

### **01/01/01 National Senior Vice President's Report**

A lot has happened since the last report, which was made by Noel Payne who has now retired as our National President, to pursue his Naval Association of Australia commitments; I would have preferred this to have happened later rather than sooner.

I somehow did not get around to doing a report last month because I was probably still getting over the shock of having to do something other than walk about with my hands in my pockets, plus losing Noel as our leader, which I might add was not a great shock, or unexpected, but a difficult set back to adjust to.

Welcome to the new Millennium, what a wonderful way to start the Century. I am referring to the achievements of a group of people [FESR Association] led by a committee that would not take NO for an answer. This committee was formed at the Sandgate RSL on the 1/5/1998. I quote this from a Newsletter attachment May 1998, that "this new Association will gather together many small voices and combined they may just have whatever it is going to take to keep our various concerns on the Government agenda until we achieve - JUSTICE".

Ralph Spooner our Newsletter Editor has been seriously ill in hospital, and we are hoping for a more favourable report on his condition in the coming weeks. I hope this news will be more informative in the next issue. We wish him a speedy return to healthier times.

Congratulations to everyone involved with the FESR campaign for their determination and dedication in the face of apparent insurmountable odds, in achieving the ultimate result.

As I am Caretaker President until the next election of office bearers at the AGM in April 2001, I will do my best with the assistance of the Committee to keep the ship on an even keel.

ASAC is coming along in leaps and bounds, plenty of seats and things around the place, cups of coffee on offer, plus, professional men [and women] available to all people to sort out their Welfare problems, so don't be afraid to use the facility, also tell your mates about ASAC. I am sure they will be greeted with a smile.

Yours aye,  
Colin Wurtz