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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have recently returned from the National RUSI Conference, held in Sydney. The major work being undertaken by the National Office to ensure the viability of RUSI in each state and territory is to develop a comprehensive and modern website. This will provide the primary source of information for all RUSI members as well as prospective members, on forthcoming activities, library details and copies of transcripts of the talks given by our various guest speakers. I am very excited about the website plans. They mirror the thoughts of our SA Council on how we should remain relevant and attract new members. As details become available I will provide more information.

Meanwhile, we now (finally) have a Federal Government. There was not a lot of coverage during the election campaign about Defence matters with the exception of the very difficult 'boat people' issue. What impact the new Federal Government structure has and the effect in each House of the balance of power being held by Independents and Greens respectively remains unclear.

Recently the Royal Australian Navy Frigate HMAS WARRAMUNGA successfully completed the first live firing exercise of its kind with the Chinese Navy off the coast of China. HMAS WARRAMUNGA'S Commanding Officer, Commander Bruce Legge, said the shoot at set targets provided his crew with the opportunity to hone their skills with a regional partner.

“While we are used to operating with other nations from our region, this is the first time we have undertaken such a complex exercise with the Chinese and we are looking forward to building on this experience.” Commander Legge said.

HMAS WARRAMUNGA will continue exercising with the People’s Liberation Army (Navy) over the next week. The evolutions will include joint helicopter operations, search and rescue drills and personnel exchanges.

The Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Crane AO, CSM, RAN said that “Australia is committed to developing strong and positive defence relations with China that help contribute to regional stability.”

“This is diplomacy at its best,” Commander Legge said.

”There is nothing more effective than working closely together in a military exercise to build trust and friendship between Navies and nations.”

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Monday, 11 October 2010

Speaker: Major David Lipschitz

Topic: The Future of Network Centric Warfare

Monday, 1 November 2010

Speaker: Commodore Orm Cooper

Topic: Royal Australian Navy in Vietnam

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!

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 \$22 for members and first time guests and \$25 for non-members. 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 Thursday 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.

Cancellations must be advised to the RUSI-SA Office by midday of the Friday before the lunch. Subsequent cancellations will attract a fee of \$22. The caterers must be notified of the number attending by then and that number must be paid for.

CIB

Tuesday, 19 October 2010

Speaker: Colonel Ian Cumming

Topic: The Australia Army’s relief effort in Banda Aceh in 2005

Location: Keswick Officers Mess

Timings: 6pm-7pm Light Meal & Refreshments
7pm-8pm Presentation & Questions
8pm-8.30pm Coffee & Chat

Cost: \$25.00 (includes light meal & refreshments)

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SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The Sundowner will be held at Keswick Barracks on 26 November 2010. Further details will be announced later.

A very successful Dining-in Night was held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club on Friday, 30 July. In the presence of our Patron, His Excellency the Governor, Rear Admiral Scarce and Mrs. Scarce, 82 members and their partners indulged in an evening of good food, wine and humour. Our Guest Speaker, The Hon Chris Schacht, former South Australian Senator, entertained us all with a passionate and thought provoking talk on military leadership and various aspects of Australian military history. Of note was that Senator Schacht's grandfather had landed with the 10th Battalion at Gallipoli as part of the first wave on 25 April 1915. In thanking Senator Schacht for his talk, our President, Brigadier Hanna, presented a copy of the recent biography on a great South Australian soldier, Arthur Blackburn VC and pondered whether Senator Schacht's grandfather and Blackburn fought alongside each other on that fateful day.



7 TH BATTALION GROUP

MAJ John Van'T Hof, Detachment Commander Headquarters 1st Brigade (Adelaide), addressed the RUSI-SA luncheon on Monday, 7 June with some perspectives of a Transit Security Element Commander conducting operations to protect Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests.



MAJ Van'T Hof is currently associated with the move of the 7th Battalion from Darwin to Edinburgh, north of Adelaide and has provided the following article and photograph.

By early 2011, after 45 years of moving from Puckapunyal, to Holsworthy, to Darwin, the 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (7 RAR), will have permanently established itself at the recently expanded Defence Establishment Edinburgh in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. The facilities at Defence's newest 'super base' have provided the battalion with unparalleled state-of-the-art barracks and work areas, and easy access to the nearby Cultana Training Area and Murray Bridge Training Area.

