

APPVA NATIONAL PRIORITY LIST 2009/2010

Priority	Item	Contact Person	Date	Action	Comments	
1	Special Rate Disability Pension. MRCA Anomalies	Mick Quinn & Allan Thomas	03 Jun 07 reviewed 06 Feb 09. Reviewed 29 Oct 2010.	This matter has been raised by the APPVA submission to the military compensation arrangements review 2009. it is now online on the DVA website.	The Military Compensation Arrangements review 2009 is to investigate a range of ESO submissions. Due March 2010, however late announcement expected in 2011.	Await Min Response 2011
2	Support to ADF Reservists from Operational Deployment	Phil Pyke.	29-Oct-10	There is no formal structure to absorb Reservists back into their/our community. In fact until recently there has also been little informal support of them or structure to assist with their normal way of life. Defence to develop processes to support a disparate group of individuals that are geographically scattered when they have completed their deployment. A related issue is the provision of support of families of deployed Reservists.	Included in the Major Issues Paper from September 2010, which is a multi-ESO Document to lobby Government.	
3	Post 75 Medal Entitlement review	Paul Copeland	16-Jan-08 reviewed 02 - Nov-08	To have medal entitlements placed on an equilibrium with those pre 75 and to instigate the striking of campaign medals for WLS PK forces and Australian Peacekeeping medals for Peacekeeping service(NWLS)	MINSUB Dispatched to min W Snowdon. Receipt of MINSUB acknowledged by mike Kelly. The medal issues for PK post 1975 is now on the Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal (DHAT) inquiry List, Hearing and Submissions Closed. Awaiting Response.	Reviewed 29 Oct 2010.
4	Op ASTUTE- Timor Leste Reclass to WLS	Paul Copeland/ Phil Pyke	03-Jan -07 reviewed 02-Nov-08	MINSUB to justify Reclass of OP ASTUTE to WLS from NWLS need further evidence Historical data.	Accepted as remit at RSL Conf. Jun 07. Receipt of MINSUB sent to Min defence, Science & Pers. Now with Nosr 29 May 09.	Reviewed 29 Oct 2010. Rejected September 2011.
5	Reclassification of service Humanitarian Ops to NWLS	Paul Copeland	01-Aug-07 reviewed 06-Feb-09. Reviewed 29 Oct 2010	MINSUB to justify Reclassification for Humanitarian Ops and O/seas DACC Ops from peacetime svc to NWLS. MinSubm sent in Sep 08.	Min Snowdon ask receipt. Being Considered by the nature of service review team (NOSR), ADF Received 27 Feb 09, Large backlog of cases.	Rejected Jul 2011
6	Police veterans O/seas Compensation Act	Glenn Keyte and Dale Potter	6-Feb-09	To support PFA in order to ensure that the Beneficial Approach is maintained and that Police do not lose their veteran entitlements and status.	This has now been covered by the APPVA submission into the military compensation arrangements review 2009	Reviewed 29 Oct 2010.
7	DSH Home Loan	Paul	1/06/2008. Reviewed 29 Oct 2010.	To lobby for increased DSH home loans, in order for eligible veterans to obtain cheaper housing loans. The value of \$25,000 has not been indexed since 1973 and is now sub-standard for median housing prices. In addition the Defence Force Home Ownership Assistance Scheme, is condition of service and member retainer only, available only 2 years post discharge. It is not a veteran entitlement. Presented to various ministers on visit to Canberra by P.C & W.Mc. DFHOAS initiated as of 1st July 08. To have the DSHL changed to eligibility for DFHOAS.	Ongoing passed as remit at RSL Vic conf in 2007. To lobby other ESO. Raised with min VA and Opp VA. Need to draft a submission.	
8	Younger vets in residential care	Mick Quinn & Paul Copeland	17 Apr 07 Reviewed 06 Feb 09	To Lobby Govt to have YVIRC facilities with subsidised accommodation for partnered vets with families, changing procedure to broaden the care criteria to expand to care of family. Pathway to care is required under VEA, SRCA & MRCA.	Passed as RSL Remit in Jun 07. presented to Min VA. Ongoing media attention(MRCA working group) M.Q & P.C. Another submit in progress, Nat Approach is rec'd	

