

NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
VOLUNTEER RIFLES EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INC.  
**2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AND MEMBERS REUNION**

**DATE: SATURDAY 17th AUGUST 2002**

**VENUE: LONG TAN SERGEANTS MESS GALLIPOLI BARRACKS BRISBANE**  
( See attached map of Gallipoli Barracks formally Enoggera Barracks)

**TIMES: 4.30 PM Assemble in the Mess—fellowship**  
**5.00 PM Annual General Meeting (Approx 1 Hour)**  
**6.30 PM Buffet Dinner - Bar Open till late**

**DRESS: Anzac Day Dress with Miniatures / Neat evening wear / Guests welcome**

**5.00 pm** Call to Order  
\* Welcome Address  
\* Apologies  
\* Confirmation of Minutes of the 2001 AGM (to be circulated)  
\* Business arising from the previous AGM Minutes  
\* Correspondence / Treasurer's Report / Welfare Officer / Historic Officer  
\* President's Report & Report on PNG Visit  
\* Election of Officer Bearers for 2002/3  
\* General Business  
- Appointment of Life Member  
- Appointment of Auditors  
- Other General Business

**COST:- \$ 15-00 per person includes Buffet Dinner.** Please note:- As a non-serving Regiment we are obliged to meet all civilian staffing costs in the Sergeants Mess associated with the Bar and Buffet Dinner. \$15-00 per person will cover all costs.

The Mess will also be open to any resident serving Sergeants and Warrant Officers.

**Due to pre-paid costs involved it would be appreciated if you could contact either Joe Fisk on 3208 5298 or Col Gould on 042 111 7092 or ah 3311 7480 before the 11th August if you are attending the AGM. It is important that we provide accurate numbers for the mess to cater for the evening buffet dinner. Your response and attendance would be appreciated.**

C.L. Gould - Secretary



NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES  
EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

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**2002  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING & REUNION**

Saturday 17th August 2002  
Long Tan Sergeants Mess  
Gallipoli Barracks—Enoggera

1630 Hours Assemble  
1700 Hours AGM  
1830 Hours Buffet

Members and Guests welcome  
\$15-00 per person.

Please RSVP by 11 August for  
catering purposes.

Ph: Joe Fisk 3208 5298  
Col Gould 3311 7480 (ah)

**President's Update.....**

Dear Members,

You will recall that over the past years your Executive Committee has been working on a number of ongoing projects such as seeking approval for the entering of our PNG Awards onto our Australian service records and sourcing and seeking authority for a number of Bird of Paradise plumes for our NGVR members to wear in their slouch hats on ANZAC Day in Brisbane.

Thanks to the generosity of Association supporter, Neal Lega, who recently donated back to the Association his Air Niugini raffle prize last year, and with the kind assistance of Air Niugini, three members of the Committee were able to visit Port Moresby last month for PNG's Remembrance Day on the 23 July, and to follow up on a number of outstanding issues on behalf of members.

On behalf of our Secretary, Colin Gould and our Solicitor Bruce Crawford, OAM, who accompanied me to Port Moresby, I would like to sincerely thank our member, John Mudge, MBE who provided us with comfortable accommodation at his Boroko residence, not to mention making available his time, knowledge and vehicle to aid us in our short time in PNG.

**2002 PNG INDEPENDENCE BALL & DINNER**

Date:- Saturday 7th September 2002  
Venue:- Queensland Irish Club  
Dress:- Mess Dress / ANZAC Day Dress /Jacket  
with miniatures.

Bookings essential. Make a table or join the PNGVR table for a great night out. Ring Col Gould, after hours, on 3311 7480. \$60 per person  
Host:- Aust—PNG Business & Cultural Soc Inc

"To raise funds to pack and ship donated educational and health supplies to PNG via Rotary Clubs of Brisbane."



