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Dates for your Diary

17th October – Council Meeting

25th October – Speaker Luncheon & SGM

22nd November – Speaker Luncheon

14th December – Office will close

These Luncheons are subject to the present security restrictions.

Speaker Luncheon

**** Thursday 25th October, 2001 ****

Dr. Chris Guy

from the Aeronautical & Maritime Research Laboratories

will speak on

"Air Combat in the 21st Century"

**** Thursday 22nd November, 2001 ****

TO BE ADVISED

PLEASE NOTE: the actual starting time is 12pm 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, cake, coffee, tea and juice will be available

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 6th August, we have pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

JOY	MR SHANE	OF 8/7 th Battalion, MILDURA	E. STEVENS	SGT D. JACK
BRUHN	MR ALBERT	OF OCEAN GROVE	F. BARTLETT	N. TATMAN
LINDROS	MR JOHN	OF BELMONT	M. MARTINI	F. BARTLETT
SHALDERS	MRS JEAN	OF COLAC	E. STEVENS	M RAWLINSON
CLEREHAN	DR. SHEILA	OF KEW	E. STEVENS	M. RAWLINSON

Member News

Bill Woolmore is writing a book about the Boer War, called "Bushveldt Carboneers & the Pietersburg Light Horse", with a forward by MAJGEN Mike O'Brien. He is presently looking for a publisher, keeping in mind that the anniversary of the execution of Breaker Morant and Hancock falls on 22/2/02. Keep us informed, Bill.

Jock Burns (yes he is related to that Burns fellow) has rejoined us, following service in Bosnia and other places. He is now off to Manila for two months with the World Health Organisation.

Major John Raike advises members that serving and former members of the Melbourne University Regiment are invited to lunch at the Naval & Military Club at 1pm on the first Tuesday of each month. For further details, call John on 9280 3656.

A letter was sent to **Bill Wallach**, stating that his friends were asking after him. He has called in to say that he is well, fully employed and is likely to be so for some time.

LTCOL Alan Howes is giving the paper, "Corporate Social Responsibility in Practice: Ethics in Education and Training in Australian Defence Units" at the City West Campus, University of South Australia on Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th September.

The following members have resigned due to ill health and send their best wishes. **CAPT Norman M. Moseley** of Prahran, **CAPT David Worrall** of Cheltenham, LT Ian Burrige of Hawthorn.

Brian Snaith of Boldon Colliery, England has written, sending his best wishes to members, and copies of the 296 (Advance) Mess Newsletters for January, February, March, May & June. These are available for reading in the Library. He writes, "my apologies to our President for my non-attendance at the Luncheon Meetings, but flights are difficult to arrange and the parking around Bourke Street is bloody awful." We send him our get well wishes, following his stay in hospital and convalescence.

Alistair Urquhart is Principal of 'Affairs of State' and Editor of 'Letter from Melbourne' which goes into the Library. He has degrees in Arts (History and Political Science) and Law from the ANU, and is admitted as Barrister & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria. He spent time in Washington DC and many years in the commodity and coal export industries in Australia, Europe and the U.S. His particular interest and expertise is business facilitation and solving administrative problems, involving government.

FL LT John Champness has kindly sent in some book reviews, which will be individually included in the RUSI-VIC News. They are:-

The Hidden Chapters – untold stories of Australians at War in the Pacific/Robert Piper – published Geelong Advertiser. Pagemasters Melb 1995 rrp \$19.95

Shield of the Great Leader – Bermudez Joseph – published 2/2/01 \$rrp \$39.95

The Human Face of Warfare – Michael Evans & Alan Ryan – pub. Allen & Unwin, December, 2000 rrp \$35.

"Three men seated together on a long flight, introduced themselves. The pompous character in the middle began, "General, Australian Army, married, 2 sons, both lawyers". The second followed: "General, British army, married, 2 sons, both judges". Said the third: "Petty Officer, Australian Navy, never married, 2 sons, both Generals."

