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### President's Report

#### As we draw 2010 to a close, Defence matters feature prominently on the international, national and regional stages.

Since the end of World War One, on the 11th day of each November, ceremonies have been held around Australia to honour the sacrifices made by Australians at war and in conflicts overseas. 2010 marked the 92nd Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended 'the war to end all wars'. Remembrance Day has come to symbolise the memory of 100,000 Australians despite the day's original intent. The national Remembrance Day ceremony was held at Canberra's War Memorial where Governor-General Quentin Bryce delivered the commemorative address. This year's ceremony included a tribute to the 10 Australian soldiers killed in Afghanistan this year.

Australia and the United States have reaffirmed their shared commitment to the international effort in Afghanistan at the annual, recently concluded Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN). US Defence Secretary, Robert Gates, and the US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, held talks on Monday with their Australian counterparts, the Defence Minister, Stephen Smith, and the Foreign Affairs Minister, Kevin Rudd, at Government House in Melbourne. The talks marked the 25th anniversary of AUSMIN and the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Australia and the US welcomed each other's additional civilian and military contributions for Afghanistan since the last AUSMIN. Both countries appreciated their close cooperation to build a stronger security environment in Uruzgan Province.

The talks also stressed the importance of close cooperation to decrease the threat to our military forces from Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). While at the talks US Defense Secretary, Robert Gates said he believed it would be a 'realistic' goal for foreign troops in Afghanistan to hand over responsibility for security to the Kabul Government by 2014.

Also raised at the AUSMIN were the US plans to enhance its presence not only in Australia but in the Asia-Pacific region under the auspices of the Force Posture Review.

It is sometimes forgotten but is now a region of longstanding commitment by the Australian Defence Force. In the Middle East, Commodore Gregory Sammut of the Royal Australian Navy has assumed command of Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150).

CTF-150 is one of three task forces operated by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) from a 25-nation coalition based in Bahrain. Its purpose is to help create a lawful and stable maritime environment free from terrorism, smuggling and other illegal activities across an area of two million square miles, covering the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Gulf of Oman.

Commodore Sammut relieved Pakistan's Rear Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi at a special ceremony last month. CTF-150 seeks to promote security and stability throughout the surrounding maritime domain by continuously deploying ships, specialist teams and logistical support.

To all members of RUSI-SA, thank you for your support this year. I hope we have delivered the services and support that you expect. However, we are always looking for good ideas so please let the Council know what you would like from your team! Merry Christmas.

## Monthly Luncheons

• **Monday, 6 December 2010**

**Speaker:**

Brevet Sergeant Wayne Birch  
South Australian Police

**Topic:**

*SAPOL Bomb Disposal*

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. 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.

## Know Your Councillors



Dr John Bruni

### **Dr Bruni is Director of SAGE International, an Adelaide-based defence consultancy.**

He formerly served as Special Military Researcher/Adviser at the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR). Prior to this appointment, Dr Bruni was Foreign Affairs and Attorney General's Adviser for the Australian Democrats. From 2001 to mid-2006, he wrote for *Janes Sentinel Oceania* and was an Adjunct Lecturer (Strategic Studies) at the University of Adelaide's Centre for Asian Studies. During this time Dr Bruni became a noted national and international commentator on contemporary security affairs. In 2003 Dr Bruni convened Australia's first national forum on Asymmetric Warfare. This was followed up by other work in Asymmetric Warfare and Interagency Co-operation in the United Arab Emirates in 2004 and again in 2005.

Dr Bruni has published widely in scholarly and defence journals. He holds a BA, Honours and MA from the Flinders University of South Australia. Dr Bruni's doctoral thesis, (Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra), published in 2002 in book form, was a critical analysis on modern Australian capital equipment procurement with all its political, bureaucratic and corporate implications.

## Vale

It is with regret that  
the recent deaths of

LTCOL Albert Chizmesya  
LT David Moore  
MAJ David Gerald Taylor

were announced.

The President and members of  
Council extend their condolences  
to their families and friends

## Reserve Forces

Reserve Forces Day, which recognises and celebrates the service to our Nation of Australia's Reservists since Federation, will see a March and Parade being held in Mount Gambier for the first time next year.

