



**AUSTRALIAN PEACEKEEPERS & PEACEMAKERS  
VETERANS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**(INCORPORATED IN NSW)**

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**Subject: NEWLY APPOINTED STATE PRESIDENT OF NSW**

To: All NSW Australian Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Veterans' Association (APPVA) Members

I was appointed the new State President of NSW APPVA on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and would like to welcome all current and new members to the association. Firstly my main aims within the association is to deliver better outcomes for veterans and veterans families within the veterans community and promote the Australian Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Veterans' association as the most dynamic Ex-Service Organisation for post Vietnam era. Our Organisation is widely recognized as the newest and friendliest organisation that not only caters for veterans' needs but their family needs as well.

**Membership**

At present we are endeavouring to exceed our growth expectations of previous years, but this can only be done by means of advertisement and word of mouth, "remember your contribution as a valued member extends not only to your friends but to your immediate families and their families. I am a strong believer that if we have the numbers within the association our intentions towards government factions regarding member's entitlements will be heard through the veterans' community. In the past members who joined received an APPVA sticker, APPVA Lapel, Peacekeepers magazine and an annual diary. Due to changes within the National Structure and the appointment of new contractors for the association members and new members will start to receive these once again. So keep the membership drive going members and let's continue be can competitive amongst other Ex-Service Organisation.

## Growth

Since 1996 we have grown to an extent that we now have representation in all States of Australia, the reason behind our growth is the continuing good service our pensions and welfare officers are provide to the veterans community within states and its regional areas. Current and Ex-Serving members post Vietnam conflict have longed looked for an Identity that they could feel comfortable and feel a sense of belonging. I can honestly say without hesitation that this is the organisation of the future of all veterans and veterans' families and their families.

As your newly elected State President I can say that representation within the state has grown to an extent that we have representation in the following NSW regional areas:

- Far North Coast & Mid North Coast of NSW Pensions Advocate who is qualified also to assist in Welfare, DFRDB and MSBS matters – Mr Allan Thomas JP Mobile 0432 554 284
- Far North Coast & Mid North Coast of NSW Welfare Advisor who is also qualified also to assist in Pensions Primary Claim submissions - Mrs Elizabeth Hill JP Mobile 0414 281 325
- Central Coast of New South Wales NSW Pensions Advocate who is qualified also to assist in Welfare , DFRDB and MSBS matters – Mr Ray Mitchell JP Mobile 0438 415 211
- Sydney Metropolitan Area NSW Pensions Advocate who is qualified also to assist in , DFRDB and MSBS matters – Mr Peter Matthey JP Mobile 0408 289 562
  - Mr Bruce Relph Mobile 0417 047 235
  - Mrs Lucy Mason Mobile 0407 893 078
- South Coast of NSW to Southern NSW Border NSW Pensions Advocate who is qualified also to assist in, DFRDB and MSBS matters – Mr John Wyatt Mobile 0448 804 871

Further expansion of the organisation within NSW will take place in the not too distant future, I urge all members within NSW to help promote your organisation and spread the word to ensure that veterans within NSW productive growth over the coming years can be well catered for.

If any members of the association would like to get involved in this unique process of building and seeing our organisation grow into the next decade as the most dynamic Ex-Service Organisation, please feel free to contact any of the above advocates within the state and show your desire to promote the association within all NSW Regional areas.

Once again I would like to welcome all current members and new members, now spread the word to your ex-service friends and tell them about the association that they can become part of and have and identity amongst other ex-service associations and feel comfortable with knowing that this organisation does not discriminate against personnel or family members who only served within Australia, we as an association cater for both operational service and peacetime service current and ex-serving members, visit our website: [www.peacekeepers.asn.au](http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au) for more information.

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