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Lest We Forget

The ANZAC Spirit



Passing Parade

Seamus Doherty passed away on 11th February 2017 aged 48 years. Seamus joined 13 Fd Sqn in 1986 and the ARA in 1988. He served with 20 Div Engr Spt Sqn, SME training with Explosive Detection Dogs, 3 CER, Defence Centre Perth and 2 CER. In 1993 he was a member of the Somalia Peace Keeping Force. He took discharge in 1994 and joined the WA Police Service and in 1995 rejoined the ARes parading with the Pilbara Regt.

Gloria Clark, wife of our esteemed Secretary/Treasurer Neville, passed away on 12th February 2017.

William (Bill) Sweet passed away on 22nd March 2017 aged 87 years. Bill was a National Serviceman serving 2 years in the British Army. He immigrated to Australia and joined the RAE in 1951. He served in PNG, in Borneo and in Vietnam with 17 Const Sqn, 1968-69. In his 30 year career, Bill served with 1 Fd Sqn, 17 & 22 Const Sqn, 1, 5 & 11 CE Works and was posted back to 22 Const Sqn where he retired in 1981.

Steven (Steve) Boyd passed away on 24th March 2017 aged 62 years. Steve joined the Army in 1969 and spent all of his career serving with units over east. His last posting was to 13 Fd Sqn as the Training WO in the 1980's until he took discharge in 1989.

Sick Parade

John Williams has not been well and has spent the last couple of weeks in hospital but is slowly showing signs of improvement.

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN EDWARD (JACK) O'SULLIVAN



Jack was born on 7 April 1916 in Dwellingup WA, the oldest of seven children.

Jack's early life in Manjimup was centred around family and a career in forestry. He picked up his nickname Rogue in these early days as a lad in Manjimup.

He joined the 2nd/2nd Forestry Company in 1940 and sailed from Fremantle on 31 May

1940 bound for France to assist in the supply of timber. During the voyage France fell to Germany and his ship was diverted to UK where his company was sent to Thornhill, Scotland to supply timber for the British Army.

In Thornhill he met Jean Glendinning and they married in June 1943. Jean sailed to Australia in 1944 on one of the first war bride ships. She lived in Manjimup with Jack's family until his discharge in 1945.

In late 1943 Jack's company returned to Australia because of the imminent Japanese invasion. Instead of staying with his unit, he was posted to Wagga Wagga in NSW as a physical training instructor before being discharged in October 1945.

Soon after his discharge he was appointed as a mature age entry Police Constable (Number 2014). During his police service (1945 - 1976) he worked in Liquor Licensing and then established the Missing Persons Unit before retiring at age 65 in 1976.

Jack and Jean had four children: Glenda (Hollingsworth), Barbara (Wilmot), Evan (deceased) and Grant. They have ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In addition to Jack's Army and Police service, he led a busy family and sporting life. He was awarded life memberships of: Claremont Junior Football Club in 1971, Floreat Park Bowling Club in 1972, the RSL in 1997 and the Forestry Company in 1999.

Jack and Jean lived in Floreat for many years before moving to St Ives in Northshore. Jack moved into Lady McCuster Home, Duncraig in 2014 and was reunited with Jean when she moved there in 2016.

Jack was the last surviving member of the "Woodpeckers", the nickname given to the Sappers of the Forestry Companies.

Jack passed away on the 3 January 2017 at the age of 100 years and 9 months.

MEETING OUR MEMBERS



Frank Kelly

Frank was born in Port Lincoln, SA, in 1935. He is one of four children. He grew up and attended primary and high schools in Port Lincoln. He left school at the age of 14 and started work as a trainee draftsman.

In 1953, Frank was called up for National Service and after initial training, joined 4 RAR and went to Korea with 1 RAR. On his return, he Corps transferred to RAE and was posted to Japan. From there he was posted to 23 Const Sqn at Wakefield until the Unit closed down and then joined 1 Fd Sqn where and promoted to Sgt and Chief Clerk.