President's Message

Extraordinary Events

The devastating suicide attacks on New York and Washington of 11th September, have dominated the media and our lives. Our thoughts and prayers have been with America.

The situation requires a strong response, and the American people demand retaliation. Terrorism is a threat to democracy and civilisation and must be eliminated. However, the US needs to exercise restraint in bringing to justice those responsible. This will be a long drawn-out effort involving diplomacy, intelligence, law enforcement agencies, covert operations and Special Forces. Quick results using air strikes are most unlikely to be effective. If the operation involves what is perceived as the unnecessary sacrifice of further innocent lives, there is the prospect of a much more serious world conflict – exactly what the terrorists would like.

President Bush's "greatest challenge may be, less rallying his country to arms, than restraining its expectations of what military action can achieve, especially in the short run."
(Los Angeles Times)

An Immediate repercussion from the terrorist attacks has been the postponement of our Annual Dinner scheduled for Thursday 20 September, due to security concerns at the Barracks. The Dinner had been fully booked, and we were looking forward to meeting our new Patron, the Governor of Victoria, John Landy, AC, MBE. We will re-schedule the dinner this year, if at all possible.

Furthering Our Aim

'The aim of the Institute is to encourage the discussion of national security and defence matters and to improve public awareness and understanding of such matters.'

Conceived in a time of 'deep peace' following the Napoleonic Wars, the aim of the Institute in raising public awareness of defence issues is no less relevant today. With the absence of immediate threats, democracies move resources out of defence into activities that have higher political priority.

By raising public awareness of defence issues, we try to redress the balance and ensure that our country maintains an adequate deterrent and is not 'caught short' by international events.

RUSI members are a body of people who are well-informed on defence matters and can pass on their knowledge in the community. Our effectiveness therefore depends on the size of our membership base, and our activities that reach-out into the community. RUSI of SA has recently proposed a reinvigorated community education role for RUSI, involving speakers addressing various community organisations. Your Council will be considering our response.

RUSI of Australia - National Council

I attended the National Council Meeting in Hobart on 13-14 September. The major items discussed were the Paper on future RUSI Recruiting developed by MAJGEN John Hartley and MAJGEN Kevin Cooke of Queensland, and the consideration of a suitable topic for the RUSI-AUST Triennial International Seminar in 2003.

The latter decision was tempered by recent events and agreement in principle was reached for a topic that addressed the role of the military in combating global terrorism. The recruiting paper, although very well developed, requires further data, some of which we will be called on to supply.

The USI of the Northern Territory is up and running and February 2002 should see the formation of a North Queensland USI, based in Townsville. These new developments reflect the movement of the Defence Force towards the North of our continent.

RUSI-VIC 2000/2001 in Review

Two disparate themes have occupied the last 12 months. The first was the activity generated by the Government's Public Discussion Paper on Defence, culminating in the White Paper. The second and following theme has been revision of the RUSI-VIC Constitution. Both have generated plenty of action in the office, and have exercised the minds of Councillors and members.

I had hoped that by now RUSI-VIC would have a new Constitution. However, in circulating the draft proposal to members, we received some excellent feedback that has taken some time to address and incorporate. It appears that the 'Model Rules' on which our revision is based have their own shortcomings. Not everyone left their name with their helpful comments, but on behalf of Council, I thank all who responded, in particular CAPT Paul Willee QC, RFD, RANR, MAJ J.H. Campbell, RFD, ED, and MAJ Noel J. Denton, RFD,ED.

While we have not run any events outside regular luncheon addresses, our speakers have been of high quality and the luncheons have been very well attended. The RUSI-VIC Journal has been discontinued, and Council has decided to make the Newsletter, edited by Elizabeth Stevens, our main publication, with five editions scheduled annually.

