



Royal United Services Institute of Western Australia

# Newsletter

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The institute aims to promote informed debate and to improve public awareness and understanding of defence and national security.

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## Program August 2018

Date	Activity	Details
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Special General Meeting	A Special General Meeting will be held at 1800 hours to allow members to consider and endorse a new RUSI WA Constitution, to comply with a new WA Government Act.
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Lecture Tuckfield Street Gates entrance from 1745 hours	1900 hours "Space Development in Australia" with Brett Biddington AM Please pay via this link <a href="#">TryBooking</a>
	2017-2018 Membership fees due	Please pay Subscription/Membership fees

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Members are invited to contribute articles or notices to the next Newsletter to be published in early September 2018. Please contact her via [rusiwa@outlook.com](mailto:rusiwa@outlook.com) if you have something that you would like to contribute, whether it be a short story, old photo, or an opinion piece. *Next Copy Deadline September 2018*

### **Subscriptions are due annually on 1 July**

**Thank you to those RUSI WA Members who have paid their FY 2018/19 membership subscription since 1 July 2018. Your contributions are important to our future success.**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

My wife Irene and I had the honour of attending this year's United States Independence celebrations, hosted by Her Excellency, Rachel Cooke, the United States Consul General. This year, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Australia and the United States celebrated *100 Years of Mateship*. The date marks the Battle of Hamel, on the Western Front. On that day US and Australian troops fought under the command of General Sir John Monash. At the Battle of Hamel victory was achieved in 93 minutes – Monash had predicted that the offensive, employing tanks, would last for 90 minutes. Since this famous battle, Australia and American soldiers, sailors and airman have served together in every major conflict over the past 100 years.

I have had personal experience of our mateship, during my four decades of Army service. My first contact with US forces was during major coalition, Kangaroo series, exercises held at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Rockhampton during the 1970s. Over the following twenty years I participated in numerous ABCA (America, Britain, Canada and Australia) exercises, held in various countries. When the East Timor crisis developed in late 1999 I deployed to US Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii as a Liaison Officer, to assist with the US deployment planning. Two months later, I had the honour of meeting the US troops deployed to East Timor, working alongside other INTERFET forces. Over 2002-2003 I was posted, as a Liaison Officer, to the US Army Communications Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. For my part, I have first-hand experience of the deep and enduring bond between our forces, based on our shared values and mutual respect.

Today our service personnel work side by side in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

In Washington, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018, at a reception held prior to a Twilight Tattoo, General Joe Dunford, the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that while our mateship began at Le Hamel, it grew with each conflict. "That mateship-that partnership - continued through World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Somalia, and - most recently - in Afghanistan and Iraq." He went on to say, "I know that all of us assembled ... are proud of what our nations represent and the strategic significance of our relationship."

It is appropriate that that our two nations take time out to celebrate *100 years of Mateship*.

Yours sincerely,

Colonel Mike Brennan (Retd), President RUSI WA



## Defence News and Media Releases

### **Joint Media Release - Prime Minister, Minister for Defence, Minister for Defence Industry, Minister for Defence Personnel - ADF Senior Leadership Appointments** 16 April 2018

The Government will recommend to the Governor-General a number of command changes to the Australian Defence Force.

Following confirmation, Lieutenant General Angus Campbell AO, DSC will be appointed Chief of the Defence Force when Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC completes his tenure in July.

Lt Gen Campbell joined the ADF in 1981 and has demonstrated outstanding leadership during his time as Chief of Army. His guidance will be instrumental as Australia modernises its military capabilities and continues its operations both in our region and around the globe.

The Government extends its deepest gratitude and thanks to retiring Chief of the Defence Force ACM Binskin who has served with our nation with great distinction during a period of high operational tempo.

ACM Binskin has overseen Australia's highly successful contribution to the counter-Daesh coalition in the Middle East and our transition from combat operations to the current train, advise and assist mission in Afghanistan, and his leadership will continue in the coming months.

The Government will also recommend the Governor-General appoint Vice Admiral David Johnston AM as Vice Chief of the Defence Force.

