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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RUSIQ's July 5 seminar is important.



It is now eight months into the second year of my presidency. It has been important to set goals and work to those achievements. The most important immediate objective is to make the seminar set for 5 July 2019 a success. The subject is "Political Trajectories: The Future of Australia – Indonesia Relations in a Contested Indo – Pacific Order". This project is of the highest priority, and the RUSI website covers all details to register, and the programme.

The seminar will attract participants from interstate, and many who may have no knowledge of the activities of RUSI. The event has been made possible through a grant from the Department of Defence. The workload for preparation has been onerous on our **Senior Vice-President, Brigadier Ian Errington**. His expertise on the subject, personal relationships with major presenters and professional dedication will ensure a very refined event.

Throughout the year and a half, we have progressively worked to set the highest standards for presenters to the RUSIQ monthly luncheon and lecture subject. It has reflected in an increase in members attending. It is acknowledged that an organisation such as RUSIQ has an ageing demographic, and the Executive is conscious that there is an urgency to attract a younger membership. I have the opinion that our existing members are a source with capability to introduce new members. The RUSIQ story is a very worthy tale, and our objectives need to be explained to the community.

The future of RUSIQ, and how we are going to achieve our goals is a major factor in our forward planning. We have developed our "Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2024"; and we have documented a new "Value Proposition". These documents are now posted on the RUSIQ website, and I encourage members, and those interested, to study our commitments. Executive Despatches have been a feature of our activities since last September. Our reason for this initiative is to encourage participation from members, and make information available quickly. It is appreciated in this day and age that the primary tool of communication is the Internet; and there is less "face to face" interchange of ideas, as we know about issues. The Executive members are always contactable, and open to ideas and initiatives.

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FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT (Operations):

Dear RUSIQ Colleagues,

The Institute has achieved some modest milestones in the last three months. The Committee has welcomed new support from members who have great communications expertise. Delivering our message to the community will require the use of electronic media.

While we have started down this pathway, it still is too early to judge success. However, I am confident that our refreshed website and outreach through social media will contribute positively over time.

Increasingly, we need to adopt the RUSIQ website platform as our single point of truth. It must become the primary source of information members consult to discover what is happening, and how they interact with the Institute. The website offers significant functionality, coordination and operating efficiencies.

We have connected our site to *Linked-In* and *Twitter* - which allows us to penetrate different segments of the community, especially the public and private sectors as well as the current ADF generations.

Different groups are attracted to and use different methods of communication and we now have the means to reach them all simultaneously at little or no additional effort. We are also examining requests to live-stream part of our lectures. Certainly, this will involve some technical and confidentiality challenges, but an early cost-benefit analysis indicates it is worth trialing this option. Live feeds will allow us to reach members who can't make it to RUSIQ Hall, fellow CB members from other States, as well as domestic and international communities of interest. This outreach will build our brand recognition and will add to our overall value proposition. This is important when we seek support such as grant funding or sponsorship.

Corporate governance:

Our corporate governance has improved. We have developed a strategic plan (currently available to the membership for comment) that articulates our *raison d'être*, organisational posture and strategic objectives.

This document is a critical guide to keep us focused on our priorities. We have also developed a value proposition that explains why what we do is important to them.

The 2019 lecture program has firmed well with a number of high-level speakers committed to delivering presentations. We have listened to the membership's requests for evening lectures and we currently have two scheduled.

We have teamed with Tattersall's Club to create enjoyable dinner-speaking events with **Professor John Blaxland** and **Dr Brendan Nelson**. We are aware that the cost of these may be more than some members wish to commit, so we have made sure that both of these speakers first address us at RUSI Hall.

Overall, it's been a good start to the year. I'm still looking for members to assist the Committee's work, so let me know if you are available.

In closing, I want to stress our number one goal is to increase our membership. So, I am asking every current member to accept a personal challenge to bring one more member each to RUSIQ Queensland this year.

**Brigadier Ian Errington AM, CSC, (Retd.),
Vice President (Operations).**

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE: Judith Munday OAM (Army).

Judith Munday (pictured right) is RUSIQ's volunteer Treasurer. She is also secretary of the Ex-Servicewomen's RSL Sub Branch, is the Treasurer of RSL South Eastern District Ltd - and the first woman to be appointed to the State Tribunal.

She joined the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC) in the Citizen Military Forces aged 18 and later transferred into the Regular Army, serving 16 years. She served in many staff officer's postings in Queensland, Canberra and at her Corps School at Georges Heights in Sydney as the Senior Instructor.



"I was fortunate to be selected as the first woman on a two-year exchange program with the British Army, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I was also lucky to be the escort officer for the Duchess of Kent, who was the Colonel-in-Chief of the Women's Royal Army Corps when she made an official visit to the RAOC Depot near Oxford.

