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This newsletter is well overdue, which is unfortunate, but without a newsletter editor this could be the norm in future, however, a brief and basic letter such as this will probably pass on news just as well. Allan Adsett as our previous editor is no longer able to do the job, so on behalf of all members, I wish to thank him for the considerable effort he has put into past issues.

Corps Birthday Memorial Dinner. The dinner was attended by a lively group of twenty six members and held at the Saracens Head Hotel in Carrington Street, City - on Friday 21st August 09. Pam and Bob Ballard came up from Goolwa and Stan Stephens made the long trip down from Pt. Augusta. It was an entirely new concept for the annual dinner, with everyone choosing and paying for their course selections from the a'la carte menu provided, which proved very popular especially as guests could enjoy what they preferred, and saving the committee the tasks of selecting a set menu and collecting costs. It was a pleasant and casual easy going gathering with the only formality being a toast to the memory of the Corps

As you remember former dinners were held at Keswick Barracks, but with high costs and numerous problems in organising a function there with a contracted civilian management, it forced a move elsewhere. Hard to believe, but many small units are holding their regimental dinners at hotels and clubs for the same reason.

Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 2nd November 09 at Keswick Barracks.

A Monday night was selected for the meeting as being the night most members would be available, but not so according to the apologies received and not received, so following a quick discussion as to a quorum, the meeting opened at 8pm.

Disregarding the administrative items of previous minutes ,business arising, correspondence, etc, the main items discussed and requiring further attention were----

1. The 4 Field Survey Squadron history needs greater input, and soon.
2. A letter from RSL HQ requesting details of our group marching each Anzac Day, similarly for other groups also, to enable them to plan changes with the object of shortening the duration of the march.
3. The memorial plaque planned for 4 Field Survey Squadron at Keswick Barracks be completed by late 2010.
4. A small display of early survey equipment be procured from SME, if available, for display in the Keswick Barracks Museum.
5. With election of office bearers, Ken Jeffery was re-elected as secretary and Peter Elverd as treasurer. There were no nominations for president or for newsletter editor, accordingly I announced that I would continue as acting president until further notice.

New Year BBQ By kind invitation of Pam and Bob Ballard, a large crowd of members made the long trip to Goolwa on Sunday 24th January to have lunch at the Bed & Breakfast establishment “Vue de M” owned and operated by Pam and Bob.

I think most guests expected our normal BBQ fare, but Pam excelled with her cooking skills in preparing a delicious smorgasbord lunch, which went down well with everyone,-literally

Although in the middle of the heat wave season, the weather was kind on the day, allowing everyone to enjoy the meal at tables set up in the yard, overlooking the nearby waters of the Goolwa Channel and Hindmarsh Island. It was pleasant and relaxing to sit back and view the pleasure craft moving around the channel including a yacht race, as well as waving to passengers on the cockle train enroute to Victor Harbour as it passed through a shallow cutting at the edge of bob’s yard.

A long lunch, ending late afternoon as members departed for the drive back to Adelaide, having enjoyed a relaxing afternoon. Well done Pam and Bob and thank you from all.

Should anyone consider an overnight stay at Goolwa, with a great breakfast and view, give Pam or Bob a call on .

Anzac Day March Around 25 years ago when our Association first marched as a group, there were several WW2 members still with us and accordingly we were positioned in group 3, where we have remained ever since. Very recently the State RSL in an attempt to shorten the march decided to amalgamate the dwindling numbers of WW2 marchers into a smaller group and removing association groups further back. As a consequence we are now in group 12A, as Bob Love is our remaining WW2 member still able to front up. Our new form-up point is in Grenfell St. about 150 metres west from Pulteney St., at 9.45am, so our group will now march an extra 600 metres and finish about 40 minutes later than previously. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Reunion As for previous years – at “The Elephant” hotel situated at the end of Vaughan Place off the north side of Rundle St., not far from East Tce. Our usual private room upstairs is not available this year because the carpet will be cleaned that weekend, so tables have been reserved in the bar below sufficient for our needs. Bar meals will be available at lunch time and the big screen will show AFL footy afterwards. Remember, the pub does not open until mid-day.

