

**MINUTES****Minutes 25****Of the****Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting****Held 21APR09 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, LTCOL S Kuusk, MAJ R Melbourne, Mr L Tyner.

**Apologies:** COL D Beard, GP CAPT C Verco, Col R Beal, COL J Aiello, COL P Byrne, COL R Carter, LTCOL J Shepherd, COMD A Swain.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting (MAR09)**

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

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

The Chair reported that the website was well established and registering thousands of hits per month. He advised that MAJ J Straskye had taken up his post as RAAMC SO2 Heritage.

The Chair noted that MAJGEN Rosenfeld would be leading the Medical Corps Association group in the Sydney ANZAC day march.

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

COL Jelly still has the diary. It is to go to COL Mollison, then LTCOL S Kuusk, then AMOSA.

**2.2.2 COL B S Hanson**

COL Perks has seen Tom Hanson.

**2.2.3 Harry Medcalf Fisher**

Chair will follow up, along with COL Mollison and COL Byrne.

**2.2.4 MAJ von der Borch**

Needs further follow up by COL Jelly re his 2/5 AGH connections.

### **2.2.5 SGT K Davies**

The set of photos include COL Beard. MAJ Melbourne has some questions that he wishes to put to COL Beard and will attempt a video of the interview. Chair and COL Jelly would augment the interviewing panel.

LTCOL Kuusk raised the question of obtaining interviews with other ex members with a wealth of knowledge such as COL Byrne, Harry Rankyne, H Q Brayley, PT Thomas, BRIG Atkinson, R Black, B Griggs, Jack Seal, LTCOL Jack Shepherd re Wick Shepherd who was MO at Loveday (Chair to follow up) and Al Chizmeyza also to be contacted by the Chair.

It was also noted that it is high time we started collecting information re recent operations and peace-keeping missions involving local health personnel.

### **2.2.6 John Charles Goodchild**

No further action

## **2.3 Other Matters**

### **2.3.1 Terms of Reference**

Terms of Reference would have Aim inserted and be put to the next meeting for ratification.

### **2.3.2 MOU AMOSA**

The Chair has now located his copy.

### **2.3.3 Proposed layout of a General Hospital**

COL Mollison reported that in 1978, BRG James asked 3 Gen Hosp to design a mobile 600 bed hospital. It was concluded that it was too big and needed too much water. Copies of the documentation are to be distributed; one to COL Mollison, one to AMOSA (the original) and one to the War Memorial. The possibility of producing a CD of the document was raised.

### **2.3.4 DVA Grant**

LTCOL Kuusk reported that he was not allowed to apply for such a grant. Clive Thompson will do a submission and this would be supported by Barry Willoughby. The new government has changed the rules and a written quote is required and a letter from a Returned Services organization or other body would also be required to support the project. Such a quote would not be available immediately and LTCOL Kuusk would follow it up.

### **2.3.5 Letterhead**

Further work required to make the draft suitable for typing into. Chair to fix.

### **2.3.6 Database**

COL Jelly reported that he has amalgamated Bill McLaughlin's list with the HQ list. He also has a Nursing Corps list and LTCOL Kuusk has a Dental Corps list. COL Jelly will manage the list for the present but a more permanent arrangement is required. The list was not to be circulated. COL Jelly was complimented on his work.

## **3. Correspondence**

**3.1** COL J Aiello informed the Chair by email that she had been re-instated to the active reserves on a DA-50 as Corps Consultant to the DAPA. The Group congratulated her and hopes to see her as her posting allows.

**3.2** COL Byrne forwarded a list of items for consideration by the group.

1. Mr John Davis. Personal records to be donated to the museum/RAAMC Association via Mr Shipp, Kent St Keswick. Liaison with LTCOL Kuusk.
2. LTCOL Sangster OBE AAMC. Records via Dr John Sangster.
3. Records of LTCOL Noel Bonnin AAMC and LTCOL J Bonnin AAMC via Trish Bonnin (Mrs P Thompson) or Dr Alistair Bonnin – palliative care specialist.
4. COL Harry Fisher OBE ex CO 2/1 Aust Fd Amb, DMS 6 div AIF and DMS 4 MD, via Dr John Hughes/Mrs Joan Hughes, Inman Valley (COL Mollison to follow up).

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

COL Summers table the report. No change from previous balance. She also tabled a proforma to be used to seek donations for the Group and to ensure that donations are properly registered by AMOSA.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 Fd Amb History**

The Chair reiterated the need to document the history of 3Fd Amb, 3 Fwd Gen Hosp and 3 HSB. COL Byrne has supplied material to LTCOL Hass who is the history officer at 3HSB. The Chair will invite him to the next meeting of this Group. There is a need to emphasise that South Australia was the backbone of the RAAMC by virtue of many people working two jobs. The reorganization of the units has meant some loss of local identity and we should record our place in history. LTCOL

Kuusk will produce a proforma for recording one's CV so that LTCOL Hass would be able to start the task of recording some such material.

**6. Date of next Meeting**  
**19 MAY09**

Six members stayed for an enjoyable dinner after the meeting

Chairman                      date  
B P Perks  
COL