During our stay we met with many senior PNG officials including:-

- Commodore Peter Ilau, MBE - Commander PNG Defence Force
- His Excellency Mr Nick Warner—Australian High Commissioner
- Deputy Police Commissioner, Mr Sam Inguba, QPM
- Assistant Police Commissioner, Mr Jeffery Vaki, MBE
- Mr Raho Hitolo—PNG Ombudsman
- Mr Wilson Kamit—Governor Reserve Bank of PNG
- Mr Stephen Mokis—Secretary Ombudsman Commission
- Sir Peter Barter, Kt.B.—MP for Madang & Chairman of National Symbols and Events
- Mr Tambon Tara—Honours & Awards Committee
- Colonel Eric Arni, MBE—Director, National Symbols incl Honours & Awards
- Mrs Joan Vanarieu—Secretary, Honours & Awards

as well as attending the PNG Remembrance Day

celebrations as official guests, in Port Moresby.

A full report will be given to members at the AGM with a copy of the report forwarded to all members by mail.

Sufficient to say that we view our brief visit a success, with many lines of communication established for the future. We are still following up a number of issues that we raised whilst in PNG.

I would like to again acknowledge the support of Air Niugini, Neal Lega, John Mudge, MBE., Sir Peter Barter, Kt.B. and senior officers of the PNG Police who greatly assisted us during our stay.

I look forward to meeting as many members as possible at our AGM and reunion at the Long Tan Sergeants Mess. Your RSVP as requested, will ensure that we do not over cater ( and lose money) or under cater, and send you home a tad hungry.

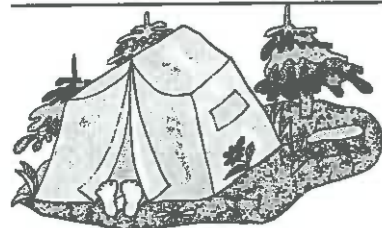
Personal regards

Harry N Green

## MIXED THEME DINING NIGHT—JIMBOOMBA

Saturday 20th July 2002

By Val Fisk,



Once again Barry and Pam Wright showed their generosity by making available the R&R section of their property for use as the venue for the winter bush camp and Dining In night. As usual the preparations for this occasion helped with the success of the weekend. Our thanks go to Pam and Barry, and the usual small band of hard workers. Over the past 6 months many improvements have been made to the area, thanks to the donation of various items which, with Barry's help and ideas, have been put to good use especially within the kitchen area.

We realise that this occasion is used as a bonding of old comrades who need a little more time than is available on ANZAC day—too many people to get around to talk to then. The evenings roll up was 40. Some stayed and camped on the Saturday night and others who had Sunday morning commitments left on the Saturday night.

Some guests started arriving as early as morning tea on the Saturday. Pam was waiting there with the usual refreshments and a cuddle to greet guests. Some had travelled a great distance to attend. From the north coast were Pam and Ron Strand—from Esk Norm and Joan Mundy—and from down past the Mexican border around Wagga Wagga was Bruce Inch. Ann and Greg Shaw came in from the far West carefully carrying a carton of Roma's best Port to be donated and drunk for the occasion. Thank you Greg, also thanks to Ann who was a very good working foreperson for the Sunday morning tasks.

On the Saturday afternoon, guests rallied to prepare the dining tables and surrounds. This is always a great team effort with absolutely everybody present doing their share towards the evening's event.

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Even 'Cindy', Joe and Val's dog kept an eye on Chef Murray in the kitchen with the hope that it would bear fruit ( or a bone or two) later on after the meal had been completed.

By 1900 hours all guests had organised their camps, enjoyed a hot shower on site and dressed ready to partake in the nibbles, pre-dinner sherry and the warmth of the pot bellied stoves. John McGrath was welcomed as a new member to the Association. After guests were called to the Mess, via a bugle call, the traditional flags were piped in. The tables looked splendid with silver candelabras, cutlery, shining wine glasses, vases of flowers and a dark red rose for each lady, all laid out on a spotless white tablecloth.



Our Chef, Murray, prepared a delicious meal with the men looking after the ladies during the evening. As a guest speaker, Bob Collins related to us his and his daughter Emma's experiences on ANZAC Day in Gallipoli, and of their tour of

the European battlefields This was a very moving section of the dinner.

During the evening "Snappy Tom" was on his usual endless prowl capturing the evening on film. Thanks Tom.

After the passing of the Port, coffee was available before fronting the bonfire. We all remember those big bonfires we used to look forward to on the 5th November each year.