The March and Parade, comprising past and current Reservists, Cadets, members of the Royal South Australia Regiment Association and the Returned & Services League from Mount Gambier and surrounding districts, will be held at 11.00am on Sunday, 3 July 2011.

A number of other activities are being planned for that weekend in Mount Gambier, including a commemorative service at Vansittart Park at 6.00pm on Saturday, 2 July 2011, followed by a Dinner to be held at the RSL & Community Club.

It is hoped that a number of kindred organisations from Adelaide will take the opportunity of visiting Mount Gambier on that weekend and will participate in these Reserve Forces Day activities.

Arrangements are yet to be finalised for Reserve Forces Day functions in Adelaide. Further details will be supplied in the next Newsletter.

Captain Barrie Newman

## Governor General Address

The Governor General, Ms Quentin Brice, delivered a memorable address on the occasion of the 2010 Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 11 November, 2010. You can access her address in full at <http://www.gg.gov.au/>

## RSL

*The Australian SAS - the Untold History*, is a ten-part documentary DVD set that traces the development of this small but highly effective Special Forces unit from its beginnings as a deep penetration reconnaissance company into a highly sophisticated reconnaissance, strike, recovery and counter-terrorist force. For more details of this set of four DVDs, go to:

<http://www.rslsa.org.au/>

## New members

We welcome the following new members of the RUSI-SA:

Former Senator,  
The Hon Chris Schacht.

Mr David Lee

## Office

Please note that the RUSI-SA office will close for the Christmas break at 4pm on Friday, 20 December 2010 and re-open at 10 am on Monday, 10 January 2011.

## SAGE International

SAGE International was founded in November 2008 by Dr. John Bruni of Adelaide, South Australia. Dr. Bruni is a long-time member of the Royal United Services Institute of South Australia (RUSI-SA), noted lecturer/public speaker/commentator on International Relations, Strategic Studies and National Security matters. He has extensive political, media and advisory experience in both Australia and the United Arab Emirates. His expertise includes:

1. Asymmetric Warfare
2. Interagency Cooperation
3. Conventional Military Assessments
3. Counter-terrorism
4. The Strategy of Culture
5. Ballistic Missile and WMD Proliferation

The SAGE International Team:

Under the rubric of 'Statecraft & Strategy' its team of experts investigate the following key topics:

1. The reality of the current strategic environment
2. Ethics and morality of modern conflict
3. Institutional mindsets in the bureaucracy
4. Civil-military relations
5. Environmental security
6. Interrogation techniques
7. Post-traumatic stress disorder
8. Psychological operations
9. Interagency cooperation

While South Australian-based, SAGE International and its team of experts, including the capabilities of Associate, Seraphim Risk Management, are flexible to specifically design and present knowledge-based seminars, practical training and corporate risk management solutions.

## Defence Science

**Defence Science Australia is published quarterly by the Defence Science and Information Technology Organisation (DSTO).**

The most recent issue describes a purpose-built simulator that enables studies of the effect of vehicle motion on the performance and capabilities of military personnel. The simulator accommodates four personnel simultaneously and can represent a range of road and terrain conditions.

The death of Dr David Warren was recently announced. In 1956, as a member of the Aeronautical Research Laboratory (now DSTO) in Melbourne, Dr Warren was responsible for the design and construction of a prototype flight data recorder which was the first 'black box', now a standard fit in all aircraft in the world.

For the full details of these articles and others relating to the work of the DSTO, please go to:

<http://www.dsto.defence.gov.au/attachments/DSA-Sept2010.pdf>

## RUSI National Office

The new National Secretary for RUSI is **Air Commodore Peter McDermott AM, CSC, RAAFAR.**

Peter can be contacted via the National Office at:

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# TECHPORT

On Friday, 19 November 2010, 18 members of the RUSI-SA visited the South Australian Government's facility Techport, Australia, located at Osborne, near Outer Harbour. The visitors were escorted and briefed by the Site Manager, Paul Bates.

Techport Australia was developed at a cost of over \$300 million to provide a world class common user shipbuilding facility for ships and submarines by Australian companies. Currently it is being used by the Australian Submarine Corporation (ASC) to construct Air Warfare Destroyers for the RAN.