RUSI-VIC Membership

RUSI VIC's 30 June, 2001 membership is down to 621 (from 676 in 2000, and 707 in 1999). This is largely a function of an ageing membership, and further reductions of our current membership base can be anticipated. In the longer term this decline will be reinforced by the wind-down of full-time ADF numbers in the Melbourne area.

In 2001, we have involved members of AIDN (Australian Industry Defence Network) in our luncheon addresses. This has produced few new memberships to date, but it is probably early days. We do need to target officers who have retired in the Melbourne area over the last few years. Always, it is the personal approach by current members that yields the best result.

We should not give up on young full-time officers and their Commanders, but retired Permanent and Reserve Officers, IMC/DISC Graduates, Naval and Military Club Members and inmates of Defence Plaza seem to be our best prospects.

Thanks

I wish to acknowledge the support we have received from our Vice Patron-in-Chief, Commander Joint Logistics, MAJGEN Peter Haddad, through his representative LTCOL Mark Richards. We have had excellent co-operation and support from the Building Manager, Bernadette Wise and her staff, and from the Defence Computing Staff in the Plaza. Bill Gleadell, Regional Manager DQA (Air) Southern Region, who heads up the adjoining office on the 9th Floor, has also been most helpful.

I thank Council for their support and wise counsel, and Elizabeth Stevens, Neville Wright and Marjorie Minns for making things happen – efficiently and effectively. I also thank members who have helped with mail-outs and in the Library. We have an ongoing need of assistance in the office. If you can spend the occasional day at the Plaza, please contact Elizabeth.



Vice Patrons

We are very pleased to announce that our Vice Patrons for 2001/2002 are as follows:-

MAJGEN Peter Haddad AM – Commander Joint Logistics, Victoria Barracks
CDRE Denis Mole AM RAN – Chief Of Staff, Joint Logistics Command, Victoria Barracks
BRIG Peter Alkemade RFD ADC – Commander 4th Brigade, Simpson Barracks
AIRCDRE Chris Beatty DFC AFC – Commander, Headquarters Training Command – Air Force

Ship Visits

I am advised by LCDR Graeme Furlonger – Staff Maritime Officer at Victoria Barracks, that the following ships visited Station Pier recently:-

HMAS Wallaroo – minehunter – **HMAS Brisbane** on her paying off cruise
- **Young Endeavour** - concluding a youth cruise.

The following ships are expected in October, but are not open to the general public. If you wish to visit, please call Elizabeth at the office and she will liaise with Victoria Barracks for groups of not less than five & not more than 15.

12 th to 15 th	<i>HMAS Melbourne</i>	at Station Pier
15 th to 18 th	<i>HMAS Waller</i> – submarine	“
26 th to 29 th	<i>HMAS Huon</i>	“
26 th to 29 th	<i>HMAS Hawkesbury</i>	at Cunningham Pier, Geelong
24 th /25 th	<i>HMAS Canberra</i>	at Point Wilson

RVR Pipes & Drums Assoc. Inc.

is holding a *Touch of Scotland*, Pipes & Drums Luncheon at the RACV Country Club, Yarra Glen Road, Healesville on **Sunday 28th October at 12.30pm**. Cost is \$30.00 per person and bookings can be made on 9690 6800 (b)

Naval & Military Club – last lunches

Phil Moran advised that a **Last Naval Luncheon** will be held on **Friday 16th November** at 12pm, with a cut off date of 14th November, at a cost of \$35 all inclusive. The Club wishes to give due recognition to Navy Week, the visiting ships programme, and the Club's impending vacation of the current premises. CDRE Dacre Smyth has been invited to say a few words on the Club and CAPT Paul Willee will act as Dining in President. If you would like to go, please call the Club on 9650 4741 or fax 9650 6529.