As the night wore on, guests started to make their

way home whilst campers, who did not have to drive, mostly decided to have one for the road. During the night we all had to take those little walks. The glow from the various fires led us to the appropriate lik lik haus, and the warmth from those pot belly fires helped with the cold. Boy! Was it cold!!

Sunday morning the real work started. Unfortunately, or maybe not so, I slept in till almost 0900 hours, even though my 'Cindy' 4 legged alarm clock had washed my face several times. Everyone seemed to be either cooking or eating their breakfasts. What a perfect morning to wake up to with the smell of bacon and toast. I am afraid that I will not be able to pull that stunt next time.

By the time I did rise, the boys had everything in hand, and I don't think there was a hangover in the place. Gee its nice to know men still remember how to wash dishes and safely operate a tea towel. Many thanks to all for letting me sleep in that morning. YES! Ann Shaw, as I said earlier, you are a good student and foreperson material.

By 1200 hours all the tarps were down, chairs packed up and nearly everyone on the road heading home.

Just a little reminder to mark in your diary Saturday 23rd November 2002 for our Christmas Bush Bash at the same place with chrissiedecs and all. Remember it doesn't get cold at 1700 hours in November. We will be calling for volunteers to play Santa—What say you Bob Collins or Greg Shaw?

(Function report from a female perspective—Val)

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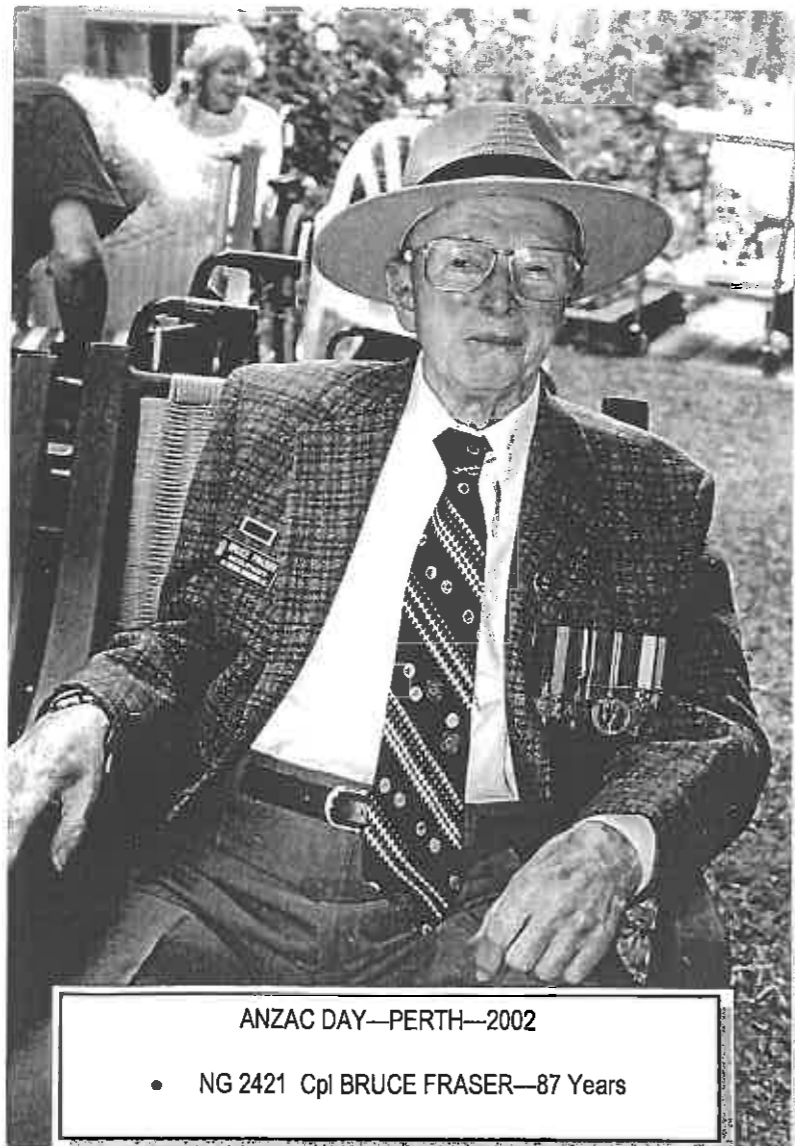
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NGVR MEMBERS AROUND THE TRAPS—2002  
(FROM LEFT)

