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2016 PROGRAM APRIL – MAY 2016

APRIL	
Thursday 28 April 2016	7.30 for 7.30 pm at Building 13 Leeuwin Barracks – Dr Rajat Ganguly. Topic: ‘Pakistan and the Afghan Conundrum’
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Thursday 26 May 2016	7.00pm for 7.30 pm at Building 13 Leeuwin Barracks – Commander of the 13th Brigade, Brigadier David Thompson, AM Brigadier Thompson will provide an overview of the 13th Brigade – Past, Present and Future.
<p>Mr Justin Stahl has been appointed as the Editor of the RUSI WA Newsletter, from the May 2016 Edition. Members are invited to contribute articles or notices to the next Newsletter to be published on 9 May 2016.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Copy Deadline 28 April 2016</i></p>	

APRIL SPEAKER – DR RAJAT GANGULY



<p>Dr Rajat Ganguly BA (Hon), MA (Jadavpur); MA, PhD (Tulane), is a Senior Lecturer in Security Studies & International Relations at Murdoch University.</p>

Dr Ganguly is a Political Scientist with research and teaching interests in International Relations, Security Studies and International Development. He has considerable expertise in the developing world, with a particular focus on Asia. He has written about identity politics and ethnic conflict, defence and strategic issues, and Asian politics and international affairs. He is the founding editor of the *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* (<http://aia.sagepub.com>) and a former founding editor and current member of the editorial board of the *Journal of South Asian Development* (<http://sad.sagepub.com>). In a long academic career, he has worked at universities in the United States, United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RUSI WA

This month I'd like to touch on the topic of libraries. Has the age of the worldwide web made physical libraries redundant? Those born before 1993, the so-called Google generation, have no recollection of life before the word wide web. The Google generation doesn't spend too many hours hanging out in dusty libraries, like our beloved old RUSI WA Library. Even our own pre-Google generation RUSI WA members have voted with their feet over recent years and our library has seen little use.



New City of Perth Library, Cathedral Square

The City of Perth sees value in a physical library. Recently the City of Perth opened a new \$60m five-story library in a round-shaped building in Cathedral Square. In addition to a vast collection of books and magazines this new facility contains computer terminals, meeting rooms and the City of Perth's ephemera collection. The building also includes a cafe. The magnificently restored Cathedral precinct is a great place to hang out. This precinct, around St Georges Cathedral, is flanked by the newly restored Treasury Building and the Perth Town Hall. The well-located Perth Library is certain to be well used.



Flight Lieutenant Bill Lamble (centre), former Librarian RUSI WA, is congratulated on his award of Life Membership by Mike Brennan and Louise Austen. Bill worked diligently for over three decades managing the RUSI WA Library.

Our own RUSI WA library contains an amazing collection of over 10,000 books that has been built up since the organisation was formed in 1902. As I mentioned in our last RUSI WA Newsletter, RUSI WA will be relocated to Artillery Barracks, as a consequence of the sale of Leeuwin Barracks. The new site does not have sufficient space to house our complete collection of over 10,000 books so it is planned to bring our collection down to around 2,000 books with the collection focused on Defence and security matters. Again, the Library Relocation Project will be a massive undertaking and we welcome volunteer support to assist with sorting, cataloguing and the relocation of the collection.

**Mike Brennan
President - The Royal United Services Institute of Western Australia (Inc.)**

CHANGE OF COMMAND AT HMAS STIRLING

HMAS *Stirling* is a significant Defence facility and it is the home to HMA Ships: *Arunta*, *Ballarat*, *Perth*, *Toowoomba*, *Parramatta* and *Sirius*, plus all HMA Submarines: *Collins*, *Farncomb*, *Waller*, *Dechaineux*, *Sheean* and *Rankin*. There are also some 88 resident units and 7 different Programs, all of which contribute to Australia's Defence capability.

On 18th January 2016 Captain Angela Bond, RAN handed over as the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Stirling* to Captain Brian Delamont, RAN. Angela Bond assumed command of HMAS *Stirling* and the Senior Naval Officer – Western Australia from 17 December 2012.

In addition to being a Vice Patron of RUSI WA she gave an excellent lecture to the Institute on the topic of "*Refining an Officer for Command - Linking Postings and Skills for the Ongoing Development of an Officer*". Captain Bond was a strong supporter of RUSI WA over the past three years and we thank her for her outstanding support to the Institute.



Captain Angela Bond



Captain Brian Delamont

Captain Brian Delamont was born and raised in Bowral, NSW. He joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1981 and he is a graduate of HMAS *Creswell*. He has had a long and impressive career as Navy officer. In 2013 he was promoted to the rank of Captain and posted as Director General of Navy Communications and Information Warfare, Canberra. He is currently the Commanding Officer, HMAS *Stirling*, Fleet Base West.

Captain Brian Delamont was recently appointed as a Vice Patron of the Royal United Services Institute of Western Australia.

RUSI NSW SEMINAR – THE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF CYBER AND SPACE

On Tuesday 31 May 2016 the Royal United Services Institute of New South Wales will conduct a half day Military Strategy Seminar on *"The Strategic Significance of Cyber and Space"*.

The 2016 Defence White Paper gave increased emphasis to Cyber and Space, which have joined Sea, Land, and Air as major domains of warfare in the 21st century. This seminar will promote informed understanding in the broader community of the nature and strategic significance of Cyber and Space, and contribute to the continuing professional education of defence and national security professionals.

The event will be held at the NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney - 1300 to 1800 hours, 31 May 2016. This event is open to members of RUSI WA at a cost of \$40 per member. Registration opened on 1 Feb 16 and pre-event registration is essential by 20 May 2016.

