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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year moves on, the Annual General Meeting is fast approaching (Monday 7 Sep 09) and my third term as President draws to a close. This leads me to reflect on the past three years.

We have Colonel Neville Bergin to thank for arranging a continuous stream of excellent speakers for our monthly luncheons and for the periodic Current Issues Briefings. As you would appreciate, the frequency of the latter is dependant upon the availability of appropriate high profile speaker, and although we plan to hold one each quarter, this is not always possible.

The social side had mixed results with the number of functions, based on demand, being reduced to four main ones each year.

The Dining-in-Night continues to be the most popular. This year we had a capacity attendance of 82 at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club and the guest, speaker Professor Dean Jaensch, kept everyone entertained with a steam of amusing political anecdotes. Feedback from members and their guests has been all positive.

Similarly the Winter Carvery at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club continues to be a popular relaxed luncheon in pleasant surroundings.

The Christmas Sundowner is also an informal relaxed event where we can all wind down with finger food and drinks amid convivial company.

The annual BBQ has undergone a number of changes in format and venue. Several years ago it was held annually on the lawns adjacent to the RUSI building with the Institute providing the food and wine and members bringing their own tables, chairs, umbrellas, carafes, etc., and setting up in small groups. In consideration of the increasing age of our regular attendees, the BBQ was moved indoors to the Annex of the Officers Mess with all facilities being provided by the RUSI. Changes in the arrangements for the use of these facilities and rising costs for the bar and catering, which are operated by civilian contractors, prompted a change in venue to the lawns adjacent to our luncheon venue.

We reluctantly had to cancel the BBQ this year due to lack of support, and it will be up to the newly elected Council (with your input) to decide whether or not, the holding of this function should continue.

Over the past year I have mentioned the problem of decreasing membership in all states and the initiative of offering on-line membership to attract potential members who would not otherwise join the RUSI. To make it attractive to such people the national website is being modified to provide a general section available to all internet users and a 'members only' section. The general section will contain excerpts of papers and articles with the full transcript only being available to financial members through the 'members only' section. Obviously this entails implementing a system whereby bona-fide members can be identified on-line and given access.

The current proposal involves maintaining a data base at RUSI National Office which contains the name, address and date of birth of those members who wish to use the internet to access the 'members only' section. So if you wish to be included in this data-base, please complete the data sheet enclosed with this newsletter and return it to the RUSI-SA office.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Council and the volunteers that keep our organisation running and a special mention for our hardworking secretary, Elaine Atkinson, who has met the many demands on her services with a cheerful smile.

Colonel David Stoba

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Monday 3 August 2009

Speaker: Dr Susan Neuhaus,
Colonel RAAMC and Clinical Associate
Professor of Surgery, Breast, Endocrine and
Surgical Oncology Unit, Royal Adelaide
Hospital.

Topic: "*Contemporary challenges in
Operational Health Care: The Battlefield
and Beyond*".

Monday 7 September 2009

Annual General Meeting

Speaker: Dr John Bruni,
Director, Strategic Advice and Geopolitical
Estimates (SAGE) International.

Topic: The Future of US Policy in the
Arabian Gulf.

All members are invited to attend our luncheons. Indeed you are encouraged to invite partners, friends and colleagues to join us and, if they like what they see and hear, to nominate them for membership. Please book in advance. If you are unsure whether or not your name is on the booking list, please check!

Cancellations must be reported to the RUSI-SA Office by midday of the Friday before the lunch. Subsequent cancellations will attract a fee of \$20. The caterers must be notified of the number attending by then and that number must be paid for.

The dress code for the luncheon is neat casual, taking into consideration weather conditions. We usually assemble in Building 34A, Keswick Barracks, Keswick, at approximately 11.30 am for drinks and good fellowship. Members are asked to be seated by 12 noon when our President welcomes members and guests and lunch is served. The cost of the buffet is \$20. We also conduct a raffle to help cover expenses.

Our caterer has agreed to provide vegetarian meals and sweets for diabetics, but these must be ordered before midday on the Wednesday before the lunch.

For those who do not have time to enjoy lunch, but wish to hear the lecture, chairs are provided around the perimeter of the hall. Please be seated before 12.55 pm, as the guest speaker will be introduced at 1.00 pm. The address is of about 30 to 35 minutes duration with 15 minutes for questions, after which coffee or tea is available. We aim to complete the program by 2.00 pm.

