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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**As we conclude another Remembrance Day, the recent deaths of three more Australian soldiers in Afghanistan, under the most treacherous of circumstances will, naturally, prompt considerable debate about whether Australia should continue to commit military forces to a country which seems incapable of managing its own affairs.**

Whilst there are conflicting reports in the media about the views of our troops and their frustrations in dealing with the Afghan National Army (ANA), in typical fashion, soldiers at all levels remain determined to see out their mission and perform well.

How did you spend Remembrance Day? I spent Remembrance Day at Playford Primary School in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide. The school, which has a large number of students whose parents are in the Australian Defence Force, conducted an excellent and very comprehensive program which helped the 600 students gain some understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day. 'Defence students' were given key speaking roles. I was particularly impressed that the school has a part-time Defence Transition Aide whose role is to support students as they move from school to school or, in the

worst of circumstances, if their parents become casualties of war. We often talk about the effects of military life on families but when you face 600 children and look them in the eye, it makes this notion quite stark.

The Minister for Defence Materiel, Jason Clare, attended a Remembrance Day service with Australian soldiers who are part of regional assistance efforts on Operation ANODE in the Solomon Islands. Mr Clare attended the ceremony as part of a visit to thank Australian soldiers and Australian Federal Police officers for their efforts. Mr Clare was also briefed on the progress of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) by various officials, including Mr Matthew Anderson, the Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands and Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Smith, Commander, RAMSI Combined Task Force.

Operation ANODE is the ADF's contribution to the Australian-led RAMSI which has assisted the Solomon Islands Government in maintaining stability, law and justice, economic governance and improving the machinery of government since 2003. Rotation 25 of Operation ANODE involves around 115 ADF personnel, mostly Reservists from New South Wales. Early next year a contingent from South Australia will deploy on this mission.

As I pen this report, the President of the United States, Barack Obama is in Australia. During his speech at

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Parliament House, President Obama confirmed the United States' commitment to the Pacific and the strength of Australia's relationship. This has materialised in agreement between our respective governments to base around 2,500 personnel in this country, primarily in Darwin. This basing will allow US forces to use our training areas in the Northern Territory and Western Australia. Some of our East Asian neighbours will view this uncomfortably, most notably Indonesia and China.

The Australia-United States relationship is indeed special. As was pointed out by Greg Sheridan in an article in *The Australian* recently 'As America's staunch European allies grapple with economic Armageddon, and beg the US for resources through the International Monetary Fund and perhaps eventually through the US Federal Reserve, the US President will visit an ally unique because it is not asking for any favours. Instead, it contributes resources and solutions.'

As Sheridan further commented 'America's other rich allies, Europe and Japan, are broke. Australia, on the other hand, can devote extra resources to the IMF. Most of the US's allies - from the Persian Gulf to parts of Asia - are in constant dialogue about what more the US can do to provide for their security. As Australia makes its military facilities, especially in northern Australia, ever more available to the US, we are providing the US with greater defence capability in Asia.'

The newly published memoirs of former US secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, make the unique nature of the relationship abundantly clear when she said that 'It was a relief to have an ally like Australia that was willing to fix problems, not just talk about them'.

On a final note it was a pleasure to run the joint event with SAGE International at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club on Wednesday, 16 November. There was a very good mix of serving officers and non-defence people as well as a few stalwart RUSI members! Major general Craig Orme gave a very interesting talk on the world situation and what it meant for 'skilling' members of the ADF. As General Orme stated, 'you can have the best tanks in the world but unless you know how to use them well they are not much use'!

Tim Hanna

President

## MALCOLM ORCHARD



**At the meeting of Council on 17 October 2011, Malcolm Orchard was appointed as a Life Member of the RUSI of SA for his exceptional service in the voluntary capacity of Librarian and Editor of the RUSI-SA Newsletter over a period of many years.**

Malcolm has been a member of the organisation for over 40

years. His interest in Australia's military history of WWI has taken him to the battlefields of Gallipoli and the Western Front area of France and Belgium several times.

