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Dates for your Diary

6th August – Church Service to celebrate the Queen Mother's 100th Birthday
12th August – Defence Paper Working Group
16th August – Australian Defence Assoc. Function
17th August – Speaker Luncheon
20th August – Back to Caulfield Day
5th September – Council Meeting
28th September – Speaker Luncheon
27th October – Annual Dinner at Victoria Barracks
16-17th November – RUSI Triennial International Seminar in Canberra

Speaker Luncheons

LOCATION: Auditorium (Ground Floor), Defence Plaza, 661 Bourke Street

TIMING: Address commences at 12.30pm

COST: \$7.00

Sandwiches, coffee, tea and juice will be available from 12 noon to 12.30pm in the Atrium.

SPEAKERS:

**** Thursday 17th August, 2000 ****

Admiral Chris Barrie – Chief of Defence Force

**** Blamey Oration 2000 ****

Thursday 28th September - Dr. Jim Wood, will speak on "The Forgotten Force – The Australian Military Contribution to the Occupation of Japan in 1945-52"

Members are encouraged to bring along guests. They will be warmly welcomed by our President, Air Commodore Mike Rawlinson

Please note: the new 'actual' start time for Luncheon Addresses is now 12.30pm following a 12pm lunch.

We have moved the start time forward by 30 minutes to make attendance easier for Serving Members.

New Members

Following the Council Meeting of 7th July, we have pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

			<u>Proposed by</u>
RICHARDS	MARK	LTCOL	E. STEVENS
LYTTLE	BEVERLEY	MRS.	M. RAWLINSON
SHAW	DOUGLAS	MR.	GEELONG BRANCH
SKURRIE	JOHN	MR.	" "
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SINGLETON	JOHN	MR.	L. MAHONEY

Vale

After a lifetime of service, Australia lost its most famous war heroine, when **Vivian Bullwinkel Statham** died last month in a Perth hospital, after a heart attack, aged 83. She was the daughter of Broken Hill clerk George Bullwinkel and his wife Eva, and at 18 started nursing at hospitals in Broken Hill, Victoria's western district and at Melbourne's Queen Victoria Hospital. She signed up with the Australian Army Nursing Service after WWII broke out and was dispatched to Singapore, where her troop ship was diverted to the Middle East. On the Malay Peninsula, in February, 1942, Australian nurses were ordered out of the country, boarded the *Vyner Brooke* off Sumatra, and were attacked by Japanese aircraft, which scuttled the small ship in 15 minutes. Vivian and a small group of survivors reached the beach and were shot down by Japanese troops, whereupon Vivian feigned death and made her way into the jungle where she encountered a wounded English soldier, Private Kinsley. After a 12 day survival in the jungle, they were sent to the so-called Coolie Lines, joining 31 other nurses, and spent the next 3 1/2 years in a POW camp.

They were liberated in September, 1945, and in 1946, she gave evidence about the massacre to a war crimes tribunal in Tokyo. Vivian Bullwinkel eventually became Matron of Melbourne's Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital; was awarded an MBE, and the Red Cross 'Florence Nightingale Award'. In 1977, aged 61 she married **Frank Statham**, a former LTCOL in the Australian 9th Division, the Rats of Tobruk, and a member of the RUSI, who died last December.

Vale

Mrs. Joan Grant, wife of Immediate Past President BRIG W.H. 'Mac' Grant, died suddenly in Inverell on Friday 28th July, while they were on a trip in N.S.W. A funeral service was held in Inverell on Tuesday 1st August, while a memorial service will be held in Beaumaris at a future date, which will be advised to you. Our sympathy has been extended to Mac. and family.

Scots Church Service

We have been asked by the Council of British & Commonwealth Societies to promote a Church Service to celebrate the 100th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, on **Sunday 6th August at 3pm** at Scots Church, Cnr. Collins & Russell Streets, Melbourne. There are many of you who have a great affection for Her Majesty, whose spirit, determination and leadership at the side of King George VI, meant so much to so many, particularly during WWII. Standards will be paraded in the church, which we hope will be a colourful and memorable event.

Next Council Meeting will be held at 11am on Tuesday 5th September on the 9th Floor

Can you help?

As you know, we hold successful monthly Speaker Luncheons, and mail out the bi-monthly RUSI-VIC News and other notices. This requires time and effort, therefore offers of assistance are being sought for these activities. Please call Elizabeth if you would be willing to help, and I'll put your name on a list. Thank you to Colin and Margaret Brown for their help in mailing out the Agenda for the AGM.

President's Message

Congratulations to the Editor on her first newsletter, which has been widely appreciated. Well done Elizabeth!

