

2/3rd Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regt Association
AGM held at the RACV City Club
On 23rd April 2011 at 1130 Hours.

1.0 Meeting Call To Order

President Lynton Rose called the meeting to order at 1155 Hours.

Lynton welcomed all present, and expressed his appreciation of the number in attendance, several who had travelled from the country and interstate. Lynton commented that the attendance was particularly pleasing given the AGM and Reunion fell during Easter – a clash that will not occur again until 2060!

2.0 Present

SERVICE MEMBERS – Jack Berkley, John Campbell, Ray Everlyn, Frank Hands, John Hepworth, John Marshall, Cec Rae, Dave Thomson.

OTHERS – Rob Bennett, Daniel Bennett, Dianne & Steve Bickell, Colin & Ann Bragg, Les, Lyne and Win Chitts, James and Simon Coghlan, David and Liz Crooke, Foster Crooke, Joyce Curnow, Dorothy Donnelly, Lisa Foran, Dot Harris, Graeme & Matthew Heddle, Kaye Huggins, Russell Luckock, David McDonald, Robin Payne, Anne Payne, Anne Rae, Betty Rae, Ian Rae, Peter Robinson, Lynton and Rhonda Rose, Dianne and Carly Schubert, Roger and Lynette Stephens, Jeanette Tilney, Daniel Wanders, Daryl and Barbara Wells, Steve and Jenny Welsh, Malcolm Wrigglesworth.

3.0 Apologies

ORIGINAL & FAMILY MEMBERS – Shirley Brown, Ron and Doreen Bryant, Jack Croft, Cliff Cullen, Esme Curtis, Pat Delves, Rex Emmett, Hugh Finn, Jock Forbes, Trixie Fryer, Bill Garrigan, Anne Girdwood, Terry Gleeson, Elizabeth Goddard, Sophie Guest, DJ Hawkes, John Hilliard, Bill Hopkins, Dave Humphreys, Keith Keilar, Tom McGill, Don McLean, Duncan McPherson, AG Martin, Eric Maxwell, Robert Phillips, Dorothy Plant, Alan Read, Alan Rundle, Edie Russell, Ian Rutter, Betty Spiller, Len Stevens, Dave Thomson, Shirley Thomson, Gwen Tonkin, Bruce Tulloch, H Vippond, Mary Woodfield

COMMITTEE / REMEMBRANCE GROUP MEMBERS – Gaye Berry, Ian Brown, Alan Donnelly, Stuart Edwards, Hugh Forbes, John Fryer, Philip Hawkey, Graeme Hawkins, Annette Hyde, Robert Knight, Griff Loughnan, Eric Maxwell, Donald McLean, Jim Rae, Byron Robinson, Sorrell Robinson, Jonathan Rose, Alison Shiels, Robert Simson, Rod Smith, Barry Stokes, Bill Stokes, Lyn Walsh, Margot Warren, Graeme Wrigglesworth,

Moved Graeme Heddle, Seconded Anne Rae, “That the apologies be accepted.”

4.0 Lest We Forget

Former Secretary John Campbell 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 Arthur Spiller (RHQ), Roy East (7), Malcolm Webster (7), Wally Webb (9), Thom Baker-Williams (7), Frank Wallis (Signals), Cyril Kaighin (7), John Cassidy (9), John Allison (9), Phil Roberts (8)

5.0 President’s Report

President Lynton Rose thanked so many people for attending the 2011 reunion – a total of 49, comprising eight original members and 41 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 pointed out that 2011 was the 70th anniversary of the Crete, Tobruk and Western Desert campaigns involving the 2nd / 3rd.

He also referred members to the petition seeking the Australian Government to award a specific Greece / Crete campaign medal, which members can sign on the Association’s web site.

The President also referred to the proposed changes to the ANZAC Day March arrangements, separating the Unit members from the veterans with the descendants being grouped together at the back of each Division. Lynton advised the meeting that the Association has produced a sign that will be used as a rallying point for all members who wish to participate in the march.

Secretary Colin Bragg and Research Officer David McDonald were particularly thanked for their work in building the Association’s web site, as was Anne Rae for her updated production of the Power Point presentation of 140 photos and commentary, depicting all aspects of the 2nd / 3rd Regiment and Association, and which was now on the web site.

Lynton also reported that we now have a new tree and that our plaque is back in place. The location is virtually the original site on the lower slope near St.Kilda Road in the section between Park and Dorcas Streets and opposite tram stop 19.