CURRENT ISSUES BRIEFING

Monday 24 August 2009

Speaker: Group Captain John Teager AM (Retd)

General Manager, Business Development,
Defence SA

Topic: *“Defence Opportunities for South Australia in the Context of the Defence White Paper “*

Location: Bld 34A Keswick Barracks

Timings 6.00pm - 7.00pm Light Meal & Refreshments
7.00pm - 8.00pm Presentation & Questions
8.00pm - 8.30pm Coffee & Chat

Cost: \$25 per person (includes light meal and refreshments)

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2009

Sunday 16 August – Winter Carvery, Flagstaff Hill Golf Club (*Please note the change of date*)

Sunday 22 November – The Sundowner

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DEFENCE RESERVES SUPPORT COUNCIL, THE SA COMMITTEE: MAKING A STRATEGIC DIFFERENCE

**Presentation by Dr Pamela D Schultz
given on Monday 6 July 2009**

I would like to tell you about the next generation DRSC, where we are headed and why we need you to support our work in any way you can. There are three things that I wish to talk about:-

1. Why I am here today,
2. What the Defence Reserves Support Council aims to do, and,
3. What you can do to support us.

The new Defence White Paper of 2009 suggests that while Australia is *“one of the most stable countries on earth it can no longer be guaranteed”*. In fact, the White Paper admits to a possible rise of conflict between neighbouring states in our region. An insecure world means that Australia cannot be totally secure. I hope to remind you today that Reservists will play a large part in securing our nation and in future will be even more strategically important.

It occurred to me today while on my way to this luncheon that it is only in Australia where a woman born in the Netherlands of Dutch French and English heritage could be serving her adopted nation in this way.

As a Chair of a committee appointed by Parliament we are charged to link the Community, Employers and those marvellous men and women who are twice the citizen, twice the employee and who stand ready to put themselves in harm's way for us, as a people, when needed.

When the community is in turmoil after a catastrophe, floods, fires, bombings and citizens, are in need around the world, we often call on our armed services to respond. Many of these servicemen and women are reservists and to them we are very grateful indeed.

When you mention the term Reserves to anyone at what I call my “litmus barbecue polling test”

the average person does not have a clue, thinks only of things like “weekend warriors” or even “dad’s army”. I often get asked why I, a mere woman, am interested in things military - a very good question indeed. I come from a long line of scholars and people in my family who have served in some way in both World War 1 and World War 2, and latterly a cousin of mine served in Vietnam. (Maybe it’s in the genes?) As the first woman Chair of the Defence Reserves Support Council, SA Committee, we, too strive to make a difference.

I have always wanted to serve and support my adopted nation in some way. I stand here proudly before you with this aim in sight. I suggest that we can all, at our next dinner party, barbecue or bridge game or wherever we are, bring to bear information about how great our Reserves Forces teams are and how we can support them.

It is a pity that the average person thinks Reservists have it easy. They obviously have not caught up with the world of the modern Reservist who stands ready around the nation and around the world. From Timor and the seas to our North, to the Solomons, from coastal patrols and catastrophe, and from Afghanistan to the Gulf of Aden, our Reservists are there, and they are proudly serving to maintain our strength, our security in the modern and challenging world, and our commitment to allies and friends.

Most modern nations are keen on protecting their strategic interests in a region, protecting their citizens from harm, or to rescue them in time of catastrophe or disasters. For those who, like the barbecue pollsters, are ignorant of the great work and the great need this nation has for a strategic, trained reserves force, here is the news.

They are ready for anything and trained better than virtually any other Reserve Force on the planet.

I am proud to be part of the team that seeks to protect them from what at times seems an illogical lack of support and lack of knowledge about who and what they are.

Defence Reserves are continuing to play a strategic role both here and overseas. At a recent International conference I was staggered to hear that in Pakistan they have a reserves force of over 10 million (with their first top gun female pilot) and that, in China, it has reached 15 million personnel and where they say women form an integral part and “hold up half the sky”.

While in Australia the Reserves number in the tens of thousands of men and women; nations everywhere are seeing the importance of Defence Reserves as a vital part of their community. We here are no exception.

