

**2/3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regt Association**  
**AGM held at the RACV City Club**  
**On 20th April 2013 at 1130 Hours.**

**1.0 Meeting Call To Order**

President Lynton Rose called the meeting to order at 1200 Hours.

Lynton welcomed all 49 members 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** – John Campbell, Frank Hands, John Marshall, Cec Rae, Earle Webster

**Others** – Rob Bennett, Charles Bennett, Gaye Berry, Roma Berry, Colin & Ann Bragg, Doreen Bryant, Ian Campbell, Lyne Chitts, James Coghlan, Foster Crooke, Kathy Crooke, Tim Crooke, Joyce Curnow, Alan Donelly, Dorothy Donelly, Dot Harris, Mark Harse, Ruth Harvey, Graeme & Matthew Heddle, Griff Loughnan, Russell Luckock, David McDonald, Anne Rae, Ian Rae, Diedre & Peter Robinson, Lynton and Rhonda Rose, Dianne Schubert, Emily Setter, Bill & Jenny Stokes, Pauline Stuart, Neil Stuart, Amanda Stuart, Barbara Thomas, Fiona Thomas, Jeanette Tilney, Daniel Wanders, Daryl and Barbara Wells, Malcolm and Margaret Wigglesworth.

**3.0 Apologies**

**Original Members** - Cliff Cullen, Patrick Delves, Tom Dusting, Rex Emmett, Ray Everlyn, John Hilliard, Dave Humphreys, Keith Keilar, John Leaker, Allen Martin, Duncan McPherson, Ian Rutter, Howard Vippond, Alan "Bushy" Read, Robert Phillips.

**Widows Of Deceased Original Members** - Daphne Block, Shirley Brown, Win Chitts, Esme Curtis, Anne Girdwood, Edie Russell, Valda Malloch, Betty Spiller, Shirley Thomson, Rosemary Weatherly, Betty Wigglesworth

**Remembrance Group Members** – Ian Brown, Les Chitts, David & Liz Crooke, Alan Donelly, Stuart Edwards, Lisa Foran, Hugh Forbes, Graeme Hawkins, Kaye Huggins, Eric Maxwell, Donald McLean, Robin Payne, Anne Payne, Sorell Robinson, Byron Robinson, Adam and Jonathan Rose, Alison Shields, Garry & Robin Spry, Roger Stephens, Barry Stokes, Heather Stokes, Mary Woodfield

Moved Barbara Wells, Seconded Malcolm Wigglesworth, "That the apologies be accepted."

#### **4.0 Lest We Forget**

Original Service member John Marshall narrated the Ode To The Fallen and read out the names of five former members of the Regiment who had passed away since the previous Reunion. These were:

Jack Berkley (8), Jack “Nap” Croft (8), Bruce Tulloch (7), Hugh Finn (9) and Dennis (Dan) Hawkes (9).

#### **5.0 Minutes Of The 2012 AGM**

The minutes of the 2012 AGM held on 21 April 2012 had been distributed prior to the meeting, and there being no amendments, it was moved John Campbell, seconded Anne Rae, “That the Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting be approved”. Carried

There was no business arising from the 2012 Minutes.

#### **6.0 President’s Report**

President Lynton Rose thanked so many people for attending the 2013 reunion – a total of 49 including 5 original members, 2 widows of former members and 42 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 specifically about the Air Defence Luncheon held in May 2012 and attended by four 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> veterans and five serving Air Defence officers. He also referred to the attack on the Association’s web site in late 2012 and thanked those members of the Association who had kindly contributed towards the cost of reinstating the web site.

Also 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.

Lynton also commented on the disappointingly high number of members whose subscriptions were outstanding, and emphasised that whilst an individual subscription was not great, the sum of them is vitally important to the operation of the Association.

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

Finally, Lynton referred to the brotherhood of the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and the honour in being able to serve such a special brotherhood.

Moved Graeme Heddle, seconded Barbara Wells "That the President's Report be accepted." Carried

## **7.0 Secretary's Report**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

As has been the case in recent years, the Secretary reported that the majority of correspondence is conducted by email and at least one enquiry is received every week. Colin explained that because only the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> has a web site, enquiries are received from descendants of all four of the Light Anti-Aircraft Units established during WW2 (2/1<sup>st</sup>, 2/2<sup>nd</sup>, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> and the 2/4<sup>th</sup>).

Most of the enquiries are answered directly by the Secretary, but more technical enquiries are referred to the Association's Research Officer, David McDonald.

### **7.2 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 Malcolm Wrigglesworth, seconded Matthew Heddle "That the Secretary's Report be accepted." Carried

## **8.0 Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Report for the twelve months ended 31 December 2012 had been distributed prior to the AGM.

On behalf of Treasurer Ann Bragg, the Secretary reported a loss of \$357 for the year, compared to a loss of \$2,715 in 2011. The 2012 result reflected:

- A reduction in the Reunion catering
- A reduction in printing and digitisation costs.
- A reduction in web site support costs.
- A reduction in Secretarial and office costs.

The Treasurer's Report 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 3.95%) and an operating balance of \$1,458 at 31 December 2012.

The Secretary reported that whilst the Association had been able to contain membership and reunion costs for the past two years, the Committee will be reviewing annual subscriptions and AGM/Reunion contributions at its meeting in February 2014.

Total assets at the Commonwealth Bank at 31 December 2012 were:

Term Deposit	\$8,000
Cheque Account	\$1,458
TOTAL	\$9,458

Moved Anne Rae, seconded Matthew Heddle “That the statement of receipts and expenditure for 2012 be adopted.”

## **9.0 General Business**

### **ANZAC Day March Arrangements**

The Secretary informed the meeting that those intending to participate in the March should gather on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets at 0915 Hours, with a view to commencing the March at 0945 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 Research Officer Report**

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

David reported a total of 7,000 hits on the web site in the previous 12 months, including one from Libya, which lasted for 26 minutes.

The “Photo Gallery” and “On Target” continue to receive the highest number of hits.

In addition to more photos being added to the site, the number of web links and bibliography entries have been increased, the Regimental Rolls have been added as have the full versions of articles in the 2013 edition of Take Post.

David also reported that he had been in communication with the property owners of the property on which Berkshire Valley RHQ was located during the latter stages of WW2, and the RHQ Sign was being refurbished.

## **12.0 Meeting Closed**

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