

2/3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regt Association  
AGM held at the RACV City Club  
On 21st April 2012 at 1130 Hours.

## **1.0 Meeting Call To Order**

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

Lynton welcomed all 54 members present, and expressed his appreciation of the number in attendance, several who had travelled from the country and interstate.

## **2.0 Present**

**SERVICE MEMBERS** – John Campbell, Ray Everlyn, Frank Hands, John Marshall, Cec Rae, Earle Webster

**OTHERS** – Gaye Berry, Dianne & Steve Bickell, Colin & Ann Bragg, Doreen and Janet Bryant, Ian Campbell, Les, Lyne and Win Chitts, Foster Crooke, Joyce Curnow, Dorothy Donnelly, John and Margaret Fryer, Graeme Guy, Janet Harbeck, Dot Harris, Ruth Harvey, Graeme & Matthew Heddle, Kaye Huggins, Sue Leidler, Griff Loughnan, Russell Luckock, David McDonald, Jill McKenzie, Robin Payne, Anne Payne, Anne Rae, Ian Rae, Lynton and Rhonda Rose, Dianne and Carly Schubert, Roger and Lynette Stephens, Bill Stokes, Jeanette Tilney, Julia Webster, Daryl and Barbara Wells, Steve and Jenny Welsh, Betty, Malcolm and Margaret Wigglesworth.

## **3.0 Apologies**

**ORIGINAL & FAMILY MEMBERS** – Patrick Delves, Dave Humphreys, Duncan McPherson, Ian Rutter, Rex Emmett, Tom McGill, Keith Keilar, Phil Hurst, John Hilliard, Howard Vippond, Edie Russell, Shirley Brown, Shirley Thomson, Trixie Fryer, Valda Malloch, Esme Curtis, Elizabeth Goddard, Betty Spiller.

**COMMITTEE / REMEMBRANCE GROUP MEMBERS** – Rob and Charles Bennett, James and Simon Coghlan, Graeme Wigglesworth, Robin Spry, Robert Phillips, Robert Knight, Rod Smith, Helen Rossiter, Margot Warren, Mary Woodfield, Donald McLean, Eric Maxwell, Adam Elliot, Alan Donnelly, Ian Brown, Adam and Jonathan Rose, Hugh Forbes, Jim Rae, Terry Gleeson, Lyn Walsh, Diedre Robinson, Sorell Robinson, Byron Robinson, Lisa Foran.

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

## **4.0 Lest We Forget**

Original member John Marshall narrated the "Lest We Forget" Ode and read out the names of eleven former members of the Regiment who had passed away since the previous Reunion or had been omitted from recent previous Vale lists.

These were: Stan Baker (8), Jack Berkley (8), Ron Bryant (8), Jack Croft (8), John Hepworth (8), Bill Hopkins (9), Stan Porritt (8), Phil Roberts (8), Stan Rowan (8), Alan Rundle (9), and Dave Thomson (9).

## **5.0 Minutes Of The 2011 AGM**

The minutes of the 2011 AGM held on 23 April 2011 had been distributed prior to the meeting, and there being no amendments, it was moved Matthew Heddle, seconded Malcolm Wrigglesworth, "That the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting be approved". Carried

There was no business arising from the 2011 Minutes.

## **6.0 President's Report**

President Lynton Rose thanked so many people for attending the 2012 reunion – a total of 54, including 6 original members, 2 widows of former members and 46 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 spoke about what has been in his view the two most significant events of the past five years – firstly, the decision of the former Committee to pass the baton to the descendants group in 2007, and secondly the launching of the Association's web site in 2011.

The President specifically referred to the recent announcement by the President of the 2/12<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Regiment Members Association that their Association was ceasing to function and contrasted the demise of the 2/12<sup>th</sup> with the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> which has gone from strength to strength since the "old guard" passed the baton to the Remembrance Group.

In referring to the Association's web site, Lynton commented on the volume of material now resident on the web site and the interactive nature of the site, which is attracting enquiries and interest from all over the world.

