

The Communicator

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EDITORIAL:

I've tried to keep this short and sweet and to contain last minute information.

You might have seen that there is a fair bit of debate about the organisation of the ANZAC Day march in the papers recently. This problem will not go away if we bury our heads in the sand. I'm quite sure that there will be some of our marchers who have previously had family with them. The Qld Police have been asked by the organising committee to direct and remove people from the march. So there will be some disruption to the proceedings. Also all of our older members will be asked to march in column of blob at the head of the parade and the families are to be at the end of the march. Don't know how that's going to work out. Anyway hope to see you at the march or at Tank Hotel.

Our AGM will be held in conjunction with the luncheon at Toowoomba RSL – details elsewhere

Chris

Thanks to Bert Lane in Perth for the following piece of information:

Night Flag Flying

Historically it was correct protocol to lower flags before sunset – believing that it was a bad omen for the sun to set on a Country's flag.

If the sun was set on a Country's (or Empire) flag, it was seen to be a sign of loss of face, or even that defeat or retreat was imminent.

It was also seen as lax treatment of the National Symbol and a slur on proper etiquette and protocol – not to mention disrespect.

Many points of early flag protocol and etiquette are still in place today but, it was an Australian initiative to illuminate a National flag at night thus becoming an acceptable way of recognising and honouring the colours by day and by night. That initiative is now accepted and practice all over the world.

SIGS ASSN RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN 25TH APRIL 2010

Please return your money with raffle tickets because we will draw the prices at the Tank Hotel after the ANZAC Day march.

RASIGS ASSN (QLD) Minutes

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Gaythorne RSL on Monday 12th April 2010

Meeting opened at 11am with Shady Lane, Bill Van Roosmalen, Ken North and Chris Mitchelson present.

Apologies: Al King on holidays

Correspondence In:

Notes included with raffle returns from several members.

Poem by David Delaney sent in thru Ian Willoughby, which will be used at both 1 SIG REGT and 139 SIG SQNs dawn services.

Dealings about Mid year luncheon venues.

Various pieces of info from Blue Hawkins.

Correspondence Out:

Change of secretary to Thurunka editor

Notes on ANZAC Day to Blue Hawkins

Membership form to Brian Sullivan

Dealings about Mid year luncheon venues

The Secretary moved the acceptance of the inwards correspondence and that the outwards be endorsed. Seconded by Ken North carried.

Treasurer:

Chris detailed the financial position of the assn as follows as at 31 Mar 10:

Online saver a/c	\$7128.66
Cheque a/c	\$ 913.19
Monies to be banked	\$ 250.00
Total	\$8291.85

ANZAC Day:

Most arrangements in place. Secretary will finalise wreaths and returns to parade committee

Raffle:

So far 65 returned ticket butts and monies. More expected on ANZAC Day before the draw.

Functions:

It was decided to accept the Toowoomba RSL for the mid year function, which will be the AGM. Also make a booking for the end of the year at the Surfers Paradise RSL. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Membership:

Firstly (editor hat responsibility) for not acknowledging new member Doug Warden last time. Sorry Doug. Another new member Selwyn Dingle. (Another post this meeting is Brian Sullivan – Ed)

1 SIG REGT Reunion:

The committee have already organised a table of 10 for themselves at the Dinner function. The tables seat 10 and anyone wishing to go a

part of a group with other Sigs Assn members should ring the President Shady and he will try to help out in getting groups of 10 together.

Website:

The website is now up and running. Probably need to find more information to fill it out.
http://www.rasigs.com/html_pages/qld/home_qld.htm

Meeting Closed at 12:25pm

Chris Mitchelson
Secretary

THINGS TO WATCH ON TV

ABC TV 7.30 Report with Kerry O'Brien to air 22nd April 2010

- Special packaged segment interviewing author Kevin O'Halloran, theatre nurse in Rwanda Belinda Johnstone and medic David Lawrence.

Channel 10 The 7 PM Project to air 26th April 2010

- Anzac Day special segment on returned soldiers, interview with Kevin O'Halloran

ENOGERA ANZAC DAY ACTIVITIES (as at 12th April 2010)

Dawn Service @ 1 Sig Regt or 139 Sig Sqn – both start at around 0430. All Barracks gates open 0330. Gates closed to traffic from 0415. I believe that breakfast available afterwards at both locations for a small fee.

ANZAC Day march, Brisbane – details

We have now been allocated position number **121** in the parade. We are between RASurvey Corps Assn and RAR Assns. There will be small batons/paddles with the number painted on it and our banner flying high. The exact position will be determined by how many people turn up and fill the ranks in the march before us. However it will be in Charlotte St between George and Albert Sts as before.

After the march we have space provided for us at the Tank Hotel, 371 Queen St, Brisbane, just a short walk from the end of the march in Creek St. Meals and a cleansing liquid refreshment will be on sale to those that need it.

