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**MINUTES of the
Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Association
NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GALLIPOLI BARRACKS,
ENOGGERA, QUEENSLAND
Saturday 22nd October 2011
Area Sergeant's Mess,
1330h.**

1. Meeting Opened: 1402h.
2. Present: Check off financial members. Completed during QGM. Allan Thomas JP (National President); Paul Copeland OAM, JP (National Secretary); Rhonda Copeland (National Treasurer); Michael Quinn (Victorian Branch President); John Burgess ED (SQLD Branch President); Jeremy Muhling (Victorian Branch Secretary); Robert Sumpton (SQLD Branch Secretary); Kevin Ryan JP (Nat Admin/Project Officer); Anne O'Brien; and Carolyn Cavanagh.
3. Apologies: As per attached List.
4. The Minutes from the Previous AGM held on 29 October 2010. This was done retrospectively after the Reports.

Motion: That the AGM Minutes of 29 October are accepted as read, with no corrections or amendments.

Moved: Rhonda Copeland. **Seconded:** Michael Quinn. **CARRIED.**

5. National President's Annual Report. The National President presented his Annual Report.

Motion: That the National President APPVA National Annual Report of FY10/11, be accepted as tabled and presented.

Moved: Michael Quinn. **Seconded:** Rhonda Copeland. **CARRIED.**

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6. National Treasurer's Annual Financial Report for FY10/11. The National Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Report for FY10/11.

Motion: That the National Treasurer's APPVA National Annual Financial Report for FY10/11 is accepted as presented and tabled by the National Treasurer.

Moved: Robert Sumpton. **Seconded:** Michael Quinn. **CARRIED.**

7. Audited Accounts for FY10/11 presented for acceptance by the National Treasurer.

Motion: That the APPVA Audited Accounts by Surfcoast Taxation Service is accepted as presented and tabled by the APPVA National Treasurer.

Moved: John Burgess. **Seconded:** Kevin Ryan. **CARRIED.**

National Office Bearer Elections.

All Office Bearers and Appointed Officers of the National Committee of Management were stood-down for Elections. The Returning Officer, Robert Sumpton reported no Proxy Votes, Appointment of Attorney, nor any nominations for the Office Bearer Positions of the APPVA National Executive.

Elections was conducted by the Appointed Returning Officer.

Election of Office Bearers.

8. National President. Allan Thomas, JP was nominated as the APPVA National President.

No other nominations for this position. Allan Thomas was unanimously voted by the quorum as the National President of the APPVA for two-year tenure.

9. National Vice President. There were no nominations for the National Vice President. However, Michael Quinn indicated an interest, however due to his employment with the APPVA may cause a Conflict of Interest.

This was discussed by the quorum of which it was identified that the Disclosure of a potential Conflict of Interest did not compromise the duties required of the National Vice President. No Conflict was realised by the NATCOM and it was deemed that the Nomination of Michael Quinn for the position of National Vice President is accepted.

Being no other nominations for this position, Michael Quinn was unanimously voted by the quorum as the National Vice President of the APPVA for two-year tenure.

10. National Secretary. **There were no nominations received for the APPVA National Secretary. This position was declared Vacant.**

11. National Treasurer. **There were not nominations received for the APPVA National Treasurer. This position was declared Vacant.**

Casual Vacancies of the APPVA National Office Bearers.

12. After some discussion, Mr Kevin Ryan JP, was nominated by Paul Copeland to fill the Casual Vacancy of National Secretary. Mr Ryan agreed to this nominated position.

The NATCOM Quorum accepted the nomination of Kevin Ryan, JP, for the Casual Vacancy of the National Secretary and voted accordingly.

Kevin Ryan JP, is now appointed the APPVA National Secretary, filling a Casual Position.

13. After some discussion, Mrs Rhonda Copeland conceded that she would fill the Casual vacancy of the APPVA National Treasurer on the proviso that the APPVA NATCOM actively seek an appropriately qualified person to replace her.

