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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may have noticed a couple of weeks ago that there was an article in "The Advertiser" regarding the possible closure of some Army depots including Keswick Barracks.

On the evening of Tuesday 3rd October, a briefing by an Army Headquarters representative on the Force Deployment Program (FDP) was held at Keswick. This was arranged primarily for the local formation and unit commanders or representatives, however RUSI was invited and the RUSI Secretary, Doug Paterson, and I attended.

It was explained that as part of the FDP, the Department of Defence had initiated three separate studies in relation to the "infrastructure" ramifications. Consultants are currently conducting these studies.

The three areas of consideration are: -

- a. Facilities
- b. Operating Costs and
- c. Socio-Economic.

In the case of the socio-economic study, this is confined to only two locations, one of which is Woodside.

The briefing last week was confined to the Facilities study and two members of the consultant team took part.

It was explained that the consultants were preparing a Strategic Business Case to be submitted by November 2006, so that a case could be prepared with recommendations to the Department by December 2006, for submission in turn to Cabinet in February 2007!

The basis of the study was to examine those facilities that had been identified as not meeting all the key criteria for retention under the FDP. In the case of SA these are Keswick, Warradale, Woodside, Hampstead and Elizabeth North. In each case the financial ramifications of retention versus disposal, including the consequential relocation costs for the formations/units affected, were to be considered.

The consultant team is in Adelaide to visit the identified locations and to have discussions with the formations/units that may be affected.

In response to questions regarding the terms of reference of the study, the briefing team confirmed that it was only concerned with "infrastructure" and hence did not take into account "operational needs" such as recruitment, retention and the proximity and suitability of training areas.

The Chief of Army has made some of his views known, including his appreciation of local sensitivities, and has directed that the case for Warradale Units to be relocated to Keswick be considered, in addition to the vice-versa case. A similar scenario applies to Anglesea Barracks in Hobart.

In conclusion, it was stressed that this was a Strategic Business Case and that there was no money allocated in current budgets.

We will endeavor to keep you posted.

RUSI IMAGE, PURPOSE AND MARKETING

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the topic of the RUSI image, purpose and marketing was discussed at the National Conference held in

June. Major General J.C.Hartley AO, National President RUSI has now written a discussion paper on the subject and all divisions have been asked to respond before the end of the year.

One item, which was referred to by the RUSI-SA President in his opening remarks at the November Luncheon, relates to the title of the organisation. An excerpt from the National President's discussion paper is reproduced below: -

Title of the RUSI

Outside a narrow Defence membership, few people relate to the term "Royal United Services Institute" or its acronym RUSI. This problem may be compounded by the differing titles of constituent bodies whereby some refer to institute while others use institution. In some cases Service is used while others use Services.

Even if we agreed to a common word usage, I am not sure that the term "United Services Institute" conveys much of an idea of what we are about. The UK has had similar concerns and now styles itself as the "Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies".

Brigadier David Leece, in a paper on this issue, lists a number of options:

- *(Royal) Australian Institute of Defence Studies (RAIDS or AIDS)*
- *(Royal) Institute of Defence Studies Australia (RIDSA or IDSA)*
- *(Royal) Defence Studies Institute of Australia (RDSIA or DSIA)*
- *(Royal) Australian Institute of National Security and Defence Studies (RAINSDS or AINSDS)*
- *(Royal) Australian Institute of Defence and Security Studies (RAIDSS or AIDSS)*

David's preference is for a name change that would look something like this:

***Royal United Services Institute for
DEFENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES
Australia***

***Royal United Services Institute for
DEFENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES
New South Wales***

Some consider the use of the term 'studies' inappropriate. Clearly we do not have the same charter as our UK counterpart with its large analytical staff. Indeed, the British version appears more related to ASPI.

But there was a general sense that the title as we presently have it does not relate to the broader community or reflect our aim. Elements that we needed to consider included the use of some of the following descriptors:

- a. National or Australian,*
- b. Security and Defence,*
- c. Forum or Institute or Council, and*
- d. Royal.*

The RUSI-SA Council welcomes member input (by phone, fax, mail, email or verbal) on this important topic. Comment is also sought on the Aim, Purpose and Marketing of the RUSI and copies of the discussion paper are available from our office.

**LUNCHEON ADDRESS
Monday 9th October 2006**

**BRIG Greg Mellick AM RFD
Director General Reserves – Army**

(The following was compiled from notes provided by the speaker).

Hardened & Networked Army Reserve “Relevance and Readiness.”

