

FOR HISTORY
TO
Remembrance Group Meeting 26th August 2007

Greetings to all,

Report to 2/3rd Aust Light Anti-Aircraft Association Committee on the meeting of the Remembrance Group, held at the home of Ron Bryant's daughter Janet, on Sunday 26th Aug 2007.

There were 12 descendants of members, one partner, 3 Association members, Ron's wife Doreen as Hostess and two grandsons catering assistants.

Ann and Colin Bragg came down from Shepparton and David McDonald from Canberra.

There were several apologies, including one from John Hepworth, Treasurer, who had an urgent heart bypass operation four days earlier. It has been reported that he is coming along satisfactorily.

Ron explained that with the advanced age of our Committee members and ordinary members, there were no ready volunteers to take over any executive positions in the event of "casualties". With the approval of our Committee, Ron invited the 35 people who had expressed interest in the concept of continuing the Association to become Associate Members of the Association. The term "Associate" was used, as it will be necessary at our next Annual General Meeting on the 24th April 2008 to alter the present Constitution which has the qualification for membership of requiring "service with the Regiment". At that time of the AGM, all Associates can then be accepted as full members.

However, it is not expected there will be any General Meetings before the AGM and in view of the emergencies which may arise, Ron proposed to take a pragmatic approach by regarding our "Associates" as full members now. This enables us to proceed with new appointments to the Committee and Executive as soon as they become necessary. [We have 3 vacancies on the Committee at present]

We have been most impressed with the calibre of new members we have met or contacted. Several live interstate and can't be expected to be available to take office.

We do have a couple of appropriate volunteers for Committee. We would be pleased if we receive in the next month or two further male or female volunteers for Committee, and more particularly for the Executive positions, such as President, Secretary, Vice President and Editor of the Newsletter "Take Post". Be assured the present incumbents are prepared to work closely with any newly appointed Executive and help in any way required.

At the meeting on Sunday, the camaraderie was obvious, and reflected the common thread of having, or having had, a relative in our Regiment which has an honorable history worthy of preservation. There was support to a suggestion for a "follow up meeting" to further the organization of this new Remembrance Group, and to foster the friendships made.

It has been suggested to me that if you have a e-mail address it would be great if we could have it listed here, communications would be quick and easy. We will keep you advised of any further developments, please let me know if you have any comments.

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