What is the Defence Reserves Support Council and what difference does it make to you as friends or employers or potential employers of Reservists? The fact that you are here today suggests that you might know quite a bit already or perhaps know about the possibility of participating in some of the exercises designed to highlight and focus on the work of Reservists and the Council. If not, pamphlets are here for your consideration.

The DRSC is a national body that acts as an advisory council to the Defence Reserves Support team at the National and State level. We provide advice to Parliament, we provide advice and support to employers, and we actively attract, recruit and maintain what we call “Friends of the Reserves”.

We actively seek Reserve Friendly leave policies at all levels within the employment sectors, both public and private.

For example, while most Reserves are protected under the *Reserve Forces Protection Act of 2001* there are still employers who would deny an employee deployment leave! We work hard to prevent this from occurring and give information to all parties to help sort these issues out.

We, at the State Committee level under the stewardship of Major Wendy Rydon, the State Manager of the Defence Reserves Support Office, work hard to bring home the importance of supporting our defence reserves personnel wherever and whenever needed.

We try hard to make it easier for employers, by supporting them in every possible way. We attend functions such as corporate conferences and sponsor them to show that we are there and supporting employers. While we are at these conferences, I usually give a speech outlining our work and how we can support them and then hand them literature to ensure they have the message of issues that can help them be a great employer for our reserves. I guess you can call me the Chief Cheer leader!

One example is by assisting them to seek the Employer Support Payment. Yes, that is right; the Defence Reserves Support Council actually facilitates employers to be paid while their service person is on leave. We at the DRS also undertake activities highlighting the work of our Reservists so they are sustained to ensure ongoing community wide support. We show our talent in a range of skills not normally seen by employers: decision making in difficult circumstances, safety drills, boat rescue drills, climbing and physical fitness drills the list is long.

Mind you, not every employer is supportive. Only recently we were told of a reservist who was asked to sign a contract agreeing that they would not seek defence leave or maternity leave. This is clearly against the law, so we are there to protect and defend the rights of reservists but also to support employers to do the right thing.

We have three main goals: They are Advocacy, Community Education and Support for Reservists and Employers and to the wider community.

The Defence Reserves Office provides opportunities for employers to get a taste of life in and participate in reserves training. This happens via Exercise Executive Stretch. Yes, middle managers and CEOs get a chance to put their lives and safety in the hands of our men and women in uniform.

It is a popular and life changing experience and brings home in no uncertain fashion that discipline and training can help one do anything, from abseiling down a four storey tower, to clambering on a boat in the middle of the river, to climbing a cargo net. There are even opportunities to try out marching and parade drill and that is quite tough for today's modern Generation X and Y, I can tell you! They learn to take a command and quickly from someone who expects them to do so.

It was quite a shock for me to learn to abseil down a four storey tower while being afraid of heights, to stand at attention, turn on my heel and keep my arms and hands in correct position. It makes you think and teaches a new kind of discipline. This discipline is a wonderful value added skill that brings another dimension to the modern workplace: we show employers that such a discipline and that experience helps to change their views enormously.

It is a kind of community education that cannot be bought at the finest schools or universities but we at

the Defence Reserves Support Council can organise it.

Defence Reserves are a vital part of our community, they are the sons and daughters, husbands and wives, tradesmen and women, legal personnel, doctors and nurses, engineers who protect and serve. They are a crucial part of our strategic well being as a nation, and as a society. The modern reservist is not like the weekend warriors of old, but a significant part of defence strategy.

Today's Reservists can expect to be called on to support our commitment to the region, the community and our national interest at any time in a variety of locations around the globe.

They are helping to set up the rule of law in places like the Solomon Islands, keeping the peace and providing medical and protection assistance to our neighbours and allies around the world.

We can truly be proud of these heroes, these people who are prepared to put themselves in harms way and continue to serve with our allies and friends here and abroad.

Australia like a lot of other nations has a Reserves Force which is of the community and provides that vital link between military and society. Australia also supports and proudly holds and supports the volunteer ethos which encourages our fair go principles above and beyond the usual work ethic.