- NG 2386 Cpl FRED STILL—91 Years
- NG 2462 Rfn JIM HOILE—81 Years
- Mrs MAY BYRNE—Widow of Arch Byrne
- NG 2161 Rfn JIM HUXLEY—79 Years



ANZAC DAY—PERTH—2002

- NG 2421 Cpl BRUCE FRASER—87 Years

**MONTEVIDEO MARU**  
**60th Anniversary**  
**1 July 1942 to 1 July 2002**  
**ANZAC SQUARE—Brisbane**

Some 50 members and guests attended the 60th Anniversary of the sinking of the Japanese Naval prison ship , 'Montevideo Maru' with the loss of all 1035 POW's on board, which was held in the Shrine Of Memories, ANZAC Square Brisbane on the 1 July 2002 and hosted by this Association.

The service was conducted by Rev Alan McFarland during which the names of NGVR personnel and civilians on board were solemnly read out.

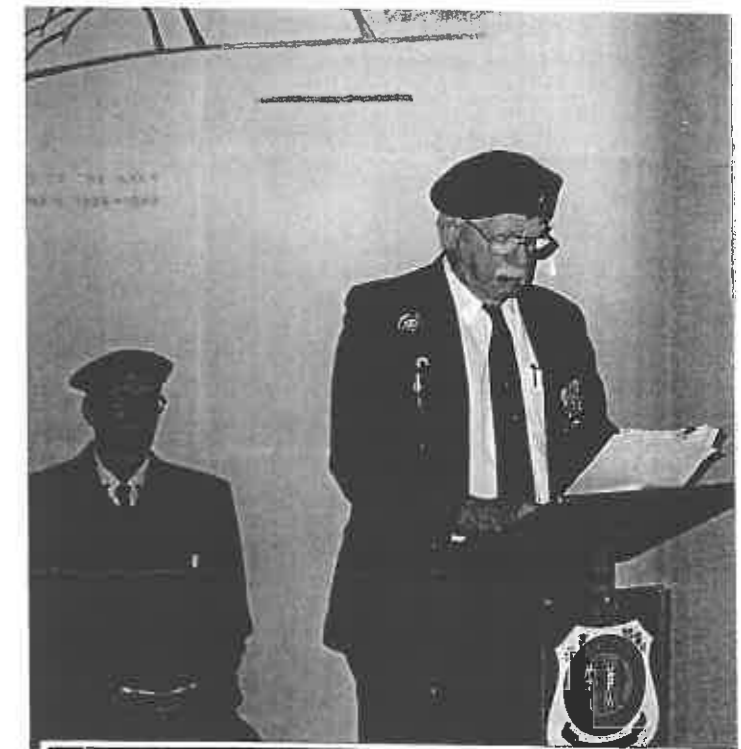
The event was covered by TV Channel 7 in Brisbane by reporter, Mr Peter Doherty, and was screened locally and then Nationally the following day. This resulted in our Secretary receiving four phone calls and a personal visit from new family descendants of those lost on the ship. We are grateful for the efforts and support of Channel 7 and Peter Doherty in Brisbane.

**LEST WE FORGET**



MONTEVIDEO MARU  
1942—2002  
60th ANNIVERSARY—ANZAC SQUARE BRISBANE

BETTY WOOD—Lost her Father on the Montevideo Maru  
BETTY MULLER—Lost her Father, 15 year old Brother and an Uncle on the Montevideo Maru



IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA INSTEAD OF BEHIND IT

Association photographer Tom 'Snappy Tom' Dowling reads out the list of names of those lost on the Montevideo Maru  
Rev Alan McFarland (L)