As Chief of Joint Operations VADM Johnston has been instrumental in the planning and conduct of our military campaigns and exercises over the past four years.

Vice Chief of Defence Force Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO, CSC will retire from the ADF in July. Acknowledging his significant contribution over four decades in the ADF, the Government looks forward to VADM Griggs continuing his contribution to public service in the future.

The Government also extends its sincere gratitude to Chief of Navy Tim Barrett AO, CSC who will also retire from the ADF in July after a 42 year career.

He has overseen the Royal Australian Navy as it undertakes its largest and most important modernisation since WWII.

The Government will recommend Air Vice Marshal Mel Hupfeld AO, DSC be appointed Chief of Joint Operations. AVM Hupfeld is currently the head of Force Design and responsible for the development of our future force.

Following confirmation of the preceding appointments, other senior appointments will include:

- Rear Admiral Mike Noonan AM to Chief of Navy, and
- Major General Rick Burr AO, DSC, MVO to Chief of Army.

Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Leo Davies AO, CSC, who was appointed to a four year term in July 2015, will continue to serve in his current position.

These senior appointments ensure the Australian Defence Force continues to have strong leadership in this period of increasing strategic uncertainty and that it is best placed to protect Australia's safety and security.

<https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/minister/dchester/media-releases/joint-media-release-prime-minister-minister-defence-minister>

## Cyber Brief

### **Defence Chief announces new Command**

30 January 2018

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) continues to build its cyber capability, establishing the new Defence Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) and Cyber Command.

From 29 January, the new Joint SIGINT Unit and the recently established Joint Cyber Unit will operate under the Defence SIGINT and Cyber Command alongside civilian teams from the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD).

“The Defence SIGINT and Cyber Command continues the long standing tradition of ADF personnel working within ASD to ensure support to military operations remains the agency’s highest priority,” Chief of Defence Force Air Chief Marshal Binskin said.

Under inaugural commander, Commodore James McCormack, RAN, the newly formed Command brings all ADF SIGINT and cyber personnel working within ASD together in a more refined command structure.

“The new command arrangements will support a more coherent military workforce, and create an organisational structure to support the future growth of our military cyber workforce, which was outlined in the 2016 Defence White Paper.”

The Chief of the Defence Force will exercise command of the Defence SIGINT and Cyber Command through Chief of Joint Capabilities (Information Warfare Division), which was established in July 2017.

## Space in Defence

### Defence progresses its space awareness projects

IT news

By Ry Crozier

Apr 23 2018

#### *Detecting space debris and other threats.*

Defence has mounted an initial business case to deploy a space situational awareness mission system of its own.

The agency is in various stages of planning to deploy “indigenous” ground-based optical sensors to track space objects and their trajectories, as well as a new system to manage what they find.

<https://www.itnews.com.au/news/defence-progresses-its-space-awareness-projects-489498>

### Australian Defence Space Situational Awareness Activities

GPCAPT Darren May,  
Director Defence Space Coordinating Office

#### Defence Strategic Guidance

“To ensure security of our space enabled capabilities, the Government will strengthen Defence’s space surveillance and situational awareness capabilities.” DWP16 2.55

Australia’s existing SSA capability relies on access to US-sourced and processed SSA information. Existing arrangements will be strengthened through the C-band radar and space surveillance telescope projects. Defence will also examine other sensors to expand Australia’s SSA sensor coverage in the future. (IIP16 1.24)

•**\$A1bn - \$A2bn over the next decade**

#### Space Surveillance Telescope (SST)

- Developed by DARPA, now owned and managed by USAF
- Currently located in New Mexico, USA
- Joint RAAF/USAF project to relocate and operate from north-west Australia
- Will be part of US Space Surveillance Network (SSN)
- Optimised to detect and track objects in GEO
- Final Operating Capability planned in 2021

<http://docplayer.net/49840378-Australian-defence-space-situational-awareness-activities-gpcapt-darren-may-director-defence-space-coordinating-office.html>

**Lest We Forget**

# Unknown Australian Soldier identified 101 years after death

21 April 2018

Minister for Defence Personnel, the Hon Darren Chester MP, today confirmed the identity of a World War I Australian soldier previously recorded incorrectly as an illegal absentee.