Mrs Rhonda Copeland, is now appointed the APPVA National Treasurer, filling a Casual Position.

Appointment of National Committee of Management Officers.

14. Membership Secretary. Kevin Ryan JP is appointed as the National Membership Secretary.

15. Merchandise Officer. Mr Chris Chatterton is appointed as the National Merchandise Officer.

16. National Website Manager. Mr Michael Phelan is temporarily filling the position of the National Website Manager, until a suitable replacement has been identified. Michael wishes to retire ASAP. This position was agreed to be filled under the direction of the National President and National Vice President.

17. National Editor (“Peacekeeper”). Paul Copeland nominated Phil Pyke, who has previously accepted the appointment. Mr Phil Pyke is now the APPVA National Editor.

18. National Project Officer. Paul Copeland stated that there appears to be no requirement for this position and proposed that it now be removed from the NATCOM. This was agreed by the NATCOM.

Motion: That the National Projects Officer is now removed from the NATCOM.

Moved: Paul Copeland. **Seconded:** Rhonda Copeland. **CARRIED.**

Special Business:

19. **Motion:** The APPVA National Admin Plan requires amendment and review. This will be conducted by the National President and National Vice President.

Moved: John Burgess. **Seconded:** Robert Sumpton.

20. APPVA National Constitution Amendments.

There was considerable discussion of the APPVA National Constitution. It was resolved to establish a Working Group, utilising the Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) Model Rules; along with the intrinsic nature of the APPVA National Management of the APPVA in all

Branches. Inclusive is the requirement to retain the Objects of the APPVA in the current Constitution (Clause 2), in order to satisfy ATO rules for DGR/PBI (Tax-deductible donations).

Motion: That the APPVA National Constitution Working Group consists of Paul Copeland, John Burgess and Kevin Ryan. That the Working Group send out a first draft for all NATCOM members to review and return feedback. Once completed the First Draft will be sent to CAV for advice. Upon advice or any further changes a Second Draft will be sent to the NATCOM for final comment. The Revised Second Draft will then be presented for acceptance and Registration with CAV under a Special Resolution in 2012.

Moved: Paul Copeland. **Seconded:** Robert Sumpton. **CARRIED.**

Other Business.

21. Action Plan for FY2011/2012. The Priority Plan for the APPVA was discussed and prioritised accordingly. The Action Plan is attached to these Minutes and was agreed by the NATCOM participants.

22. Increase of Membership Fees to \$10. John Burgess moved that the APPVA Annual Membership Fees be increased to \$10 per year.

Moved: John Burgess. **Not Second.** **DEFEATED.**

23. A motion was placed that the APPVA National Membership Fees be raised to \$5 per annum on and after 1 July 2012.

Motion: That the APPVA National Annual Membership Fees are increased by \$5 on and after 1 July 2012.

Moved: Rhonda Copeland. **Seconded:** Michael Quinn. **CARRIED.**

Next AGM.

The next APPVA National AGM is to be held in Canberra, ACT, during the period 19th – 20th October 2012.

The National President thanked the APPVA SQLD Branch President John Burgess and the APPVA SQLD Branch Secretary Robert Sumpton for their hospitality and assistance in organising the APPVA National Conference, QGM and AGM for 2011.

There being no further business, the National President declared the meeting closed.

Closure 1732h.

A. Thomas, JP,
National President.

K.J. Ryan, JP,
National Secretary.

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Attachment 1. Apologies List.
Attachment 2. Reports.