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Forum/ Project	Date	Exp	Comments
Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal	Nov-08	UNK	Submission Author-Ongoing Depending upon relevancy toward APPVA Constituents. Paul Copeland POC.
Peacekeeper Mental Health study(1989-1997)	Feb-09	2010	Paul Copeland
Soldiers of peace International Association	30-May-08	n/a	Australian Representative
Soldiers of peace International Association	29-Sep-09	n/a	Oceania Representative
Army Combat Badge-Rwanda	Nov-09	n/a	Ongoing - Paul Copeland
Army Combat Badge-Cambodia	Dec-09	n/a	Ongoing - Paul Copeland
Meritorious Unit Citation-MSF UNAMIR II	Nov-09	n/a	Ongoing - Paul Copeland
Meritorious Unit Citation-FCU UNTAC	Apr-99	n/a	SO2 Ceremonial (PC)
MUC FCU UNTAC update.	Sep-11	n/a	LTCOL Bellingham; Blue Sumpton and Paul Copeland.
UCG CCP Kibeho UNAMIR II	Jun-05	n/a	Ongoing - Paul Copeland
BEST founding for APPVA National Younger Veteran Outreach Program	May-09	Annually	Oversee the Project, Report the activity Statements, Raise the Applications for funding.
Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal. CT/SR Inquiry	Dec-09	17-Jul-10	1 Cdo Regt Elements under Review. Paul Copeland & Dave Vinen.
Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal. PNG Post Sep 75	16-Jan-08	Dec-09	Report released Jul 2010. To appeal the Government's decision with other interested people.
Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal. PK Service Post 1947	Aug-07	21-Dec-09	Unsuccessful. To lobby for GSM and ASPKM
Inter Department Working Group- DVA and Govt Agencies	Feb-09	UNK	COMPLETE
Defence Service Homes Loan for Veterans	Aug-09	UNK	COMPLETE
Submission into Veteran Advocacy Services	Aug-07	UNK	COMPLETE
Military Compensation Review	Mar-08	UNK	Await Minister Response

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Humanitarian Ops Reclass	Jun-07	UNK	REJECTED
UNTSO Reclass	Mar-08	UNK	DG-NOSR. 4 UNTSO UNMO have been retrospectively reclassified for Warlike Service for the Israeli/Lebanese War of 2006.
OP ASTUTE Reclass	Jun-07	UNK	Rejected by NOSB
OP HABITAT Reclass	Mar-08	UNK	Rejected by NOSB
KASHMIR Reclass	Mar-08	UNK	Awaiting DG-NOSB determination.
Police Reclass for WLS	Oct-09	UNK	With Minister
UN Medal for ATSTEM	Feb-09	UNK	Working with Wayne McInness toward lobbying of the award of the UN Medal East Timor Ribband
Rudd Govt Review into Clarke Review recommendations not accepted by Howard Govt	Apr-09	UNK	COMPLETE
Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade hearing into war service declaration	Feb-10	UNK	COMPLETE
Registered training organisation and structured training under recommendation 8.2 of DUNT review 2009	Jan-10	UNK	To be submission Author with Mick Quinn, in order to establish a training qualification frame work for veteran entitlement and advocacy training and assessment.
Border protection service medal	Aug-10	UNK	ongoing but lower priority
KIAP PNG Constabulary Submission	Aug-08	UNK	Working with Chris Viner-Smith.
Review the IPSS ADF Resettlement Seminar Presentation	Nov-09	UNK	NO FURTHER ACTION
Seriously Incapacity for Class A DFRDB/MSBS Invalidity Pensions - for eligibility for Concessions.	Nov-09	UNK	Working with ISPA. Raised with the Operational Working Group. Outstanding Item.
APPVA Name Change and Badge Change.	Nov-09	Check 22 Oct 2011	NO FURTHER ACTION, Review to Badge Design?

