how long had he performed the

editorial/publication role ... 20 years. Ron noted that this matter will be raised again during Delegates' reports during the AGM.

- 9.3 NashoAustralia.org.au website history refresh – Neil Leckie OAM. Secretary Pete advised that he had informally approached Victorian and OTUA member Neil Leckie about him reviewing and augmenting the material originally written by Allen Callaghan circa 2009. Neil tentatively agreed that he could take on such a role, as a Research Consultant directly attached to the National Executive.
- 9.4 Possible collaboration of Prof. Graeme P Young AM FTSE FAHMS AGAF FGESA, MB BS MD FRACP, John Hardy OAM and Neil Leckie OAM where synergies are identified.

At this point of the General Meeting, 09:30 AM, Chairman Ron suspended standing orders to conduct the Annual General Meeting. The AGM finished at 12:10. The General Meeting then resumed.

- 9.5 ASIC and ACNC registrations – VP Noel Moulder / Secretary Pete Norman

Secretary Pete has commenced the process to update the NSAA's ASIC registration and will report status at the next General Meeting.

10. BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

No new business was identified

11. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

This meeting and associated activities will run over 4 days, not the usual 3 days. The change is to take advantage of the generosity of our National Patron Matt Anderson PSM who is the Director of the Australian War Memorial, to take us on a personal guided tour of the National Service exhibits. Accordingly, the 4-day timetable is as follows:

- Day 1 Tues 1st Sep Travel and check into Mercure accommodation for 3 nights Tue/Wed/Thu. Otherwise a free day – make all own arrangements for activities, meals etc.
- Day 2 Wed 2nd Sep AM: AWM Session 1 -Tour of the War Memorial hosted by Matt Anderson.
Lunch: at Poppies restaurant adjacent to AWM.
PM: The rest of the afternoon make your own arrangements.
Evening: Meet & Greet at Mercure Hotel at 6PM.
- Day 3 Thu 3rd Sep AM: Council General Meeting 9am.
Lunch: at the Mercure
PM: AWM Session 2 -Tour of the War Memorial hosted by Mr. Anderson.
Evening: Conference dinner at Mercure Hotel 6pm.
- Day 4 Fri 4th Sep AM: Check out of Mercure accommodation
Memorial Service at AWM 10am, then depart for home.

The above timetable will be finetuned closer to September.

12 CLOSE OF GENERAL MEETING

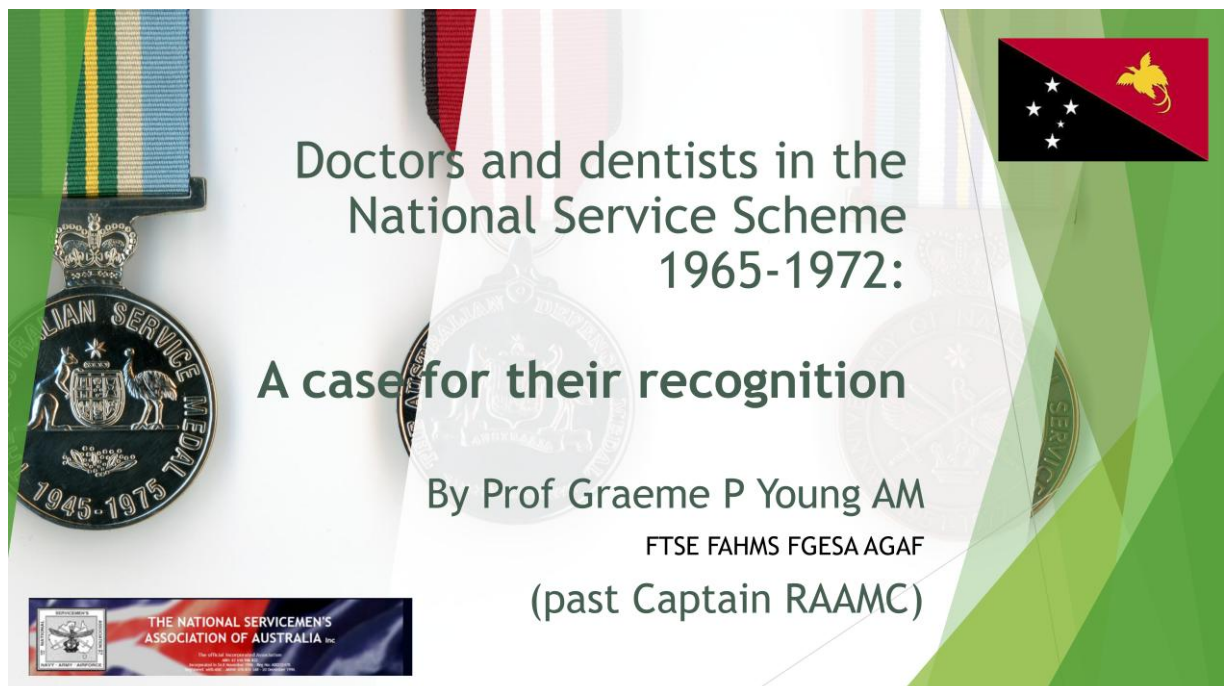
At this juncture President Ron welcomed and introduced Sarah Kennedy – Assistant Secretary, Commemorations, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs who was invited to hear Graeme Young's presentation to follow. All present then assembled for a photo opportunity.



John Hardy OAM, Pete Norman, Peter Kemp, Sarah Henderson, Noel Moulder OAM, Bob McIvor OAM, Frank Miller OAM, Graeme Young AM, Ron Brandy, John Faunt, Jeff Gray, Neal Freier and Tony Stevenson OAM.

Damien Zuccarini – Historian, Dept of Veterans' Affairs arrived shortly after the photo shot.

The General Council Meeting closed at 12:30pm for a working lunch break, followed by Graeme Young's presentation about Nasho Doctors and Dentists in PNG.





Graeme Young, Damien Zuccarini, Sarah Henderson and Ron Brandy



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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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Name	Position	Council Member ✓	Observer ✓	Guest ✓
Pete Norman	SECRETARY	✓		
Ron Brank	NATIONAL PRESIDENT	✓		
John Faunt	CANBERRA PRESIDENT	✓		
FRANK MILLER	CHAIRMAN OTJ ASSOCIATION	✓		
MOLEH MOUNDEH	NAT. VIC PRESIDENT	✓		
JEFF GRAY	TAS PRESIDENT	✓		
Tony Stevenson OAM	QLD PRESIDENT	✓		
NEAL FREIER	QLD TREASURER	✓		
JOHN HARDY OAM	QLD MASHO NEWS	✓		
ROBERT MCIVOR OAM	VICTORIA	✓		

PETER KEMP	VICTORIA	✓		
Graeme Young	Victoria			✓ Researcher
Danien Zuccarini	DVA			✓ Historian
Sarah Kennedy	DVA			✓