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Dates for your Diary

22nd March – Speaker Luncheon

26th April – Speaker Luncheon

Speaker Luncheons

**** Thursday 22nd March, 2001 ****

**MAJGEN Peter Haddad AM – Commander Joint Logistics, Victoria Barracks
will speak on "Changes to Joint Logistics Command"**

Thursday 26th April, 2001

**Group Captain Ian Macfarling – Director of RAAF Aerospace Studies Centre
will speak on "Indonesia in 2001".**

PLEASE NOTE: the new 'actual' start time for the Speaker Luncheon is 12pm for lunch,
followed by the Speaker at 12.30pm.

LOCATION: Auditorium (Ground Floor), Defence Plaza, 661 Bourke Street

TIMING: Lunch at 12pm Address commences at 12.30pm

COST: \$7.00

Sandwiches, coffee, tea and juice will be available in the Atrium

Members are encouraged to bring along guests, who may then consider joining the RUSI. They will be warmly welcomed by our President, Air Commodore Mike Rawlinson.

Would you please ring the office on 9282 7498 and let us know if you will be present, to assist with catering.

New Members

Following the Council Meeting of 28th February, we have pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

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TAGGART	MAJ	MERVYN	Retd	HIS SON CRAIG	26/10/2000
McDONALD	LT.	SHANE		GEELONG	12/12/2000
McGALLIARD	BRIG	ANDREW J.	Retd.	ELIZABETH STEVENS	15/12/2000
HALL	LTCOL	MICHAEL		ELIZABETH STEVENS	15/12/2000
SALFAS	MR	JOE	RAAF	ALAN BLANKFIELD	22/2/2001

Next Council Meeting will be held at 11am on Wednesday 11th April, 2001

Can you help?

Offers of assistance are being sought for the mailing out of the bi-monthly RUSI-VIC News and other notices. Please call if you would be willing to help, and I'll put your name on a list. The more people who would like to have an input in the RUSI, the less often they will be called upon to assist on a regular basis. Thanks!

Looking for...

We are looking for a framed photo/painting/print of an RAN Admiral and a RAAF Air Marshal to hang in the offices of the RUSI. We already have one of General Sir John Monash and Field Marshal Blamey, and you will agree that this a bit uneven. If you can help, please call the office on 9282 7498.

Does anyone have some vases that they would like to give to the office. Thank you.

Member News

Brian Snaith of Boldon Colliery, England, has send in another **296 Advance Mess Newsletter**, which is available for members to read in the Library.

Alan Hooley has rung to say thank you very much for assisting him, through the RUSI-VIC News, in locating the video featuring the sinking of the battle cruiser *Scharnhorst*. A member read of the request and called him.

Vale

REYNOLDS MAJ WILLIAM NEVILLE MBE, passed away on 11/12/2000. He joined the RUSI on 6th April, 1955 and became a Life Member in 1974.

ARMSTRONG CAPT GARRY of Anglesea, passed away on 5th February in Newcomb Private Nursing Home, Geelong. CAPT Armstrong joined the RUSI on 13th July, 1937 and became a Life Member on 14th June, 1967. He joined the Public Service in 1937 and was Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Geoffrey Street. When war broke out, he served as Adjutant to 2nd/21st Battalion "Gull Force" in Darwin. He was Personal Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Army, and in 1955 Command Secretary of Southern Command until his retirement in 1975. Our sympathy has been passed to his family.

FARNCOMB Mrs. Jean OBE, widow of RADM Harold Farncomb, passed away in November, 2000. According to the Naval Officers Club Newsletter, "*she was the power behind the throne, as he went on to command HMAS Perth, Canberra, Australia and the carrier HMS Attacker during WWII. Jean was the model of what a senior naval officer's wife should be, and was an outstanding leader with the Victoria League and the National Trust*".

An important reward for a job well done, is a personal sense of worthwhile achievement.

President's Message- February 2001

Welcome to RUSI-VIC for the Year 2001: the Year of the Space Odyssey that always seemed so far into the future.

Many of you were involved in our comments on the Public Discussion Paper on Defence. The subsequent White Paper recognised many of our concerns and suggestions. The White Paper seems to me like a good compromise, and we will wait and see how it is put into practice. While the next few years are taken care of, just on the basis of past experience, I have doubts that the major capital acquisitions can be achieved within the parameters that have been set. A new stabilised expenditure figure from 2010 of 1.9% of GDP still looks far too low to me. We need to ensure that these estimates remain visible and advocate early change if they prove to be incorrect. Australia does not need another Defence budget crisis.

