

Apologies

John Neale, Don Horne.

Correspondence In

Email MHSА Federal Council Meeting Agenda 24 Feb 09,
Email MHSА Fed Council Minutes Meeting 192,
Email Invite to book launch (attached)

Presidents Report: - Nothing to report

Secretaries Report: - Shrine of Remembrance Travelling Exhibition – Wodonga Art space.

Treasurers Report: - Nothing to Report

General Business

1. Doug Hunter reported that the MHSА Albury Wodonga branch combined meeting with the Albury and District Historical Society due to commitments would be unable to do it in April as proposed and that the secretary would write to the MHSА for a meeting later in the year.
2. Israel Pass proposed that the MHSА Albury/Wodonga should look at making a yearly calendar with information on major events and meeting dates.
3. Gary Johnson asked that if members would like to attend a display of the Cannon Firing on a weekend suitable to all. He also suggested a visit to the War Birds Aircraft Factory at Wangaratta.
4. Meeting noted in newsletter 1/2009 for October 5th, due to a public holiday will now be changed to **October 12th please change your diary date.**

From the members

5. Brian Scanlan conducted a 20 question Quiz which proved very interesting.
6. Terry Spinelli raised a question as to where does the actual VC of Australia come from? Is it the same material as the original VCs issued from UK?

The VC of Australia is actually the same as the original VC instigated by Queen Victoria. The metal in the VC was from the capture guns melted down to make the VC. Australia now make application to the UK and purchases the medal and it is engraved in Australia before presentation.

7. Doug Hunter spoke about an Australian Artillery Officer of the 7th Artillery Battery (the Albury Battery) Capt Calhoon during WW1. He was responsible for the organising and delivery of ammunition to the Guns and was observed bringing it through bombardments by the Germans. For his actions he was awarded the US Distinguished Service Medal. in 1918.

8. Nigel Horne nominated to prepare the April meeting quiz.
9. Russell brought along many of his reference books dealing with medals and ribbons.
9. The meeting closed at 2100.

Noticeboard

Army Museum Bandiana:

- The AMB has received a new exhibit of a White Army F250 Ambulance in running order.
- A new acquisition to the museum is Long Range Patrol Vehicle (LRPV) presented by Land Rover Australia, on the 18th Feb 09 who used this vehicle as a show piece around the world as an example of what they could supply for other armies.
- Also attending the presentation were three members of the Isuzu Japan Firm who were very interested in the museum vehicles and along with the Director and staff of DMO Melbourne Vehicle SPO who were impressed in the standard and variety of military vehicle at the museum.
- The Corowa Historical Vehicle Swim In with the theme of “Amphibian Vehicles and the year of the Blitz” is being held on the weekend of 14/15 March. The museum is hoping to send over the DUWK, LARK, Amphibious Jeep, Hafflinger, Blitz Ambulance, Blitz Cargo Truck and Blitz Workshop Truck. The parade will be held on Saturday morning then out to the Airport for display.

Does anyone have something interesting that they would like to talk about, put in the newsletter, maybe a question, a rumor or a furphy that you have heard, that could be discussed /answered at the next meeting? If you do, let me know and I'll put it in the newsletter.

MHSA around the traps

From the Federal Council

Next meeting will be held on 24th Feb 09

MHSA Website:

- Log onto www.mhsa.org.au for more information about the Society and links to other military- related organisations

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- Please note that our Branch postal address is:
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Meetings in 2009

Please mark your calendars/diary with the following dates:

February 2nd April 6th June 1st August 3rd October 12th December 7th

Details of the venue and activities will be provided in the newsletter prior to each meeting.

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MHSA member invitation

Dear Chris,

Cambridge University Press would like to invite the members of the MHSA of Albury-Wodonga to the launch of *The Proud 6th* by Mark Johnston at the **Shrine of Remembrance on March 12th, 10.30am**.

Cambridge is partnered with the Australian Army in the production of the Australian Army History series. *The Proud 6th* is our second book in this series.

It will be a terrific event with many representatives of The Australian Army and The Army History Unit present.

Attached is the invitation. We would be thrilled if you could send it out to your members in your next communication to them. If you would like hard copies of the invitation, do let me know and I will post them to you. Otherwise, please use the information from it as you see fit (ie. a notice on your website or reference to it in a newsletter).

If you'd like to read more info about the book, click here: www.cambridge.org/aus/9780521514118

Do let me know if you have any queries, otherwise I'll look forward to hearing from you,

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