HMAS Sydney 60th Anniversary Service in Geraldton, 16th to 19th November, 2001

The brief programme is as follows; the full programme is available from the office:-

Friday 16th November – HMAS Sydney Seminar in Fremantle
Saturday 17th “ - Registration at Geraldton RSL
Sunday 18th “ - Dedication of Memorial at Mt Scott
Monday 19th “ - Remembrance Service at Sea; Project Committee's Thanksgiving and Lighting of the Eternal Flame at the Memorial

The Service is being attended by , the Governor of W.A. Minister Wilson Tuckey, ADM Chris Barrie, GPCAPT Wayne Johnson, RADM Brian Adams, and *HMAS Stirling* Naval Chaplains. The current *HMAS Sydney* and an RAAF fly past will be part of the service.

R.S.L. & ANZAC House Administration on the move

Due to renovations taking place at ANZAC House, HQ staff will be relocating to Level 1, 377 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Mail will still go to ANZAC House and it will be redirected. The telephone numbers will change, and at time of printing these were not available. The current numbers will be diverted for one month from 16th September. The heritage 1038 building will have two floors added to the existing three and work should take 12 months. **RSL Care Victoria** is relocating to Level 5, 128 Exhibition Street, Melbourne. TEL: 9650 4600.

Korean Seminar Proceedings

Those who attended this Seminar will be pleased to hear that this project has been underway for 5 weeks, with scanning of the talks already having been done by Major Robert Prewett, and editing by Elizabeth Stevens. A first draft may be ready in the week of 1st October, with final editing, printing and mailing to follow.

Naval Congress & Reunion

The Naval Assoc. of Australia with the co-operation of the R.A.N. and in conjunction with all other ex-Navy organisations, is sponsoring a Naval Congress and Reunion in Sydney between 2nd & 9th October, 2001. *"The essential aim is to develop ways of working together more closely in the interests of all serving and ex-serving members of the R.A.N. and their families."* said Admiral Mike Hudson. *"It is also important that we remember and celebrate the amalgamation of the Colonial (State) Navies into the Commonwealth Naval Forces on March 1st, 1901. The Australian Navy, like the Australian Army, is also 100 years old in this Federation Year."* In excess of 5000 ex-Navy members are expected to attend the Congress, and if you are interested, please contact your RSL, Naval Assoc. Sub-section or visit the website: <http://navalassoc.org.au/>

Past Speaker Luncheons

We had a large attendance for **Mr. Peter Reith's** talk on "Globalisation, National Security and The National Interest". It is pleasing to see country members at our Luncheons, particularly Diana Cowan and Jean Shalders from Colac, Don Christison from Yarrum and our regulars from Geelong.

LTGEN John Coates spoke on "**The Australian Centenary History of Defence**" to a slide presentation and mentioned book 6 in the series published by Oxford University Press, which is now in our Library. This history of defence was conceived by John Coates and two others in the School of History, Australian Defence Force Academy in May, 1992, hoping that it would be ready for Australia Federation. A rationale for the series was written and put to the University of NSW and the Australian Army, for support, after which the CDF asked if it could be expanded to be a Centenary History of the Defence Force & Dept. of Defence. A formal Deed of Grant Agreement between the Commonwealth and the U.N.S.W. was signed on 4/8/94 and the rest is history!

LTGEN Coates served in the Australian Army for 40 years, retiring as Chief of General Staff in 1992 when he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia. He graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1955, later returning as its Commandant. He served on exchange with the US Army at Fort Hood, Texas, and with the British Army as a Tank Squadron Commander in Germany in 1966-67. He commanded a Cavalry Squadron in South Vietnam in 1970-71, for which service he was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. His previous books are: *Suppressing Insurgency (1992)*, *Bravery and Blunder – The 9th Australian Division at Finschhafen, Sattelberg & Sio*, all published by Oxford University Press.

RUSI Annual Dinner

It was very disappointing to advise members, that because of the current security situation, the Dinner has been postponed. As soon as we have news from Victoria Barracks, you will be contacted about another date. A letter of sympathy and flowers have been delivered to the U.S. Consulate, following the tragedy on 11th September. We will watch with interest as matters develop.