The Australian Army Reserves consume about 20% of Army's budget and 5% of Regular Army manning. There are currently more Reservists on Continuous Full Time Service than since the end of WWII. The Reserves currently comprise about 16,000 personnel plus 10,500 Standby Reserve personnel. Reservists parade an average of 40 days per annum and the median length of service is four years.

Their Mission is to *“Provide specified individual and collective capabilities to support, sustain and reinforce Army's operational forces”*.

The Army Reserve operates a remarkably broad range of Reserve models. Some examples include:

- Regional Force Surveillance Units - collective capability, high readiness, integrated, equipped, tasked, regionally trained, high competency fit.
- 7 and 17 Combat Support Service (CSS) Brigades - Unit and sub-unit collective capabilities, moderate readiness, integrated formation with Reserve, Regular and Integrated battalions and regiments, moderate competency fit
- 2 Division - Sub-unit collective capability and individual reinforcement pool, lower readiness, partially equipped, centrally trained, lower competency fit
- Individual Reserves which may be posted throughout Tri-service or Army units on Contracts or Short Service Commissions, Continuous Full Time Service or for a set numbers of days.

It is proposed in future that Active Reservists will enable the High Readiness Reserve (HRR) through the raise, train and sustain functions to continue to support and reinforce the Australian Regular Army (ARA).

The Active Reserve (AR) will provide the Reserve Response Force. Active Reservists will still have the opportunity to be selected for operations, although this opportunity is decreased with the raising of the HRR.

High Readiness Reservists must be available for voluntary deployment when called for. High Readiness Reservists will sign a two year contract for 32-50 days mandated training per year. Training will include one continuous exercise annually of not longer than 16 days with their ARA/Integrated unit (or for HRR Combat Team members, their formation), unless otherwise specified in the HRR Service Agreement. The remainder will be with their parent AR unit. High Readiness Reservists must possess ARA competencies for their employed position (until the Hardened and Networked Army [HNA] training model review is complete, whereby exceptions may be made).

The Standby Reserve management systems are being reviewed with a view to enhancing the utility of this latent capability.

HRR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PHASE ONE (Start mid 2006-end 2008):

- Develop the approximately 1100 individual and collective reinforcements;
- Identify additional capabilities required to be developed within the Army Reserve; and
- Review Command and Control (C2) at regional and command level.

The HNA Training Model currently under development will:

- Focus upon providing Army with enhanced peacetime national tasks.
- Maintain the common competency model for ARA and Active Reservists.
- Reduce the training requirement for Active Reservists by reducing the number of competencies required
- Identify and develop gap training to enable Reservists to transition from the AR to HRR
- Include Active Reservists deployable Employment Category Number.

Active Reservists will receive up to a \$10 Reserve allowance (akin to service allowance). New pay rates will be competency based. They will receive a \$600 health support allowance and the HRR \$2,500 health support allowance per annum. An allowance of \$10,000 Tax Free completion bonus will be given for two years HRR service

"....Army Reserve forces can now be concentrated on providing full capability as part of operational forces, and to provide the subsequent reinforcement and rotation of deployed forces. Expansion and mobilisation will remain an Army task, but the priority in the future will clearly be on meeting more immediate military needs." LTGEN Peter Leahy

Views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the RUSI - SA Inc

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

All members are invited to attend our luncheons. Indeed you are encouraged to invite partners, friends and colleagues to join us and, if they like what they see, to nominate them for membership. Please book in advance. If you are unsure whether or not your name is on the booking list, please check!

Cancellations must be reported to the RUSI Office by midday of the Friday before the lunch. Subsequent cancellations will attract a fee of \$20. The caterers have to be notified of the number attending by that time and that number must be paid for. Twelve members booked for the last luncheon but did not turn up. RUSI SA cannot afford such losses.

The dress code for the luncheon is neat casual, taking into consideration weather conditions. We assemble in Building 34A, Keswick Barracks, Keswick, at approximately 11.30 am for drinks and good fellowship. Members are asked to be seated by 12 noon when our President welcomes members and guests, and lunch is served.

The cost of the buffet is \$20. We also conduct a raffle to help cover expenses. Our caterer has agreed to provide vegetarian meals and sweets for diabetics, but these must be ordered before midday on the Thursday before the lunch.

For those who do not have time to enjoy lunch, but wish to hear the lecture, chairs are provided around the perimeter of the hall. Please be seated before 12.55 pm, as the guest speaker will be introduced at 1.00 pm. The address is of about 30 to 35 minutes duration with 15 minutes for questions, after which coffee or tea is available. We aim to complete the program by 2.00 pm.