Vales**Lest We Forget**

(I publish these from the available information that I have collected from various sources - Ed)

Ernest **Axford** 23582 CPL
 Jim **Fitzgerald** OAM 25827 SGT (ret) (Jim) OAM
 Barry Gordon **SWAN** LTCOL ESM ED (Retd)
 Colin **STUART** 3809582 LCPL
 Bob **WOOLLARD** A.O. 447 (SX24359) MAJGEN (ret) WW II & Korea
 Bryan **Panting** 3176719 (Puff-Puff) 104 Sig Sqn Vietnam
 Chris **Murray** 318331 152 Sig Sqn
 David **Saunders** Storeman 104 Sig Sqn 1976-79
 Frank **FLYNN** 2/40056 (69120, N80374, NX113050) MAJ (ret) WW II
 James **Smith** 31755 British Commonwealth Base Signal Regiment, Korea
 Richard **Hocking** 5715670 104 Sig Sqn Vietnam
 Gregory **Blair** Sig 110 Signal Squadron Vietnam
 Thomas **Spark** 1734619 104 Sig Sqn Vietnam
 Wayne **MASON** 448363 (Mum) Det 152 Sig Sqn Vietnam
 Gary Douglas **Beckett** 1735585 110 Sig Sqn Vietnam 1970-71
 Ashley **Barkle** (Sparkes) 104 Sig Sqn 75-80 & Rhodesia
 John **Collins** 8266553 LTCOL
 William **Byrne**
 Richard **Boughton**
 Winifred Hector **Carter**
 Hugh **Cowley**
 Frank Colin **Cumming** SIG VX144906
 Geoffrey Murray **Harris**
 Thomas James **Hickinbottom**
 Gordon **Huggard**
 James Robert **Jackson**
 Edward James **Kavanagh** SIG V185756
 Edward **Kirby**
 Raymond Arthur **Lind**
 Leslie Russell **McCarten** SIG VX116355
 Garry Andrew **McGuire** SIG
 Douglas **Margetts** SGT VX1116
 Percy **Mead**
 John Alexander **Moore**
 Bernard John **Nolan**
 Austin Frank **O'Malley**
 David Bernard **Platt**
 Robert Angus **Purcell** SIG VX0979
 Hilda E **Simpson**
 Stanley James **Crick** SIG
 Harry Leslie **Edwards** SIG VX131913
 Amanda **PEARCE** (RACT) CAPT (ret) wife of WO2 (ret) Gavin PEARCE (RASIGS)

CROOK LIST

Eric **Mortensen** SIG Q1148 ex 7th BDE HQ J Sect – author of ‘The Last Don R’

[Here is something else I received that you might like to look at – Ed](#)

G'day Mr Secretary,

Doug Lennon returned vet suggested I send you the link below. I am a recording artist for the last 35 years and have released some 20 CD's over that time.

One of my most popular songs is "Pushin' 60", the story of a soldier returned from Vietnam trying to fit back into society.

I put together a video clip of the song and put it up on you-tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4XMPg1Y7tk>

With such good response over the last 3 years appealing to Vets, would it be possible to pass the link on to other return vets. It may appeal to them.

My website is: www.colmillington.com

Kind Regards,
Col Millington.

The Chief of Army recently announced that our Head of Corps, BRIG Mike Milford, is to be promoted MAJGEN in Sep 2010 as Head of Information Capability Technology Operations, Chief Information Officer Group. In this role, he will be the Strategic J6 for the ADF.

This is a prestigious appointment and brings great credit to BRIG Milford and to the Corps

FUNCTIONS

There are other ANZAC Day functions that have come to my attention please ring if you need some details in your area and I may be able to help out. Mobile 0418 799 949.

1 SIG REGT

Sat 5th June.

Regimental Parade with Princess Anne Banner 0900 to 1000.

Regimental Open Day 1100 to 1400.

Regimental Ball 1930 to 0100.

Plenty of other entertainment throughout the day.

Contacts CAPT Mike Armstrong 07 333 26463 Michael.armstrong@defence.gov.au

or

WO1 Danny Smith 07 333 26260 danny.smith@defence.gov.au

MID YEAR FUNCTION

(THIS IS ALSO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

Date: Sunday 11th July 2010

Time 1130 for 1200

Place: Toowoomba RSL, on the corner of Herries and Ruthven St Toowoomba

Cost: \$20/head

It's a 3 course meal, **FREE drink on arrival**, unlimited tea and coffee and subsidised drink prices by RSL

RSVP with names and numbers by 20th June if you're coming to **Ken North via email on ken13linda@optusnet.com.au** or **Bill Van Roosmalen on 3813 5040 or 0427 733 342.**

Also let them know how you intend to pay for the lunch. (On the day or sending payment to the treasurer)

You might want to use the same method as below for the membership dues.

END OF YEAR FUNCTION

This is going to be held at the Surfers Paradise RSL on Sat 27th November 2010 at 1200. Costs will be about the same as for the mid year with subsidy by the association. More about this one later.

Membership Dues

Folks it's that time of the year again when your fees for the year fall due. **Its only \$5 per year.**

You can post your dues to the Treasurer at PO Box 772, Albany Creek Qld 4035.

If you are unsure if you are financial or not contact the treasurer or just send more money anyway.

What about paying by direct bank deposit straight into the Assn account if that suits you?

The assn account details are:

Royal Australian Signals Association (Queensland) BSB 638-260 Acc No 11247649 S26

If you are paying this way please drop the secretary a note (snail mail, email or phone) detailing what and when the transaction took place. You can pay more than just one year if you wish. Or you can pay at the Tank Hotel on ANZAC Day if you wish.

Here is a payment slip that you might like to tear off and hand to the treasurer as you make payment on ANZAC Day. It will make things easier and quicker on the day. Receipts sent out if requested.

Royal Australian Signals Association (Queensland)

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town/Suburb _____

State _____ Post Code _____

Phone home _____

Phone mobile _____

Email _____

Payment \$ _____ for fees in years _____

Any other details _____