Delinking from 5th Battalion in 2006 as part of the Enhanced Land Force initiative to expand the size of the Army, it was necessary for 7 RAR to be temporarily based in Darwin for the growth of the battalion and to provide support during the highly successful Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1 in Afghanistan in 2008/9. However, it was always intended that 7 RAR be based in Adelaide as the nucleus of the newly formed 7 RAR Battalion Group. The Battalion Group will comprise nearly 1,200 personnel by late 2012. It will include a 1st Brigade Headquarters detachment, engineers, artillery, logistics, and medical support, and will be strategically designed to provide combined-arms training and support for 7 RAR. As South Australia is not subject to northern Australia's monsoonal season, the Battalion Group is now able to conduct year-round all-weather mechanised training at Cultana, a terrain similar to that of the Middle East. In addition, it has maintained the capability to rapidly regroup with other 1st Brigade units via the Adelaide-to-Darwin rail line.



The new work facilities for 7 RAR at Defence Establishment Edinburgh include carrier hangers, vehicle workshops, company offices, the Battlefield Simulation Centre, a 24-lane Weapons Training Simulation System, and The Monash Training Centre. Close training areas have also been purpose-built, and comprise of an infantry minor tactics area, urban and night-fighting training buildings, a mechanised driver training track and an obstacle course. Additionally, a Marksmanship Training Range has been constructed at Murray Bridge along with a vehicle wash point at Cultana in line with 7 RAR's increased use of the training areas.

The move to Adelaide has been a lifestyle boost for 7 RAR members and their families. There is access to brand-new common-user facilities; the combined mess, the largest in the southern hemisphere, boasts a gaming arcade, family room, sports bar, lounge bar, outdoor bar, multiple TV rooms, internet cafe, pool tables and outdoor children's play gym. The fitness centre features an indoor 50m swimming and diving pool, separate weights, cardio, circuit, and spin rooms, indoor and outdoor courts, as well as soccer, rugby, and AFL ovals.

Progressive state-of-the-art technology, modern purpose built facilities, and on-site training support systems combined with an efficient transport system to the north has ensured that the 7RAR will continue to grow in strength and numbers down in Adelaide whilst maintaining its strong sense of identity as part of 1st Brigade.

Luncheon Address by

Dr Maryanne Kelton

Senior Lecturer

Department of International Studies
Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
Flinders University of South Australia

Monday, 2 August 2010

Dr Maryanne Kelton addressed the RUSI of SA luncheon on the Global Financial Crisis and Security in Developing East Asia. She presented a related paper to the China, Australia and the Global Financial Crisis Conference at Nankai University, Tianjin, China in December 2009. The paper in its entirety will be published on the National RUSI Website in the near future. Following is an executive summary based on the abstract and conclusions of the paper.



The Financial Crisis of 1997-98 exacerbated existing political and social fractures in the region through the reduction of incomes, the contraction of investment and trade flows, altered migration patterns and the limitation of expectations for socio-economic progress. Recent International Labour Organisation and UN reports forecast, respectively, that as a consequence of the International Financial Crisis global unemployment and poverty may rise dramatically. Growth in worker remittances to many countries in the region has also declined. With economic pressures too, governments are more likely to downgrade the importance of the reduction of carbon emissions. This paper considers the broader effects of the Global Financial Crisis in the region, particularly for the ASEAN states, and how it may impact on Australia and China's international relations. It

considers the indivisibility of prosperity and security, the socio-economic and environmental repercussions of the crisis in developing countries in East Asia and the consequences of the current crisis for Australia and China's relations with these states.

Remarkably upbeat as some analysts are, the effects of the Global Financial Crisis will continue to reverberate throughout the region. Though its effects have not been as acute as the crisis of 1997-98 when the Suharto government fell, the crisis will produce deterioration in the quality of life for millions of people in the region. Not only does the Asian Development Bank estimate that the crisis will ensure that vast numbers of people will remain living in poverty but that these numbers will increase, not decrease, as was anticipated prior to the crisis. Partner to this outcome are the International Labour Organisation estimations that unemployment will also increase considerably. The consequential effects are to compound the quality of life dimensions for regional populations. The prospects for effective health care and education are significantly compromised by the reduction in both individual earnings but also in government capacity. The shorter-term problem of unmet expectations can be a powerful force in creating social and political unrest or in exacerbating existing fractures in fragile societies. Over the longer term, this disaffection, compounded by the cessation of educational opportunities, can create forces antithetical to stability in the region. These problems of course are magnified by the pressures on aid donor countries to contract their aid budgets.

Such are the links between the transpacific states, the renewal of the US economy remains integral to the vitality of the regional states, particularly those most affected including Malaysia, Thailand and The Philippines. Yet many questions remain as to any resurrection of the US economy, particularly once the stimulus money is depleted. If prospects of a double dip recession crisis eventuate, the possibilities of consequences in the social and political sphere are aggravated. These consequences apply both to the region itself and to the longer-term impact of the maintenance of US power and position in the region.