Secretary Colin Bragg and Research Officer David McDonald were 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 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment and Association, and which was now on the web site.

The loss of former President Ron Bryant, former Treasurer John Hepworth and former Banner Keeper Dave Thomson was particularly noted when the President referred to the passing of a further eleven former members of the Regiment.

With respect the ANZAC Day March arrangements Lynton reported that the ADCC had reversed the arrangements, which applied in 2011 so that all members of Associations will march behind their individual Unit Banners.

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

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

## **7.0 Secretary's Report**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

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

The Secretary reported that almost 100 enquiries had been received in the previous twelve months, most of which were answered directly, but more technical enquiries were referred to the Association Research Officer

### **7.2 Electronic Copies of "On Target"**

The Secretary advised that electronic copies of "On Target" were available for purchase on CD for \$10.00. Alternatively, the book could be down loaded from the web site at no cost or an original hard cover copy could be purchased from a military history bookshop for up to \$350.00.

### **7.3 Ron Bryant War Diaries**

Secretary Colin Bragg advised that the war diaries of the late former President Ron Bryant had recently been published by his daughters and copies were available for purchase at \$20 per copy. All proceeds from the sale of Ron's war diaries will be donated to Legacy, with whom Ron had an association over several decades.

### **7.4 Committee Nominations**

There being no additional nominations from members, and the current Committee members all having indicated they were prepared to continue as Committee members, all current Committee members were re-appointed.

Moved Kaye Huggins, seconded Barbara Wells "That the Secretary's Report be accepted." Carried

## **8.0 Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Report for the twelve months ended 31 December 2011 had been distributed prior to the AGM.

On behalf of Treasurer Ann Bragg, the Secretary reported a loss of \$2,715 for the year, which reflected:

- the expenditure of the DVA Grant received in 2009
- an increase of \$935 in donations and subscriptions and
- an increase in interest received on the Term Deposit due it being rolled over twice in the reporting period.

Costs had increased in 2011 due to:

- Increased Reunion catering costs and the early payment of the deposit for the 2011 Reunion.
- Increased web site development costs.
- Digitisation of "On Target"
- Acquisition of Officer Full Service Records
- Additional printing and signage costs
- Increased consumable costs such as paper, envelopes, cartridges and postage
- The increase in the size of "Take Post" from 12 to 16 pages

The Treasurer's Report also indicated that whilst the Association would continue to incur occasional web site development costs, the Association remains in a healthy financial state with an investment balance of \$8,000 (invested at 5.25%, and expiring on 8 July 2012) and an operating balance of \$1,815 at 31 December 2011.

The Secretary advised that the Committee would review annual subscriptions and AGM/Reunion contributions at its meeting in February 2013.

Total assets at the Commonwealth Bank at 31 December 2011 were:

Term Deposit	\$8,000
Cheque Account	\$1,815
TOTAL	\$9,815

Moved Matthew Heddle, seconded Anne Rae "That the statement of receipts and expenditure for 2011 be adopted."

## **9.0 General Business**

### **10.1 ANZAC Day March Arrangements**

The Secretary informed the meeting that those intending to participate in the March should gather south of Princes Bridge opposite the Art Gallery at 0915 Hours, with a view to commencing the March at 0940 Hours.

Each Unit will march behind its individual Banner with veterans on foot marching behind the Banner, followed by descendants followed by veterans in vehicles.

## **10.0 Lunch**

The meeting was suspended whilst lunch was served.

## **11.0 Web Site Update**

Association Research Officer David McDonald summarised web site developments over the previous twelve months and the extent to which the web site is attracting interest.

In addition to several hundred more photos being added to the site, the number of web links and bibliography entries have been increased.

Apart from the steady level of enquiries received through the site, a total of almost 18,000 hits had been recorded since May 2011 (approximately 350 weekly), with the Photo Gallery and “On Target” receiving the highest number of hits.

## **12.0 Meeting Closed**

The President declared the formal component of the AGM closed at 1235 Hours.