Modern Reservists in Australia today are far more than those specially trained military personnel who are kept back in case of an emergency, but in contrast are more like a part time auxiliary force, a term which comes from the Latin to help in a supplementary capacity and aiding current capability. The recent Defence White paper has drawn our attention to ever growing importance for strategic reserves capacity which will increase significantly in the future.

Reservists in modern society are also trained and skilled to play a central role in ensuring our capacity to maintain our position in modern strategic security and statecraft.

Our reservists have helped in times of extreme need: rescue and recovery after catastrophe, mopping up after emergencies following flood, fires and other disasters.

Our reservists' highly skilled trained personnel are on the ground when needed most by our neighbours and allies, rescuing citizens in despair and distress.

Reservists are an asset to our community, our nation and to our workplaces. That is where you as part of our community, as employers or friends of employers, are a strategic benefit to us all. By knowingly encouraging the employment of these highly trained special staff who can offer so much more than just the job, but staff who are "twice the employee" you can make it possible to facilitate the link between reservists and the modern workplace and ensure smooth transitions from work to deployment and training and back again. If all you have is a keen interest, you are already making a difference.

If you know of a firm that has a reservist you know that they have a great employee. The firm gets much more; that extra alertness, skills and knowledge which ensures excellence for the entire community.

Defence Reserves Support ensures that our Reservists are protected at law. It is hoped that eventually in all States public service leave policies will reflect this legislation.

We, at Defence Reserves Support Council, which includes a committee of high profile employers and military personnel, are committed to support employers wherever and whenever we can.

We help the community and future employers to understand what reservists do in the field by taking them out and showing them all about it in real time and in real life. The Defence Reserves Support Council through the local SA Committee also offers the opportunity of a life time in participating in a day or two in the life of Reservists training so participants can see for themselves what is required to be a Reservist and maintain that skill level. It is indeed breathtaking.

In addition, the Defence Reserves Support Team in South Australia offers you opportunities to show your support by becoming a *Friend of the Reserves*, participate in functions designed to highlight our work and to join in promoting Reserve friendly leave

policies in workplaces, through family friends or colleagues and knowing more about them and what they do, and where possible telling the world how great they are and why they must be supported.

The Defence Reserves Support Council Committee aided by the DRS Office right here at Keswick, provides information, organises fabulous functions designed to impress the community of employers to link with them and encourage them to be Reservist friendly.

We actively educate and inform targeted communities of interest on our work and encourage participation. We remind employers not only about their rights but responsibilities too.

You can help by finding out more about us. You can help by supporting our cause to see Reservists as a vital and necessary part of our strategic defence, and Australia's responsibilities in securing and supporting our allies around the neighbourhood and around the world.

Not many people realise the extent and reach of the work of the Reserves who are stationed from the arid slopes of Afghanistan to the tropics in Timor and steamy heat of the Solomons.

They are securing communities, peace keeping, saving lives, teaching, administering health services, and have rescued a number of overly adventurous sailors in the Southern Ocean, and they were able to do this brilliantly because of their training which is second to none anywhere in the world. We need you to encourage your friends, relatives and employer groups to be Reserves respectful and friendly.

I stand before you today as a Chief of the Reserves Cheer Squad, talking to Parliamentarians, talking to employers, and talking to the community. I thank you for your time and energy today because it matters to all of us.

It matters to us in this State, this society and we who are proud to live under the Southern Cross, as a nation, as a community and for all our families. Over to you! Read the literature that is here for you today and pass on the good word.

The Hon Dr Mike Kelly's letter of appointment of Dr Pamela Schulz to the New Chair of the South Australian Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council (DRSC) follows:



THE HON. DR MIKE KELLY MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

Tuesday, 10 March 2009

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**NEW CHAIR TO LEAD DEFENCE RESERVES
COMMITTEE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly, AM, MP, has announced the appointment of the first female Chair of the South Australian Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council (DRSC), Dr Pamela Schulz.

"Dr Schulz is a well-respected university lecturer, and a public relations and community education professional, who will make an outstanding contribution to the DRSC in South Australia," Dr Kelly said.

"As a State Chair, Dr Schulz will be leading a committee that provides a link between the Australian Defence Force, employers and the community from which the Reserve force is drawn.

"Dr Schulz has held positions as a senior marketing and public relations manager with a wide range of private and public sector organisations. Her focus has always been on communication and community and this will continue in her new DRSC role."