List of Apologies Received – APPVA National Conference

Invited Officials:

COL David Jamison AM (Retired) – National President DFWA;
CMDR Lachlan King – NOIC QLD;
Commissioner R. Atkinson APM – Commissioner QLD Police Service;
CDRE Kinghorne – Director Nature of Service Branch, Office of the VCDF;
LTGEN Morrison AO – Chief of the Army;
MAJGEN Mark Kelly AO, DSC – Repatriation Commissioner;
Mr Ian Campbell PSM – Secretary Department of Veterans' Affairs;
Mr Ron Coxon OAM – National President Viet Nam Veterans' Association of Australia;
Commissioner Tony Negus APM – Commissioner Australian Federal Police;
Assistant Commissioner Tony Prendergast – OIC International Deployment Group AFP;
Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO (Retired) – National President RSL;
Senator David Feeney – Parliamentary Secretary for Defence;
Senator David Johnston – Shadow Minister for Defence;
Senator Michael Ronaldson – Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs;
Stuart Roberts, MP – Shadow Minister for Defence, Science and Personnel;
Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AM, CSC (RAN) – Chief of the Navy;
WO David Ashley OAM – RSM of the Australian Army;
WO J.J. Millar AM – Warrant Officer of the RAAF;
WO Mark Tandy CSC – Warrant Officer of the RAN;

Members (APPVA National Conference and QGM/AGM):

MAJGEN John Pearn AO, RFD (Retired) – National Patron;
MAJGEN Ian Gordon AO (Retired) – APPVA NSW Branch Patron;
MAJ Matina Jewell (Retired) – APPVA Ambassador;
Mick Phelan – APPVA Website Manager;
Fiona Quinn – APPVA Membership Secretary (22 Oct);
Chris Chatterton – APPVA Merchandise Member;
Mike Romalis – APPVA TAS POC
Geoff "Lofty" Evans – APPVA NQLD President;
Dale Potter – National Vice President;
David Lee – APPVA W.A. Coordinator;
Phil Pyke – Editor;
Glenn Keyte – (National Police Liaison Officer);
Dale Cooper – ACT/NSW Branch;
Steve Hunter – VIC Member;
Nick Hannay – QLD Member;
Peter Vidler – NSW Secretary;
Robert Kennard – VIC Member;
Graham Castles – VIC Member;
Kevin Egan – VIC Member;
John Wyatt – NSW Member;

Robert Pilgrim – NSW;
Ian Mintern – APPVA QLD Member;
Peter Harris;
Nigel Shelton – APPVA S.A. Member;
Steve Ager – APPVA VIC Member;
Naomi Ager – Vic Member;
Dave Vinen – NSW Member;
Chris “Smokey” Dawson – APPVA QLD Member;
Gavin Lee – APPVA VIC Member;
Reece Pfingst;
Nigel Shelton – APPVA S.A. Member; and
Tony Richings – TAS.



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4th October 2011

**Subject: National President's Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting of 22nd
October 2011, held at Enoggera Barracks, Brisbane, Queensland**

Introduction:

The past year has been very challenging year for the National Committee of Management (COM). We have continued to produce recommendations/ reviews/ issues and submissions to the Military Rehabilitation Compensation Commission, Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal (DHAT); Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST).

Since our last National President's Annual report we have put forward documentation concerning the following:

- Support Delivery Integration (SDI) Grant (Oct 2011)
- Hurt Statement regarding BEST Funding Round 13 (Aug 2011);
- APPVA/ VVAA Response Paper to the Military Rehabilitation Compensation Commission Review (Jun 2011);
- APPVA Submission to the Inquiry into Recognition of Service with Operation Lagoon 1994 (May 2011);
- DHAT report on Inquiry into Recognition for Members of RCB for service in Malaysia 1970 – 1989 (Feb 2011);
- APPVA Complete Riffle Company Butterworth (RCB) Review Submission (Jun 2010);
- APPVA Submission to DHAT Inquiry into Recognition of Service with CMF, Rhodesia 1979 – 1989 (Jul 2010);

A detail list of our recommendations/ reviews and submissions are located on the APPVA website.

2011 has seen significant changes within the association that has forced us to review the way we have conducted our affairs in the past with the reduction in BEST funding we have had to minimise the operations of our paid practitioners by reducing the hours that they operate on a weekly basis. The APPVA have and will continue to provide a high standard of service to our members and the greater veteran's community regardless of these changes.