In early 1965, Frank did a 6 month tour of duty in Borneo and after 12 years in the Army took discharge in August of that year and settled in Whyalla where he managed a caravan park and spent another 5 years with the CMF.

He then worked for Shell Development in SA as transport manager and later transferred to Singapore in 1980 as Operations Manager of 3 drilling rigs. He returned to Perth in 1983 and managed a Newsagent and was a Transperth bus driver when he retired in 1998.

Frank married Ann in April 1960 and they have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.



Mike (Snake) Robinson

Snake was born in Cottesloe in 1958 and grew up in Scarborough where he attended Primary and Senior high school. He has an older sister.

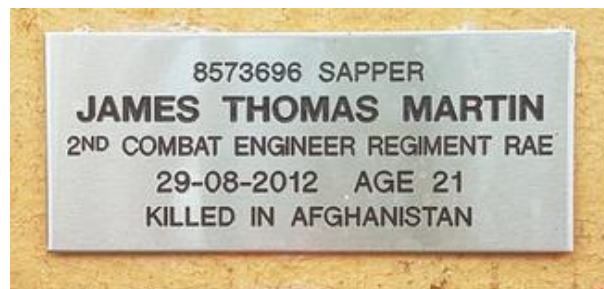
At the age of 12 he got his first job pumping petrol and servicing cars at Ted Sears' Caltex in Doubleview.

Snake joined the ARes in 1975 and served with 13 Fd Sqn until 1977. When he joined the ARA and served with 22 Const Sqn from 1978 until 1984 when he took discharge.

After the army, he took up the job of manager of Rex Spares (Rare Spares Perth) until 2001 when he purchased the business.

In 1981, Snake married Susanne and they currently live in Scarborough. They have 3 adult children, 2 daughters and a son.

Memorial Plaque



At our meeting on 19th February, the Association honoured the memory of Spr James Thomas Martin by fixing a plaque on our Memorial Wall.



The plaque was unveiled by his mother, Suzanne Thomas. Also in attendance were James' sister Holly and brother Angus, his maternal grandparents, as well as extended family and friends.

All guests stayed and shared a drink and lunch with those members who attended the meeting.

Memorabilia

At that same meeting, Mike O'Doherty donated an Engineer banner and a remembrance light box to the Association for safe keeping. Both items were rescued by Lt Hugh O'Doherty after WW2 had ended and up into stored in his shed. Mike discovered the item when he recently got around to sorting through his father's shed.

The banner is being framed at the moment and will have a plaque attached to the frame with a brief story on its history.

The box has had a complete rewire and new LED lights installed thanks to our new member Colin Thomas.

ANZAC DAY

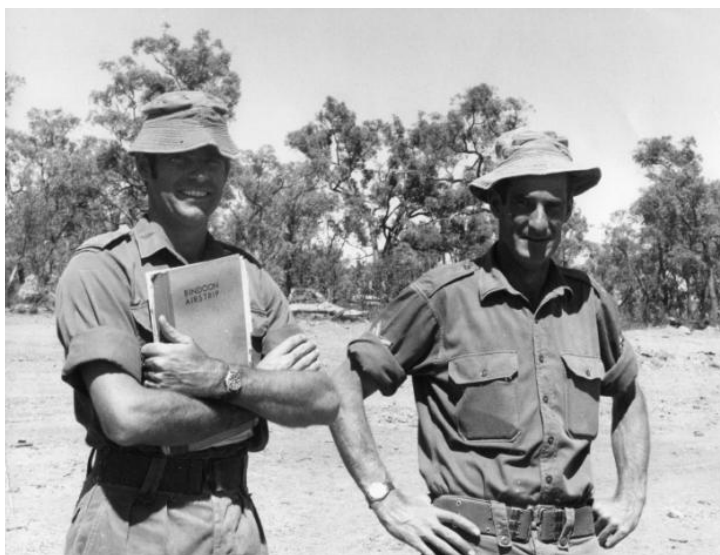
At our general meeting on Sunday 9th, the SSM 13 Fd Sqn passed on details of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. These details will be forwarded on to members by email over the next day or so.