Centenary Naval Review

The Minister for Defence, Hon. Peter Reith announced during a sitting of Parliament last week. *"It is regrettable for both Australia and the Navy, that our contribution to Australia's Centenary of Defence celebrations has been cancelled. However, given our current optempo, and the events of the past few weeks, it is the most appropriate course of action. There are no plans to hold CNR at another time. I would like to thank the CNR team for all their hard work over the last 12 months"*.

Past Activities

The Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey Memorial Fund has kindly given the Library a **Special Blamey Edition – Defence Force Journal**, one of only 150 copies, in recognition of our "major contribution to the fostering of Blamey's achievements". We thank them.

CAPT Alec Gabriel kindly gave a talk to Harry Gordon's group at the Ashburton Library, at very short notice, on army recruiting and public relations today. He is the son of the late LTCOL Rod Gabriel, and we are hoping to persuade him to join the RUSI.

Past Activities cont'd

The Battle for Australia Commemoration Service was held on a bright and sunny morning with member Don Bergman acting as one of the marshals. The RAN Band provided the music for the hymns and the Roulettes RAAF Aerobatic Team did a flypast. FL LT William Ellis Newton VC of 22 SQN RAAF was honoured, and a presentation by Headmaster, Mr. Paul Sheahan, was made to the winner and runner-up students from Melbourne Grammar School for the best essay on the subject of FL LT Newton. The Battles included in the Service are:

The Battle of the Coral Sea, May 1942 The Battle of Milne Bay, August 1942
Kokoda, Irujava, The Track, August, 1942 Battle of the Beach Heads, November, 1942
Battle of the Bismarck Sea, March, 1943

The following book has been recommended for students: "*All In! Australia during WWII*" by M. McKernan 1983

MAJ Noel Hall advises that a **Kokoda Day Pilgrimage** was held at the Shrine of Remembrance on 12th August to commemorate those who gave their lives on active service with the 39th Australian Infantry Battalion (1941-43), or who have subsequently died. The 39th Battalion was formed in Victoria in October, 1941 for service in Papua, with ranks being filled by 18 & 19 year old militia volunteers, officered at senior level by WWI veterans who were later replaced by 2nd AIF officers. In late January, 1943, 32 men marched to Dobodura Airfield for return to Port Moresby, and an amazed bystander exclaimed, "*what mob's this?*" The second in command at the rear barked, "*this is not a mob, this is the 39th!*"

Back to Caulfield & the Army's Centenary was celebrated on 4th August, starting with a Lone Pine Service which was attended by our Vice Patrons and their wives, and during which a plaque was unveiled. The RAN Band provided the music for the hymns, and for later public entertainment. Static displays were on view, by the Military Historical Group, Victorian Re-enactment Society, Military Vehicles and the Army's Bomb Disposal Robot.

Naval & Military Club 'Oral History Project' Fundraising Dinner

"The highly successful auction conducted at last months dinner was most generously supported by members and some interested non-members. So enthusiastic were they, that ADM Barrie commended for promotion, two Board members whom he saw bidding against each other! \$9000 was raised by the auction. RUSI member, Mrs Jan Billett was commended for her tireless and almost inestimably valuable efforts"

The Vivian Bullwinkel Chair in Palliative Care Nursing at Monash University, was launched by Ms. Ita Buttrose at the Shrine of Remembrance on 15th August.

The Inaugural Australian Navy "Foundation Day 'Oration' and Lunch was held at the Naval & Military Club on 14th September, with an attendance of 95. Guest Speaker was CDRE Jim Dickson who spoke on the 100 year history of the Australian Navy and the lack of recognition of this event in our Federation Year. Special Guests were Lady Southey, the LT Governor, and CMDR Andrew Rourke of *HMAS Brisbane*, U.S. Vice Consul Timothy Phillips, CMDR Colin Jones, Mr Kevin Andrews MHR, Federal Member for Menzies. Many RUSI naval members were present, including LCDR John Redman, LCDR James Eldridge, SURGCAPT Peter Freeman, LCDR Tom Kilburn, LCDR Eric Thompson, CMDR Hugh Jarrett representing the Naval Historical Society, and Elizabeth Stevens.