The big happening in June was the launch by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence, of the Public Discussion Paper on Defence: *Defence Review 2000 – Our Future Defence Force*. The paper outlines the choices that are faced by government when it tables its White paper on Defence in November. For the first time, a government is consulting the people of Australia on how they feel about their future security and their defence force.

The choices to be made are as follows:-

- What do we want our armed forces to be able to do?
- Where do we want our forces to be able to operate?
- What is the best way to structure the Defence Force?
- What is the best way to spend the Defence Budget?

The Discussion Paper fully explains the background to the choices. Public reaction to the Paper will condition the government's decisions on future force structure, and particularly influence whether there will be an increase in defence expenditure.

A Community Consultation Team led by the Honorable Andrew Peacock, is visiting all Capital Cities and major regional cities to gauge public reaction. On 6 June at the start of their round Australia tour, a small delegation from RUSI-VIC met with the Team. We put some significant points of view to the Team, but we were unable to properly to advance a representative view, as the paper had been read by very few members and not discussed.

As the Discussion Paper goes to the core of what RUSI is all about, it is imperative that all members read the Paper and meet to see if we have a common view. We will then put our views to the Consultative Team in a written submission.

If you do not have a copy of the Paper, you can get one by ringing **1800 444 034**. This is a free call. There is also a website at: **whitepaper.defence.gov.au**.

If at all possible, come to our Discussion Paper Workshop in the Defence Plaza Auditorium on the morning of Saturday 12th August, commencing at 9am, where we will discuss all aspects of the Paper. Please give Elizabeth a ring if you are coming. I look forward to a healthy discussion and to seeing whether we can resolve the divergent views that underlie the choices.

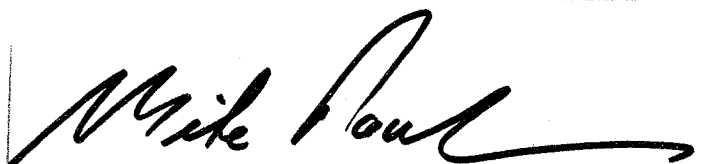
DISCUSSION PAPER WORKSHOP – SATURDAY MORNING 12TH AUGUST, 2000

You can also make an individual submission to the Team either in person when they visit Melbourne again on Tuesday 22nd August, in writing or by e-mail.

Our AGM was held on 27th July. I was honoured to be returned to the President's Chair, and with the help of Council will deliver a balanced and I hope exciting programme as we enter the Centenary year of Federation.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution made over many years by the Vice Presidents who stepped down at the AGM; Commander Hugh Jarrett RAN, and LtCOL Don MacLeod. We are fortunate in that both will be remaining on Council. I welcome and congratulate our newly elected Vice Presidents: MAJGEN Ian Freer and MAJ Ian Rainford who now join senior Vice President Brigadier David Noble.

A number of long-serving Councillors stepped down at the AGM. Following the constitutional change carried at the AGM, they will be accorded the title of 'Councillor Emeritus' in recognition of their service and contribution to the RUSI. Details will be provided in the next Newsletter.



Australian Defence Assoc. Function

Mr. Kevin Horder, General Manager Commercial for the Naval Projects and Support Division of TENIX, will discuss the connection between the Government's Defence White Paper 2000 and Australia's future Naval Construction Programme. This will be held at the Kelvin Club on Wednesday 16th August at 6 for a 6.30pm dinner. Cost will be \$38.00. If you would like to attend, please call Nigel Brand on 9428 8432 or John MacNeil on 9375 2668. RSVP by 10th August please.

R.U.S.I 110th Birthday

This anniversary was celebrated with drinks following the June Speaker Luncheon and the July Council Meeting, at which President Mike Rawlinson elucidated on the beginning of the U.S.I. on 2nd June, 1890. A history of the USI of Victoria was prepared in 1980 by AVM H.N. Wrigley, and the introduction is still relevant today:-

"The Institution has a long and eventful record of achievement and development. However, what we must remember is that it consists of people, for it was established by people, developed by people, and exists today because people want it and need it, and because people are willing to work for its success. Moreover, its success is due to the number of members who, through the years, have made it what it is today."

The Institution was founded at the instigation of MAJGEN A.B. Tulloch CB, of the Welsh Regiment, who came to Victoria as Commandant in November, 1889. He called a meeting on 2nd June, 1890 to draw up Rules and Bylaws. The office bearers at inception were the Patron, 2 Vice Patrons being the Admiral Commanding the Australian Fleet, and the Hon. Minister for Defence; President, two Vice Presidents, a Council of 9 and altogether 85 Foundation Members. MAJGEN Tulloch was ably assisted by COL J.M. Templeton. Other notable office bearers in the early years were LT. John Monash, CAPT R. Fullarton, COL's A. Freeman, N.W. Kelly, A.E. Otter; LTCOL's J.A. Goldstein, W. Hall and MAJ R.E. Joseph; MAJGEN Sir E. Holled Smith, LTCOL J.H. Eller, AVM H.N. Wrigley, LTCOL T.E. Williams, Field Marshal Thomas Blamey and CDR Stan Veale, just to name a few.

