

2/3rd Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Association

Committee Meeting, Tuesday 8th February 2005 at 2.00 p.m, Legacy House, Melbourne.

President Mr. Ronald Bryant in the Chair.

Present Messrs. John Hepworth, Treasurer, Cecil Rae, Acting Secretary, Les. Harris, Bruce Tulloch, Ian Rutter, Malcolm Webster, Harry Sauerberg and David Thomson .

The President welcomed the members and explained the absence of the Secretary was owing to a serious illness and, through the committee expressed to John good wishes for a quick recovery.

Stand To The President called for a "Stand To" and a minutes silence to remember departed comrades.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2004 having been previously distributed to members were taken as read and confirmed. There was no business arising from the minutes.

President's Report The President reported that a venue for the Reunion on 24th April 2005 had been secured at The Victoria Hotel, 215 Little Collins Street, Melbourne and a \$100 deposit paid.. The minimum number required for the venue is 40. The Victoria to supply lectern and microphone (we to supply CD for the Ode and Last Post).

The meal to be of two courses – 50/50 – with coffee at the end of the meal. Liquor to be supplied, at our expense, in bottles: heavy beer , large bottle \$7.50, wine, white, red or sparkling at \$16.00 a bottle. Payment for the venue and refreshments to be made on the day.

Official guests: It was proposed by the President that in order to keep in touch with the Werribee Racing Club Bob Westcott and Geoff Smith be invited to the Reunion, they both being instrumental in providing a memorial to the Regiment. The Committee confirmed.

Take Post : The President informed the meeting that preparation of the next issue of Take Post was in hand and he proposed that a prominent notice be placed in the journal to the effect that as the Victoria required to know in advance the number of members attending and that we would be penalised if we did not meet that figure, members attending be requested to forward, to the Secretary, the \$30 in advance before the 1st April 2005. Confirmed.

Video : The President suggested that a video of Tobruk be shown towards the close of the reunion; this was agreed to. (This video will be used to promote Defence values to Defence personnel).

Anzac Day March : It was agreed that David Thomson and Ron Bryant lead the Regiment. David Thomson agreed the matter of the banner and the bearers was in hand.

The President advised the meeting that the arrangements for those travelling in the Jeep had been changed namely Associations who have requested vehicles must have all passengers report to the vehicle at the Transport Co-ordination Point in Flinders Street. Between Queen and Market Streets (Melway Ref. map 2F D6). The above instruction is designed to:

Overcome vehicles being intercepted en route to the assembly area.

Difficulties in mounting vehicles as there will be steps at this location as well as at the Shrine.

The President reported that some members of the Kindred Organisations Committee had remarked unfavourably on the dress of some young personnel marching. It was agreed that a request be made in Take Post, that persons marching should observe a 'smart casual' standard of dress.

Another matter concerned the Kindred Organisations Committee that the bands attending the March were lacking funds. It was agreed that a donation of \$100 be made to the KOC for distribution.

The President reported that an approach had been made by the 2/2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment Association to join with us for reunions and for the March. The Committee agreed that this was not acceptable at this stage.

The future of the Association was discussed. It was suggested that this matter be on the agenda for next year.

Treasurer's
Report

The Treasurer tabled an interim report which was incomplete owing to his recent absence from the State.

Commemorative
Missions

Applications had been received for selected members to attend proposed commemorative missions to France this year and to the Pacific in 2006. In the limited time the President had to approach members of the Regiment, who had the criteria for applications for the France mission, he contacted several members, who did not wish to apply. A couple of other possible applicants were away or sick. In the circumstances the President lodged his nomination by Mr. Les Harris on the first due day. It is expected that there will only be three successful applicants in Victoria.

Correspondence The President reported that letters of condolence and letters of congratulation on special age attainments, had been sent to families of members or to member as appropriate.

Further Business There being no further business the meeting closed.

Confirmed as a correct record,

Chairman.