Interstate RUSI AGM's

Queensland – their AGM was held United Services Club on 19/9/2001 and their Executive Officers are:-

President: MAJGEN John Hartley AO	Vice President: GP CAPT R. Clelland AM
Hon. Secretary: Mr. Keith Victorsen	Hon. Treasurer: Mr M. Underwood and Committee

New South Wales – their AGM was held on 17/9/2001 and their Executive Officers are:-

President: VADM D. Leach AC CBE LVO RAN Rtd	Past President: RADM A. Hunt AO RAN RTD
Vice Presidents: BRIG P. Carey AM RFD ED (RL)	MAJGEN G. Maitland AO OBE RFD ED (RL)
Hon. Secretary: CAPT E. Spragg (RL)	Hon. Treasurer: LT P. Cameron FCA (RL)

We wish them every success for 2001/2001.

Vale

COL Alan G.C. Mason MBE ED of Canterbury, passed away on 31/3/01. He joined the RUSI on 6/6/67 and became a Life Member on 3/10/74. He was educated at Scotch College and was an energetic scout. He enlisted on 3/5/40 as a gunner and was discharged on 14/11/45 as LT M.I.D. He served in the 2/8 Aust. Field Regiment and the 2/12 Aust. Field Regiment, 9th Div., in India, Palestine, Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, Syria, New Guinea, Halmaheras, Labuan, North Borneo, and was involved in the siege of Tobruk – Battle El Alamein. He achieved his MBE for service with the CMF in its formation in May, 1948. Our sympathy has been passed to his family.

Mr. John Fagan of Newport, had only joined us this year, and passed away suddenly on 25/7/01. Our sympathy has been passed to his family and work colleagues at the City of Melbourne, Buildings Department.

MAJ John Hall of Geelong passed away in August. He joined in September, 1991, and served for 8 years as Secretary of Geelong Branch.

SQN LDR Harold O'Connor of Warnambool, passed away on 19/8/01. He joined the RAAF in 1936 and in 1937 was transferred to 10th Squadron, flying many missions to patrol the coastlines of Great Britain and Ireland in Sunderlands. Having been injured in 1942 in New Guinea, he was posted to Ballarat as a navigator instructor, and continued in service to the RAAF, retiring on 18/6/58, taking with him a Commendation for Meritorious Service in the Air 1939-45, Star, Atlantic Star, Pacific Star, Australian Service Medal, Returned from Active Service Badge and attaining the rank of Squadron Leader. He worked with Federation Insurance until his retirement in 1978, had a passion for fishing and caravanning, is survived by his wife of 57 years, Peg, 7 children and 14 grandchildren. He joined the RUSI on 29/9/59, and remained a member of the Warnambool Branch. Thank you to member, George Dyson of Port Fairy for this information.

Mrs. (Mary) Kathleen Davey of Beaumaris passed away on 19/8/01. Kathleen joined RUSI on 28/11/2000 and was the widow of the RUSI member, WGCCDR R.W. Davey. She was a life member of the RAAF Women's Association. Our sympathy has been passed to her family.

MAJ George Brown OAM (Rtd), RUSI QLD. George served as Vice President, Secretary and Editor of the RUSI Qld Journal, and laterly, helped out in the office. In Leo Mahony's words, "*George was one of the ever decreasing stalwarts whom we have been honoured to have in all Constituent bodies over the years, who have freely given of their time and talents, to promote the defence of Australia*". Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Billie Brown and family.

