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Mr Justin Stahl is the Editor of this edition of the RUSI WA Newsletter.

Members are invited to contribute articles or notices to our next Newsletter to be published in August 2018. Please contact the Editor via email <RUSIWA.Office@bigpond.com> if you have something to contribute, whether it be a short story, old photo, opinion piece, or anything newsworthy. *Next Copy Deadline 28 July 2018*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This time last year we were in the middle of our relocation from Leeuwin Barracks to Artillery Barracks. Although we still have a few minor issues to sort out we are functioning reasonably well in our new facilities. Under a licence agreement between the Department of Defence and RUSIDSS-A we have tenure at Artillery Barracks until at least 30 June 2021. Now that the move is complete we can now focus on other matters. I would like to acknowledge the work of the team of volunteers who have sorted and packed up our library and property and have set up our new RUSI WA Office, Library and Meeting Room. Additionally, the cataloguing of RUSI WA Medal Collection has been completed by our Curator of Medals Ms Kalindi Hopping and a copy of the catalogue is held on the RUSI WA Office computer.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Vice President Kyle Regan for organising our Speaker Program. Since late last year we have had an impressive array of speakers including:

- Commodore Brett Dowsing – Senior Officer WA;
- Professor Peter Edwards, AM – Historian;
- Ms Kannika Bryson - UN DP Timor Leste;
- LTCOL Deborah Warren-Smith - Army Gender Advisor – Operations, HQ JOC;
- Professor Peter Dean – Pro Vice Chancellor (Education), UWA;
- Colonel Raymond M. Powell – US Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché; and
- Dr Andrew Dowse AO - Defence Research and Engagement ECU

Looking ahead, on Tuesday 14 August 2018 we are holding a Special General Meeting to approve a new RUSI WA Constitution. By way of background, on 1 July 2016 the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* came into effect and replaced the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987*. The RUSI WA Constitution needs to be updated to comply with the new Act. The RUSI WA Constitution was reviewed by the RUSI WA Council over recent months and on 28 June 2018 the Council agreed that a new Constitution be presented to a Special General Meeting of RUSI WA members. The key points concerning transition to the Act are:

- All associations that were incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987* are now incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*.
- Each association must review and update its rules by 1 July 2019 to ensure the rules comply with the requirements of the new Act.
- Associations are now required to submit an information statement to Consumer Protection within 6 months after the end of every financial year.
- New financial reporting requirements apply to accounts prepared for all association financial years commencing on or after 1 July 2016.

This is an important document and it will set the benchmark for our governance. I encourage you to read the new draft Constitution before the SGM.

Yours sincerely,

Colonel Mike Brennan (Retd)

President RUSI WA

LECTURE – 28 JUNE 2018**Major James Cooper-Maitland BA, B Info Sys, MA
(Strategy and Policy)**

Major Cooper Maitland served at 5 RAR, NORFORCE, as 2IC at the School of Infantry, and most recently, has just completed a three-year posting to a local reserve unit as the senior ARA training officer. He has served overseas in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Major Cooper-Maitland is currently on Long Service Leave prior to discharging from the regular Army later this year.

“Collective Training as a fundamental input to capability. Are we good enough?”

The Australian Defence Force has not faced a near peer enemy in over 65 years. The training the Australian Army delivers is generally considered good but is it good enough? We have robust individual training doctrine but our collective training systems are weak or non-existent. In this talk Major Cooper-Maitland will outline the current state of collective training policy and practice before highlighting shortfalls that have not been laid bare by our current operational environment. From this premise he will offer a number of suggestions that will significantly enhance the quality of our teams and our leaders.

HISTORICAL ARTICLE by RUSI-WA's KALINDI HOPPING

Charles Henry Ernest Manning was born on the 12th of December 1878 in Perth and lived much of his life in Guildford with his wife, Ada Florence Manning, whom he married in 1905.

When the war was announced Manning was 36, and already held the rank of Captain in the Volunteer Forces. When he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) on the 18th March 1915, his application notes that he was the Acting Director of Supply for the 5th Military District. He applied for a commission on the 20th May 1915, and subsequently departed for the war two days later.

