

MINUTES**Minutes 27****Of the****Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting****Held 16JUN09 at 1800****At the Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia Inc.**

Attendees: COL B Perks (Chair), COL S. Cameron (Minute Secretary), COL A. Summers (Treasurer), COL M Jelly, COL B Mollison, GP CAPT C Verco, COMD A Swain, Mr L Tyner. Mr and Mrs Pavils by invitation.

Apologies: COL D Beard, COL J Aiello, COL R Beal, COL P Byrne, COL P Thomas, COL R Carter, LTCOL J Shepherd, LTCOL S Kuusk, MAJ R Melbourne.

1. Minutes of previous meeting (MAY09)

The Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

2. Business and Actions arising from Minutes**2.1 Website**

No change.

2.2 Contacts with retired RAAMC members:**2.2.1 Magarey Diary**

No change

2.2.2 COL B S Hanson

No change.

2.2.3 Harry Medcalf Fisher

COL Mollison will see Harry's daughter in 3 weeks time.

2.2.4 MAJ von der Borch

COL Jelly is progressing this item.

2.2.5 SGT K Davies

No change.

2.3 Other Matters

2.3.1 Terms of Reference

The wording:

“All memorabilia, objects, photographs, diaries, letters, books and miscellaneous matters collected on behalf of the Group will be registered by AMOSAF.

In specific circumstances, subject to the wishes of the owners, the Group at its monthly meeting may determine alternative distribution arrangements. Such determinations will be recorded in the monthly meeting minutes.”

Was accepted and to be incorporated in the TOR.

2.3.2 MOU AMOSA

The MOU was tabled and copies distributed to members present. A copy is to be kept in the Minute book.

2.3.3 Proposed expenditure 2009/2010

A draft budget and goals for next year will be formulated. Updating of Honour Boards in Adelaide could be one item.

2.3.4 Workshop 12 July

Six or seven members should be able to attend the workshop. Dictaphones and digital cameras are to be taken. We will allocate \$150 for morning tea for the Unit. To meet in the foyer of 3HSB at 0855.

2.3.5 Hospital plans

Copy of plans tabled at the meeting is to be sent to AMOSA.

2.3.5 Database

To be used for reunion on 5 July. Concern was expressed that this is also Reserve Forces Day.

2.3.6 David Kirby

Dr Kirby had been approached to do a presentation to this group, however he is now seriously ill.

3. Correspondence

3.1 None tabled.

4 Treasurer's Report

COL Summers tabled her report. It shows a balance of \$2494.60 to the end of May.

5 New Business

5.1 RAAMC National Memorial in Canberra

This new item was mentioned in brief. It will be of continuing interest in view of the enthusiasm of MAJ Straskye. ‘Digger’ James is already selecting a site on Anzac Parade.

5.2 Passing of MAJGEN Sir William Refshauge AC CBE ED.

The Chair reported that MAJGEN Paul Alexander presented the eulogy at the memorial service.

5.3 Sam Witjas

COL Jelly noted that Sam’s obituary was recently printed in the Advertiser.

5.4 Mrs JG Pavils presented a moving and detailed account of the beginnings and evolution of ANZAC Day. This drew upon material she collected while researching for her PhD at the University of Adelaide and subsequently published in book form under the title “ANZAC the Undying Debt”. In particular, she drew attention to the influence that religion and civic spirituality had on the development of the day.

The text of her address is appended with these minutes.

6 Date of next Meeting

21 JUL09

Members and guests stayed for an enjoyable dinner after the meeting.

Chairman date
B L Perks
COL