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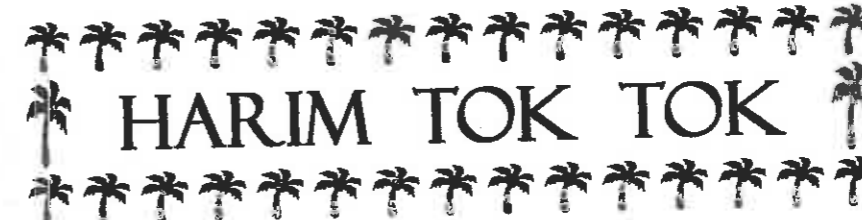
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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL  
 GENERAL MEETING 1 OCTOBER 2005.....**  
 Philip Ainsworth.

I regret my inability to attend the AGM but I will be thinking of you while I am sun baking on the coast in Portugal.

While 2004 / 2005 was a year of achievement, it was dominated by sadness, sadness at the loss of so many of our comrades. There has been a major depletion in our ranks of NGVR and PNGVR members. The passing of our long serving President, Lt. Colonel Harry N Green, MBE.ED has given the Association a reality check—the need to continue without his mentorship.

In many ways this is Harry's last report. After Harry's death, the Executive Committee decided to elect me as Chair until a formal election procedure could be put in place. Because of the timing, it was decided to delay this until now.

Given my two short years on the Committee, I am very pleased to say that your Executive Committee has come through with flying colours. The members are experienced, knowledgeable and competent. An outstanding example is the professionalism of our recently much practiced funeral participation activities where we are now in the position to undertake the complete ceremony, if the family concerned so agrees. Another is the numerous displays of NGVR, PNGVR and PNG memorabilia and photos etc assembled for special functions such as PNG Independence celebrations for the Papua New Guinea

Consul General and the Australia-Papua New Guinea Association's 30th Independence Ball in Brisbane this year, as well as standing displays at the Greenbank RSL Sub-Branch and Bribe Island RSL.

Our many achievements include, but are not necessarily in any order of importance:-

- Arranging for the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 with PNG Clasp for our Papua New Guinea PNGVR comrades. An initial batch of 56 applications from Mt Hagen, Madang, Port Moresby and Wewak co-ordinated by our Association are currently being processed in Canberra.
- Arranging and/or attending numerous functions such as the ANZAC Day March and Reception in Brisbane, Reserve Forces Day march, Regimental Dinner, Field Dining Nights, funerals and wakes and commemorative ceremonies, ie PNG 30th Independence celebrations, and the Montevideo Maru memorial service. We were also fortunate to have Morea Gaigo, who was a Sergeant in Mortar Platoon in Port Moresby attend our 2005 ANZAC Day functions and Regimental Dinner in 2005.
- Attendance at other Association's functions such as 39 Battalion Memorial at the Sherwood RSL, and VP Day, which were particularly numerous on this the 60th Anniversary of the surrender of the Japanese in 1945.



- Continuing the collection of service recollections of our members—about 30 so far from NGVR members and 8 from PNGVR members. This work is very onerous and those responsible can be proud of the quality and integrity of their work. Current efforts are being focused on having the NGVR member stories published in book form. For those who wish to prepare their stories and require assistance, please refer to the recently distributed copy of **"Notes to prepare your bio-sketch"** which also has a fictional framework from which your story may be prepared.

- After several stops and starts, we have at last got a framework for our website on which historic and other information is being added as at this moment. Our website is

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and we encourage you to look at it and participate in its construction by comments and material, text or graphic.

- Continuing on from the work done by the late Joe Fisk, the Association has arranged for premises at the National Servicemen's Association 1.5 hectare site on Boundary Road, Wacol which formed part of the 11 Battalion National Service Barracks at Wacol. Whilst paper work and agreements have yet to be finalised, your Committee is presently planning the development and refurbishment of a building to securely house and display our historic memorabilia. It may also be possible to use the facilities for committee meetings and other functions. It is envisaged the Association will erect a memorial plaque on the site. In the coming year, members will be requested to assist with this project. The National Servicemen's Association site at Wacol is right next to the old 1 Training Group Sergeants Mess where we use to hold our AGM's before relocating to Gallipoli Barracks.

