



NSAA National President Ron Brandy

Ron joined the army as a national serviceman in 1968 and went on to be a senior non-commissioned officer and later a commissioned officer in the Royal Australian Engineers. In 2010 he served in Iraq and the United Arab Emirates directing efforts to protect the Australian embassy compound in Baghdad.

Ron was President of his local NSAA sub-branch Geelong & District for 5 years 2014 to 2018; NSAA National Vice President, National Executive from 2016 and current Senior Vice President Victorian State NSAA.

Ron was elected as NSAA National President at the AGM on May 25th 2021.

Dear members,

It is with both pride and humility I advise that I have been elected as the National President of the Association at the recent NSAA National AGM.

While this appointment is a great honour, it came about because our immediate past and long serving President, Earl Jennings AM RFD ED, retired on medical advice. I am confident that you will join me in thanking Earl for his service to the NSAA and wish him the very best for both a good recovery, and future good health.

Other important appointments at the national level includes the re-election of our long serving, dedicated, and efficient National Secretary Noel Moulder.

We also welcomed the election of Richard Tregear (Whitehorse) to the position of National Treasurer. Richard has replaced our long serving and highly competent National Treasurer Carl Adams who did not seek re-election.

In recognition of his exemplary service to the Association, Carl was awarded the Barry Vicary Fellowship. A most deserving recognition of Carl's dedication to the task of Treasurer at all levels of the Association.

Sadly, our National Media and Public Relations Officer Allen Callaghan has had to take leave of his position while he recovers from illness also. Allen will return to his role if his treatment and recovery allow.

We have a vacancy for the position of National Vice President and I will be canvassing the membership for a capable volunteer to fill that important role.

I am eager to assure all members that the National Council, comprising the National Executive and State, Territory, and OTU delegates, are committed to leading and guiding the Association on your behalf.

As a national association, the NSAA is very well respected, and our voice is heard in the national sphere.

We are also blessed to have a sincere friend and leader in The Honourable Dr Brendan J Nelson AO, as our National Patron. At my invitation, and at short notice, Dr Nelson was able to attend and address us our recent AGM.

It remains for the National Team, all leaders, and members, to do all they can to keep our association functioning effectively. To support our respective Branches and Sub-Branched so those less able can still enjoy the camaraderie and friendships established long ago.

Vital amongst our mutual tasks, is to continue to communicate with members at all levels, particularly for those unable to attend functions and activities.

For many, communications and newsletters are a vital and enjoyable part of their lives.

Thank you for the great work you do for and in the association, and my very best wishes to all.

Ron Brandy
NSAA National President