

**2/3rd Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Association
Executive Committee Meeting At 1/5 Cloris Avenue, Beaumauris
On Sunday 21 February 2010 At 2.00 PM**

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Present: Lynton Rose (President), Colin Bragg (Secretary), Ann Bragg (Treasurer), Graeme Heddle, Anne Rae.

Apologies: Matthew Heddle, David McDonald (Historian)

Lynton welcomed those present.

Correspondence

Inward

- Various notifications of the deaths of former Regiment members (John "Benny" Anderson, Tom Carmichael, FJ Cresp, AA Harris, Les Shields)
- RSL Kindred Organisations
- MUFTI (Victorian RSL) / CASCABEL (Royal Australian Artillery Association) Journals
- Dianne Schubert (daughter Ern Cope)
- Mary Woodfield (daughter KW Elder)
- David Crooke (son of JD Crooke)
- RACV Quotation for AGM / Reunion Lunch
- RSL Anzac Day Arrangements
- Multiple emails from members

Outward

- Half Year Report to Remembrance Group members
- Half Year Report to Regiment members
- Letters to Bert Langle, Dianne Schubert, Christopher Rance, Roy East, Shirley Clay, Tom Baker-Williams, Rob Bennett,
- RACV Contract and Deposit.

Discussion

1. Included in the Anzac Day Arrangements received from the RSL was a Transport Form by which the Association may request a jeep to transport original Regiment members who wished to participate in the march. It was agreed the Association would request a jeep.
2. The Secretary informed the meeting there were now almost 70 members of the Remembrance Group

Finance Report

Treasurer Ann Bragg presented a financial report for the period 21 August 2009 to 21 February 2010.

- Current Operating Account Balance \$5,019.77
- Investment Account Balance \$8,000.00 (Reinvested on 8/12/09 for seven months at an interest rate of 6.0%.

A 25% deposit (based on forty attendees at the AGM / Reunion Lunch had already been paid to the RACV Club and this cost is reflected in the current operating balance, as is a substantial donation of \$1,000 to the Association by Roy East.

Petty Cash – the Treasurer had previously provided a Petty Cash reconciliation relating to the advance of \$200 granted at the 21 August 2009 meeting of the Committee, and detailing out of pocket expenses totaling \$261.55.

The Secretary sought and was granted permission for a further Petty Cash Float of \$300 to offset out of pocket expenses already incurred in postage, printing and stationary costs and in anticipation of future postage costs.

It was moved Anne Rae, seconded Graeme Heddle:

“That the Financial Report for the period 21 August 2009 to 21 February 2010 be accepted and the Petty Cash reimbursement of \$300 be approved.”

2nd / 3rd Web Site Development

The Secretary reported on the status of the 2nd / 3rd web site development (and on communication difficulties as a consequence of Cameron Bragg (who is developing the web site) moving to Coff's Harbour.

Whilst only two links currently appear on the home page (both to previous issues of Take Post) Cameron has stated that the web site WILL be able to be launched at the AGM, and will have the following links:

- Home Page
- Events / News
- Members (Information relating to all 1,935 original Regiment members)
- All 22 issues of “Take Post”.
- Regiment History
- Photos / Theatres Of Action
- Lists
- Links (To Related Websites such as the RSL, AWM and National Archives)
- Remembrance Group (History, objectives, membership)
- Contact Details of the Association's Executive Committee.

NOTE:

Since the Committee meeting, I have been in email communication with Cameron and he has asked that a copy of the Power Point presentation (see below) be posted to him so it can be embedded in the web site.

At approximately 180 Megabytes, it is a little large to email.

AGM And 2010 Reunion

The Secretary advised that the RACV Club at 501 Bourke Street would be the venue for the 2010 Reunion, which will be held on Saturday 24 April 2010.

A plated meal with a choice of two mains and two desserts has been negotiated with the RACV, who have also agreed to include a large salad bowl for each table.

Following discussion, and in view of the Association's healthy financial situation:

It was moved Graeme Heddle, seconded Anne Rae, "That the Association levy the same fees as 2009, being \$35.00 for former Regiment members and widows of former Regiment members, and \$45.00 for Remembrance Group members."

Lynton raised the issue of people with special dietary requirements.

Following discussion, the Secretary undertook to contact the RACV, *who have advised they are able to accommodate special dietary requirements provided they have three days notice.*

AGM / Reunion invitations and booking forms were modified to include a question relating to special dietary requirements, prior to their mailing.

Power Point Presentation

Anne Rae demonstrated a comprehensive Power Point presentation which will be shown at the AGM / Reunion. Including some 120 photos and slides depicting all aspects of the formation, training, theatres of action, rest and recreation and post war activities, it will run for about 18 minutes in a continuous loop.

The RACV Club has confirmed they will supply the projector, screen and any other equipment we may need for the presentation, at no cost.

2010 Take Post

Colin advised he had sufficient material for the 2010 "Take Post" issue.

Content will include the following:

- Presidents Report
- Secretary's Report
- Part 2 of the Keith Fryer story
- An article on the Bragg's visit to Crete
- An article by Rob Bennett following his visit to Tobruk with the Rats of Tobruk Pipe and Drum Band in 2009.
- Complementary anecdotal comments by Alan Read on numerous sections of "On Target".
- An annotated bibliography detailing books with direct references to the 2nd / 3rd LAA Regiment.
- Vale for Les Harris
- The annual list of former Regiment members who have passed away
- The usual administrative information

Most of the material has already been emailed to Cameron for laying out the 2010 edition of Take Post, which will again be available for distribution at the AGM.

Discussion took place regarding the size of Take Post, and the Committee agreed to continue with a twelve page issue at this time, and to split large articles into two (as has been the case with the Keith Fryer story).

Some concern was also expressed about the size of Take Post if it was going to be made available by download from the web site.

Other Business

Colour Patch

Graeme Heddle raised the orientation of the colour patch on the Association's banner.

The banner and the photo in the Herald Sun compilation of colour patches show the red section of the patch at the top left.

However, an original hat band, the 1953 Member's List and "On Target" all depict the red section of the patch at the top right.

It has previously been suggested that the orientation of the colour patch on the Banner may reflect the composite Regiment, which included elements of the former 2nd / 3rd, formed after the 7 Battery of the original 2nd / 3rd Regiment was disbanded in July 1943.

A book entitled "Distinguishing Colour Patches Of The Australian Military Forces 1915 – 1951" by Keith Glyde (ISBN 0-6460-36640-8) will probably solve the conflict. I think the book is about \$60.00 to purchase, but it must be available in libraries.

Next Meeting

To be determined - likely to be late in August 2010.