(An uncle of his is buried in Borre cemetery, near Hazebrouck in France, along with many of his 10th Battalion AIF mates – he was killed on 30 June, 1918).

A retired officer from the Army Reserve, Malcolm has held the positions of the President of the RAAPC Association in SA, the Secretary of the Defence Reserves Association in SA and of the 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Division AIF Association SA Branch; he is past president of the 10th Battalion AIF Association and was instrumental in raising three memorials in Adelaide's pathway of Honour.

Malcolm holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and has written book reviews for "The Gallipolitan", the journal of the Gallipoli Association in the UK. He was the curator of the Army museum at Keswick for many years.

## DSTO

**Defence Science Australia is the flagship publication for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation. It is published quarterly and features the latest DSTO projects and research.**

*Defence Science Australia* is now published on the internet in an innovative 3D flip-top format which enhances the reading experience of readers.

The most recent version can be viewed at

[www.dsto.defence.gov.au/publications/dsa/](http://www.dsto.defence.gov.au/publications/dsa/)

## Monthly Luncheons

Monday, 5 December 2011  
Speaker: Major Paul Graham, DSM  
Operations Officer, 7th Battalion  
The Royal Australian Regiment  
Topic: **Operations in Afghanistan:  
What it's really like.**

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Please note that there will not be a luncheon meeting in January 2012

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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 \$25 for members, first time guests and university students and \$30 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 \$25.**

## RUSI OF AUSTRALIA

**The Royal United Services Institute of Australia has a long tradition of serving the community by promoting a better understanding of defence and national security.**

This includes an understanding of Australian defence strategy, contemporary and historic conflict, developments in military science and technology and all aspects of defence and security as they relate to Australia now and into the future. It has several thousand members in all States and the ACT and include serving and retired members of the Australian Defence Force and other interested in defence and national security.

The National RUSI website contains a wealth of material relevant to the individual state chapters. Much of the material is only available to members, who need to log-on to the site. To date, Member Login is available to USI of ACT, RUSI of SA, RUSI of Tas and RUSI of WA. Access to the RUSI home page is at

[www.rusi.org.au/states/act/index.php?stateid=1](http://www.rusi.org.au/states/act/index.php?stateid=1)

For those members who have not previously logged on, details of how to acquire Login details can find them on this page. You will need to provide your e-mail address, family name and post code to be issued with a password.

The site contains details of what is on at each State branch, transcripts of a range of talks that have been given and individual newsletters that have been produced.

## Vale

It is with regret that the recent deaths of

LTGEN Sir Donald Dunstan  
AC KBE CB

LT Harold Shipp and

Joan Milne

were announced.

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

## SIR DONALD DUNSTAN

LTGEN Sir Donald Dunstan died peacefully at his home on 15 October 2011 at the age of 88. He was an Honorary member of the RUSI-SA. A State Military Funeral was held in his honour at St Peters Cathedral.

[www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/news/funeral-sir-donald-dunstan/](http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/news/funeral-sir-donald-dunstan/)



**On Monday, 7 November, 2011, Professor Ying Zhu addressed the RUSI-SA luncheon on the subject of *The Chinese Economy - Its Transformation and Future Opportunity*.**



Professor Zhu is the newly appointed Director of the Centre for Asian Business at the University of South Australia. Prior to this, he was Director of the Masters of Human Resource Management at the University of Melbourne. Professor Zhu is a graduate of Peking University and worked as an economist in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone before completing his PhD in 1992. He has held visiting positions at the University of Cambridge, the World Bank and the International Labour Organisation and has authored more than 80 publications.

A summary of his presentation follows:

China may have the world's second largest economy, but how it copes with the challenges ahead is key to its continuing prosperity.