Manning travelled on the Africa A19, disembarking at Suez on the 26th June, 1915. Four months later, in October, he was promoted to Major and attached to the 6th Infantry Brigade Train. By March the following year, he was a Lieutenant Colonel commanding the 2nd Australian Divisional Train. Soon thereafter, he found himself as Acting OC in Ismalia, and later joined the British Expeditionary Force with the Service Corps and was sent to France, where he won many of his awards.

On the 3rd of November 1916, Manning was Mentioned in Despatches, and on the 4th of January 1917 he was awarded the DSO (Distinguished Service Order). On the 3rd of June 1919 he was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for ensuring an uninterrupted flow of supplies to units, especially during the period of advance and heavy fighting from the 8th August to the 6th October 1918. This included operations at Villers Bretonneux, Mont St Quentin, Beaurevoir Line and Mont Brehain.

His recommendation for the latter reads as follows:

'As OC Divisional Train. Col. Manning has rendered consistently good service and has always ensured an uninterrupted flow of supplies to units especially during the period of advance and heavy fighting from August 8th – October 6th 1918 including operations at Villers-Bretonneux, Mont Quentin, Beaurevoir Line, and Mont Brehain, when railheads were continually being changed, the work of the Divisional train was most praiseworthy. Lieut. Col. Manning was always in close touch with the varying phases of the battle and as a result, no instances of supply failing are recorded.'

Manning's wife, Ada, also played a significant role in the war, being involved with the Red Cross as well as the Friendly Union of the Soldiers and Sailors. Post-war the couple continued to play prominent roles, with Manning given the position of Director of Migration and Settlement for the Commonwealth Government at Australia House in London. Meanwhile, Ada was involved in the Women's Immigration Auxiliary Council and the National Council of Women, where she was also awarded an OBE for her services. She passed away in 1938, 19 years prior to husband who died in 1957.

Colonel Manning was an advocate of the Anzac Day and Gunners' Day services in Guildford, and in 1921 gave the local council a Howitzer gun to display in Stirling Square in Guildford, close to the War Memorial. Unfortunately, neither of the guns that are seen there today are the original howitzer that he presented, as it was scrapped for metal during the Second World War. Vandalism and the elements destroyed the replacement pair in the 1960s before the guns that can be seen today were presented in 1974.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special Thanks to Flight Lieutenant Ken Pittman (Retired), who is sadly leaving the RUSI-WA Council this month. He was instrumental in not only the move to the Artillery Barracks but also put in countless hours with the RUSI Library. It is fair to say we could not be in our new home without him, and his input on the Council will be sadly missed.

We wish him all the best, and thank him sincerely for his service to our organisation.

DEFENCE NEWS IN BRIEF – JUNE-JULY 2018

NAVY – The big news is that BAE Systems have finally won SEA 5000 'Future Frigate Program', to supply nine of their Type 26 Global Combat Ships to the RAN, replacing the Anzac class at an estimated cost of \$35 billion. Interestingly, unlike the existing, tried and tested Italian and Spanish alternatives, the new 'Hunter' class ships were selected without even a British ship of the class in the water, on the basis of an assured 'superior ASW capability'.

ARMY – The Army has once again been the subject of media scrutiny, with General Brereton's ongoing investigation into our special forces keeping the topic alive, hot on the heels of the Cromptoets investigation, which has come under challenge. Allegations of 'illegal use of force' in Afghanistan and a 'toxic culture' have made for dramatic headlines nationwide, although so far evidence has been much more elusive.

In other news, Exercise Hamel 2018 at Shoalwater Bay was by all accounts highly successful, with the US Army, Marine Corps and New Zealand personnel training alongside one another seamlessly. The main aim was to improve the Army's fledgling amphibious capabilities by training with those who know it best, with over 9,000 personnel participating in total.

RAAF – The RAAF has officially committed to the MQ-4C Triton surveillance UAV, spending \$1.4 billion to acquire six airframes, with the option for a seventh. Unarmed, but with a 15,000km+ range, they will be employed as maritime surveillance pickets, replacing the AP-3's observation role and working in conjunction with the manned P-8 Poseidon.

The RAAF has taken delivery of its tenth and final C-27J Spartan light transport, filling a role left by the Caribou, although questions remain about the wisdom of a small buy of a European aircraft with little operational experience.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due annually on 1 July. Thank you to those RUSI WA Members who have paid their FY 2017/18 membership subscription over the past year.

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