Member Profile Forms

These are still trickling in, however I have only received 228 out of 621 members. So please do take the time to fill in this form and send it in. The information is confidential and is a member history. If you would like another yellow form sent to you, please call the office on 9282 7498.

Two forms have been sent in without names. The background is:-

1. Army – solicitor – member of Naval & Military Club – likes football, swimming and athletics
2. Navy – seaman – assisted in harbour survey of Admiralty Islands during hostilities there. Advertising production, SEC Sales Department, MacRobertson's – member of Naval & Military Club & RSL.

If either of these descriptions sound like you, could you please call the office so that we can put your name on the forms before they are filed. Thank you.

RUSI - Geelong

If you are in Geelong and would like to attend a dinner meeting, please call LT Des MacRobbie on 0352 436039 or 6066. The Ladies Night Dinner on 17th September, hosted by Dining In Vice President, Mrs. Marie Martini, was very well attended, with guest speaker LTCOL Bunny Carrigan talking of life in the army as a girl, and her service in Somalia, which was both serious and entertaining. She had the audience in the palm of her hand, and brought along her album of photos – photography is a serious occupation.

RUSI - Colac

Elizabeth visited this friendly branch in this peaceful part of the world, and attended the August Meeting, and the Federation AGM on 15th September, at the Colac RSL. It was preceded by lunch on a suitably decorated dining table, with placemats designed by Elizabeth, as a permanent souvenir. The Committee for 2001/2002 are:-

President: S/SGT George Facey
Vice President: CAPT John Dunn
And Committee.

President Elect: CAPT Ian Seliseth
Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs. Margaret Facey

I thank these people for their warm hospitality during these two visits, where I have made new friends. May I ask your kind thoughts for George who is seriously ill, and for Margaret and their family.

RUSI Special General Meeting

This will now be held following the 25th October Speaker Luncheon. An agenda and 8th amendment of the Constitution have been mailed out recently.

From the Secretary

We have had a letter from the National Library in Canberra, requesting our RUSI-VIC News, including all back issues. This also goes to the Military College at Duntroon, the State Library of Victoria, all RUSI branches and Defence Libraries in Victoria, at present.

I would like to thank Bea Burke, Elizabeth Skitt, Jill & Glen Doyle, Joan Risely and Joan Heenan for coming in to help with our mail-outs. We would like to hear from anyone else who would like this interaction with other members, while assisting the RUSI. I would also like assistance in setting up the Atrium for the monthly lunches.

Office Hours

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



Please note that as a result of all staff and volunteers being in the office to mail out the Newsletter, and attend the Speaker Luncheon, there may not be anyone in the office the next day, so perhaps you could telephone to confirm that the Office is open, before coming in. Thanks.

RUSI Library

When coming in to borrow library books, I encourage members to write these into the Borrowing Book, and so familiarise themselves with the workings of the Library.

Please go to the index letter of the name of the book, not using 'The' and write in your name, name of the book Dewey number and the date that you borrowed it. This assists us in returning the books to the shelves.

We encourage members to come in and use the Library for reading or research purposes, and enjoy a coffee while you are here.

We are looking for more volunteers to work on the Library roster once a fortnight.

More non-fiction on the shelf: History of Defence Series: Australian Army by J. Grey
Royal Australian Navy by David Stevens
History of the Department of Defence by E. Andrews
Australian Defence Sources & Statistics by J. Beaumont Special Blamey Edition of Defence Journal

Lost books: Missing from the shelf is "*Profession of Arms*" by GEN Sir John Hackett. If you have this on your coffee table, bedside table or in your study, we would like to have it back. If anyone on the other hand has a copy of this that they would like to give the RUSI, we would be happy to accept. Please call Elizabeth on 9282 7498.

