

2/3rd Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regt Association
AGM held at the RACV City Club
On 24th April 2010 at 1130 Hours.

1.0 Meeting Call To Order

President Lynton Rose called the meeting to order at 1150 Hours.

Lynton welcomed all present, and expressed his appreciation of the number in attendance, several of whom had travelled from the country and interstate.

2.0 Present

SERVICE MEMBERS – Jack Berkley, Ron Bryant, John Campbell, Roy East, Ray Everlyn, John Hepworth, John Marshall, Cec Rae, Mal Webster.

OTHERS – Rob Bennett, Nicholas Bennett, Gaye Berry, Dianne & Steve Bickell, Colin & Ann Bragg, Doreen Bryant, Les, Lyne and Win Chitts, Foster Crooke, Ian Campbell, Dorothy Donnelly, Carol Fairbairn, Andrew Fairbairn, Lisa Foran, John & Margaret Fryer, Dot Harris, Graeme Hawkins, Graeme & Matthew Heddle, Kaye Huggins, Griff Loughnan, David McDonald, Anne Payne, Anne Peckham, Anne Rae, Betty Rae, Ian Rae, Deirdre & Peter Robinson, Sorrell Robinson, Lynton Rose, Stuart and Helen Rossiter, Bradley & Karen Rossiter, Cindy Rossiter, Megan Shiels, Barbara Wells, Graeme and Malcolm Wigglesworth.

3.0 Apologies

ORIGINAL & FAMILY MEMBERS – John Allison, Shirley Brown, Jack Croft, Cliff Cullen, Esme Curtis, Pat Delves, Rex Emmett, Hugh Finn, Jock Forbes, Trixie Fryer, Bill Garrigan, Anne Girdwood, Terry Gleeson, Sophie Guest, DJ Hawkes, John Hilliard, Bill Hopkins, Dave Humphreys, KJ Keilar, Tom McGill, Don McLean, Duncan McPherson, AG Martin, Eric Maxwell, Robert Phillips, Alan Read, Alan Rundle, Edie Russell, Arthur Spiller, Len Stevens, Dave Thomson, Gwen Tonkin, Bruce Tulloch, Margot Warren, Mary Woodfield

COMMITTEE / REMEMBRANCE GROUP MEMBERS – Stuart Edwards, Byron Robinson, Jonathan Rose, Diane Schubert, Alison Shiels, Barry Stokes, Bill Stokes, Stephen and Jenny Welsh

Moved Graeme Heddle, Seconded Matthew Heddle
That apologies be accepted.

4.0 Lest We Forget

Former President Ron Bryant narrated the “Lest We Forget” Ode and read out the names of ten former members of the Regiment who had passed away since the previous Reunion or had been omitted from recent previous Vale lists. These were John Anderson (7), Terry Butler (9), Tom “Jock” Carmichael (9), FJ Cresp (7), Jim

Goddard (7), Harry Goodwin (9), AA Harris (7), AL (Les) Harris (7 / 8), LW (Les) Shields and Frank Wadley.

5.0 President's Report

President Lynton Rose thanked so many people for attending the 2010 reunion – a total of 62 original members and Remembrance Group members.

Lynton then spoke to his report, the full text of which was included in “Take Post” and distributed at the meeting. Lynton thanked the Committee for their support throughout the year and acknowledged the continuing support of the former Committee members.

Anne Rae was particularly thanked for her production of the Power Point presentation of 120+ photos and commentary, and which depicted all aspects of the 2nd / 3rd Regiment and Association, and ran continuously throughout the Reunion.

Lynton also directed the attention of those present to the temporary removal of the Commemorative Tree and Plaque from the Shrine Grounds as part of a major drought impacted tree replacement program to be undertaken over several years.

6.0 Minutes

The minutes of the 2009 AGM had been distributed prior to the meeting, and there being no amendments, it was moved Anne Rae, seconded Rob Bennett, “That the Minutes of the 2009 AGM be approved”. Carried

The President reported the primary matters arising from the minutes of the 2009 AGM were the DVA Grant Application, the development of the web site and the introduction of the mid-term report.

The grant application had been successful and the initial mid-term report was produced in September 2009. The web site, which the Committee had hoped to launch at the AGM, was still being developed, and members would be advised as soon as it was launched.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report for the twelve months ended 31 December 2009 had been distributed prior to the AGM.

Treasurer Ann Bragg reported a surplus of \$3,379 for the year, which reflects receipt of the \$3,000 DVA grant, a substantial increase in subscriptions and donations, but also increased reflecting both increased membership and a number of one-off costs.

The increased reunion catering costs were a reflection of a 50% increase in attendance at the 2009 AGM and the increased production cost of Take Post

reflects the “one-off” cost associated with moving to a new look layout and production basis.

The Treasurer also reported the Committee had a liability of \$2,600 for the cost of developing the web site at 31 December 2009, but that the Association was in a healthy financial state with an investment balance of \$8,000 (invested at 6.5%, and expiring on 7 July 2010) and an operating balance of \$5,630 at 31 December 2009.

Total assets at the Commonwealth Bank at 31 December 2009 were:

Term Deposit	\$ 8,000
Cheque Account	\$ 5,630
TOTAL	\$13,630

The Treasurer moved that the statement of receipts and expenditure be adopted.

Seconded Lynton Rose Carried

8.0 Correspondence

The Secretary reported that the majority of the correspondence was from families of former members and was dealt with as it was received as a matter of courtesy.

Other significant correspondence related to arrangements for the AGM / Reunion and with Karl James, a Research Historian with the Australian War Memorial, relating to the establishment of a diorama featuring the mobile Breda guns used by the 8th Battery of the 2nd / 3rd.

David McDonald provided more information relating to the proposed diorama, which was being developed as part of an overall revamp of the WW2 section of the AWM.

The AWM had acquired a 1941 Chevrolet truck and an Italian Breda gun and were seeking to replicate the mobile Bredas used by 8th Battery.

The AWM had initially contacted former President Ron Bryant, seeking information and/or documents relating to the development of the mobile Bredas, which was an initiative of Major Phil Stokes, commanding officer, 8th Battery.

Ron had referred the AWM to Association Historian David McDonald and to Secretary Colin Bragg, who had been provided with Phil Stokes papers and photos by Barry and Bill Stokes.

Copies of Phil Stokes’ original drawings and notes have been provided to the AWM.

Moved Graeme Heddle, Seconded Matthew Heddle
That the correspondence be received. Carried

9.0 Nominations

The Secretary apologized for omitting Committee Nomination Forms when invitations to the AGM were mailed to members.

10.0 General Business

10.1 ANZAC Day March Arrangements

The Secretary informed the meeting that those intending to participate in the March should gather near the corner of Swanston and Flinders Street at 0910 Hours, with a view to commencing the March at 0940 Hours.

The Secretary also advised that a Jeep had been arranged through the RSL for original members who wished to participate in the March, but who were not able to march from Swanston Street to the Shrine.

11.0 Meeting Closed

The President declared the meeting closed at 1230 Hours.