



# Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans Association

(INCORPORATED IN VICTORIA)

ABN: 59 558 194 094

INCORPORATED NUMBER: A0045256F

APPVA Inc.  
PO Box 480,  
Boronia,  
VIC 3155

Website: [www.peacekeepers.asn.au](http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au)

Email: [membership@peacekeepers.asn.au](mailto:membership@peacekeepers.asn.au)

## Our Motto:

“LOOKING AFTER OUR OWN”



## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE APPVA

**Formed:** 24 October 1997 (United Nations Day)

at Pine Rivers RSL, KALLANGUR, QLD.

### **National HQ:**

PO Box 480, BORONIA, Victoria, 3155

### **Patron:**

Major General Ian Gordon, AO (Ret'd)

### **APPVA Ambassador:**

Major Matina Jewell (Retd)

### **National Executive:**

President – Allan Thomas, JP  
Vice President – John McNeill  
Secretary – Kevin Ryan, JP  
Treasurer – Rhonda Copeland

### **Branch Presidents:**

QLD: Randall New  
NSW/ACT: Bruce Relph  
TAS: Graeme Barnett  
VIC: Mark Horner

### **Coordinators:**

WA: Glenn Firth

### **Appointed Positions (National):**

Police Liaison Officer: Robert Woods, JP  
Merchandise: Rhonda Copeland  
Peacekeeper Editor: Kylie McQueen

**Overview:** The Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans Association (APPVA) was established at the Pine Rivers RSL Sub-Branch, Kallangur, QLD on the 24th October 1997. There were five inaugural members in attendance. This has now grown to almost 1,600 members across Australia and some members who reside overseas (as at Oct 2016). The Constituency of the APPVA is around 70,000 Peacekeepers, 22,000 Iraq and 24,000 Afghanistan veterans. In addition to these figures, is Peacetime Service, which includes those who served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who did not deploy, but served Australia Post 1975 onwards. The APPVA recognises, fosters and supports the servicemen and women who have contributed, directly or indirectly, to Australia's significant and ongoing contribution to Peacekeeping and Peacemaking Operations since 14th September 1947 to the present day.

**Background.** Australia's peacekeeping involvement commenced in Indonesia on 14 September 1947 with four

Australian Military officers, being the world's first peacekeepers, deploying to the United Nations Good Offices Commission in Dutch East Indies (Indonesia). Since that first UN deployment, Australia has contributed over 80,000 personnel to more than 77 Operations in 65 different countries, non-stop for nearly 70 years up to present day Operations in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa and the Pacific amongst others.

APPVA constituents include those who served in warlike (peacemaking) operations and / or non-warlike operations such as Peacekeeping, United Nations Contingents, Military Observers, Truce Supervision, Emergency Forces, Special Commissions, Humanitarian Aid, Monitoring Forces, De-mining Teams and Training Teams – and other ADF, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), or Australian Federal (AFP) & State Police Operations, including Peacetime Service.

**What we do for Veterans.** The APPVA has a network of high quality and accredited Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Advocates and Practitioners, who specialise in multiple -eligibility of three Compensation Acts, two Military Superannuation Acts, and also assistance to Police Overseas Veterans. The APPVA assists current and ex-serving ADF members with a range of matters from welfare to medals. The APPVA also assists the interests of our member's families. Representatives of the APPVA hold Federal Ministerial Appointments to a range of National Department of Veterans' Affairs, Centre of Military and Veteran Health, and at times Defence Force Forums. These Representatives put our member's interests to the highest levels of Government. Additionally, the APPVA also provides representation at Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Hearings, or Legislative Bills to prevent the erosion of entitlements. We also work with other like-minded Ex-Service Organisations to promote a collaborated

approach to the Government in Veteran or Military Entitlements.

**Not only Peacekeepers.** In addition to supporting Peacekeepers and Peacemakers (Warlike Service), the APPVA also supports those who have served Post 1975 in the ADF in Peacetime; those ADF members who have deployed to the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) 2001 to the present; and Police overseas veterans.

**Remembering our Mates and Fallen.** The APPVA strives to remember the service, courage and sacrifice of those who have served on a large range of Operations since 1947 to the present and future. The remembrance of the respective overseas service has so far seen 73 ADF and Police personnel die on these operations. (These numbers are not inclusive of the Korean War, Borneo, Malaya or South Viet Nam). We remember our mates and the fallen by commemorating ANZAC Day; The International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 May); Australian Peacekeeper's Day (14 September); and at times United Nations Day (24 October) annually.

The APPVA instigated and is closely aligned with the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee. This Project will see the construction of the National Peacekeeping Memorial on ANZAC Parade in Canberra, alongside those who have served before us. We need support to this Project. Please visit: <http://www.peacekeepingmemorial.org.au/>

Membership to the APPVA includes Ordinary, Affiliate and Associate membership, which allows those members to participate within the APPVA, along with those who are seeking support or just want to be a part of a young Ex-Service Organisation no matter where they served - overseas or on peacetime service within Australia. Families of members may also become Affiliate Members of the APPVA.

Members, friends, families and guests are also welcome to attend our Meetings, Conferences and Activities. Those with managerial, accounting / book-keeping skills, advocacy skills, or other supporting attributes, are encouraged to approach their respective Branch should they wish to volunteer. They would be made most welcome to contribute to a dynamic and contemporary group of current and ex-serving members and veterans.

By becoming a financial member of the APPVA, you will be helping us to help others through the provision of our well respected services, advocacy and National representation. Membership fees -\$40 AUD for initial membership then \$30 each year thereafter - include copies of "The Peacekeeper" magazine, and a lapel badge.

### **SO WHY NOT JOIN US?**

Email: [membership@peacekeepers.asn.au](mailto:membership@peacekeepers.asn.au)

Website: <http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au/join.htm>

Snail Mail:

**APPVA Membership,  
PO Box 480,  
BORONIA,  
VIC 3155  
AUSTRALIA**

APPVA is now a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), so donations are tax deductible. If you wish to make a donation go to:

<http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au/donation>