Media reports of China's economic strength mask the many challenges the country faces. Prof. Zhu presented his lecture from a historical perspective and reminded the audience that the crucial thing is to be able to read the mind of the Chinese leadership and elites.

Generally speaking, on a superficial level, China's transition has been successful, because China still maintains very high economic growth, can feed a population of 1.3 billion people and has a reasonable income increase, when the income of other countries has decreased. China has maintained that momentum well, so generally speaking China should take credit for that success.

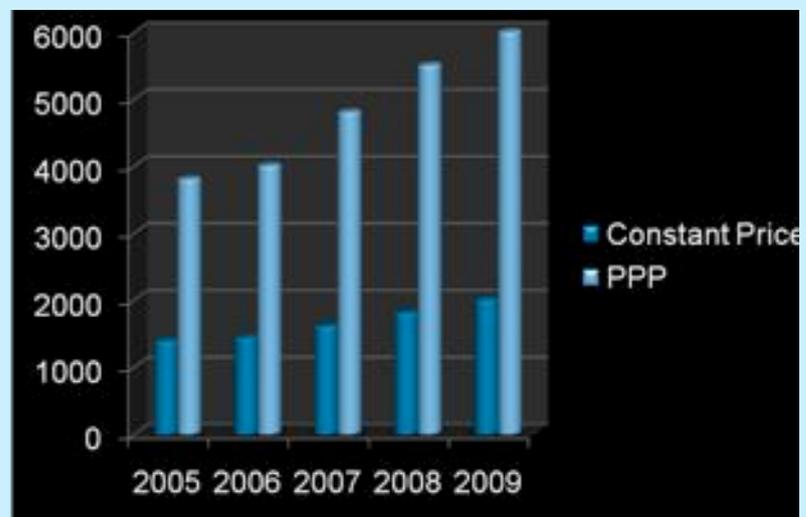
However, there are lots of tensions, problems and ongoing dilemmas. There are key challenges such as disparities; society has become less equal as the gap grows between rich and poor, and there are growing gulfs between rural and urban communities, the eastern coast region and the inland and western regions.

There is an urban workforce as well as rural migrant workers. They are different and have different benefits for different citizens, so society is divided.

The government is facing increasing demand for political reform, but it is more likely to adopt a political system along the lines of developing 'rule of law' and 'civil society' first before allowing full democracy.

Professor Zhu's talk on *The Chinese Economy - its transformation and future opportunity* traced the transformation of the Chinese economy by examining the links between economic development and labour market issues, analysing its development in the light of China's history and imagining its future.

Professor Zhu highlighted some general concerns regarding regional strategic security such as the potential conflict in South China Sea and possible way of handling such regional conflict in a peaceful way.



The above figure shows the China Gross Domestic Product in \$US and the Purchasing Power Price taken from the National Bureau of Statistics of China, July 2011. See [www.stats.gov.cn/english/](http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/) for more details.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RUSI OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### **The United Service Institution was founded by the Duke of Wellington as the Naval and Military Library and Museum in London on 10 June 1831.**

Its object was primarily the study and advancement of professional knowledge of the Armed Services. Membership was open to officers of the Navy, Army, Marines, Militia, Yeomanry, the East India Company's Land and Sea Forces and the civil functionaries attached to those organisations.

In 1857 a government grant enabled the Council to undertake the production of a journal. In 1859 the USI became the Royal United Service Institution.

Following the departure of the British regiments in 1870, the Australian colonies established their own regular defence forces and in due course it was considered desirable to establish a United Service Institution in South Australia.

The first minute books and other associated documentation, which would give the actual date of the formation of the USI of SA, have been lost, unfortunately. The "Rules" published in 1904 clearly set out the Institution's early intentions and objects, viz.:

The objects of the Institution shall be to:

A – promote Military and Naval Art and Science:

B – promulgate Military and Naval Literature by the establishment of a library containing historical, scientific and professional works:

C – encourage the production of original essays, papers and lectures:

D – provide maps, charts, plans and equipment for the conduct of war games:

E – provide a lecture room for the use of the members:

F – establish a Museum for objects of interest in connection with the progress of Military and naval art, and for the exhibition of inventions.

