



The RUSI Gazette



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Presentation Dinners

Members may be aware that the Committee usually entertains the visiting Lecturer to a Buffet Dinner in the Officers Mess prior to each Presentation.

We do have vacancies if any member would like to join us for this event. There is a cap on the number we can take (32) so first in best dressed is the order of the day.

Any member who wishes to attend is asked to contact the Executive Officer, Alan Robertson, on Mobile 0418 545 207 or by email: awrobertson@bigpond.com

Executive Officer awarded the OAM

The Executive Officer, SQNLDR Alan Robertson, was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours 2017 announced on 26 January this year.

The award was made for service to veterans and to the Community and included his service to the RUSI of Tasmania, Government House & No 29 SQN.



Did You Know?

The two most abundant things in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity.

I like long walks – especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

Editor.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



WGCDR Deb Phillips who was the Senior Air Force Officer Tasmania has been Posted to the Australian Defence College at Weston Creek ACT on DS. We all wish Deb the

best of luck in her new posting and hope to see her back here sometime.

Deb has been replaced in Tasmania by WGCDR Ben Cullen, an Air Combat Officer.

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2017 PROGRAM

The following Presentation Program is proposed for the period February to July 2017.

Thursday 16 February 2017

CMDR Lewis Gaha OAM, ADC, RAN
Iraq Surge 2008

Thursday 17 March 2017

"Colours Aloft" The Colours of 12/40 Bn RTR were taken to France for Centenary celebrations. Presentation by the Subalterns who escorted the Colours to France and back.

Thursday 20 April 2017

BLAMEY ORATION – Dr Alan Ryan
'Australia's Strategic place in the Global conflicts'

Thursday 18 May 2017

SGT Gerrard Dutton – TAS POLICE
Police Deployments overseas.

Thursday 15 June 2017

LTCOL Mark Cooper (TBC)
Security Detachment Iraq

Thursday 20 July 2017

Prof Michael Breadmore
"International Security – Explosive Devices"

HOBART BRANCH AGM

Tuesday 08 August 2016
5pm – Cliff Jones Theatre (FLC)
Anglesea Barracks

RAAFA Museum

The RAAF Association Museum, located in the RAAF Memorial Centre, 61 Davey street, Hobart, has been refurbished and is open each Wednesday and Sunday 10am to 3pm.

The range of exhibits is comprehensive and they focus largely on Tasmanians who have served in the RAAF at various periods. Admission is free and the Curator, Air Vice-Marshal Peter Scully AO, RAAF (Ret) is keen to advertise the facility. Special Tours may be arranged on request.

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AUST POWs

Over the last century, more than 34,000 Australians have become prisoners of war. The Turkish and German Armies imprisoned 4,000 Australian servicemen during WWI and many more Australians experienced captivity during WWII. Between 1940 and 1945 about 8,000 Australians became prisoners of the Italians and Germans, while the Japanese imprisoned more than 22,000 servicemen and nurses. Conditions were particularly difficult for the POWs held in Japanese camps and just over one third died during their captivity. North Korea or Chinese forces also held thirty Australians as POWs during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953.

Editor

PASSING OF COLONEL PETER PATMORE AM, RFD, ED

15 December 2016



The institute is saddened to record the Passing of Colonel Peter Patmore. Peter was a Past President of the RUSI of Tas and was a member for 58 years. He received Life Membership some years ago and was the recipient of a 50 Year Membership Medallion in 2008.

He was a constant supporter of all the Institute activities and his passing will Leave a void on the canvass of our Organisation. Peter suffered from renal failure in the last week leading up to his passing on Thursday 15 December 2016. The Institute, the RAA and military circles, as well as other organisations with which he was affiliated, were represented at his funeral on Wednesday 21 Dec 2016 at the Holy Spirit Church Sandy Bay. It was a great tribute to an amazing lifetime of achievement.

Peter commenced his military service as a National Serviceman in 1953. He was commissioned in 1958 into the 6th Field Regiment RAA, progressing through Battery Commander, 2 i/c and then Commanding Officer in April 1970. In 1967 he took a short tour in Vietnam with 1 Field Regiment RAA. Peter attended the Joint Services Staff College in 1974 and was subsequently appointed Commander 6th Training Group in 1977 also fulfilling the role as the Senior Reserve Officer Tasmania.

Peter also served as Honorary Colonel of Cadets in Tasmania from 1986 to 1996 and in 1977 was appointed Colonel Commandant RAA Tasmania. He was a Past President of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club of Tasmania and a Past Chairman of Southern Cross Care Tasmania. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1993 and served for a time as one of the National Directors of the Order. His wife, Barbara, died in April 2015 and he is survived by his three sons and a daughter.

Vale Peter, good soldier, good comrade, good citizen and good friend. You will be fondly remembered. Rest in Peace.



2017 BLAMEY ORATION

Dr Alan Ryan, who is the Executive Director of the Australian Military-Civil Centre in Queanbeyan, will deliver the 2017 Blamey Oration at Anglesea Barracks on Thursday 20 April 2017 at 1900 hrs. The title of the Oration is: *“National Level Operations – Achieving Strategic Results through Joined-up Government”*.

Dr Ryan has a long and impressive association with Defence Academia as well as substantial service in the Army Reserve including several years exchange experience with the British Territorial Army.

This very substantial Defence association has well equipped him to deliver the Blamey Oration to us. Dr Ryan has a PhD in International Studies from Cambridge University, a BA (Hons) and LLB from Melbourne University and he is also Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Management at La Trobe University.

We look forward to your particular support to this presentation. The usual Presentation Flyer will be sent out in due course.



A SOLDIERS LOT

*God and Soldier we adore,
In time of danger, not before;
Danger past and all things righted,
God is forgotten and the Soldier slighted.*

Rudyard Kipling