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Support to KVAA to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War	Jan-10	1-Jul-10	COMPLETE
Offsetting under 3 Acts. Veterans are receiving negative Impairment Points under various Acts.	29-Oct-10	Ongoing	Await Minister Response. Allan Thomas, Michael Quinn and Paul Copeland
OP MORRISDANCE 1987 - FIJI. Retrospective reclassification and medallic recognition.	18-Sep-11	Ongoing	Paul Copeland with Roger Penquitt
BEST Funding Increase due to reduction of funding.	Jul-11	Ongoing	Allan Thomas
Service Delivery Incentive Grant. ESO and Veteran Service Delivery for APPVA and related organisations.	Sep-11	Ongoing	Allan Thomas, Paul Copeland & Michael Quinn.
APPVA National Younger Veteran Outreach Program (BEST). Project Management	TBA		To be handed over to the Admin Officer - Kevin Ryan
Peacekeeper Magazine changed publishers to K & R Publishing, Sydney.	Jun-11	Ongoing	National Editor - Phil Pyke.
APPVA National Constitution amendments and changes	29-Oct-10	Ongoing	Dale Cooper and John Burgess
Police Peacekeeper Medallic Recognition. PNG, wording of CAG.	29-Oct-10	Ongoing	Glenn Kyte and Dale Potter.
Receipt of the Timor Leste Medal of Merit on behalf of the veterans of ATSTEM.	20-May-11	20-May-11	Awarded to PC in Dili at the 9th Anniversary of Independence Ceremony. Wayne McInnes is now POC.
Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) reconsideration to DHAAT or Federal Court. APPVA Support.	Jul-11	Ongoing	LTCOL Mike Dennis (RAR Corporation) and Paul Copeland.

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DGR/PBI - Taxable Deductible Not for Profit organisation for the purposes of donations claimed back on tax and to encourage sponsors for the APPVA National.	Jul-08	Ongoing	Require approaches to Minister to seek support for ATO Application for DGR/PBI.
Fund Raising for the National Peacekeeper Memorial on ANZAC Parade in Canberra.	Apr-04	Ongoing	All APPVA Branches to conduct at least one fund-raising activity for the Memorial per annum. Support is needed from the members. Ongoing lobbying for Government to pay for the memorial by Allan Thomas.
PBCLI of COMSUPER (DFRDB & MSBS) increase for all Retired Pay recipients, Invalidity Pensioners and Dependents.	Nov-09	Ongoing	Alliance of Defence Service Organisations (ADSO). APPVA to represent concerns in addition to ADSO.
Appeal the CMF- Rhodesia decision from DHAAT. ASM for CMF-R.	Jul-11	Ongoing	Paul Copeland
Appeal for Campaign Medal for Somalia service.	18-Apr-11	Ongoing	Paul Copeland
Appeal for ASPKM NWLS PKO and GSM for WLS PKO. Recognition of Nobel Peace Prize for PKO on and before 10 Dec 1988.	Jul-11	Ongoing	Paul Copeland
Submission for Medallic Recognition for ADF Humanitarian Operations Overseas.			Paul Copeland
Submission for Medallic Recognition for Special Communications Operations for ADF units.			Paul Copeland
Submission for Special Operations to specific ADF units.			Paul Copeland

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Serial	Forum	Ministerial Appt	Date	Expiry	Name
001	Emerging Issues of ADF	Yes		Ongoing	Handed over to John Wyatt
002	National ESO Round Table	Yes		Ongoing	Handed over to Allan Thomas
003	Operational Working Group	Yes		Ongoing	Michael Quinn.
004	Centre of Military and Veteran Health	No		Ongoing	Temporary appointment to Glenn Warnes SQLD Branch.
005	Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (MATES).	Yes		Ongoing	Dr Ken Hodby W.A.
006	RSL Care Young Veteran Forum	No		Ongoing	John Wyatt
007	Defence Honours Awards & Appeals Tribunal (DHAAT).	No		Ongoing	Paul Copeland
008	Vietnam veteran Family Study Consultative Forum	Yes	2008	2016	Paul Copeland
009	Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee	No	Apr-04	Ongoing	Paul Copeland
010	Timor Leste Family Study - Consultative Forum	Yes		Ongoing	David Penson