

## **Minute 2**

### **Minutes of RAAMC History Meeting**

Naval, Military and Air Force Club Inc. (SA) 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Attendees: COL B L Perks, COL P D Byrne, COL P Thomas, LTCOL Sven Kuusk  
Apologies: COL A Summers

Meeting opened at 1805

#### **1. Website Discussion**

- 1.1. Important to get good links eg. AWM in Canberra
- 1.2. SA at War
- 1.3. DVA support
- 1.4. Library of South Australia
- 1.5. South Australia War Memorial
- 1.6. Contact archivist at RAH (Need to establish contact details)

#### **Discussion**

- 1.7 The committee wanted to focus the website purely on South Australia until up and running successfully then it can be expanded as required.
- 1.8 It was noted that the RAAMC did not officially occur until 1948. Prior to that it was the AAMC.
- 1.9 Sven Kuusk drew the committees attention to the Bibliography of Australian Military History (and ANU paperwork).
- 1.10 It contains all published and many non published manuscripts especially on unit histories.
- 1.11 Metals and awards to include QHS and QHP post nominals.
- 1.12 Patterson at PAOCA now has 5000 bibliographic summaries.
- 1.13 Alterations to the website menu**
  - 1.14 Alter allied services to read Allied Health Services
  - 1.15 Add Role of Honour
  - 1.16 Add POW
  - 1.17 Add Voluntary Aid Detachments
  - 1.18 Add Medical Australian Army Women's Services
  - 1.19 Add Philanthropic Organisations eg.
    - 1.20 Red Cross
    - 1.21 Salvation Army
    - 1.22 Red Triangle

These changes will be added to the website menu for further discussion and approval at the meeting on 13th February 2007

#### **2. Company Funding Sources**

- 2.1. Medical supply companies – a good source of funds
- 2.2. Army Medical and Veterinary Stores another source of funds.

#### **3. Australian History Unit Grant**

- 3.1. Sven Kuusk briefed the meeting on the requirements for Australian History unit Grants.
  - 3.1.1. Two assessors
  - 3.1.2. Assess on points (need 80 to qualify)
  - 3.1.3. Usually given to publish a book

- 3.1.4. Already been published by Tyquin
- 3.2. It was decided that to be successful the grant application would need to:
  - 3.2.1. Refocus on the deficiencies in the Tyquin book
  - 3.2.2. Get the advice of the head of unit – Roger Lee
  - 3.2.3. Remember that they want all corps histories done in the immediate future.
- 3.3. It was decided to apply when the committee is ready but not in Feb 2007.
- 3.4. The committee should aim to apply in say Feb 2008 if possible.
- 4. Department of Veteran Affairs Grants
  - 4.1. Sven Kuusk briefed the meeting on the requirements for Veterans Affairs Grants.
  - 4.2. Remember that they are commemorative grants
    - 4.2.1. Grants are to create but not to administer
    - 4.2.2. Must be able to demonstrate the long term administrative viability of the use of the grant (i.e. Must have demonstrated funding for outgoing maintenance).
    - 4.2.3. Most grants are for about \$3000.00 and special case must be established for larger grants.
    - 4.2.4. Remember the purpose of the target audience is to clearly **educate** public, veterans and school children.
    - 4.2.5. Focus on unit history and individual RAAMC histories.
    - 4.2.6. The new federal minister Bilson is very supportive.
  - 4.3. Contact in SA – Peter Jones 08 8290 0511 at Blackburn House, Grenfell Street. Adelaide
  - 4.4. It was decided to apply in the near future, to fund the website.
  - 4.5. Emphasis needs to be placed on the community benefit flowing from such a grant.
- 5. Simpson and Donkey Statue Project
  - 5.1. The committee was updated on the proposed Simpson and the Donkey Statue.
  - 5.2. It was noted that the committee may be asked to provide assistance at a future date.
  - 5.3. The committee agreed with the chairman's view that the original sponsors should continue to run with the project.

Meeting Closed at 1910 hrs

Dinner

The Naval, Military and Air Force Club was unavailable on this occasion. Byrne, Kussk and Perks adjourned to Chiani Restaurant in Hutt Street for Dinner.

Signature of Chair

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