Mr Chester said the previously unidentified Australian soldier was formally identified by an Australian Army Identification Board on 29 August 2017 as Private Edward Attfield, regimental number 1701.

“It can now be confirmed Private Attfield lies in Old Cairo War Cemetery in Egypt. He had previously been declared a deserter by mistake,” Mr Chester said.

Born in 1890 in Prahran, Victoria, Private Attfield was determined to serve his country. He attempted to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) on seven occasions, and finally enlisted on 22 December 1914.

On May 1915, Private Attfield deployed to Gallipoli with the 5th Battalion, AIF. On 26 May 1915, he was wounded in action and evacuated to a hospital in Alexandria. He returned to Gallipoli in October 1915, where he served until December 1915.

On 30 January 1916, the body of an unknown Australian soldier was discovered near the Gizeh (Giza) Base in Egypt. A medical examination failed to identify the soldier and he was buried as an unknown soldier in the Old Cairo War Cemetery.

Army records show that Private Attfield was the only soldier missing from the region at the time his body was recovered. Mr Martin Elliget, a researcher from Victoria, made a submission to Army to reconsider the case, which directly led to the identification of the soldier.

<https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/minister/dchester/media-releases/unknown-australian-soldier-identified-101-years-after-death>

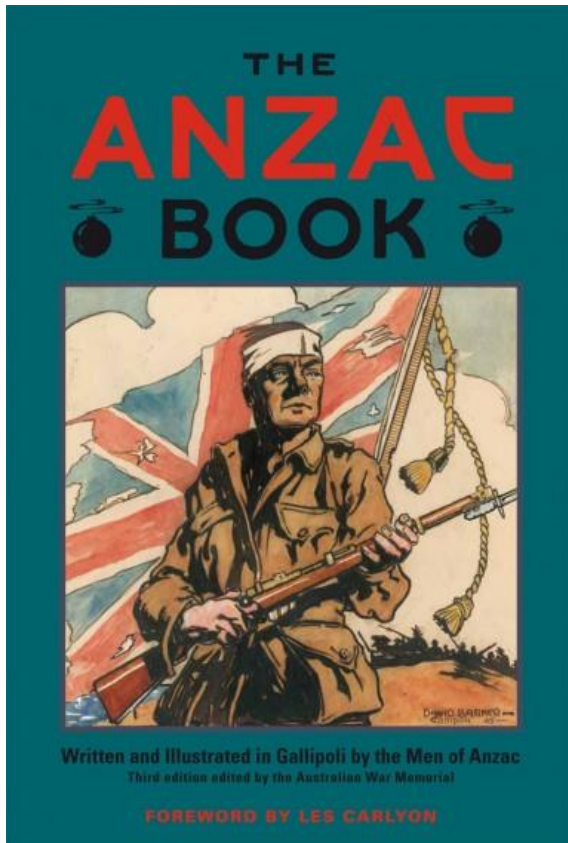


## Book Reviews and Recommended Reading

### The ANZAC book

Written and illustrated in Gallipoli by the men of Anzac

<https://www.awm.gov.au/shop/item/9781742231341>



The Anzac book became the finest “trench publication” produced during the Great War, and was an instant bestseller when first released in 1916. Created by soldiers under enemy fire and in extreme hardship, the illustrations, stories, cartoons and poems were intended as a Christmas and New Year diversion for soldiers facing a harsh winter in the trenches on Gallipoli. This long-awaited third edition is a reproduction of the original book, with a new foreword by acclaimed author Les Carlyon, an introduction from Australian War Memorial historian Ashley Ekins, and added material originally rejected by the editor, official war correspondent C.E.W. Bean. This is a quality reproduction, reminiscent of the finest publishing standards of that era, cloth-bound with marbled endpapers, and printed on high quality paper.

Third edition, hard cover, illustrated throughout, 240 pages.

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