The Official Opening will be conducted by His Excellency, General The Honourable David Hurley, AC, DSC (Ret'd); Governor of New South Wales; Patron of the Royal United Services Institute of New South Wales.

The expert panel includes:

Mr Stephen Meekin, AM

Deputy Secretary (Intelligence and Security), Department of Defence

Mr Clive Lines

Head, Australian Cyber Security Centre

Air Commodore Stephen Osborne CSC

Director of Strategy and Planning – Air Force

Professor Jill Slay, AM

Director, Australian Centre for Cyber Security
University of New South Wales, Canberra

Brigadier Marcus Thompson, AM

Commander, 6th Brigade, Australian Army
Chief of Army's Special Adviser on Cyber Security and Cyber Warfare

Air Vice-Marshal Andrew Dowse, AM

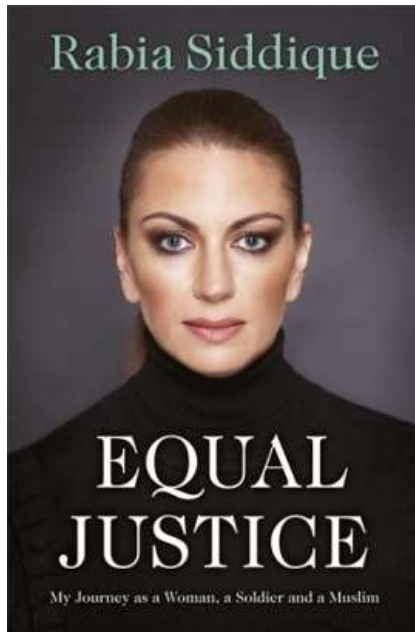
Head, ICT Operations Division, Department of Defence

Further information and registration is available on the RUSI NSW web site:

< <http://www.rusinsw.org.au/site/Activities.asp> >

BOOK REVIEW – EQUAL JUSTICE by RABIA SADDIQUE

Reviewed by Philippa van Wanrooij

**Equal Justice: My Journey as a Woman, a Soldier and a Muslim****By Rabia Siddique****ISBN:** 9781742613239**Format:** Trade Paperback**Pub date:** 01/10/2013**Category:** Biography & True Stories / Memoirs**Imprint:** Macmillan Australia**Pages:** 272

This is a book that lends itself to observations and evolutions of Ms Rabia Siddique's life, both of a personal nature and as a serving military officer, within the British Army. I enjoyed this book and was pleased to find out that she is also a fellow Penrhosian and a RUSI member.

Rabia Siddique followed her calling to justice and helping humanity through her various roles as a driven criminal and human rights lawyer. Courageous, tenacious and razor sharp come to the forefront as words to describe her. She details her journey of her time as a serving military officer within the British army as well as her early years, growing up in Perth, Western Australia in the seventies. This is a great read about an Australian lawyer, a woman, a decorated soldier and a Muslim, who experienced the highs and lows of pursuing her passion in the world of law and the military. Ms Siddique played a significant role in negotiating the release of two British SAS soldiers out of an insurgent compound in 2005 in Iraq, yet her role in this mission was not acknowledged.

Regrettably, she wasn't given was an opportunity to be appropriately debriefed, or to diffuse stress, from a mission that psychologically and physically the military hadn't prepared her for. To that end, her response to the lack of acknowledgement for her part in the mission was authentic as was the need for her to be acknowledged for her contribution in bringing back the soldiers unharmed to British soil. The lack of debrief was wrong on many levels. For her part, the book enabled Ms Siddique to voice her disappointment at the unfair treatment she received from the British Defence establishment and at the lack of people management skills by her superiors, at the time of the incident.

A copy of the book is available for loan from the RUSI WA Library.

NOTICE - SIR WALTER KYLE ORATION - 17 MAY 2016

The University of Western Australia, McCusker Centre for Citizenship 2016 Walter Kyle Oration will be presented by Lieutenant General David Morrison, AO. The topic will be:

Hearing the Unheard, Seeing the Unseen. A Man's Journey to Better Understanding the Challenges Facing Australia in the 21st Century.

David Morrison will ask the question 'are we the best we can be?' If we are not the best we can be what do we have to do to make us so? As Chief of Army, David was forced to ask these questions of the Australian Army and it has set him on a course to urge reform not only for the Australian Defence Force but for Australian society as well.

Few would expect a tough-as-nails Chief of Army to be recognised internationally for his commitment to gender equality, diversity and inclusion. But when former Lieutenant-General David Morrison ordered misbehaving troops to 'get out' if they couldn't accept women as equals, his video went viral and he started a cultural shift that has changed Australia's armed forces forever.

Since then, the number of women joining the army has grown by two per cent and the culture is more accepting of racial, ethnic and gender equality.

In 2014, David was invited to speak at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, sharing the stage with US Secretary of State John Kerry and actor and activist Angelina Jolie, and arguing that militaries that exclude women 'do nothing to distinguish the soldier from the brute'.

David retired in 2015 after 36 years in the Australian Army, and four years as its Chief, but he continues his commitment as a champion of human rights in his new role as the Chair of the Diversity Council Australia.

Sir Walter Kyle Oration event details:

Tuesday, 17 May 2016

Time: 6pm- 7pm

Venue: Theatre Auditorium, The University Club of Western Australia

Cost: Free, but RSVP essential via:

< www.ias.uwa.edu.au/lectures/davidmorrison >

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Subscriptions are due annually on 1 July. Thank you to those RUSI WA Members who have paid their FY 2015/16 membership subscription.

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