National Forums.

The APPVA continue to represent both younger and older veterans as well as concerns of the Australian Federal Police on all National/ State DVA Forums, our representation on these forums continue to be highly successful, with those individuals presenting issues that matter most to our constituency.

The APPVA Representative on current National Forums are as follows:

- Ex-Service Organisation Round Table (ESORT)
Mr Allan Thomas (National President)
- Prime Minister Advisory Council (PMAC)
Mr Phil Pyke (Tasmanian President)
- Operational Working Party (OWP)
Mr Michael Quinn Victorian Branch President
- Emerging Issues Forum (EIF)
Mr John Wyatt (NSW member)
- National Mental Health Forum (NMHF)
Mr Richard Kelloway (NSW member)
- Vietnam Veterans Health Studies Consultative Forum
Mr Paul Copeland OAM (National Secretary)
- Timor Leste Health Studies Forum
Mr Dave Penson CSM (South Qld member);
- Centre for Veterans Mental Health Forum
Mr Glenn Warnes (South Qld member);
- Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (Veterans' MATES)
– Kenneth Hodby (W.A. Member);
- Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA) Forum (every 4 years) – Mick Quinn, Allan Thomas and one other interested person to be appointed later
- Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee APPVA Representative – Paul Copeland OAM

- Peacekeeping Mental Health Study Consultative Group – Paul Copeland OAM.
- Defence Honours Awards and Appeals Tribunal, including Medal and Reclassification issues – Paul Copeland OAM

As we are approaching the end of tenure for our current representatives on these National and State Forums I strongly encourage members within the association who are interested in representing issues of veterans/ members of the Forces and the AFP to forward a brief resume to the Administrations Officer Kevin Ryan no later than 1200hrs Friday 11 November 2011.

For further information regarding who your representative is at State Forums please contact your state executives for this information all contact numbers of State representatives are located on our website www.peacekeepers.asn.au .

A summary of activities that are presented on the various National and State forums can be obtained from the DVA website.

Projects

The APPVA continue to provide the government with projects ranging from submissions to the Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal for appropriate Medallion recognition for current and ex-serving ADF, Peacekeeping, Peacetime and Australian Federal Police; we as an association will continue to provide topics for discussion and provide support to Mental Health Study for those who suffer with mental illness due to the nature of their duties whilst a member or a member attached to the ADF during overseas deployments. This shows the diversity of the APPVA and what we are capable of performing in the best interests of our constituency.

APPVA BEST Funded National Younger Veteran Outreach Program (NYVOP)

The APPVA NYVOP is funded by BEST Grants upon application by the end of February annually. Currently, the APPVA has five people employed to assist in the massive task of meeting a high demand in multiple-eligibility of a number of Legislative Acts.

There is a Level 3 Advocate practicing in Southern NSW (John Wyatt); Level 4 Advocate practising in Melbourne (Mick Quinn); Level 2 Case Officer practising in Melbourne (Graham Castles);); Pauline Maczkoiack Pension Officer practising in Lismore NSW; with a Part Time Admin Manager establishing the office of an Administrative Support Officer for the next BEST Grant Round 13.

Much work has been achieved with this team over the past 12 months with at least 2,000 cases being undertaken by the paid and volunteer practitioners, with a large volume of inquiries (**From 21,320 emails** (In and Out), **and 4,919** phone calls all relating to veteran matters in the Administration and National President's Office alone) these numbers have now doubled since its introduction.

The above demonstrates the large influx of interest of the services that this association is capable of providing. However we are seriously under-reporting ourselves and this may have a long-term effect for funding if this is not rectified in the immediate future. Then reporting mechanisms will be discussed at future Workshop meetings in the New Year.