- As well as the personal stories, the production of significant background papers on the NGVR, PNGVR, the Colours, the story of the integration of Papua New Guinea citizens into PNGVR, quality digital images of the Colours, the 16 minute promo of the Gallant 500 with access to about 4 hours of video footage of interviews with our members has been completed. All this is intended to be produced as a CD in the coming year. The CD will cover the histories of both NGVR and PNGVR, the Association, background stories and personal stories with photos etc. These will be available for distribution to appropriate libraries and archives as well as limited sale to members and interested parties.

- Five editions of 'Harim Tok Tok' were produced and distributed during the year, thanks to the efforts of our dedicated Secretary. Our newsletter is a vital link with our members. Unless you have been involved in the production of a small newspaper, you may not realize the magnitude of this task, as well as normal duties associated with the position.

- The setting up of our historical material in a permanent display at Wacol will be enhanced by the numerous quality photos taken by our official photographer over the years.

- We should be hearing a Chinese memorial bell ringing in the Brisbane Chinatown Mall in the not too distant future. The funds are available and a contract has been let for the manufacture of the bell, and the wording on the memorial has been agreed to. This memorial is to commemorate those Chinese who fought, assisted and paid the ultimate sacrifice for Australia and its allies.

- The Association sponsors two Army Reserve Units—9 RQR Gallipoli Barracks and 31 RQR Townsville—with an annual "Shield of Military Excellence". The 9 RQR Shield is awarded to the winning 'Section' at the end of their annual STEEL TUFF competition in November. The 31 RQR Shield is awarded to the most improved and efficient soldier below the rank of Sergeant.

- Our comrades with the C Company PNGVR Ex Members Association in Mt Hagen are growing in numbers and plan to incorporate in the near future. We are endeavouring to assist them by way of a computer package or lap top to help them organise membership rolls and newsletters etc. We are trying to seek a donation of the require equipment. An PNGVR member in Port Moresby has undertaken the task to help establish a PNGVR chapter in Port Moresby. There are 30 known members in the area. Our involvement with our former comrades in PNG is a major project for the Association.

- The fostering of our relationship with the PNG Consulate General Office in Brisbane, particularly with the very energetic Consul General, Paul Nerua and other similar PNG orientated organizations and groups is an important aspect of our Association activities, and one which was much enhanced during the past year.

2005 marks the 30th Anniversary of Papua New Guinea Independence, and I had the honour along with members of the Executive Committee to attend

## FUNCTIONS

**STOP PRESS:** Barry & Pam Wright have announced that the 3rd. Saturday in JULY and NOVEMBER each year has been reserved for the JIMBOOMBA MIXED FIELD DINING NIGHTS.

### SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2005 MIXED FIELD DINING NIGHT

**Timings:** Pre-dinner sherry:- 1800 hours Dinner commences:- 1900 hours

**Dress:** Smart casual ( Association polo shirts / slacks ( no jeans please )

**Cost:** \$30 pp includes sherry, table wine, port. 2 course dinner, tea/coffee

Cheques payable to : "Bob Collins" at 45 "Capricornia"  
121 Surf Parade, BROADBEACH Q 4218 ASAP

**Bookings:** Phone Barry Wright 5546 9865 Bob Collins 5526 8396  
RSVP by 12 November please to assist with catering.

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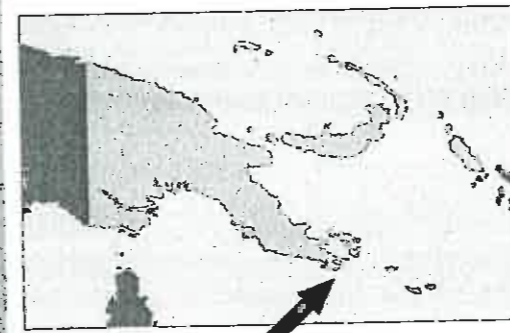
### BACK TO SAMARAI REUNION 2006.

Weekend of 28/30 July 2006.  
Cairns Colonial Club—CAIRNS

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Kuranda Train / Skyrail; Green Island; Reef Cruise;  
Daintree Tour; Atherton Tablelands Tour.