Special Christmas Lunch

Monday 4th December 2006

Speaker TBA

POSITIONS VACANT

Doug Paterson has tendered his resignation for personal reasons. The Council is seeking a suitable person to replace Doug as:

SECRETARY

RUSI of SA

Nominations are invited for the position and interested parties are requested to contact the Secretary on 8305 6378 at the RUSI of SA office or the President on 8266 0007 for further details.



As announced at the Annual General Meeting, LTCDR Ronald C Penglase DSC RFD VFD has decided to stand down as the RUSI-SA Honorary Auditor. The Council and members appreciate the sterling effort that Ron has made over the many years that he held this position.

AUDITOR

We are now seeking a suitably qualified person to take over this important role. An honorarium is paid for these annual duties. Expressions of interest should be made to the RUSI-SA office or to the Honorary Treasurer, COL Les Thompson.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR 2006

CHRISTMAS SUNDOWNER

**Sunday 26th November 2006
at 4pm**



In response to a number of requests to reinstate our Annual Sundowner event as the final social activity for the year, your Council has decided to put the event on this year in the hope that it will attract sufficient attendees to make it a viable function.

The Sundowner, in the form of a Cocktail Party, will be held in the Patio area of the Officers' Mess at Keswick Barracks, Keswick.

We urge members to support the Sundowner this year:

DATE: SUNDAY 26th November 2006

TIME: 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

PLACE: Officers' Mess, Keswick Barracks, Keswick

COST: \$20- per head. Includes:
Sumptuous Finger Food
Red & White Wines
Sparkling Wines
Beer
Soft Drinks

DRESS: Smart Casual

BOOKINGS: To the office by Midday, Monday 20th November 2006. Cancellations after that date will attract a fee of \$20 per person.

Who's Who in South Australia

For 100 years, *Who's Who in Australia* has been recording the biographies of notable and prominent Australians. Crown Content will soon be embarking on an exciting new publishing tradition, creating a series of state-focused publications to stand alongside *Who's Who in Australia*. The inaugural State edition of *Who's Who* will be *Who's Who in South Australia*, to be published in March 2007.

Who's Who in South Australia will be a permanent historical record and an ongoing tribute to South Australians from all backgrounds, ranging from prominent public figures to unsung community heroes. Nominations are now open. You are invited to submit the names of outstanding members of the RUSI SA and the local community. Additionally you may recommend the names of South Australians (by birth or residence) who have excelled in their field or those who exemplify the South Australian spirit.

Nomination forms are available in the office or online at www.whoswholive.com.au. Nominations can be e-mailed to whoswho@crowncontent.com.au. Once your nomination has been received, the nominee will be contacted directly if further information is required. Inclusion and editing of any biography is at the sole discretion of the Editorial Board. Further enquiries can be made on 1300 854 686.

LIBRARY NON FICTION

Reviews by Malcolm Orchard.

"Flak" by Michael Veitch.

For Michael Veitch, the compiling and writing of *"Flak"*, a book concerning RAAF and RAF veterans and their experiences during World War II, was a labour of love and the fulfilment of an ambition of many years – an ambition which stemmed from "a life long obsession with aircraft of the Second World War and the men

who flew them".

Over the course of a year he interviewed more than 50 former aircrew across Australia. He talked with former pilots, navigators, bomb aimers, gunners and wireless operators who had "flown in deserts, over cities and in the stifling jungles of the South-west Pacific. And as he quietly notes:-

On each occasion, I was met with complete acceptance, in allowing me to dredge up highly personal memories of fear, loss and trauma, often for the first time in decades.

Regrettably he was not in a position to publish all these interviews – he chose 25. But as Charles "Bud" Tingwell writes in his Forward:

The accurate descriptions in this book taught me so much, almost for the first time. I may have been frightened on several occasions in my job as a photographic reconnaissance pilot but I have often wondered if I could have done what other air crews had to do. That any of us that survived at all, regardless of what our duties were, is sometimes hard to believe. Thank you, Michael, for illuminating so much about so many.

And as another interviewee quietly said to Michael Veitch, "History is told by the survivors".

"The Guns of Muschu" by Don Dennis.

During the night of the 11th April, 1945, eight Z Special commandos landed on the Japanese held Muschu Island off the coast of New Guinea. Their mission was to reconnoitre the island's defences and to confirm the location of two concealed naval guns that commanded the approaches to Wewak Harbour.

