



31st Infantry Battalion Association Inc.

Charters Towers Branch.

Chairman's Report for the year 2025. (2026)

Ladies and Gentleman,

I have pleasure in presenting this Forty Fourth (44th) Chairman's Annual Report for the Charters Towers Branch, of the 31st Infantry Battalion Association Inc.

During the year we held our committee meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month. Our own Annual General Meeting, saw no new changes as Raymond Barrett remained the President Vic Nicol remained Secretary and Treasurer, of the Charters Towers Branch.

19th January 2025 saw our oldest member of the Charters Towers Branch Mr Norman Snell turn 101 years of age with fellow members celebrating at the RSL.

12th April Vic Nicol and myself gave the Sellheim Monument a wash down and clean up before the ANZAC day service.

ANZAC Day saw us skip the Dawn Service held by the Charters Towers RSL, due to time restraints, we were able to borrow the RSL bus so myself and some of our members could get out to Sellheim.

Sellheim saw approximately 70 spectators with myself conducting the Service, Mr Vic Nicol laying a wreath for the 31st Association and on the flag was Norm Snell who has been doing the flag at Sellheim, since the flag pole was put up, around 40 years ago. Norm also laid a wreath for the 26th Battalion.

The main ANZAC Day service held in Charters Towers, had me as Parade Marshall, with Mr Vic Nicol again laying a wreath for the 31st Association. Norm Snell again laying a wreath for his 26th Battalion.

June: WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER! John Graham, who enlisted in the 31st many years ago and is still serving in the Reserves. (Space & Cyber Capability Division)

Aug. The RSL held a service for Vietnam Veterans, with members attending and Raymond Barrett laying a wreath on behalf of the 31st association.

The Commemorative Church Service held in Townsville saw Vic and Shirley Nicol attend on behalf of the Charters Towers Branch.

On the 24th September Norm Snell sadly passed away. He was 101. His funeral was held on the 2nd October and a poppy service was conducted by the Charters Towers RSL, with members from the 31st association and RSL Queensland members placing poppies. There were around 80 people attending. Mr Norm Snell served in the 2nd World War, he was in the 26th Inf Battalion.

Texas Terror in Ingham saw Vic and Shirley Nicol attend on behalf of the Charters Towers Branch.

Remembrance Day, saw us all attend the Charters Towers Cenotaph.

Raymond Barrett laid the Wreath for the 31st Association as the Charters Towers RSL hosted the event.

December the Charters Towers, members, wives and partners had an informal Christmas lunch at the RSL, with 18 people attending.

This year we aim to place a monument at the RSL to honour all the past, present and future members.

In Conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the Association for their support.

Raymond Barrett.

31st INF Bn Assoc Inc.

President, Charters Towers Branch.



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Norman Snell's 101 Birthday



Cleaning the Sellheim monument



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Vietnam Veterans Day



Pierre Sellier Tribute to Norm Snell.



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Geoffrey Williams



Charlie Truscott & Albert Coffison.

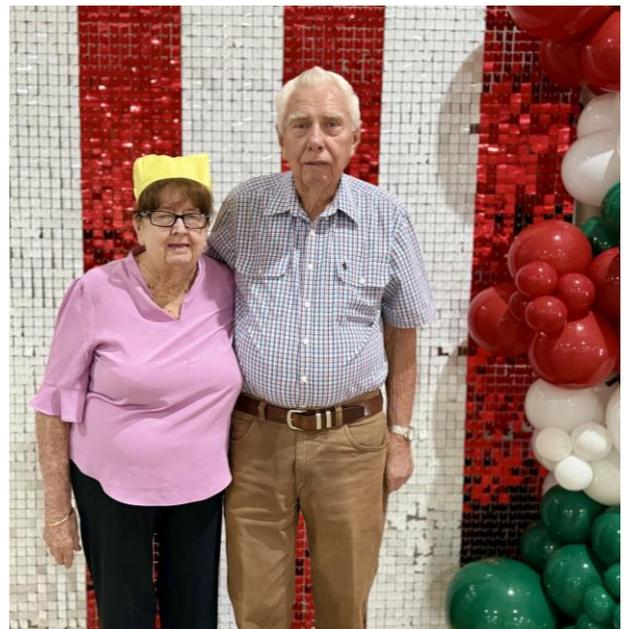


Vic Nicol & Bill Hendersen

Christmas Lunch 2025 – Pt 1



Verdi & Charlie Truscott



Shirley & Vic Nicol



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Marie Thomasson & Dawn Jackson



Colin Beahan & May Black



Melanie & Raymond Barrett

Christmas Lunch 2025 – Pt 2



Jenny & John Graham



K. Hendersen, M. Black & S. Nicol