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On the 25 September, at a 30th Independence luncheon hosted by the Royal Commonwealth Society Inc, Papua New Guinea Consul General **Mr Paul E Nerau, LLB.** (R) presented six 30th Independence Commemorate medals and four Certificates of Appreciation to nominated recipients and Associations. NGVR / PNGVR Association was most honoured to be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by **Sir Rabbie Namaliu, KCMG** and **Paul E Nerau, LLB.** Our Secretary, **Col Gould**, was honoured to be awarded the 30th Independence Commemorative medal, as was **Hank Cosgrove**, Secretary of the Australia-Papua New Guinea Association Inc.



the Anniversary function hosted by Consul General Paul Nerau, LLB. On the 15th September at which both Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Quentin Bryce, AC and Acting Premier Anna Bligh were guests of honour.

At this function our Historic Officer, John Holland put together a great display of PNGVR and PNG material and photos including Independence Day 1975, volcanoes, tourism, mining and industry which was a highlight for all guests present. It takes John many hours to plan and set up such a display (not to mention the packing up work). Thanks John, well done.

I would like to thank those members who joined me at the other important Independence Anniversary function, that of the 30th Anniversary PNG Ball hosted by the Australia-Papua New Guinea Association Inc at the Queensland Irish Club—Tom

Dowling, Paul Brown, John Holland, Colin & Pattie Gould, Peter & Theresa Barlow, Doug and Fran Ng, and Ralph Seeto. Our members in ANZAC Day dress and Mess Dress provided the Guard of Honour for the Official guests complete with Australian and Papua New Guinea flags and the mandatory Piper. Again John Holland worked his magic with a very popular display.

During my short period as the Chair, I am amazed at the number and complexity of activities and projects our Association successfully participates and/or accomplishes. It is no small measure of quality of the Committee as well as the support and dedication of our members.

I wish the incoming Committee every success.

Phil Ainsworth



Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC and Consul General Paul E Nerau, LLB with Acting Queensland Premier Anna Bligh (far left) and Bougainville Dancers at the PNG Consulate 15 September 2005.



Manus Dancers at the 2005 PNG Ball & (L) Peter & Theresa Barlow

Part of the display set up by John Holland at the PNG Consulate for the 30th Independence Anniversary function on the 15 September 2005.



# 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 Members and guests attended the 2005 AGM held at the Long Tan Sergeants Mess, Gallipoli Barracks on the 1 October, with 11 members electing to "overnight".

The catering and service provided by the Mess was again outstanding, and we are grateful to have been given permission to use their facilities.

Elected to the Executive Committee were:- Phillip Ainsworth (President); John Mudge, (VP PNG Rep); Bob Collins (VP); Col Gould (Secretary); Doug Ng (Treasurer); Bruce Crawford (Hon Solicitor); and Committee members Paul Brown, John Holland, Tom Dowling and Mal Zimmermann.

Thanks to the kind generosity of Ken Hitchcock, there was ample good Port available on the night. In fact the Port seemed to get better as the night progressed, and this may be the reason why only 9 out of the 11 members who over-nighted made Sunday breakfast. Two were MIA. (Missing in Action). Many a good story was told and many a great joke—wish I could have remembered the jokes the day after.

Life Membership was awarded to Barry Wright in recognition of his efforts and support over the years in organizing and hosting (along with wife Pam) the Bush Dinners at Jimboomba. Congratulations Barry.

Col Gould.



### OFFICIAL PORT TESTERS

(L) Leigh Eastwood & Brian Jones  
(Below) Norm Mundy & Jes Hansford.



**NEW LIFE MEMBER**  
VP Bob Collins (L) presents Barry Wright with his Life Membership Badge 1 Oct 2005.

In September 2005, Queensland Governor, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC (centre of photo) hosted an afternoon tea at Government House for Executive Committee members of the Australia-Papua New Guinea Association Inc to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of PNG Independence. During the afternoon, John Holland presented Her Excellency with a copy of the book on his father's war service, Lt Frank Holland, MBE. On the Governor's right— Col & Pattie Gould; On the Governor's left—John Holland.



PNG 30th Anniversary Ball—Brisbane  
(L) Paul Brown and Doug Ng Carry the Guard of Honour flags for the official party.

