

APPVA NATIONAL PRIORITY LIST 2008/09

Priority	Item	Contact Pers.	Date	Action	Comments
1	Veteran Health Study 1990-1995.	Paul Copeland	03-Jun-07 reviewed 02-Nov 08	Younger Veteran Health Study - Monash University for Peacekeepers P.C. to write to Minister- seek progress of Study & seek m/ship on Consultative & Scientific Advisory Committee.	Snap-shot of Vet health from deployments of Somalia, Rwanda, Cambodia and other Ops. Completed. NP. SA.C to be conducted in 09.
2	Special Rate Disability Pension. MRCA Anomalies	Paul Copeland & Mick Quinn Authored APPVA Submission dated 26 July 2009.	03-Jun-07 reviewed 02-Nov 08. Submission to Military Compensation Review sent	Sent MINSUB to Minister. Submission to NYVCF. Remit accepted at Vic RSL Conference 07 Ministerial Representation to DVA. Significant document lodged with DVA. Now on website: http://www.dva.gov.au/pensions_and_compensation/Military%20Compensation%20Review/Pages/Submissions.aspx	O/STANDING Military Compensation Review Steering Committee appointed with a few ESO members in attendance. M. Quinn to rep Young Vets
3	Younger Vets in Residential Care.	Mick Quinn & Paul Copeland	17-Apr-07 reviewed 02-Nov 08	To Lobby Govt. to have YVIRC facilities, with subsidised accommodation for partnered Vets with families. Changing procedure to broaden care criteria to expand to care of family.	Passed as RSL Remit in Jun 07. Presented to Min VA. Ongoing Media attention. (MRCA working group) M.Q & P.C. another Subm in progress, Nat approach is rec'd.
4	Reclassification of Service Humanitarian Ops to NWLS	Paul Copeland	01-Aug-07 reviewed 02-Nov 08	MINSUB to justify Reclassification for Humanitarian Ops and Overseas DACC Ops from Peacetime svc to NWLS. Present to Min W. Snowdon. With Nature of Service Review (NOSR) - ADF	Allow veterans the Reasonable Hypothesis and Beneficial Approach toward VEA & MRCA claims Reasonable Hypothesis "Hazardous". Outstanding.
5	OP ASTUTE - Timor Leste Reclass to WLS	Paul Copeland / Phil Pyke	03-Jun-07 reviewed 02-Nov 08	MINSUB to justify Reclass of OP ASTUTE to WLS from NWLS. Document submitted Mar 2009.	Accepted as remit at RSL Conf. Jun 07. To submit MINSUB to Minister VA. O/standing
6	Post 75 Medal Entitlement Review	Paul Copeland	16-Jan-08 reviewed 02-Nov 08	To have medal entitlements placed on an equilibrium with those pre75 and to instigate the striking of campaign medals for WLS PK forces and Australian Peacekeeping Medal for Peacekeeping Service (NWLS).	Australian Defence Medal Review submitted by APPVA in October 2008. Inquiry into recognition of service in the Counter Terrorist Special Recovery & Special Operations in May 2009. Inquiry into ADF Service in Somalia 1992-1995 dated 31 August 2009..
7	ATST - EM Reclassification to WLS	Paul Copeland	2-4/2/2006	Reclassified from Peacetime Service to Warlike Service, April 2009.	Awaiting UN Medal recognition, Ops Logs to be entered by PMKeys for AASM Clasp EAST TIMOR. Opp VA Spokesperson to follow-up on a number of points, including FOI of PM John Howard letter dated 17 Oct 2007, supporting the award and retrospective force assignment to UNTAET.
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8	DSH Home Loan (\$25,000)	Paul & Dave Penson	01-Jun-08	To lobby for increased DSH Home Loans, in order for Younger Veterans to obtain cheaper housing loans. The value of \$25,000 has not been indexed since 1973 and is now sub-standard for mean housing prices. In addition the ADF Home Loan Scheme (ADFHLS) is an ADF condition of service and member retainer only. It is not a veteran entitlement. Presented to various Ministers on visit to Canberra by P.C. & W.Mc. New Scheme initiated as of 1st Jul 08. There are still concerns. Gordon working on.	Ongoing. Passed as Remit at RSL Vic Conf. 07 To lobby Other ESO. Placed to Minister VA in July 2009; and Opp Spokeswoman Louise Markus July 09.