"Unfortunately, it was the height of the confrontation between the United Kingdom and Ireland and, being a royal, she was a person of interest to the IRA. It was a stressful time, particularly for an Australian. On my return to Australia, I was posted back to WRAAC School and then to HQ 1st Military District at Victoria Barracks in Brisbane as the Senior WRAAC Officer in Queensland. Following my marriage, I was discharged, because at the time women could not serve in Defence and have children".

Women were not able to join the RSL until 1984 unless they had seen operational service. She joined the RSL in 1998, joining Kedron Wavell RSL Sub Branch. In 2003, she was contacted by the Treasurer of the Ex-Servicewomen's Sub Branch who was concerned that the Sub Branch was going to close due to decreasing membership. The Sub Branch had only encouraged women to join if they had served during WW2. At that time, Judith was President of the Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations Queensland and was asked if she could assemble a group of younger women to form the sub branch executive and keep it going. Several colleagues transferred into the sub branch and took on leading roles. The sub branch now has approximately 60 members. Judith Munday has been Sub branch Secretary and a Delegate to the South Eastern District and to the RSL Queensland State Congress. Also, she has been secretary of the Victory in Europe Committee since 2002 until 2018.

She was awarded an OAM in 2008 and RSL Life Membership in 2013. Her OAM citation read: "For service to the welfare of ex-servicewomen, and to the community".

Her greatest achievement? She replied: *"Raising two wonderful sons, who have given me five lovely grandchildren, and never cease to amaze me by how they live their lives and their professional success."*

RUSIQ members attending luncheon meetings have been meeting Judith Munday at the registration desk for many years.



Welcome donation of pictures

*In March RUSIQ was been given pictures of WW2 aircraft and ships by two relatives of ex-sevicemen. Pictured is **LTCOL Dal Anderson**, RUSIQ Librarian, accepting these donations from (centre) **Jill Nicoll**, President of the Probus Cub of Holland Park Central , and from Probian **Brenda Bailey**. Brenda is volunteer news reader at 4RPH, a Brisbane-based community radio station servicing the news needs of the eyesight-impaired. Her husband, the late **Graham Bailey** served in the British Army. He attended RUSIQ meetings. Jill's late father, RAN **Able Seaman William Neilson**, left her pictures of HMAS Australia which she donated to RUSIQ.*

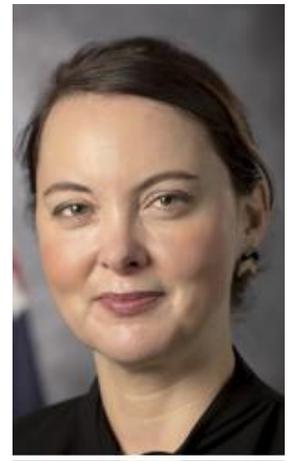


Australia's National Naval Shipbuilding Strategy and Policy

Australia's A\$90 billion shipbuilding plan was based firmly on activity in the Indian and Pacific oceans (see map above). By 2050 about half the world's economic support would come from the regions identified in this map.

This is the advice given to RUSIQ members in March by **Ms Jacqueline Borsboom**, pictured, Assistant Secretary of the National Naval Shipbuilding Office.

Ms Borsboom returned to the Department of Defence in 2017 to become part of the senior executive responsible for setting up one of the Australian Government's largest capital investments aimed at building a continuous naval shipbuilding industry in Australia. Before her current appointment, she worked in the Department of Home Affairs as Director Migration and Humanitarian Organisations where she was responsible for the oversight and management of relationships with international migration and humanitarian organisation partners – predominantly the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration.



She told RUSIQ members that:

- In future it would be impossible to maintain unhindered trading routes.
- Australian naval shipbuilding in the past had been variable and costly. The extra cost had been 30% to 40% greater than that of United States for similar ships.
- Australia had now decided to reform its shipbuilding culture, and had implemented a plan for this in 2017.
- The plan was to generate a long-term, sustainable capability for the Royal Australian Navy. The pictures on page 5 show the four classes of vessels to be built under the current plan.
- The plan is a national endeavor. A strategic objective was to establish a sovereign naval shipbuilding industry as a central element of Australia's industrial base, including in manufacturing and engineering.

- Part of the plan was to improve the Australian naval construction workforce – predicted to climb to about 15,000 employees.
- Physical and cyber security were two important elements of the plan.

Ms Borsboom has had an extensive career in the private and public sector in Australia and Europe. From 2011-2015, she was posted by the Department of Defence to Brussels as

Counsellor Defence and became the first Australian official to work at NATO's Headquarters, providing political-military advice on NATO-led operations in Afghanistan and the broader Australia-NATO relationship.

Before her diplomatic posting, she was Director New Zealand and Pacific, where she managed the Pacific Patrol Boat Program.