We start the new year with a new Minister for Defence - Mr Peter Reith. He is the first Liberal Defence Minister from Victoria since Malcolm Fraser, and is also the first new Defence Minister in recent times who doesn't come in cold. He was Shadow Defence Minister in 1993.

This year is the Centenary of Federation and of the Commonwealth Defence Power. It is also the Centenary of the Australian Army, the 80th Anniversary of the RAAF, the 90th Anniversary of the R.A.N., and the 50th Anniversary of the death of Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey. We will have plenty to commemorate in 2001.

Already there has been the Centenary of Federation/RAAF 80th Anniversary Airshow at Avalon and an Army Open Day at Victoria Barracks. At Avalon the Minister of Defence launched the first volumes of the new 'Centenary - History of Defence Series' edited by Professor Peter Dennis and Lieutenant General John Coates.

Volume 1: 'The Australian Army' by Professor Jeffrey Grey and Volume 2, and 'The Royal Australian Air Force' by Dr Alan Stephens both received outstanding reviews in The Age of Saturday 3 March. Oxford University Press publishes the series, and we hope to have them available in the library shortly.

Our luncheon address program resumed in February with an excellent presentation from Brigadier Greg Garde on the exciting new developments that are taking place in the Defence Force Reserves. Brigadier Garde has long been a member of RUSI-VIC, and it was a great pleasure to congratulate him on his promotion to Major General and appointment as Chief of Reserves.

The luncheon address program will maintain a balance between topical military history, current defence issues and future prospects. Last year we started the program with an address by Alan Dupont on Indonesia. Because of the ongoing instability in Indonesia I have arranged to have an update at our April Luncheon Address from Group Captain Ian MacFarling who is a specialist on the Indonesian military.

Mike Paul



Past Speaker Luncheon

Precis – Luncheon Address February 2001 ADF Reserves Enhancement Initiatives 2000/2001

Brigadier Greg Garde, AM, RFD, QC, Chief of Reserves (designate), and principal architect of the new Reserves Legislation.

- **1999/2000 Call-out Proposal**
 - Employer and Community Support
 - Employer Support Payment
 - **Defence Legislation Amendment** (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation Bill 2000)
 - Call out in whole or in part
 - Includes a range of contingencies short of war
 - Call Out
 - Single new call out provision
 - Call out by Governor-General on advice of Executive Council or Minister, after consultation with the Prime Minister, in an urgent circumstance (Avoids the need to recall Parliament if in recess)
 - Simplified and streamlined
- **Modernisation of Reserves Organisation and Structure**
 - Each Service is reconstituted to consist of two parts:
 - **Navy**
 - Permanent Navy
 - Naval Reserve
 - **Army**
 - Regular Army
 - Army Reserve
 - **Air Force**
 - Permanent Air Force
 - Air Force Reserve
 - **Categories of Reserve Service**(new terminology):
 - High Readiness Active Reservists
 - High Readiness Specialist Reservists
 - Active Reservists
 - Standby Reservists
 - Retired Reservists
- **The Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Bill 2000**
 - Protects employed Reservists, student Reservists, self-employed Reservists and employers of Reservists
 - **Protection for Members**
 - Employment Protection
 - Education Protection
 - Financial Liability Protection
 - **Employer's Obligations**
 - Re-employ member after Defence service
 - Not to compel member to use annual leave/long service leave for Defence service
 - Treat employee as on leave without pay during call out, and protected continuous full-time service
 - **Employer's Protections**
 - Employer support payment
 - No legal obligation during member's absence from work on Defence service
 - Access to Ombudsman
 - Enhanced representation on Defence Reserves Support Council

On 1 March BRIG Garde will be promoted to Major General and appointed Chief of Reserves and Head of Reserve Policy. His Melbourne office is likely to be adjacent to RUSI-VIC on the 9th Floor of the Defence Plaza Building.

Australia Day Honours List

ADML Chris Barrie received the Companion (AC) in the Military Division of the Order of Australia, for eminent service to the Australian Defence Force, as Chief of the Defence Force.

RADM Chris Ritchie has received Officer (AO) in the Military Division for distinguished service to the ADF and the RAN as the Maritime Commander, Deputy Chief of Navy & Head Capability Systems.

East Timor Commander **LTGEN Peter Cosgrove** is the Australian of the Year. He won the award for leading the peacekeeping effort in the fledgling nation. In this role, he is to make a series of community appearances while visiting military installations around the nation. The Chief of the Air Force, Air Marshal Errol McCormack has congratulated LTGEN Peter Cosgrove on his selection, saying that it is a fitting recognition.