Briefing by Paul Bates, Site Manager

The site is designed to attract future naval shipbuilding and repair facilities to the state. For more detailed information, visit <http://www.techportaustralia.com/Home.mvc>



Shiplift facility

The site comprises a wharf, runway, dry berth, transfer system and the largest shiplift facility in the Southern hemisphere.

A future visit will be arranged in about two years time when the first AWD should be nearing completion.

## Sundowner

Late on the afternoon of Saturday, 20 November 2010, about 40 members of the RUSI-SA enjoyed each others company for drinks and light refreshments at the Naval, Military and Air Force club.

## The Defence Teaming Centre

The Defence Teaming Centre is a not-for-profit industry organisation focused on assisting it's members to grow their businesses in South Australia, and influencing the national Defence Industry agenda to benefit members. *The SA Defence Business magazine* is a related comprehensive Defence publication and past issues can be found at <http://www.defence.gov.au/defencemagazine/pasteditions.htm>

## National Service Memorial

A National Service Memorial, honouring all Australian National Servicemen, was dedicated by the Governor-General, Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce AC at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 8 September 2010.

The memorial symbolises the lives of the 212 National Servicemen who died and commemorates about 287,000 men who were called up in two separate schemes between 1951 and 1972 for service in the RAN, the Australian Army and the RAAF. The ceremony was attended by over 4,000 people.



The memorial consists of a sandstone plinth, matching the walls of the Australian War Memorial, which symbolises the Army. The RAAF is symbolised by the sky reflected in the black granite polished slab and the Navy by the water in the bronze bowl.

For more details of the Memorial and for many photographs taken during the ceremony, see <http://www.nashoqld.org.au> and select Canberra Dedication Memorial.

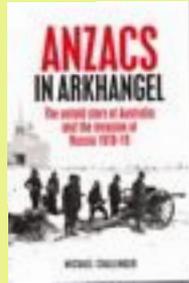


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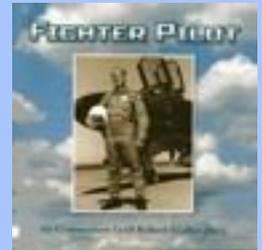
### *Anzacs in Arkhangel* by Michael Challenge.

An extraordinary episode in Australia's military history unearthed for the first time.



In 1918, after four years of bloodshed, the Allies desperately stood their ground in the trenches of the Western Front. But when the Russian Bolsheviks came to power and made peace with Germany, the Allies were left reeling. They despatched a secret mission to the frozen expanses of northern Russia to prevent the vast military stores from falling into German hands. These men became trapped during winter and a special relief force, which included over 100 Australian volunteers, was sent to rescue them.

*Fighter Pilot* is an autobiography written by Air Commodore Lyall Klaffer, a member of the RUSI of SA and who was President from 1983 for two years.



His book traces Lyall's life as a fighter pilot with the RAAF since starting flying lessons in 1948 through to his retirement 34 years later.

As a Squadron Leader, Lyall had the distinction of being the first RAAF pilot to fly an F-4 Phantom, an aircraft he became very familiar with during his time as CO of the Australian F-4 Squadron at RAAF Amberley.



This little gem, *A Pocket Guide to Australia*, published by the US War and Navy Departments during WWII, was donated to the RUSI-SA library recently. It was issued to American troops as they embarked for Australia and was a very useful guide to helping the Americans feel comfortable here. The troops were told that they were not going to Australia "to save a helpless people from the savage Jap. Their soldiers have built up a great fighting record on nearly every battle front of the war". Useful information includes social, geographical and historical aspects as well as food, monetary system and politics. Common slang terms such as *sheila* for *babe*, *cliner* for a second babe and *sninny* for a third are explained.

In October 1917, this silk postcard was sent by a digger at the Front in France to his girlfriend in Australia. These cards were produced in large numbers in France and Belgium between 1914 to 1919 and were purchased by soldiers to send to their wives and girlfriends back home. They became popular keepsakes for the troops and their loved ones. French and Belgium women embroidered them by hand in their homes and they were then sent to factories to be cut and mounted on postcards.



**The President and members of Council  
wish all members and their families  
a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas**



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Royal United Services Institute (Aus): <http://www.rusi.org.au>

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Australian Strategic Policy Institute: <http://www.aspi.org.au>