Further down the years, we find our own LCDR Bill Wallach who joined on 30/6/55, serving as Honorary Assistant Secretary, and on Council until his retirement last year. Quite a record!

Perhaps a future project could be a reprinting of the first part, and the continuation of the History from 1980 to 2000.

R.U.S.I. Library

I am most encouraged by the response to last issue's article about the Library. Some books have been returned, calls have been received for extension of time, and we now have a Library Committee of ten people to be present each day and take on the duties of borrowing, returning and adding new books to the collection. Thank you to:

John Bradley	Colin Brown	Glen Doyle	Neville Wright	Jim Wood
Kevin Pearce	Ron Whitten	Davis Ellson	Dennis Fallon	

and myself as convener.

If you a frequent user of the Library and would like to add your name to the Committee, please do so, as the more we have, the less often each person has to come in.

We are awaiting the return of Neville Wright from holidays in Queensland, after which we will set a date for all Committee members to come in, when Neville will show us the ropes. As I will be on two weeks leave from 21st August, it will probably be after 5th September.

The Library is open from 10am to 4pm during the week. When borrowing books, please note that they have a **4 week** lending time. If you need more time, please ring 9282 7392 and ask for an extension. If you think you have them, please bring them in when you are next in town. If you are unable to come in, please let us know and we will arrange a visit and collect them.

New and Recent Books from Oxford Press

The Paladin - a Life of MAJGEN Sir John Gellibrand - by Peter Sadler
Kia Kaha - New Zealand in the Second World War - edited by John Crawford

Back to Caulfield 2000

Come to 'Back to Caulfield Racecourse Day' on 20th August, 2000, and enjoy the military displays, military vehicles, Lone Pine Memorial Service on the lawn on the Station Road side at 11.45am, first race at 12.30pm, RAAF aircraft fly-over at about 2pm, children's entertainment and great racing action on this very special day, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

Free admission for War Veterans, Members of Legacy, RSL, War Widows, Nurses and Nursing Assoc., the Defence Forces and children under 17 years.

Past Speaker Luncheons

29th June Mr. Hugh White— Deputy Secretary - Strategy, Department of Defence, spoke on the subject: Development of the Defence White Paper

The Defence Paper has since been made available to those requesting it, as well as by calling the 1800 444 034 number. As advised on the AGM Agenda Notice, discussion groups will be meeting on Saturday 12th August in the auditorium at 9am. Anyone wishing to attend, please call the Secretary, or if you can't come but would like to have a say, please put your thoughts on paper and mail them in before 23rd August.

27th July Brigadier Douglas Ball spoke on the Revitalisation of the 4th Brigade of the Australian Army, listing the Scope, Pre-revitalisation Trial 1996, Progress, Revitalisation time line, 2nd Division, Units & HQ Locations, Units in Victoria, 4 Bde Battalion Groups for Training, Depots Opening, Personnel Figures, Recruiting Profile and Achievements, Personnel Profile, Funding, Aims for 2000/2001, Benefits to Employers, and Observations.

Membership attendance continues to be very good, and we do encourage you to come along.

Annual General Meeting

This was held on Thursday 27th July, 2000, and we are pleased to advise the Office Bearers for 2000/2001:-

President:	AIRCDRE Mike Rawlinson	Secretary:	Elizabeth Stevens
Vice Presidents:	BRIG David Noble	MAJGEN Ian Freer	MAJ Ian Rainford
Hon.Treasurer:	DR. Colin Brown		
Councillors:	BRIG Keith Colwill	MAJ Robert Prewett	CDR Hugh Jarrett
	LCDR Tom Kilburn RAN	LTCOL Stuart Bryan	LCDR Eric Thompson
	LTCOL Don MacLeod	LTCOL Dennis Fallon	FLGOFF John McPhee

Geelong Branch Annual Dinner

This was held on Monday 19th June with guests; AIRCDRE Mr. George Facey – President of Colac Branch, and Air CDRE Mike Rawlinson – President of the RUSI. Des MacRobbie tells us that it was a grand occasion with all three Services present in uniform.

This was followed by their AGM on 16th July, and they are pleased to advise their Office Bearers for 2000/2001:-

President:	MAJ Ian Barnes	Snr Vice President:	Mrs. Marie Martini
Jnr. Vice President:	CAPT. John Anderson	Secretary:	LT Des MacRobbie
Treasurer:	Mr. Derek Hedges		

Congratulations to:

CDRE Dacre Smyth RAN and FL LT F.K. Anderson upon being awarded the 'Medal du Jubile' in June at the Ceremony at Victoria Barracks for their part in D-Day.