Dr Schulz is currently a private consultant in communication management and has qualifications in social work, communication and education. She is also a lecturer in communications at the University of South Australia's School of Communications and International Studies. She recently completed her doctorate at the University of South Australia, focusing on public confidence in the justice system, public relations and courts.

The DRSC aims to enhance the availability of the Reserve component of the ADF by promoting the benefits of employing members of the Reserve. It also aims to establish a flexible partnership with the community and employers, so they are encouraged to support those in the Reserve.

Each State and Territory has committees of the Council. Some also have committees in larger regional centres, such as Townsville. Council members are volunteers and include representatives from industry, small business, trade unions, youth and other interested community groups.

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KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

Brigadier Timothy James Hanna AM



Brigadier Tim Hanna was born at Gumeracha, South Australia on 23 November 1959. After completing his secondary education at Birdwood High School, Brigadier Hanna entered the Royal Military College in 1977 graduating in 1980 into the Royal Australian Corps of Transport.

Brigadier Hanna then completed a range of corps, regimental, instructional and staff appointments in Land and Training Commands. Following his time at the Army School of Transport in Puckapunyal, Brigadier Hanna was selected to participate with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in the Middle East as a military observer. During this posting, Brigadier Hanna was appointed as the Senior United Nations Liaison Officer on the Golan Heights.

On his return to Australia, Brigadier Hanna was posted as the Staff Officer Grade 2 (Operations) at the newly formed Headquarters Logistics Support Force. Additional postings included Land Headquarters (ABCA Standardisation Program and Joint Doctrine) and Maritime Headquarters (Joint Plans). In December 1996, Brigadier Hanna was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assumed the role of Materiel

Manager – Army at the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre.

Brigadier Hanna left the Regular Army in 1999 and settled in Adelaide. After a short break from military service Brigadier Hanna resumed in the Army Reserve in January 2001. His postings in that time included Chief Instructor at the Regional Training Centre – South Australia, Commanding Officer of 9th Combat Service Support Battalion and, for three years, Director of the Army Personnel Agency – Adelaide. In January 2006, Brigadier Hanna assumed the position of Commander of the 9th Brigade and Army Area Representative – South Australia. A posting as the Assistant Commander, Training Command – Army followed in 2008.

Brigadier Hanna worked in various senior management roles in private industry; initially for TNT and then, for eight years, with Telstra. During this period Brigadier Hanna held a number of regional and national management positions in workforce management and business operations associated with the installation and maintenance of telecommunications services and infrastructure. Since March 2008 Brigadier Hanna has worked in the construction industry as the Commercial and Systems Manager for BMD e*3.

As a graduate of the University of New South Wales, Brigadier Hanna was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Military Studies in 1980. In 1994 Brigadier Hanna graduated with Distinction from the Royal Australian Navy Staff College. Additionally, Brigadier Hanna undertook private study and completed a Master of Business Administration at the Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales, which he also passed with Distinction in 1998.

Brigadier Hanna was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2009 Australia Day Honours for his service to the Army Reserve.

Brigadier Hanna's partner, Suzie, is employed by the Department of Defence at Woodside Barracks and is also a Reservist. Brigadier Hanna has a 22 year old daughter who is studying at Flinders University. His leisure interests include keeping fit, military history, travel and following a wide range of sports.

VALE

The President and Council extend their condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the RUSI of SA who have passed away recently:-

LTCOL Oscar Cedric Isaachsen

CMDR John Griffin

Mr Robin Loveder

LTCOL Ivan Gratton Wheaton

Mr Maxwell Roy Venables

RIP

LTCOL O C Isaachsen

LTCOL Oscar Cedric Isaachsen DSO died at the age of 97 on April 28 2009. He was a distinguished Australian soldier and a respected barrister who practised law for 69 years. He was the last surviving South Australian to command a WWII infantry battalion and first saw active service in Syria where he was wounded in the leg. After recovery, he fought on the Kokoda Track and gained his own unit, the 36th Battalion, operating in Sanananda on the coast of Papua and later in New Britain where he earned the DSO for leadership.