4 Field Survey History Arthur Henson has researched the unit history over the last two years with little or no help from me, but has now reached the point where he can go no further so has handed me two large boxes of his work for the data base. I’m sure most members would have little idea of the effort, time and travel required to research a subject, often producing a disappointing result for the amount of effort expended, so should appreciate Arthur’s solid contribution. Thank you Arthur. I have (hopefully) located a quantity of field books that might prove useful with luck, but I’m not holding my breath.

Corps 95th Birthday Dinner This dinner was not intended right now, as the original intention was to celebrate the occasion only every ten years, but with the large number of former Corps members passing away in greater numbers than was previously considered, the Ex-Fortuna Survey Association committee have decided to organise a dinner in Bendigo. Who knows who will be around for the centenary event ????. See the separate enclosure for more information.

1ST Topographical Survey Troop Reunion Former troop members who had served in Vietnam were reunited again for a week-end reunion on 15th and 16th August 09, at Tweed Heads, NSW and I was delighted to see that so many had attended, mainly in company with their wives, providing good company throughout. The main function was a dinner on the Saturday night at the Twin Towns Services Club, where the guest of honour was General Peter Cosgrove who later in the evening was also the guest speaker. It was a very pleasant occasion and well organised which continued on for many into the small hours. Sunday afternoon was held at the nearby surf club overlooking a wide beach, where a plentiful and varied smorgasbord lunch was presented, putting everyone in a good mood for several hours of mingling and catching up on old times. Early evening saw a return to the Services Club for a casual meal and last drinks before farewells. Attending from Adelaide were Allan Adsett whilst visiting his mother in Brisbane, Victoria and Bob Mills while on holidays on the Gold Coast, while I went for the weekend only with Stan Stephens, John Whitburn and Dave Collins. Lloyd Patterson and his helpers are to be congratulated for organising such a successful reunion.

Brief News Mick Duniam hopes to attend our Anzac Day March. Visiting my local hardware store recently I was surprised to see Tracey Phillips with her dad Bill, while on a trip from Bendigo----small world..... Warren Hall now a leading citizen in the town of Toodyay, WA, sustained some property damage during bushfires last summer. His mobile number is(or was) 0427744484.....Norm McMurtrie was a surprise visitor at our AGM last November, while visiting from Bendigo.....Bob Love underwent corrective surgery to his left knee at the Memorial Hospital about three weeks ago, and is now recovering quite well. Hope you're soon fit enough for a mile or two, Bob.Roger Rees now retiredAnthony Stephens still flies hot air balloons in Hungary.

VALE George Campbell-Kennedy. George passed away in March this year at the Edenhope Hospital, Vic, aged 92 years.

As a member of the Corps he served in PNG during WW2, and on discharge in Adelaide undertook articles to become a licensed surveyor, later being appointed on completion of his exams. He later studied photogrammetry at Delft, and was instrumental in setting up the Photogrammetry Section of the SA Lands Department, as I understand. He was subsequently appointed to the post of Surveyor General for South Australia, a position he held for many years. A distinguished career.

During the last year Keith Barber, John Hogan, Mick Wagland, Ian Lever, Ross McMillan, Doug Malligan, Kevin Murphy, 'Siggy'Mehling, Phyl Gore and perhaps some I did not know.

Alex Munro

IMPORTANT: RSVP for Catering by Friday 18 June 2010

Tracey Phillips (Wk)
Or
Gary Warnest (Wk)

95th SURVEY CORPS BIRTHDAY FUNCTION RETURN

The Secretary
Ex Fortuna Survey Association
PO Box 613
GOLDEN SQUARE VIC 3555



Name 1:
Name 2:
Name 3:
Name 4:

Contact Details:PhEmail

COST \$

I / we wish to attend the following Function:
Friday 2 Jul 10 "Early arrivers get together" Bendigo RSL 1730hrs
Ala Cart Bistro Meals available Number attending..... own arrangements

I / we wish to attend the following Function:
Saturday 3 Jul 10 Corps Birthday Dinner All Seasons Quality Resort 1900 for 1930hrs
Number attending.....x \$50 ea
Any special dietary requirements Yes/No Please explain.....

