

# VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA

## NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

held at  
CANBERRA on 27th May 1994

### PRESENT:

NATIONAL PRESIDENT: John Printz  
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: Rob Cox  
NATIONAL SECRETARY: Geoff Trevor-Hunt  
NATIONAL TREASURER: Nev Varley

SECRETARY - NEW SOUTH WALES: Ray Fulton  
PRESIDENT - VICTORIA: John Methven  
PRESIDENT - A.C.T.: Jim Talbert  
PRESIDENT - SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Graham Nybo  
PRESIDENT - WEST AUSTRALIA: Rob Cox  
PRESIDENT - TASMANIA: Doug Richardson  
PRESIDENT - NORTHERN TERRITORY: Garry Casey  
SECRETARY - QUEENSLAND: Brian Stevens

Second Delegates and Observers were allowed into the meeting.  
Any comment by second delegates and observers is not recorded in these minutes.

The President, John Printz, declared the meeting open at 5-30 P.M. and welcomed all present.

### 1.0 CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS.

Jim Talbert briefed the meeting on the Congress arrangements for the weekend.

### 2.0 CONGRESS AGENDA

It was resolved that the Congress Agenda, as presented, be accepted.

### 3.0 CONTENTIOUS ISSUES

#### 3.1 LONG TAN RESTAURANT

A letter had been received by the ACT Branch asking if they had any objections to the name of Long Tan being used.

Proposed: WA  
Seconded: QLD

That the use of the name be objected to, with Jim Talbert to respond to the ACT Government.

**CARRIED**

### 3.2 NATMOC REPRESENTATIVE

Ray Fulton stated that New South Wales should have supplied the representative for the NATMOC Committee. NSW were informed that it was an interim appointment only. NSW expressed concern at this response by the National President.

Proposed: VIC

Seconded: WA

That the NATMOC representative be decided at Congress.

CARRIED

### 3.3 BAUME COMMITTEE

New South Wales expressed disappointment at the lack of submissions from other States. It was pointed out to NSW that Victoria had made a submission at the State visit of the Committee and that other States had made verbal submission.

Most States said they were happy with the verbal submissions.

### 3.4 LETTER FROM GOSFORD SUB BRANCH

John Printz stated that he had rang and spoke to as many State Presidents and National Executive members as possible in the time available in regards to the USA trip.

NSW stated that they thought insufficient time had been spent trying to contact Tim McCombe. It was pointed out that not a great amount of time was available.

### 3.5 CENSURE MOTION.

National President, John Printz, vacated the chair for this matter and the chair was assumed by Rob Cox.

New South Wales stated that this motion, proposed by the Orana and Far West Sub Branch, was not withdrawn at the NSW AGM.

This matter was discussed at length and it was resolved that the matter be voted upon at Congress as NSW could not withdraw the motion.

John Printz resumed the chair.

### 3.6 DEBRIEF

John Methven spoke about communication breakdown in regards to Debrief and spoke at length about the lack of input from States.

John Methven asked if States were satisfied with Debrief and the majority of States agreed and promised more content,

Ray Fulton spoke about the NSW State newsletter and stated that they received no input from Sub Branches in NSW.

The National President declared the meeting closed at 7-20 P.M.

# NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Canberra International Hotel

on

27th May 1995

## MINUTES

The President declared the meeting open at 5-37 p.m..

### PRESENT

#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

National President:	John Printz
National Senior Vice President:	Rob Cox
National Junior Vice President:	Jim Talbert
National Secretary:	Geoff Trevor-Hunt

The National Treasurer was not present

### DELEGATES

ACT:	Clive Mitchell-Taylor
QLD:	Pat Wittig
SA:	Geoff Campbell
VIC:	Alan Hughes
NT:	Garry Casey
WA:	Rob Cox
TAS:	Brian McKenzie

It was noted that no New South Wales Delegates were present.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Jim Talbert advised the meeting that he was available to represent NSW and that he wished to remain the VVAA representative on AVADSC (subject to the Congress ratification) and will stand as Public Officer for the Association.

He also stated that he believed this Association should not lend credibility to the current NSW Branch at Granville.

Rob Cox stated that he had received information that the PTSD Clinic had been cut. John Printz explained the protocols for PTSD Clinics.

Brian McKenzie broached the subject of the incidence of Epilepsy and that this should be dealt with in General Business at Congress.

Pat Wittig stated that it appeared that Australians touring Vietnam are required to sign a document in regards to their war conduct. This was discussed at length.

Proposed: QLD

Seconded: TAS

That the National Executive be empowered to investigate the Long Tan Cross and the signing of documents.

**CARRIED**

Queensland pointed out that the 7-30 report in Queensland Country carried a story about a VVCS building costing \$5 million and not used.

This is to be brought up at the NAC if no plausible explanation is available during the weekend.

Victoria expressed concern at the whereabouts of the previous Treasurers books. The current situation and action taken was explained to the meeting by the National President and the National Junior Vice President.


The National President explained that the National Executive had applied for Trademark registration of the Association logo and that NSW had also applied for this in December 1994.

Proposed: WA

Seconded: NT

That the draft agenda, as issued, be approved. **CARRIED**

The National President declared the meeting closed at 6-45 P.M.



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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT

**VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held at Murumbeena Resort, DARWIN NT.**

**21<sup>st</sup> May 1998**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT:	Clive Mitchell-Taylor JP
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:	Rob Cox
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:	Brian McKenzie
NATIONAL SECRETARY:	Geoff Trevor-Hunt OAM JP
NATIONAL TREASURER:	Apology

**DELEGATES**

QUEENSLAND:	John Smith
WESTERN AUSTRALIA:	Rob Cox
NORTHERN TERRITORY:	Garry Casey
TASMANIA:	David Moles DFM
SOUTH AUSTRALIA:	Eric Ciracovitch
VICTORIA:	John Printz OAM
NEW SOUTH WALES:	Ken Foster
AUST CAPITAL TERRITORY:	Proxy (Brian McKenzie)

The President declared the Council meeting open at 8-05 PM Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1998.

**1.0. NOTIFICATION of PROXIES**

The meeting was advised that tow proxies had been appointed for the National Congress by ACT.

**2.0. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2.1. Health Study:**

Concerns had been voiced at Victorian meetings in regards to the Health Study. Documents in relation to this were passed to Delegates.

A list of media contacts, with phone numbers, and contact names (if possible) are to be sent to the National President.

**2.2. Vietnam Veterans Day**

It was resolved that the 18<sup>th</sup> August remain Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day. (to be ratified at National Congress)

**2.3. Vietnam memorial:**

The meeting was advised that the Government would like to see a memorial in Vietnam for Australian forces and others who served. State Branches are to canvass their members for opinions.

#### **2.4. Policy Handbook**

It was resolved that John Printz, Ken Foster, Eric Ciracovitch and Brian McKenzie be the reviewers of the Policy Handbook. (to be confirmed by Congress).

#### **2.5. National Congress Agenda**

It was resolved to ratify the Agenda, as distributed, for the 1998 National Congress.

#### **2.6. Health Study**

John Methven advised that the leak on the Health Study emanated from the Minister's office.

The National President declared the meeting closed at 11-10 PM