But this secret mission went horribly wrong: unknown to the commandos, their presence had been discovered within hours of their landing. Nine days later, on the New Guinea mainland, the only survivor staggered through the Japanese lines to safety... And sent a signal to his OC: "*For OC, SRD from Spr Dennis. The b..... from the bush has returned.*" NX 73110 Sapper E.T. (Mick) Dennis is the author's uncle.

“Long Tan and Beyond: Alpha Company 6 RAR in Vietnam 1966-67” by LTCOL Charles S. Mollison.

In his forward, BRIG George Mansford AM notes that several books have been written about the historic Battle of Long Tan, but *“here for the first time is included the story about the relief force – the men who turned defeat into victory fast moving, first hand accounts take you into the rain soaked, muddy and bloody battle of Long Tan; through the hell of Operation Bribie, and into the jungle on countless ambushes, patrols and operations.”* First published last year, it is now in its third edition.

“Marcel Caux. A Life Unravelling”
by Lynette Ramsay Silver .

Who was Marcel Caux? Acclaimed historian Lynette Ramsay Silver here sets out to disentangle the life of one of Australia’s last surviving veterans of WWI who died in August 2004 aged 105, and had been accorded a State funeral in Sydney. Her painstaking unmasking of the real Marcel Caux through official records, news items, photographs and interviews makes fascinating reading. (He had at different times laid claim to at least five different names, six birth places, three nationalities and five occupations.)

“On Shaggy Ridge” by Phillip Bradley.

This history of the Australian 7th Division in the Ramu valley campaign, from Kaiapit to the Finisterre ranges in 1943-44, has been reprinted several times since its first publication in 2004 – the latest, in soft covers, earlier this year. Without neglecting the key strategy and command issues, *“On Shaggy Ridge”* has been written from the soldier’s viewpoint – the vivid recollections of over 140 veterans, including those of many South Australians, have been drawn on with telling effect.

“Task Force” by John Parker.

Here John Parker traces the changing face of the

Royal Navy since WWII and shows how, in general, its capabilities are designed around three core assets: carrier-borne aircraft, submarines and amphibious forces, all supported by escorts and other vital support units.

Kindly donated by Michael Gorroick.

“Silent Voices” by Robert Kearney.

This is the story of the 10th Battalion AIF in WWI from its inception at Morphetville in August 1914 through to its operations in Gallipoli, Egypt, France and Belgium. And how it established its splendid reputation as a disciplined, courageous and outstanding unit.

Working paper received:

“Revisiting Counterinsurgency: A Manoeuvrist Response to the ‘War on Terror’ for the Australian Army” by LTCOL John Blaxland.

This paper addresses an emerging awareness of counterinsurgency in the Australian context. It is also cautionary; arguing that the Army and the wider Australian Defence Force (ADF) needs more careful thought on doctrine, appropriate training and associated operational ability.

“My Story” by GEN Peter Cosgrove.

In 1999, GEN Peter Cosgrove was thrust into the full glare of the Australian spotlight following his appointment as Commander of the International Forces in East Timor (INTERFET). In his subsequent rise to Chief of Army and then, in July 2002, to Chief of the Defence Force, he continued to cement his reputation as one of Australia’s most popular and widely recognised military leaders. This, his autobiography, runs to some 468 pages: from his birth in July 1947 until earlier this year, when following on from his retirement from the Army on Sunday the 3rd of July 2005 after some 40 and a half years of service, he was asked to take charge of the recovery effort in Innisfail in the wake of the destructive cyclone “Larry.”

Donated to the library by Malcolm Orchard
The Great War by Les Carlyon

Australians in the nineteen twenties could explain the loss of a husband or a son with one word. They simply said “doziers” or “passchendaele” and everyone understood. The men who fell at these and other places on the Western Front were part of the largest tragedy in Australian history – 179000 dead and wounded, “one long national funeral”. That lasted into the nineteen thirties.

Now in *The Great War* Les Carlyon tells the story of these men. He describes the grand strategies but never loses sight of the ordinary soldiers caught up in the first big war of the industrial age. With a novelists eye for detail and anecdote, he takes the reader back to their world and their war.

Carlyon wanders the battlefields of France and Belgium and recreates the hellish landscapes of ninety years ago. He again demonstrates a unique ability to present history as mesmerising narrative. This history is a superb sequel to his well known Gallipoli.

Les Carlyon was born in northern Victoria in 1942. He has been editor of *The Age* Melbourne and editor in chief of the herald and Weekly Times Group. He has twice won the Walkley Award.

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The President and members of Council wish all members and their families a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.