



Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association (Incorporated in Victoria)

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Our Motto:

“Looking after our own”

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE APPVA

Formed:

24 October 1997
(United Nations Day)
At Pine Rivers RSL, Kallangur, QLD.

Patron:

Major General John Pearn, AO, KStJ,
RFD (Retired).

APPVA Ambassador:

Major Matina Jewell (Retd)

National Executive:

President – David Penson, CSM;
Vice President – Dale Potter;
Secretary – TBA;
Treasurer – Rhonda Copeland.

Branch Presidents:

VIC – Mick Quinn;
NQLD – Lofty Evans;
SQLD – John Burgess;
SA / NT – Wayne Alexander, OAM;
NSW – Allan Thomas, JP;
TAS - Phil Pyke;
ACT – Dale Cooper.

Coordinators:

WA - David Lee.

Appointed Positions (National):

Police Liaison Officer – Dale Potter;
Merchandise – Chris Chatterton;
Editor – Gordon Traill.

National HQ:

Heidelberg West, Victoria.

Overview:

The Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association (APPVA), is a current and ex-serving veteran non-profit charity that provides veteran entitlement support services to over **1,000 members** and over **75,000 constituents**. These members and constituents are veterans of all operations that have involved Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces Personnel, Federal and State Police, Law Enforcement Agencies, Philanthropic Organisations (Everyman's Welfare Service, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc), and Defence Civilians.

Australia's proud peacekeeping and peacemaking (enforcement) involvement commenced in Indonesia on 14 September 1947, with four (4) Australian Military officers being the world's first peacekeepers by deploying to the United Nations Good Offices Commission in Dutch East Indies (Indonesia). Since the first UN deployment, Australia has contributed over 75,000 personnel to more than 73

Operations in 64 different countries **non-stop for over 60 years**, up to the present day with Operations in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO), Africa, Timor Leste, and The Solomon Islands. The roles recognised by the APPVA include Warlike and Non-Warlike Operations including Peacekeeping, Peacemaking, United Nations Contingents, Military Observers, Truce Supervision, Emergency Forces, Special Commissions, Humanitarian Aid, Monitoring Forces, De-mining Teams and Training Teams – and any other Australian Defence Force (ADF), New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), or Australian Federal & State Police (AFP) Operations, including Peacetime Service.

Membership to the APPVA includes Ordinary, Affiliate and Associate membership, which allows those members to participate within the APPVA, giving them a voice, along with those people who wish to be a part of a Young Ex-Service Organisation (ESO), no matter where they served overseas or on peacetime service within Australia. Families of members may also become Affiliate Members of the APPVA. Membership fees include copies of “The Peacekeeper” magazine, regular Diaries (*when available*) and a lapel badge. Membership is our most important emphasis, the more members, the more we are able to have the clout to represent.

OBJECTIVES

To assist in the provision of Veteran Entitlement Support for all members and returned Peacekeepers and Peacemakers. APPVA has qualified TIP/BEST Veteran Entitlement Support Officers in most States and Territories. Please contact us, should you need our assistance with matters ranging in multi-eligibility from SRC/MCRS & MRCA Claims, VEA Claims, COMSUPER Claims and information and Advocacy at the Veteran Review Board (VRB) or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). Our Service **is absolutely free**. So save yourself thousands of dollars from the Solicitors and contact the APPVA.

To represent member’s interests The APPVA represents its members and constituents at all levels of Government, including the Department of Veteran’s Affairs; Department of Defence and other Government Agencies. We have a number of issues that are listed on our website and we have been successful in favourable outcomes in a range of matters.

To provide advice to members. At times, our members and constituents require assistance on a variety of issues. Our Association will actively seek out answers to these queries, and if we cannot help with a result, then we will refer them on to reputable agencies. Some areas where we have advised in the past include Home Loans, Eligibility regarding Operational Service and

Medals as well as Veteran entitlements, and COMSUPER.

To promote fellowship among those who have served in Peacekeeping and Peacemaking Operations. There is nothing like catching up with those who you have served with, particularly overseas. They are friendships that will last a lifetime. We actively encourage this comradeship and special bond by arranging functions and get-togethers in particular, proudly marching on ANZAC Day as those future veterans carrying the legacy of those who served before us.

To raise the profile of the skills used by members in their contribution to world peace and security. We have consulted with the Australian War Memorial Post 1945 Conflicts Exhibition; contribution toward the four volumes of the Official History of Peacekeeping; Book projects that reflect the service at the coal-face level as well as the command levels. Additionally the APPVA is involved with the Australian Peacekeeper Memorial Project Committee, with a view to have the first ever National Peacekeeper Memorial on ANZAC Avenue in Canberra, alongside those who went before us.

HELP US TO HELP OTHERS AND BE A MEMBER **NOW!**

SO WHY NOT JOIN US?

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