Regular publications received:

Australian Defence Force Journal *Sea Talk* *Australian Army Journal* *Army Magazine*
RDFWA 'Camaraderie' *Naval Historical Review* *Air Force, Army & Navy News* *Defender*

From Oxford University Press

The Oxford History of the British Army – General Editor, David Chandler rrp \$23.95

A Century of Spies – Intelligence in the 20th Century by Jeffrey T. Richelson rrp \$42.95

Reviewed in Navy News

"*Heroines and Hellions of the Sea*" by Joan Druett – Simon & Schuster 2001

"The book opens with the first female buccanner in 524BC, Queen Tomyris who battled with King Cyrus of Persia. Throughout the chapters, the reader delves into the lives of some tough swashbuckling women who defied their times and acted in a courageous, but at times bloodthirsty manner, all in pursuit of wealth, power and love."

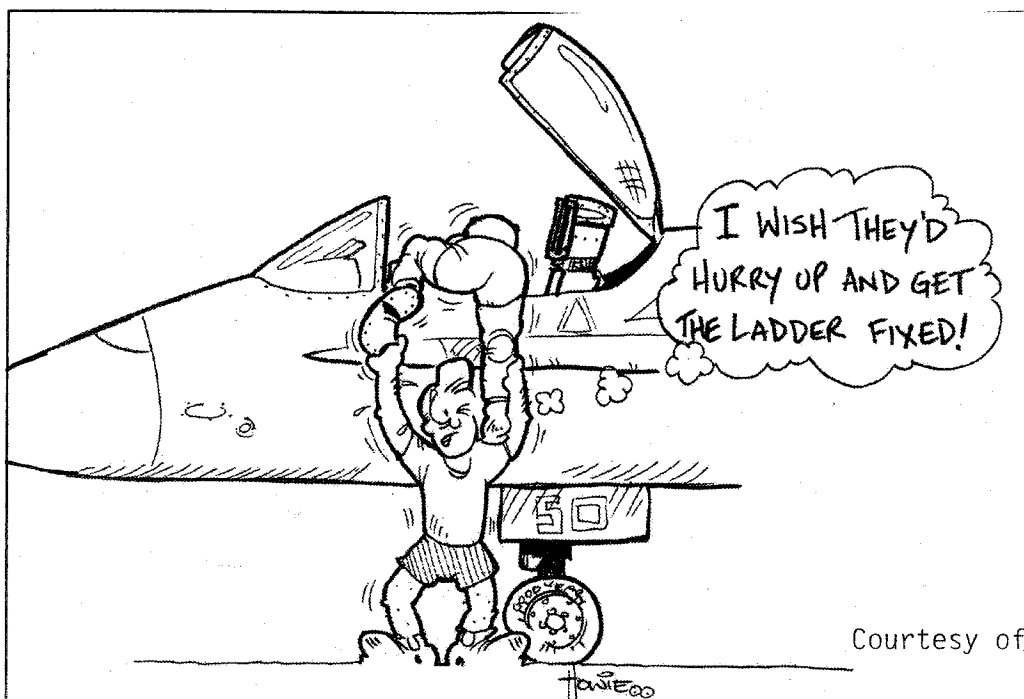
New Members Welcome

Please support the RUSI by bringing guests to Speaker Luncheons and inviting them to join. If you enjoy your membership, I am sure they will too. In this year 2001, we have three months left, so let's make a concerted effort to see the RUSI continue to grow and prosper. Ten members each month will be 30 new members by years' end. Membership Prospectus is available from the office on 9282 7498.

Royal Mint Salute to Australia

I have heard quite by accident, and had confirmed by The Mint, that a series of \$1 coins are available for each of the Service Anniversaries – the 100th of the Army, the 90th of the Navy and the 80th of the Air Force. These are available individually for \$2.17 each in bronze, which includes GST, \$32.31 for the silver Army \$1, and \$18.50 for the full set. Only a limited amount of each has been made, and they have not been advertised.

If you wish to take advantage of this, please send a cheque to the Royal Australian Mint, Locked Bag 31, Kingston ACT 2604, including \$3 for ordinary post and \$4.50 for receipted delivery of each order.



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