SURGCAPT Peter Freeman upon being awarded an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to laryngology.

If any member receives a decoration, would they please let the Secretary know so that their membership details may be amended and due recognition given.

Launch of new books

"Don't forget me cobber" by Robin S. Corfield

John Bradley introduced the book to a full hall, which included many members of the RUSI, and handed over to BRIG Kevin O'Brien at Christchurch, West Hawthorn, who told an interesting story on how he came to know Robin Corfield and become involved in his book. Robin was unfortunately not able to make it, as he suffered a heart attack two weeks before the function on 16th July, and was represented by his son Justin.

Among the many book buyers was BRIG Keith Colwill who very kindly purchased a copy for our Library – thank you! It was a pleasure to meet sculptor Peter Corlett who had fashioned the 'cobber' statue which stands in Fromelles in France. Much to his surprise, he was surrounded by autograph seekers!

'Friends of the 15th Brigade' hosted this launch and provided the afternoon tea. A very successful event indeed, and we send Robin our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

"We band of brothers" by Dr. Peter Brune

— as this Newsletter is on its way to you, I will be attending this launch at Victoria Barracks and will write about it in the October issue.

Red Cross Millenium 2000 International Humanitarian Law Conference

This Conference was successfully held at the Hyatt Regency in Perth from 13th to 15th July, with over 200 attendees. Red Cross W.A. has written to thank us for advertising the event and for sending a copy of the RUSI-VIC Newsletter in which the item appeared.

RUSI Annual Dinner

This very popular function will once again be hosted in the Army Officers Mess, Victoria Barracks on Friday evening 27th October, 2000. A flyer will be mailed out to you in the near future, but put this date in your diaries now!

Subscriptions

Thank you to all of the members who have renewed their subscriptions in such a timely manner. A special thank you to those who have added a donation. It is great to know that you support the RUSI in its endeavours.

Just a reminder to those who have not yet renewed, that your membership was due on 1st July, 2000, and we look forward to hearing from you. A receipt card will be forwarded in due course.

Courtesy of the Canberra Times

PS, I LOVE YOU

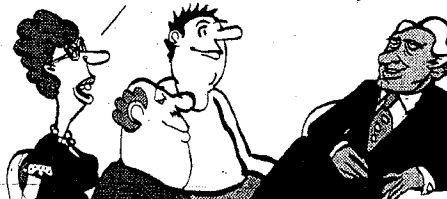
Andrew Peacock is to consult with ordinary citizens about Australia's defence policy...

You see, we live in an increasingly turbulent part of the world so we will have to make some hard decisions- it's a question of guns or butter.

Surely you mean 'guns or margarine'. Butter is bad for your health.

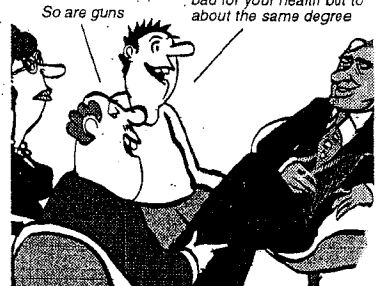


I disagree. Butter attracts the GST but pointy sticks don't - it would give the defence lobby an unfair advantage.



Paul Hartigan

If the debate is to be fair it should be about butter and pointy sticks- both are bad for your health but to about the same degree



Let me just say that it is a privilege to be exposed to the earthy wisdom of the common man. And, er, the common woman.





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TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Canberra, Australia, 16-17 November 2000

'Seeking Affordable Defence in the 21st Century'

ADVANCE NOTICE

Defence Minister to give Keynote Address
United States CINCPAC to present paper

Top Australian and overseas Defence Personalities include:

The Honourable John Moore MP, Minister for Defence, Australia
Admiral Chris Barrie AO, RAN, Chief of the Defence Force, Australia
Dr Allan Hawke, Secretary Department of Defence, Australia
Mr Michael Roche, Under Secretary Defence Acquisition, Australia
Admiral Dennis Blair USN, Commander-in-Chief Pacific, United States
Mr Kevin Tebbit CMG, Permanent Under Secretary Ministry of Defence, UK
General Sipiwe Nyanda, Chief of National Defence Force, South Africa
Mr Graham Fortune, Secretary of Defence, New Zealand
General V.P. Malik, Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee, India (invited)
Defence Industry Forum (details to be advised)

Seminar Costs

The Seminar cost of \$250.00 includes lunch on both days and a copy of the Seminar Proceedings. A 10 % discount is available for group bookings of three or more. A formal dining-in night for seminar attendees and partners is being held on the night of Thursday, 16 November 2000, at the Officers Mess, Australian Defence Force Academy. Cost for the dinner is \$60.00 per person.

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