Air Vice Marshal Alan William Titheridge received the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to the Royal Australian Air Force, as the Air Commander Australia and Deputy Chief of Air Force.

A posthumous OAM has been granted to **LTCOL Rodney Gabriel MBE**, for service to the welfare of veterans and the people of Ambon. LTCOL Gabriel joined the RUSI on 30/9/38, served as a Councillor, and was made an Hon. Life Member in 1998. He passed away in February, 1999.

Making a difference

Ms. Lindsay Mackerras, Managing Editor of **Air Force News** was recognised for her hard work and dedication in improving the newspapers, and presented with a Department of Defence Australia Day medallion from Air Vice Marshall Alan Titheridge.

60TH Anniversary Air Training Corps Reunion

"The Eagle Chicks turn 60" – the Air Training Corps Branch of the RAAF Assoc. would like to hear from ex-cadets and instructors from all Flights 1941 – 2001 who would like to attend this reunion on 7th April at Pt. Cook between 11am and 4pm, which will take the place of a mass informal gathering on the sports ground, followed by a light luncheon at the Officers Mess. Please contact Murray McBain on 03 9470 1556 for registration of interest forms.

New nominated National Vice President

We are pleased to advise that the Chief of the Defence Force, ADM Chris Barrie AC, RAN has written to our National President, nominating Air Vice Marshall Angus Houston as his Vice Presidential representative on the National Council. He is replacing RADM Peter Briggs.

From the Secretary

March 14th marks my first year as Secretary of the RUSI and what an eventful year it has been, with the Korean Seminar in April, our 110th birthday in June, Annual Dinner at Victoria Barracks in October, and this in addition to our monthly Speaker Luncheons and bi-monthly Council Meetings! I want to thank those members who have cheerfully come in to assist with mail-outs and Library duties, and of course Marj Minns and Neville Wright. We need you all again this year!

In lifting the profile of the RUSI and seeking new members, the RUSI-VIC News now goes to the Defence Library in Defence Plaza, Defence Library at Victoria Barracks and to the Ships Company Library at *HMAS Cerberus*. We also exchange Newsletters with all other RUSI branches, and keep in touch with Geelong & Colac Branches.

If you are in Geelong on 19th March or 22nd April, the Guest Speakers are Flying Officer Jim Strickland on "The Caterpillar Club", and President Major Ian Barnes with the ANZAC Address. You are welcome to attend if you ring Des MacRobbie on 035243 6006, to assist with catering.

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Office Hours

Please note that the office hours are a little different than in the past.

Monday	10am to 4pm	Elizabeth Stevens
Tuesday	9am to 3pm	Marj Minns
Wednesday	10am to 4pm	Elizabeth Stevens
Thursday	10am to 4pm	Elizabeth Stevens
Friday	9am to 3pm	Marj Minns & Neville Wright

R.U.S.I. Library

The Library is open from 10am to 4pm during the week. When borrowing books, please note that they have a **4 week** lending time. If you need more time, please ring **9282 7498** or **9282 7392** and ask for an extension.

If you are a frequent user of the Library and would like to add your name to the Committee, please do so, as the more we have, the less often each person has to come in.

More non-fiction on the shelf:

Colour Patch Register
Dead Men do tell tales
The Forgotten Force
The Fighting Soldier

Department of Defence
 De Prorok.B
 Dr. Jim Wood
 J. Gellibrand

More fiction on the shelf:

Lockwood Concern
Executive Orders
Sacred Ground
The Sea shall not have them

J. O'Hara
 Tom Clancy
 K. Briggs
 J. Harris

Lost books:

State Secret or State Scarlet
 History of Prussia
 Missiles of October

F09933
 S.C. Abbott 942.1ABB
 E. Abel 973.21 ABE

If you have borrowed these books and still have them, could you please make some arrangement to return them; or if you have these books in your collection and would like to donate them to the RUSI Library, we would be happy to receive them. Please call Elizabeth on 9282 7498. Thank you.

Regular publications received:

Land Warfare Studies Working Papers *Worldwide Defence News*
Journal of Indian Ocean Studies from New Delhi

Navy, Army & Air Force Newspapers
Affairs of State – Letter from Melbourne

Comaraderi *Naval & Military Club "Pipeclay" Newsletter*

Corvettes – Little Ships for Big Men by Frank Walker.

First published in 1995, this book is now in its third reprint by Kingfisher Press. Corvettes were to the Navy, what jeeps were to the army and DC3's to the Air Force – they did everything, everywhere and did it with dash and grit. They served in every theatre of war, from the Atlantic to Tokyo. Kingfisher Press, PO Box 71, Budgewoi 2262

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