Intersecting these economic and social costs are the longer-term environmental repercussions. As recessionary forces diminish state capacity, any designs to address the catalysts for climate change are similarly downgraded. Priorities for the state become a refocus on the immediate financial

hardships and the economic stimulus action but not the reduction of carbon emissions. Nevertheless, the existence of millions of people in the region, particularly those inhabitants of the Asian megadeltas, is intimately connected to the maintenance of sea levels and the reduction in storm surges. Furthermore, the profile of water problems in all their manifestations needs to be elevated. Water issues need to be included in security agendas, although it is unlikely to be addressed in the usual national defence modes. That populations in Asia are increasing intensifies the need for arable lands and sustainable environmental practice. Unquestionably, for Australia and China, the immediate concerns are to address the strength of their respective economies. As a developing country China has many domestic concerns to address. Nevertheless, the interdependence of the international system requires that that activity automatically incorporates multilateral and regional responses to both the reduction of poverty and a collaboration on the vexed questions of poverty reduction and environmental sustainability.

KNOW OUR VOLUNTEERS

Barbara Bibis



Barbara Bibis is well known to those members who attend our luncheon functions for her cheerful manner and the efficient assistance she has provided in the bar for over three years. Barbara was born in Adelaide to Greek parents and was the smallest baby born in 1960. Newspaper reports, which she keeps as mementoes, called her the 'miracle' baby. Barbara spent her early life as a waitress in snack bars in the city and as an office cleaner. For

over ten years she was a ticket collector at the Royal Show for the chair lift.

Barbara's proudest moments are the time she spent as an actress with a Greek theatre group, which toured across the State. She has visited Greece to learn about her culture and travelled extensively across Australia.

Barbara has two children and is a keen gardener and cook. A certificate of achievement highlights her gardening prowess.

VALE

It is with regret that the recent deaths of
MAJ David Gerald Taylor
and
MAJ Jason Corlett Shimmin
were announced. The President and members of
Council extend their condolences to their families
and friends.

NEW MEMBERS

CDRE Roger Alan Capps AM
CMDR Craig Pritchard ADC, RAN
Former Senator The Hon Chris Schacht
Mr Ed Scanlon
Miss Rebecca Goodman
Mr David Lee

RESERVES

RESERVE FORCES DAY 2010 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Those Reservists who, when as Reservists, served on operations overseas and who registered with the Reserve Forces Day Council this year, will shortly be receiving a Certificate of Recognition for their overseas service, signed by the Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC and by Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG QC, National Chairman

of the Reserve Forces Day Council.

The Certificates each personally name and list the areas of operation in which the Reservist served and are an important recognition and record of service for those Reservists. They will be posted directly to each Reservist as recorded by the Reserve Forces Day Council.

Barrie M Newman
Chairman
Reserve Forces Day Council – SA

RSL

The Remembrance Day service this year commences at 10.45am at the SA National War Memorial.

Collectors are always welcome to assist with the Poppy Appeal. Poppy Badge Day in the city will be on Wednesday 10 November 2010. If you would like to volunteer to be a collector, please contact Lew Keough on 82320322 or at membership@rslsa.org.au

The 2011 Veterans' Race Day at Balaklava is on 13 April 2011.

Australians are being called on to share their ideas on how the ANZAC Centenary is commemorated in the lead-up to 2015. For further information, see <http://www.rslsa.org.au/>

LEGACY

A major fundraising event for Legacy has been arranged for Saturday, 30 October 2010. Led by former Chief of the Defence Force, General Peter Cosgrove AC MC, Adelaide Legacy, supported by Cobham Aviation, will lead an exclusive tour of the Australian War Memorial and the Royal Military College. Take some friends or clients for a unique insight into two important national military institutions.

For \$1100 (including GST), the tour includes return flights from Adelaide to Canberra, a tour

of the RMC Duntroon, including lunch, followed by a tour of the War Memorial. \$550 is eligible for a tax deduction as a donation to Legacy.

For more details, and to reserve your tickets for this “money can’t buy” experience, please contact Adelaide Legacy on 82319812 or generalmanager@legacyadelaide.org.au.

CDF’S COIN CONFERENCE

INVITATION TO ATTEND CDF’S COIN CONFERENCE

Your attention is drawn to the Chief of Defence Force's Conference to be held at the Australian Defence College, Weston Creek, Canberra 1-2 November 2010. The Conference is titled: *Beyond Asymmetry - Counterinsurgency and Stabilisation in the 21st Century*.