Importantly, it is absolutely imperative that all Branches who have BEST Grants and intend to apply for BEST Grants expend the monies as stated within the appropriate Grants Guidelines, along with ensuring that the Grant Project is separately audited by a licensed and independent Financial Auditor prior to acquittal.

In addition, BEST Activity statements **must** be sent to National on time. These reports are now bi-annually, therefore the period 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011 will be due in Jan 2012; and the period 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 will be due in July 2012. For those practitioners and Branches responsible, please ensure that the reports are sent in on time to DVA, with copies to The Project Officer – Kevin Ryan at the Heidelberg Repatriation Veteran Centre.

The Paid Practitioners must get their BEST Activity Statements to National in reasonable time after the Reporting Period, so that we are able to provide timely reporting as agreed within the BEST Fund Grant Deed.

As I have indicated via email to NATCOM about the SDI Grant this will now be the only way for the association or Branches to apply for future BEST Grants, we need to be pro-active and have a co-operative approach with other ESOs in order to retain and maintain these fundings.

There will be avenues for those who wish to purchase equipment through various grants within the DVA.

Resignations

It is with regret that we had the following resignations from the APPVA over the past 12 months:

Dave Penson – National President (17 Jul 11)
 Allan Thomas – NSW State President (17 Jul 11)
 Dale Cooper – ACT Branch President (17 Jul 11)
 Dale Potter – National Vice President (22 Oct 11)
 Phil Pyke – Tasmanian Branch President (22 Oct 11)

I would like to thank those members for their dedication toward the Association and wish them well in their future endeavours. One person will be awarded the National President's Annual Award for their outstanding devotion to the APPVA, which will be announced at the National Conference.

New Office Bearers

Whilst the resignations may appear to be concerning, it was pleasing to see a number of people interested within their states taking up positions on both State and National Executive. These people are:

Allan Thomas – Interim National President
 Bruce Relph – NSW State President
 Peter Vidler – NSW State Treasurer

I am also very pleased to announce that the APPVA NSW Branch now has an inaugural Patron. Major General Ian Gordon, AO (Ret'd), is the Branch Patron for APPVA NSW. We

are very grateful to MAJGEN Ian Gordon, AO (Retired) who has accepted to stay on in his capacity and act as the patron now for APPVA NSW. We are very fortunate to have such a distinguished and eminent person joining the APPVA NSW Branch.

Branches

It is with great regret that I announce some bad news, of which may come as a shock to the association that the APPVA ACT Branch cannot continue to function as a stand-alone Branch its members are now administered by the APPVA NSW Branch. APPVA ACT Branch has closed its Bank Account and placed the Incorporation in trust with the National APPVA with effect 17 July 2011. The monies from the ACT Branch will be held in trust by National until such time the ACT can raise a committee to deal with its affairs, hopefully not in the too distant future.

It is also disappointing to learn that APPVA ACT members could not commit themselves to the ACT Branch due to work/ family commitments which in turn could not provide the support to the association in a range of fund-raising activities or representation on its own state committee and most of the work was left to a very few who could perform such duties.

The APPVA ACT Branch is still an entity in the ACT with a Point of Contact (Dale Cooper), however will not be functioning as an Incorporated body until such time a committee can be formed, re-constituted, and demonstrated operating capability.

The APPVA SA/ NT POC still remains the same with Wayne Alexander on 0408 278 207, or 08 8258 1970 until such time that a committee can be raised and the association within the relevant state can handle its own affairs. The SA/ NT will continue to operate from the VVAA Badcoe VC Club adjacent RAAF Edinburgh, should anyone seek assistance in Compensation Entitlement and Support the APPVA SA/ NT

The APPVA National Executive intends to visit Adelaide and Darwin sometime in the new year to meet with as many APPVA SA/NT members in order to resurrect the situation and have the Branch back as an Incorporated and operational entity. To date we have not had the chance nor take the opportunity with changes within the National Executive committee and lack of funding to tend to these areas.