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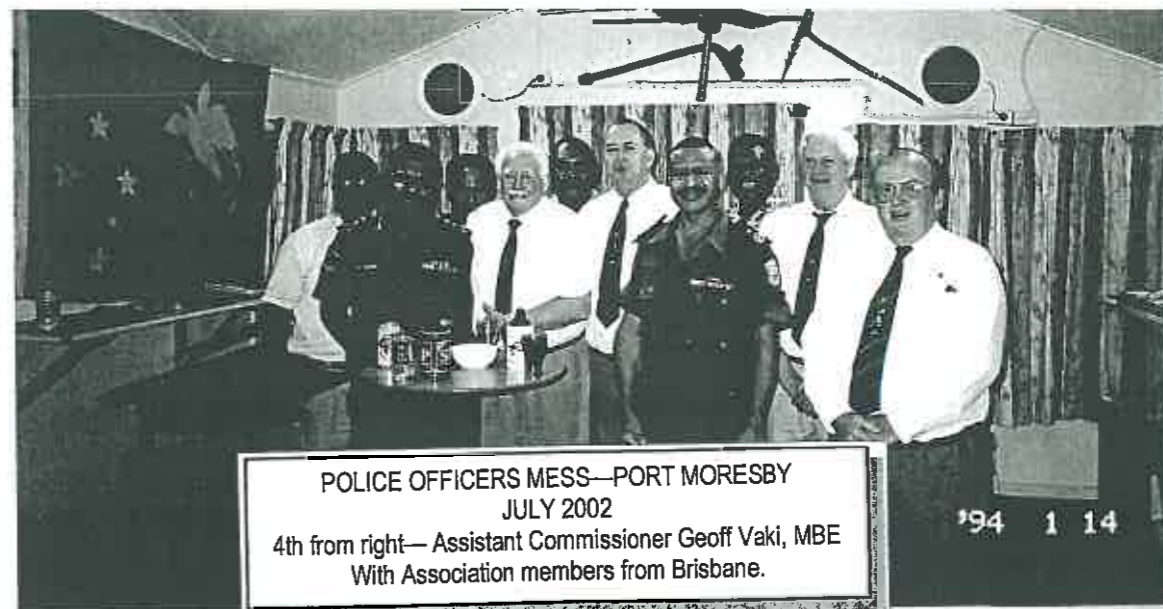


POLICE OFFICERS MESS—HQ PORT MORESBY  
 PNG REMEMBRANCE DAY - 23 rd JULY 2002—From left

- Brig. John Mudge, MBE St John's Ambulance
- Commodore Peter Ilau, MBE. Commander PNG Defence Force
- Lt.Colonel Harry N Green, MBE.ED—President NGVR/PNGVR Assoc.
- Deputy Police Commissioner Sam Inguba, QPM— PMC Officers Mess
  - Bruce Crawford, OAM—Association Solicitor
  - Colin Gould, AFAIM—Association Secretary



Association Member John Mudge, MBE  
 Wearing the uniform of Brigadier of St John's  
 Ambulance  
 Papua New Guinea.  
 Our Host—Extraordinary  
 Port Moresby—July 2002



POLICE OFFICERS MESS—PORT MORESBY  
 JULY 2002  
 4th from right— Assistant Commissioner Geoff Vaki, MBE  
 With Association members from Brisbane.

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POLICE OFFICER MESS—PORT MORESBY  
 2002  
 "Ring or even bump this bell on the wall of the  
 Officers Mess and its your money on the Bar"—  
 warns Association Secretary Colin Gould



PNG DEFENCE FORCE HQ PORT MORESBY  
 JULY 2002  
 Lt. Colonel Harry Green, MBE.ED with  
 Commodore Peter Ilau, MBE—Defence Force Commander



Colonel Harry Green, MBE.ED with our Police Escort  
 Inspector Andy Bawa Anderson—July 2002.



Bruce Crawford visits his old swimming hole from the  
 1950's at Goldie River Barracks.  
 From Left front:- Barracks 21.C., Lt Colonel Harry Green,  
 Inspector Andy Anderson, Bruce Crawford



Lt Colonel Harry Green, MBE.ED presents Tambon Tara of the  
 PNG Prime Ministers Department—Honours & Awards Division,  
 with an Association Plaque— Port Moresby July 2002



John Mudge, MBE and Lt Colonel Harry Green, MBE.ED  
 return from laying the Wreath at Remembrance  
 Day, Port Moresby, 23 July 2002.



Lt. Colonel Harry Green, MBE.ED presents an Association  
 Plaque to acknowledge the war time links between the  
 NGVR and RPNGPC, to Deputy Police Commissioner and  
 PMC, Sam Inguba, QPM—Port Moresby July 2002.

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