Ms Borsboom began her career working as a public diplomacy and trade officer at the Australian Embassy in The Hague. She held several senior policy adviser roles in the Department of Defence, The Office of the Minister for Defence, The Department of Prime

Minister and Cabinet focused on defence and security, migration and border protection, human and humanitarian rights, trade and industry.

Before joining the Australian Public Service, she worked in the private sector for five years as marketing manager in the cultural sector and working in international commercial logistics.

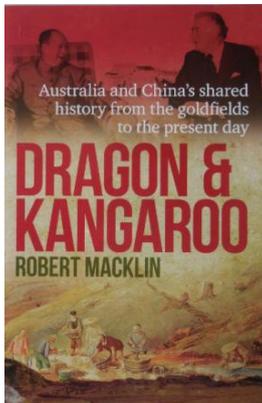
- *The four pictures show the new RAN ship and submarine classes now being built.*



July 5 is an important diary date for RUSIQ. Consult the RUSIQ website for details: www.rusi.org.au

Book Reviews:

The four books outlined below, and one on page 6, are now in the RUSIQ Library of about 9,500 other books and reports available to members:

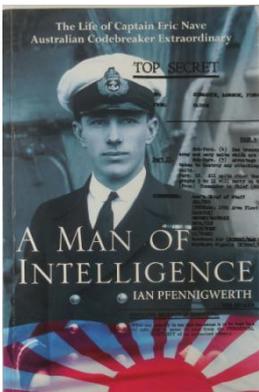


Dragon and Kangaroo

The Chinese presence in Australia started before the time Englishman **Captain James Cook** "discovered" Australia. It extends to the present day – when the 2016 Census found that Australia is home to more than 1.2 million people of Chinese ancestry. Author **Robert Macklin's** 350 or so pages trace the history of Chinese-origin Australians. He reaches from pre-colonial times to the 21st Century. It includes a description of **Sam Poo**, the only Chinese-origin bushranger, to difficult Gold Rush days. At present 187,547 Chinese international students who were enrolled to study in Australia in 2017-18 brought in more than \$10 billion to the

university economy, almost a third of the total income of \$32 billion. Chinese students make up a whopping 30 per cent of our international student population.

Per capita, Australia has more people of Chinese ancestry than any country outside Asia. Many Chinese Australians have immigrated from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and other countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, while many are descendants of such immigrants. Chinese Australians are also a subgroup of Asian Australians and East Asian Australians and represent the single largest minority ethnicity in the country. As a whole, Australian residents identifying themselves as having Chinese ancestry made up 5.6% of those nominating their ancestry at the 2016 census. To many Australians these surprising figures are concerning. But to others they represent an opportunity.



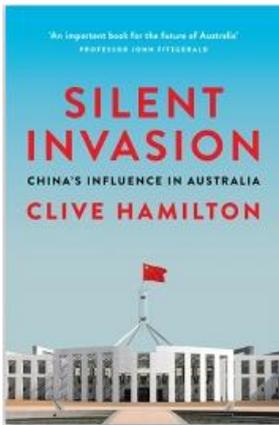
A Man of Intelligence

In early 1942 **Captain Eric Neve**, an Australian naval officer, was the first to unravel Japanese Navy codes. His success in penetrating the Japanese codes at this time was crucial to subsequent success of allied fighting across the SW Pacific area. In his career he served in Australian and British navies, and in US General **Douglas MacArthur's** Central Bureau in Melbourne. Author **Ian Pfennigwerth**, also an RAN officer, tells a good story. After WW2 Neve joined ASIO and contributed greatly to its success. The book well-charts both Neve's excellent work and the rise of Australia's contribution to allied intelligence. Retiring in 1959 Neve was three-term national president of the Naval Association.

Best we Forget



Before WW1 Australian governments were as concerned about enemies in Europe, as they were about an awakening Asia – and what this meant to a "white Australia" policy. Author **Peter Cochrane** quotes official sources to make good points about the underlying perception of Japan as being the real enemy of Australia as WW1 started. Politicians found themselves fighting for the empire on the other side of the world. Addressing WW1 troops Prime Minister **Billy Hughes** said of this paradox in 1916: "I bid you go and fight for White Australia in France". That reason has since vanished. A widening Australian population has come from outside the founding British group. At 30 June 2015, 28.2% of Australia's resident population was born overseas (6.7 million). A big proportion came from Asia.



Are Chinese actions going beyond normal gathering of intelligence?

"China plans to dominate the world, and has been using Australia and New Zealand as a testing ground for its tactics to assert its ascendancy in the West. Two years ago I would have regarded such a claim as fantastic. But now, despite Beijing's determined attempts to conceal its ambitions and plans, so much evidence has accumulated that the conclusion seems irresistible."



These are the very challenging words of **Professor Clive Hamilton**, pictured above, Professor of Public Ethics at the Charles Sturt University in Canberra.

