

**2/3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Association  
Executive Committee Meeting At 1/5 Cloris Avenue, Beaumauris  
On Sunday 23 August 2009 At 2.00 PM**

Present Lynton Rose (President), Colin Bragg (Secretary), Matthew Heddle, Graeme Heedle, Anne Rae.

Apologies Ann Bragg, Graeme David McDonald (Historian)

Lynton welcomed those present.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Inward**

- Various notifications of the deaths of former Regiment members (*Terry Butler, Jim Goddard, Harry Goodwin, Les Harris, Frank Wadley*)
- RSL Kindred Organisations Minutes
- MUFTI (RSL Magazine from ANZAC House)
- CASCABEL (Royal Australian Artillery Association Journal)
- DVA Grant Notification and Funding Agreement
- DVA Grant Cheque for \$3,000
- Photos / Recollections from Alan "Bushy" Read

#### **Outward**

- Take Post to Remembrance Group members.
- Take Post to Regiment members.
- DVA Funding Agreement
- Systems Made Easy Contract (Web Site Design)
- Letters to Dot Harris (Les Harris), Jenny Walsh (Jack Curry), Liz Williams (Len Woolcock), Lyn Walsh (Frank O'Toole)

### **Finance Report**

In the absence of Treasurer Ann Bragg, the Secretary presented a financial report for the period 1 January 2009 to 21 August 2009.

- Current Operating Account Balance      \$4,636.47
- Investment Account Balance              \$8,000.00 (Reinvested on 11/8/09 for four months at an interest rate of 3.8%.

The Secretary reported that the Investment Account was rolled over on 11 August 2009 for a period of 119 days (four months) at a rate of 3.8%.

Petty Cash – the Treasurer had previously provided a Petty Cash reconciliation relating to the advance of \$200 granted at the February meeting of the Committee, detailing out of pocket expenses totaling \$334.85.

The Secretary sought and was granted permission for a further Petty Cash Float of \$200 to offset out of pocket expenses already incurred in postage and stationary costs and in anticipation of future postage costs.

It was moved Graeme Heddle, seconded Anne Rae that the Financial Report for the period 1 January 2009 to 21 August 2009 be accepted and the Petty Cash reimbursement for \$200 be approved.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Web Site Development**

The Secretary reported on the status of the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> web site development.

The domain name [antaircraft.org.au](http://antaircraft.org.au) has been registered and an opening page has been created. Determining which links should appear on the home page is the current priority.

The Secretary circulated printouts downloaded from the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment Association which contains many of the components that should be considered for inclusion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> website.

Proposed links are:

- Home Page
- Events / News
- Members (Information relating to all 1,935 original Regiment members)
- Take Post (All 22 issues of "Take Post" have been scanned and are now available in an electronic format).
- Regiment History (Maximum of two – three pages)
- Photos / Theatres Of Action
- Lists
- Key Personnel (Association movers and shakers since its formation in 1945)
- Links (To Related Websites such as the RSL and AWM)
- Remembrance Group (History, objectives, membership)
- Contact Details of the Association's Executive Committee.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the priorities for populating the website should be:

- Contacts
- Links To Related Websites
- Regiment History
- Members
- Take Post
- Remembrance Group

The above priorities reflect readily available information and/or documents.

It is proposed that the Home Page would carry the "Gun" photo, the name of the Association and the Colour Patch.

Matthew Heddle raised a query regarding the colour patch as the colour patch included in "On Target" has a different orientation to the colour patch on the Banner used on ANZAC Day.

It was suggested that the orientation of the colour patch on the Banner may reflect the composite Regiment, which included elements of the former 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup>, formed after the original 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment was disbanded in July 1943.

### **AGM And 2010 Reunion**

The 2010 Reunion will be held on Saturday 24 April 2010.

Graeme Heddle undertook to obtain prices from the Hyatt Hotel in Russell Street and the Secretary undertook to obtain costs from the RACV.

A city CBD location was considered important for ease of access by public transport and/or underground parking

It was acknowledged that the Association would need to subsidise the costs irrespective of which venue was selected.

When alternative costs have been collated, they will be provided to all Committee members so that an early decision on the venue can be made.

Anne Rae volunteered to prepare a Powerpoint presentation which could be run in a continuous loop during the reunion – the acquisition of a scanner by the Association has simplified the capture of original photos which can subsequently be compiled into a presentation.

Colin undertook to provide Anne with a CD containing scanned photos from a variety of sources including Ron Bryant's, Cec Rae's, Phil Stokes' and Les Harris's collections.

### **Funding Applications**

The Secretary advised the Association still had not received information regarding the application lodged for the digitisation program. The Secretary advised he would be following up with the DVA in the next week.

The Secretary also advised that the Association would be lodging an application with the Victorian Local History Grants Program (Maximum grant of \$12,000) when it opens in September.

David McDonald had advised by email that the 2<sup>nd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment Unit History had been (or was in the process of being) digitised by the State Library of Victoria as part of its digitising program. Colin undertook to contact the State Library to establish whether "Take Post" could be digitised under the same program.

If so, access to, or to components of, "Take Post" could be made available through the web site.

### **Mid Year Newsletter**

Following discussion, it was agreed the Secretary should prepare a one to two page newsletter for distribution to Remembrance Group members, and where available, the newsletter should be emailed to members (approx. 75%). This will replace (in 2009) the previously proposed four page mid-term "Take Post" discussed at the February meeting of the Committee.

Similarly, it was proposed that the newsletter should be attached to a separate letter to surviving original Regiment members, their widows and/or their descendants who are not members of the Remembrance Group encouraging the children and grand children of the original members to become members of the Remembrance Group.

The covering letter will also call for material which can be borrowed, scanned and returned, and/or also for suggestions for "Take Post" articles.

Colin undertook to prepare and mail the mid-year newsletter prior to his and Ann's absence for six weeks overseas from 6 September to 15 October.

Comment was made regarding the large number of members of the 2<sup>nd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers Younger Generations Group, but it was suggested many of their members may be "associate" members and not directly related to the original members.

Lynton commented that the quality (*and pedigree*) of the members was more important than the quantity of members.

### **2010 Take Post**

Colin advised he already had sufficient material for approximately half of the 2010 "Take Post" issue.

It is hoped the call for material referred to above will also generate content for future issues of "Take Post".

### **Other Business**

Matthew Heddle advised the meeting that the volunteer restorers from Point Cook are still interested in having a few old gunners come down to discuss the workings of the Bofors gun, particularly with respect to the positioning and functions of the seven man Bofors gun crews.

It was again suggested that former 2/3<sup>rd</sup> members be approached with a view to travelling to Werribee as a group later in the year.

### **Next Meeting**

To be determined - likely to be late in November 2009 or early February 2010.