In another positive outcome for the Association, Lynton reported to the meeting that the Regiment’s history as contained in the book ‘On Target’ has been digitised and is now available on the web site. The Association’s Research Officer, David McDonald, had negotiated a very attractive price to convert the book, which was undertaken by datacomIT.

Lynton thanked all the Committee for their support throughout the year and acknowledged the continuing support of the former Committee members.

Moved John Campbell, seconded Malcolm Wigglesworth "That the President's Report be accepted." Carried

6.0 Minutes Of The 2010 AGM

The minutes of the 2010 AGM had been distributed prior to the meeting, and there being no amendments, it was moved Barbara Wells, seconded John Campbell, "That the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting be approved". Carried

Major issues arising from the 2010 Minutes were:

1. The state of the development of the Association's web site. The Committee had been disappointed at not being able to launch the web site and undertook to keep members informed. A new web site developer had been appointed in September 2010, and the web site would be officially launched later in the 2011 meeting.
2. The revamp of the WW2 section of the Australian War Memorial. The display of the restored 1941 Chevrolet truck and Italian Breda used so effectively by the 8th Battery display was completed and opened to the public in September 2010.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report for the twelve months ended 31 December 2010 had been distributed prior to the AGM.

On behalf of Treasurer Ann Bragg, the Secretary reported a loss of \$1,100 for the year, which reflected:

- the expenditure of the DVA Grant received in the previous year,
- a reduction of \$909 in donations and subscriptions and
- a reduction in interest received on the Term Deposit due to the longer investment periods.

Costs had increased in 2010 due to:

- the increased reunion catering costs as a consequence of the substantial increase in attendance at the 2010 AGM and
- the costs associated with the engagement of a web site developer.

The Treasurer's Report also indicated that whilst the Association would continue to incur web site development costs, the Association was in a healthy financial state with an investment balance of \$8,000 (invested at 6.0%, and expiring on 8 August 2011) and an operating balance of \$4,530 at 31 December 2010.

Total assets at the Commonwealth Bank at 31 December 2010 were:

Term Deposit	\$ 8,000
Cheque Account	\$ 4,530
TOTAL	\$12,530

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Secretary moved "That the statement of receipts and expenditure for 2010 be adopted."

The motion was Seconded by John Hepworth and Carried.

8.0 Secretary's Report

8.1 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.

In addition to frequent meetings with the web site developer over the six month period to April 2011, there was almost daily email correspondence between the Secretary, the Association Research Officer and the web site developer.

Significant correspondence was to and/or from:

- The RACV with respect to arrangements for the AGM / Reunion
- The RSL with respect to the ANZAC Day March arrangements
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs with respect to the ANZAC Day March arrangements,
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs with respect to the Greece / Crete Campaign Medal petition
- Research staff at the Australian War Memorial relating to the use of photos and articles on the web site, and

8.2 Bequests

In response to a specific request from a member of the Association regarding the "form of words" which could be used by families wishing to make a specific bequest to the Association, the Secretary advised that the Association did not have any standard "form of words" and had suggested the following in response to the enquiry:

"To the 2nd/3rd Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Association for the continuing promotion, acknowledgement and preservation of the deeds and sacrifices of the men who served with the Regiment during World War Two"

8.3 Electronic Copies of "On Target"

The Secretary advised that electronic copies of "On Target" were available for purchase on CD for \$10.00. He further advised that the original hard cover book was advertised on the net from time to time for up to \$350.00.

9.0 Nominations

The Secretary apologized (again) 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 Lane at 0915 Hours, with a view to commencing the March at 0940 Hours.

10.2 ANZAC Day Commemorations At Werribee

Vice President Matthew Heddle advised the meeting that all members of the 2/3rd ALAA Regiment Association were invited to attend the annual ANZAC Day Commemoration Service at Werribee organised by the Werribee RSL.

Matthew and Graeme Heddle attend the ANZAC Day commemoration service at Werribee each year and lay a wreath on behalf of the Association.

11.0 Meeting Closed

The President declared the formal session of the meeting closed at 1235 Hours.

12.0 Web Site Launch

The Minister of Veterans' Affairs, The Hon. Warren Snowdon MP had been invited to attend the AGM / Reunion Lunch and to officially launch the Association's web site, for which the DVA had provided funding.

As Minister Snowdon was unable to attend the AGM to launch the web site, and after luncheon had been served, Association Historian David McDonald and Secretary Colin Bragg jointly launched the Association's web site.