It is CDF's intention that the conference provides a forum where practitioners of COIN and stabilisation operations and those working in policy formulation and in academia can meet to share knowledge and experience. It will be attended by Australian and regional Defence Force officers, staff from relevant Australian government departments, the Australian Civil Military Centre of Excellence, NGO staff, academics and Australian Command and Staff College course members.

With this audience in mind a range of Australian and international speakers, both senior serving officers and specialist academics, will address the following topics:

- ❖ US Special Operations and Irregular Conflict Strategy since 9/11.
- ❖ Recent counterinsurgency strategy in South East Asia.
- ❖ Educating Security Professionals for Counterinsurgency – an Australian perspective.
- ❖ Hybrid Conflict: the relationship between stability and combat operations.
- ❖ The Afghan surge: the challenge to NATO and ISAF.
- ❖ The impact on Pakistan of war in

Afghanistan.

- ❖ The place of Counterinsurgency in future defence policy making.

We welcome the attendance of members of your staff/Branch/Division/Section. Places are limited and therefore early registration is recommended.

The conference program with speaker biographies is at: www.defence.gov.au/adc where registrations are to be made. The cost per attendee for the two days is \$50.00.

Further information can be obtained directly or from: conference@defence.adc.edu.au

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Two articles of interest appeared recently in The Australian newspaper

Our role in Asia's superpower shuffle

The Australian 4 September 2010

CHINA'S growing power is the phenomenon of our age. It does not threaten Australia, but it will change our world, because it undermines the international order in Asia that has kept Australia safe and prosperous for a long time.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/commentary/our-role-in-asias-superpower-shuffle/story-e6frgd0x-1225913618158>

Obama the perfect model of a president in touch with Asia

The Australian 4 September 2010

Later this month, in New York, US President Barack Obama will hold the second American summit with the leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Obama's Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, has already announced that she will participate in this year's East Asian Summit and that the US is looking at full membership and presidential participation.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/obama-the-perfect-model-of-a-president-in-touch-with-asia/story-e6frg6ux-1225913992174>

LIBRARY

The RUSI-SA owns and operates a comprehensive and valuable library of military books and documents.

The following books, papers and magazines have been added to the library recently and are available for members to borrow.

Non-Fiction

“Vietnam on Canvas” by Sandra Finger Lee

Vietnam on Canvas pays homage to the official war artist, Ken McFadyen, who recently recorded moments of the Vietnam War through his art to preserve them for posterity.

This book is also dedicated to veterans of this war – everyday men and unsung heroes whose feats shaped Australia’s history.

“Cruiser” by Michael Carlton

This is the story of the crew of the cruiser HMAS Perth by journalist and broadcaster Mike Carlton. In three tumultuous years, they battled the forces of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, the Vichy French and, finally the Japanese Navy. Off the coast of Java in March 1942, HMAS Perth met an overwhelming enemy naval force and was sunk with the loss of 353 of her crew. A further 324 men were taken into Japanese captivity and only 218 men, less than a third of her crew, survived to return home. *Cruiser* is their story, and the story of those who loved and waited for them.

“Blood On Your Hands” by Craig Jurisevic

Blood on your Hands (A Surgeon at War) was written & donated by Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Mr Craig Jurisevic. The book was brought in by an RUSI Member Dr Sharon Whitelaw-Jenkins who assists him in the operating theatre.

The following books on KOREAN SPIRIT AND CULTURE were donated by AIRCDRE Lyall Klaffer OAM AFC

I ADMIRAL YI SUN-SIN

A brief overview of his life and achievements.

II KING SEJONG THE GREAT

Thoughts and legacies of King Sejong

III CHUNG HYO YE

Folklore of Korea

IV FIFTY WONDERS OF KOREA

Vol 1 Culture and Aert

Vol 2 Science and Technology

TASTE OF KOREA

Korean Cuisine

“The Changi Brownlow” by Roland Perry

Donated by Malcolm Orchard

In the harshness and brutality of Changi prison, a group of Australian POWs dug deep and fought to maintain their spirit in the best way they knew how – Australian Rules football. The bravery, courage and mate-ship of these men kept their spirit alive. This is their moving and powerful story.

“Anzacs in Archangel” by Michael Challenger

“Arthur’s War” by Arthur Bancroft

“The War Within” by Don Tate

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Fiction

Books donated by AIRCDRE Klaffer:

“Deliver Us From Evil” by David Baldacci

“The Spy” and

“The Silent Sea” by Clive Cussler

“Caught” by Havlan Coben

“A Killing Night” by Jonathon King

“Flesh House” by Stuart McBride

“The Spike” by Richard North Patterson