I / we wish to attend the following Function:
Sunday 4 Jul 10 Boardwalk Coffee 1030hrs Number attending..... own arrangements

I / we wish to attend the following Function:
Sunday 4 Jul 10 BBQ 11300hrs Number attending.....x \$10 ea

Please find enclosed my cheque/money order payment.....TOTAL \$.....

For those digitally savy, details for Internet Transfer are:
Name: Ex Fortuna Survey Association BSB: 633-000 Account No: 101109718
Reference: "Your Name"
It is also requested that those paying by Internet Transfer, Email Tracey on phipsys@tpg.com.au

This is one of those special opportunities to gather again in large numbers. The more that attend, the more significant it will be, and the more catching up with old friends will be possible.
Function return slips have been provided at the end of this newsletter and payment must be provided with the return slip by the cut off date for catering reasons. Please use your local grapevines and networks to distribute the Magna Carto and the return slip as widely as possible to anyone who you believe may be interested in attending.

The Anniversary Dinner

The anniversary dinner is to be held at the "All Seasons Quality Resort", (03) 5443 8166 171-183 Mclvor Road, Bendigo, commencing at 1930hrs. There is ample parking at the venue. Dress for this function is neat casual with some Survey Corps memorabilia if possible. There will be minimal formality at this sit down table service dinner with no seating plan. A two course, two choice meal is to be served. The initial drinks that will be provided on the tables on arrival are included in the meal cost, further drinks are available at bar prices. Please go to our reception table on arrival to collect a name tag and confirm your attendance. Seating will be round table parties of about eight. Cost of the dinner is \$50 per head. There will not be a special Port bottling for this function as things like this will be reserved for the big Centenary Function.

Other Activities

BENDIGO RSL

From about 1730hrs onward "Early arrivers" are welcome to meet at the Bendigo RSL 73-75 Havilah Road, Bendigo 03 5442 2950. A wide range of both Chinese and traditional Ala Carte meals are available in the Bistro.

BENDIGO

On Saturday morning you may wish to visit the old Post Office that is now the Tourist Information Centre and at no cost you can view an impressive display of exhibits. The nearby RSL Hall contains a Military Museum and it has a large number of exhibits or you may wish to just see the many changes around both the Mall area and the Market Place (Near the Railway Station).

ART GALLERY

For a gold coin donation a visit to the Art Gallery is also a very worthwhile activity. The Art Gallery that opens at 1000 hrs is rightly claimed to be one of the best Regional Galleries in Australia. Many may remember the large painting entitled "Gentlemen the Queen" that was displayed at Fortuna for some years which is currently on display at the gallery. Best of all there are now two new cafes at the Gallery, with great views, where those who attend are encouraged to meet for morning tea or a coffee.

THE BOARDWALK

Others are encouraged to meet at the Boardwalk Cafe/Restaurant for Breakfast, Coffee or morning tea on Sunday morning. The Boardwalk is set on the shores of Lake Weeroona and is an idealic setting to watch those who would like to, or need to, walk around the lake first. There is ample parking however those who would like to, can arrive in style at the Boardwalk by tram. The Talking-Tram departs the Central Deborah Mine at about 1000hrs and arrives at the Boardwalk a little before 1030 hrs. Tram (03) 5442 2821.

BBQ Lunch

A BBQ lunch is planned for Sunday 4 July. The venue is Dave Lampton-Young's Tysons Reef Hotel. Dave has been particularly helpful in providing the venue including large undercover areas in the rear beer garden and his whole largely renovated hotel at 2 Weeroona Avenue 03 5443 4856. Parking is a little more restricted along Weeroona Ave. Be quick or park at Lake Weeroona and take a walk or catch the tram that goes by the door. The function is planned from about 11:30am-5pm and will include the cake cutting. Please wear your name tag from the night before or pickup yours if you missed the dinner. Corps memorabilia such as books, badges, ties, and plaques will also be on sale.

Accommodation

Accommodation bookings for the full range of accommodation are being coordinated by Tourism Bendigo 1800 813 153. Let them know that you are part of the Ex Fortuna Function Group. The All Seasons Quality Resort, the function venue, is also offering 10% discount to members attending the dinner.