While these objects have been modified with the course of time, the robust cornerstones of the Institution's activities are still without doubt the maintenance of an extensive, up to date and well patronised library and the provision of interesting guest speakers well versed in Defence matter for specific talks, lecture series, seminars at the popular monthly luncheons. Over the years these speakers have included celebrated soldiers such as General Sir John Monash and Brigadier-General "Pompey" Elliott from WWI and from WWII, Lieutenants-General Sir Sydney Rowell and Sir Vernon Sturdee, both former Chiefs of the General Staff. Air Chief Sir Frederick Scherger was a popular speaker in the 1950s as was the then State Governor, His Excellency, Air Vice Marshal Sir Robert George, following in the footsteps of His Excellency, Lieutenant-General Sir Willoughby Norrie who addressed the USI in 1949. His Excellency Sir Mark Oliphant, was also a most popular guest speaker during his term of office. But of all guest speakers His Excellency, The Governor General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, GCB, GCMG, GBE, DSO, MC. has undoubtedly been the most eminent. With the Bonython Hall the venue, his address on 24 June 1955 attracted an attendance of some 1200 members and guests.

Since 1987 the Institute, with the auspices of the Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey Memorial Fund, the Blamey Oration medal has been presented to, amongst others, Dr. Kevin Fewster, BA, Ph D, Dr Trevor Wilson, Professor of History, University of Adelaide and Mr Robin Ashwin, BA (Adel) MSA (Oxon) former Ambassador, Australian Embassy, Moscow.

From inception the respective State Governors have been

invited to be Patron of the Institute. Our present Patron is his Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AO CSC RANR.

In 1974 the various State USIs agreed to become constituent bodies of the United Services Institute of Australia. In November 1979 advice was received that Her Majesty, The Queen, had consented to the use of the prefix "Royal" for the National body.

The USI of S.A. was granted the use of the prefix "Royal" in December 1994. The badge reflects the happy integration of the three armed Services within its membership by incorporating an Admiralty Anchor for the Navy, two Heraldic Swords saltier-wise for the Army and an Eagle in flight for the Airforce.

In South Australia the RUSI continues to encourage the discussion of national security and defence matters and to improve public awareness and understanding of such matters. In line with this object, seminars are conducted on various topics from time to time. Eleven luncheon/lectures are held each year with speakers on defence related issues. Précis of luncheon addresses are often included in the bi-monthly Newsletter.

Regular Social Functions:

Carvery Luncheon – popular lunchtime function usually held in the Adelaide foothills.

Formal Dinner (Dining-in-Night) – at the Navy, Military & Air Force Club.

Sundowner – our final function each year, a relaxed drinks and nibbles get-together.

Membership is comprised mainly, but not exclusively, of members and ex-members of the Australian Defence Forces and is open to any person sharing the interests of the RUSI. Present membership of the RUSI-SA is a little over 300.

## HMAS Kuttabul Commemoration Project

Next year is the 70th Anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Kuttabul. In brief, three Japanese midget submarines attacked vessels in Sydney Harbour, on 31 May 1942. As a result, the converted ferry HMAS Kuttabul was struck by a torpedo and 21 men were killed.



HMAS Kuttabul - 1st June, 1942 in Sydney Harbour after the Japanese midget submarine attack

This is an image of Horace Charlton Beazley, who left the Kuttabul just before midnight on 31 May 1942 to take up watch at Garden Island. The second torpedo fired by the Japanese submarine M24 ran ashore near where he was stationed but fortunately it failed to explode. He passed away 12th November 2010 aged 90 years. He was very lucky to have survived and lived to a good age!