Cedric left his wife, Margaret, three children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

NEW MEMBERS

FLTLT John Finnie
Mr Adrian Pearce
Mr Paul Graham Brown.
Ms Amanda Schiller.
Mr Christopher Ashton.

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Pension and Entitlements Advocacy

Fully trained advocates are able to assist all Ex-Service personnel and their spouses in the preparation and submission of claims for pension and entitlements. They will also assist in the appeal process if required.

The RSL Advocates handle a significant number of cases in SA, which appear before the Veterans Review Board. The advocates employed by the SA State Branch are either Veterans or Ex-Servicemen, thereby providing them with a close empathy with the needs of ex-service personnel.

Persons seeking assistance should contact the SA Branch office to arrange an appointment with the Advocates. RSL membership is not a requirement for assistance.

MRCS

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme provides rehabilitation, treatment and compensation for ADF members who suffer mental or physical injury or contract a disease as a result of service on or after 1 July 2004. Serving ADF members who have been injured at work or who have an illness or disease caused or aggravated by their military employment and who need assistance in submitting claims should contact Di Capus at RSL State Branch 82320322; Dianna@rslsa.org.au.

“The Melbourne/Voyager Collision – The Untold Story”

RESERVE FORCES DAY 2009

Reserve Forces Day 2009 was a great success. Over 550 people attended the Family Day held at Keswick Barracks on Sunday 5 July 2009 to celebrate Reserve Forces Day 2009 and judged that the food, the visit through the Army Museum, the 10/27 Band playing and meeting with VC Winner, Keith Payne, to be very worthwhile.

Keith Payne VC, OAM, was originally a member of a CMF Unit in North Queensland before joining the Regular Army. He spent much time chatting with past Reservists and signing copies of his book, “Payne VC”, which was on sale during the Day.

Previously, on Wednesday 1 July 2009, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, hosted a Reception at Government House for current and past Reservists of Australia’s armed forces and presented Certificates of Commendation to ten past Reservists (39ers) who had been members of Australia’s Reserve Forces prior to World War 2. A number of these are members of the RUSI.

B M Newman
Chairman
Reserve Forces Day Council - SA

LIBRARY

The following books, papers and magazines have been added to the library recently. Malcolm Orchard provided the reviews.

Military Papers

Australian Army Journal Vol VI, No 1
Autumn 2009

Magazines

Naval Historical Revue Vol 30, No 2 June 2009

On 10 February 1964 the Search and Rescue (SAR) crews arrived at the Marine Section at the usual time, 0750, to have their coffee and prepare for another day's work. Twenty-four hours later, two of those crews had saved the lives of seventy men from HMAS Voyager. Their experiences that night have never been publicly documented. The story of Air Nymph, one of the boats involved in the rescue that fateful night is a leading article in the NHR June 2009.

“The Long Journey Home”

He was badly wounded and dying, but somehow he made it into the Carley Float. Whether he fell into it, was blown in by a bursting shell or was placed there by his shipmates we will never know. When the light cruiser HMAS Sydney was sunk off the Western Australia coast on 19 November 1941, in her final battle with the disguised German raider *Kormoran*, it was the start of one man's long journey home. The story features in NHR June 2009.

DVD Ken Burns “The Civil War” Volumes 1 – 3

Five years on the making, this evocative series covers the entire war from its early beginnings through to its brutal conclusion. Featuring over 16,000 startling archival photographs, innumerable period paintings, battlefield tours, newsreel footage of veterans and music from the period, Ken Burns's *The Civil War* captures all the major events of the bloodiest conflict in US history.

The addition of notable experts on the subject created an accurate and exhaustive historical document – while Morgan Freeman, Derek Jacobi, Jeremy Irons, Julie Harris, Arthur Miller and many more lend their voices to the letters and diaries of the soldiers and their families, bringing the events of America's darkest and most pivotal times to life.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of RUSI-SA Inc is planned for Monday, 7 September 2009. At the meeting, elections will be held for members of RUSI-SA Council for 2009/2010. In accordance with the Constitution, nominations for Council are to be submitted at least 21 days before the meeting. Consequently, any nominations for Council should be submitted to the RUSI-SA office by Friday, 14 August 2009. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary.

Some of the members of the Dining-In night held at the Naval, Military & Air Force Club 26 June 2009