His book, titled *Silent Invasion*, is now available to RUSIQ members via the normal RUSIQ Library loan system.

But it is a book that must now be judged against the opinions of others knowledgeable about Australia's 5.6 % of Australia's population of Chinese origin. Not all Chinese-origin residents of Australia are beholden to the People's Republic of China (PRC). They come to Australia from Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, and other Asian countries, where PRC influence is minimal.



One knowledgeable source about PRC activity in Australia is **MAJGEN Marcus Thompson** (pictured left) the Australian Defence Force's head of information warfare. An ABC story on what he has said is included on page 8. His warnings will alert RUSIQ members on the value of reading for themselves Professor Hamilton's observations. However, the issue was far from simple, as fellow academic **Dr David Brophy**, (pictured right) from the University of Sydney argued. He said of Professor Hamilton's *book*:



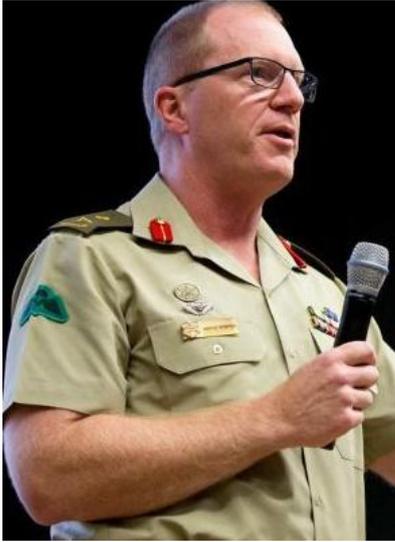
"The loss of Australia's 'sovereignty' has been a common, if slippery, talking point in the debate so far. Here, Hamilton cuts through the confusion: the 'invasion' in the book's title is no mere flourish. The People's Republic of China is laying the groundwork in order, one day, to make territorial claims on our nation. Failure to heed the author's prescient warnings 'would see Australia become a tribute state of the resurgent Middle Kingdom'. And just as Australia's survival is on the line, so too is Hamilton's. Realising the scale of the Chinese threat was something of a dark epiphany for him: 'I felt nervous about my own future, given the reach and ruthlessness of China's security apparatus.'

"But what exactly have we lost, or stand to lose, to justify this sense of impending doom," asked Dr Brophy?

"Which of our freedoms has China's influence so far threatened? Readers of Silent Invasion will search in vain for evidence that Chinese actors have impaired the normal functioning of our imperfect democracy, let alone succeeded in imposing on us elements of the PRC's totalitarian system. To be sure, Beijing has its lobbyists, its front groups, its propaganda; but to depict China's activities as in any way unique in this respect strains credulity".

Read Dr Brophy's full critique of *Silent Invasion* on:

<https://www.australianbookreview.com.au/abr-online/archive/2018/218-april-2018-no-400/4663-david-brophy-reviews-silent-invasion-china-s-influence-in-australia-by-clive-hamilton>



Australians are unwitting 'combatants' in cyberspace

Australians were warned to expect information to be "weaponised," according to an April 2019 report by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's technology reporter **Ms Ariel Bogle**, of the ABC's Radio National program. She reported that Australian civilians were "unwitting, unwilling" combatants in cyberspace, quoting **MAJGEN Marcus Thompson** (pictured). He was recently appointed as the Head of Information Warfare for the Australian Defence Force.

According to the ABC report, "Private citizens were needed to protect companies targeted by foreign governments. MAJGEN Thompson also raised the risk of posting too much personal data online. Voters should expect information to be weaponised, and

they should make the effort to find the truth, he was reported as saying.

Speaking about military cybersecurity in Canberra MAJGEN Thompson said the threat to average citizens was another challenge that made him "just shake his head and wonder".

The comments came as Australian Prime Minister at that time, **Mr Scott Morrison MP**, revealed that Australian political parties had been targeted in a cyber attack.

"How do we in this community, educate the Australian population, Australian citizens, that in fact they are combatants in cyberspace," Major General Thompson asked.

"Unwitting, unwilling, but they are combatants" , he said.

Private citizens were not only the target of politically motivated disinformation on social media, as occurred during the 2016 US presidential election, but were also vital to the security of Australia's critical infrastructure.

The cybersecurity threat could come to resemble the Dunkirk evacuation of WW2, suggested **Mr Bryan Cunningham**, (pictured right) Executive Director of the Cybersecurity Policy and Research Institute at the University of California, Irvine. He said that these days, key military targets of foreign governments included telecommunication and energy companies that were entirely owned and operated by the private sector. It would take private participation to protect them. "It will be civilians and civilian infrastructure under attack and by necessity it will be civilians that defend it. There's an argument now that the whole world is a war zone in cyberspace," he said.



**VALE: The following members of RUSIQ died recently:
COL Arthur Burke ; LTCOL Doug Moffatt; MAJ Len Friend.**

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