Achievements for 2011

Whilst FY 2010/2011 may have been a difficult year in a number of areas, I am pleased to report that we see significant progress/ improvements and changes in our National Priorities from FY 2009/2010. We have seen the government make significant changes concerning:

- Successful lobbying for the Peacekeeper Mental Health Study;
- Successful Lobbying for a Review into the Military Rehabilitation & Compensation Commission;

- 2004 (MRCA) anomalies, including multiple eligibility problems, service differential, age/ sex discrimination within MRCA,
- Veteran Entitlement Act 1986 (VEA); and the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (SRCA).
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- Submissions of Reclassification of the Conditions of Service and Nature of Service to a number of Operations.

The successful outcome of the Australian Training Support Team – East Timor (ATSTEM), which were reclassified from Peacetime to Warlike Service in March 2009, after intensive lobbying from the APPVA, this message is still being promulgated to our members and the greater veteran's community.

Post 1975 Medal Entitlement Review, which have successfully been lobbied to Government and have now been referred to the Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal (DHAT).

Future Issues for 2010

Whilst the issues above have been successful, there are a number of matters that require resolution by the Government. Of these that hold importance in priority are:

- a. Our Veteran Health and Well-Being;
- b. Non-Erosion of Veteran Entitlements or Compensation; and
- c. Ongoing Recognition of the service, courage and sacrifice of our constituents.

There are some matter that I feel require further resolution. These are:

- Younger Veterans in Residential Care.
- Improved Pathways to Care for Younger Veterans.
- Veteran and Veteran Families Counselling Service (VVCS) to allow services to be extended to Peacetime Ex-Service members, including Police Peacekeeper veterans..
- Ensure that ADF members are given the best opportunities for Rehabilitation Retraining and Retention over a two-year period.
- The severely eroded Defence Service Home Loan of \$25,000 (not changed since 1973), to be commensurate with the Australian Median Home Price Index, to allow our Young Veterans the opportunity to have discounted interest home loans as was the case in 1918, for those veterans who served before 30 June 2008. Access on and after 1 July 2008, to the Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (DHOAS), regardless of discharge time is also needed for our veterans.
- COMSUPER (DFRDB & MSBS) Indexation issues. Currently at CPI, which really needs to be appropriately adjusted to the Public Beneficiary Cost of Living Index

(PBLCI).

- Police Compensation Legislation for those who serve on Operations and to retain the Beneficial Approach as was previously available under the VEA to MRCA.
- Commemorations – further Government funding toward the National Peacekeeping Memorial on ANZAC Avenue in Canberra.
- Continued Consultations with Government Departments regarding recognition of Peacekeeping and other Service.

Conclusion

As it is quite apparent, 2011 has been an extraordinarily busy year for the APPVA at the National Level. The APPVA continues to represent our constituent's matters of concern to the highest levels in Government and Defence in order to seek appropriate resolution of these issues.

The APPVA has made significant progress in 2011 and will potentially make a more significant impact in 2012, as we develop our business strategies, increase our membership and delivery of services.

This being my first National President's Report to you, I would like to personally thank all those who have supported and helped me in this very busy time as National President of the APPVA your knowledge and dedication, support and more importantly friendship over the past months as National President will only help me make sound judgements in the best interest of the association in years to come or whoever fulfils the role as National President.

Thank you for the opportunity of representing you as your National President and I look forward to fulfilling this role or other roles within the association in years to come.

Yours Sincerely,

Allan Thomas **JP**
National President 2011

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of: **Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans Association Inc**

We have audited the accompanying Financial Report of Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans Association Inc for the period 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.

Committees' Responsibility for the Financial Report:

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility:

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An Audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Modification:

As is common for most organisations of this type, it is always not practical for the Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans Association Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, fees and other receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to the receipts was limited to amounts recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, subject to the above modification, the financial report of Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans Association Inc is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 1981, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Incorporations financials position as at 30th June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date: and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

Margaret Leigh – CPA

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