New Members

The Association welcomes the following new members - **Sam DeGrazia** who was an extended part of the Maunder family when a young lad, **Colin Thomas** an ex-apprentice who served in various units including 22 Const Sqn and overseas in Western Samoa and **Brian Deering** has rejoined the Association after a short break.

From the Past

Bindoon



Capt Paul Wilmot and Sgt Ian (Lofty) Warren at Bindoon airstrip in 1973.

For many Sappers of 22 Const Sqn, Bindoon was their second home while the Training Area was being opened up and developed with the construction of the many roads, airstrip, dam, camp sites and hard standings.

How many remember Perth like this!



The Old Causeway



Barrack St Jetty & South Perth

Sausage Sizzle

The Association held a sausage sizzle on 8 April at Bunnings in Malaga. A big thank you to all members and friends who volunteered two hours of their time to help out cooking sausages and serving the customers.

The Treasurer has not had a chance to work out the finances yet but we were able to sell over 800 buns so it was a pretty good day.

New Constitution

Our previous state Liberal government changed the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 with effect from 1 July 2016. Although we have 3 years to complete the change over to the new Act, thanks to Russell (Crab) McEntyre the Committee is in the final stages of re-writing our Constitution to comply with the new Associations Incorporation Act 2015. The Committee is hoping to have the new Constitution completed and presented to the Department of Commerce for their approval and issue of a new Certificate of Incorporation by 30 June 2017.

If this target can be achieved, some changes will come into effect from 1 July which will affect the makeup of the Committee as well as some minor changes that will not affect the everyday running of the Association as we do it now but are administrative changes to comply with the new Act.

Survey Corps Memorial

The Survey Corps limestone memorial had deteriorated over the past few years to the extent that the lettering was falling off as particles of the limestone washed away. The Survey Association were not in a position to carry out repairs



At the last general meeting, approval was given for Peter Billington to investigate the cost of replacing the blocks with reconstituted limestone blocks. As the cost of getting new blocks, setting them in position and getting the plaque and lettering re-finished and properly sealed was going to be less than \$100.00, the Association went ahead with the refurbishment.

Luncheon

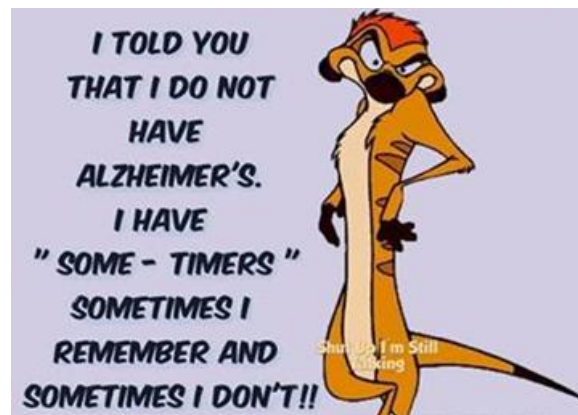
The Association held another luncheon for our WW2 veterans and widows on 13 March. 20 veterans and widows including drivers and invited guests attended and enjoyed a wonderful meal at the 'Karalee on Preston' in Como.

A thank you to Bob Horrocks for organising the luncheon.

Jokes



Ever wondered why you cannot get a sensible answer when you ring your phone or internet service providers and find you have a bad connection or trouble understanding the person on the other end of the line.



Next Meeting

Our next meeting is set for 21 May and our AGM is set for 23 July.

If the new Constitution is approved and changes to the committee go ahead, members will be advised of the changes before the AGM.

Change of Address

Just a reminder that if you change any of your contact details, could you please let Neville or myself know (contact details at top of front page). It is nice to have the correct details when trying to contact someone or when sending out the "Purple Circle".