**Genes Reunited is looking for the descendants of the men that perished on this vessel.**

On 31 May 2012, it is planned that a commemoration ceremony will take place, to remember the 21 men who lost their lives on this day. We would like to connect the descendants with the organisers, so that they can be involved in this special event.

Please email [ekelly@brightsolid.com](mailto:ekelly@brightsolid.com) if you are a descendant of one of these men or if you have any information.

The Genes Reunited team

Genes Reunited is a web site, that enables users to trace relations and develop family trees. It can be found at [www.genesreunited.com.au/account.page/splash](http://www.genesreunited.com.au/account.page/splash)

## RUSI (UK)

The RUSI (UK) is described by Wikipedia as **The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI)**.

It is officially still known by its old name, the **Royal United Services Institution**. It is a [British](#) defence and security [think tank](#) founded in [1831](#) by [The Duke of Wellington](#).

The RUSI describes itself as the “Leading Forum in the UK for national and international Defence and Security”. The extensive website for the RUSI is

[www.rusi.org/](http://www.rusi.org/)



## TRAVEL

### WWII – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour 17 – 22 February, 2012



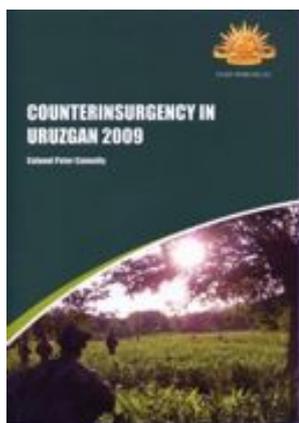
Details of a tour in Darwin to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWII can be found at

[www.unlockthepast.com.au](http://www.unlockthepast.com.au)

The tour includes two seminars and visits to many WWII sites over a period of five days.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II prepares to alight from the Royal Barge at Regatta Point, Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra ACT.  
(Picture by Warren Derwent, Department of Defence Image Library)



***Counterinsurgency in Uruzgan 2009*** by COL Peter Connolly

Study paper No. 321

Success in counterinsurgency requires a careful balance between the ability to win the support of the people and a finely honed close combat ability that can crush the enemy with precision whenever and wherever opportunity arises. This paper examines these issues from a commander's perspective with a focus on counterinsurgency operations in Uruzgan in the second half of 2009. In doing so, it focuses on areas in which MRTF-2 modified its operational techniques.

Published by LAND WARFARE STUDES CENTRE, CANBERRA. AUGUST 2011

***Principles of War and Air Power*** by Sanu Kainikara

This paper stresses that an understanding of the principles of war is an essential component of an airman's professionalism – principles that are still very relevant today, as the Director of the Centre, Group Captain R.J.Keir AM CSC, points out in his Forward.

***Crack Hardy*** by Stephen Dando-Collins

From Gallipoli to Flanders to the Somme, the true story of three Australian brothers at war.

***One Mountain Thousand Summits*** by Freddie Wilkinson

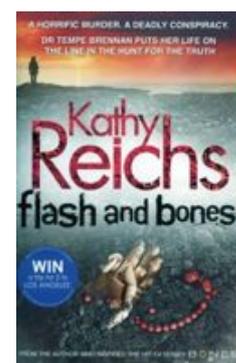
The "Savage Mountain" as it is often called is regarded by climbers as far more challenging to climb than Everest and perhaps the most dangerous peak on earth. When eleven men perished on the slopes of K2 in August 2008, it was one of the single deadliest events in Himalayan climbing.

***Flash and Bones*** (Fiction) by Kathy Reichs

Donated by CAPT Malcolm Orchard

In a refuse dump next to the Charlotte racetrack, a flash of lightning illuminates a hand reaching out of a barrel of asphalt.

This book is a high quality thriller by the author who inspired the hit series "Bones". Dr Tempe Brennan puts her life on the line in the hunt for the truth.



AIRCDRE L. Klaffer has given 28 fiction books to the library. His generous donation is hereby acknowledged.

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

