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MAY NEWS LETTER 2015

ANZAC DAY 2015

It was a later start to the march this year for the NSW Survey Corps Association due to the change of the location for the form up.

After a week of torrential rain, the weather in Sydney on Anzac Day was perfect, blue sky and sunny. Rain developed in the later afternoon, but the march went through unscathed.

It being the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli the attendance was understandably up, both with those marching and the crowds that attended.

This year we were down to one WW2 member marching in our group John Lymbery, who is remarkable for his age of 93.

Again we had support of uniformed troops from the Geomatic Engineering Wing (GEW) of the School of Military Engineering (SME) at Holsworthy.

The participation of the uniformed personnel, who man our banner as well (it requires 4 to tend it) really sharpens up our group's appearance.

Many thanks to WO1 Peter Coles, the Wing Sergeant Major of GEW. Also to Sergeant Grant Stone, who organised the military contingent and their transport.

A must mention is Corporal Peter Stagg, who led us on the march with a display of great confidence and authority.

There were 22 ex Survey members marching plus 11 uniformed troops from SME, a great turn-out.

At the conclusion of the march we had our AGM in Hyde Park.

Unfortunately, President, Richard Jackson-Hope, could not make it on the day, due to illness in the family.

Given that Richard was unable to attend, the AGM was very short.

Unanimously, Richard has been re-elected to the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

On conclusion of the AGM the majority of us adjourned to the Macquarie Hotel in Wentworth Street, where a great afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Attendance list.

Doug Basher (Vic), Phil Bannister, William Boyd, Bernie Cain, Bob Campbell, Steven Dhalla, Frank Fischer, Bruce Grisdale, Greg Grace, Tony Haseloff (Vic), Rob Hunter, Craig Kellet, John Lymbery (WW2), Grant McGuinness, Peter Raue, John Siddons, Stan Stephens (SA), Terry Star, Brian Thomas (Vic) Terry Topham, Darcy Volz (Qld).

Apologies.

Greg Oaten, Richard Jackson-Hope, Peer Tierney, Bruce Williams, Charmain Williams, Andrew Wardell, Wally Chilcott.

RAE Escort.

G.M. Bourke, S.M. Dooley, O.Tindale, M.J Koplick, J.A. Lennox, J.E. Sacmom, M.L. Tasker, T.S. Fox M. Brandt, D. Radovich, Cpl Peter Stagg.



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A big thank you to the RAE Escort for their participation in the 2015 ANZAC Day.
The support of the RAE each year is appreciated by the members of Royal Australian Survey Corps Association (NSW).



John Lymbery, Bernie Cain, Phil Bannister



Frank Fischer & John Siddons



Cpl Peter Stagg & Escort



John Lymbery WW2



Photograph taken off the TV of the 2015 ANZAC Day March

Recent photographs taken inside the new museum.



Reminder of two functions to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Corps in 2015.

Bendigo Royal Australian Corps Centenary Celebrations

The Ex-Fortuna Association has made arrangements for a large function in Bendigo as part of the commemorations of the Royal Australian Corps centenary.

Early arrivals function Friday evening 3 July 2015

A Major function Saturday evening 4 July 2015

A visit to "Fortuna" on Sunday 5 July 2015

Friday 3 July 2015.

Evening arrival Bendigo RSL Bistro Meal own arrangements

Saturday 4 July 2015.

1030hrs Civic Reception Bendigo town hall with Corps Banners,

Medals, Main Group photo taken plus the Mayoral address. Survey Corps Memorabilia available.

Saturday 4 July 2015. The main function on Saturday night has been booked out, arrangements have been made for those who missed out and wanting to catchup later in the evening to have a meal at the "All Seasons Bistro."

1900hrs Main Function All Seasons Function Centre Bendigo

Corps Director guest Speaker.

Limited Survey technical and historical displays. Slide show.

Sunday 5 July 2015.

1200hrs BBQ Lunch Goldmines Hotel Bendigo and gardens. Limited cost.

Sunday 5 July 2015

1500hrs Commemorative Service, Unveiling of Survey Story Board and brass plaque at Memorial Cairn Fortuna Villa. Photo opportunities.

Cutting of the Cake and afternoon tea provided.

Canberra Royal Australian Corps Centenary Celebrations

Please let Rob McHenry know at rob@mchenry.net.au if you intend attending

In Canberra, a number of functions have been organised for Wed 1st July 2015 to celebrate this occasion. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at 11am in the Western Courtyard of the Australian War Memorial. This will be followed by a gathering at the 'Australian National Library' at 3pm for a nostalgic viewing of our mapping and related documents. The day will finish with a mixed dinner at the Lobby restaurant, an iconic Canberra fixture.

The 100th anniversary is realistically the last opportunity and excuse for many of us to get together and tell each other how great we were. It is a time to look forward to catching up with as many old friends as possible at the above and other functions being planned for the occasion.

Australian War Memorial – Wreath Laying Ceremony:-

Format - A formal occasion incorporating speeches and wreath laying by dignitaries and former Corps directors.

Timing – Ceremony commences at 11am and is expected to take approximately one hour.

Medals - To be worn.

Location – Western Courtyard, Australian War Memorial. Seating will be provided.

Weather - This is an outdoor ceremony in Canberra's winter.

Parking - A number of large car parks are at the rear of the memorial.

There is also an underground carpark with disabled parking facilities. Parking is free.

Photographs - Official photographer to be organised by AWM. Photographs will be uploaded to the AWM Flickr site following the ceremony.

Web Page - <http://www.awm.gov.au/>

National Library of Australia – Reception and Map Viewing:-

Format- A relaxed, informal opportunity to view selected mapping and related documents generated over the life of the Corps.

Location - The event will be held in the connected Brindabella and Conference Rooms and will incorporate a light refreshment. Disabled access is available.

Timing - Commences at 3pm and is expected to last for approximately one hour

Medals - Not required

Sponsors - The reception is being sponsored by The Institution of Surveyors NSW and Victoria as well as the Seniors Group of ISNSW and the Cumberland Group of Surveyors.

Parking - Ample paid parking is available in the vicinity of the Library.

Web Page - <http://www.nla.gov.au/>

Lobby Restaurant:-

General - The restaurant is fully booked.

Format – An informal mixed gathering in a relaxed atmosphere to note the special nature of the occasion. There will be a guest speaker (Chris Clark) and a number of toasts.

Timing - 6:45 for 7:00pm and out around 11pm.

Dress – Smart casual.

Menu – Three courses with tea and coffee. Special dietary requirements catered for.

Drinks - All funds collected above the cost of the meal will be expended on drinks.

Once this amount is used, thirsty members will be able to purchase from a cash bar.

Seating – 17 tables of eight people. One table will be reserved for the guest speaker.

Apart from this, there is no seating plan.

Parking - A large area of car park is available across Parkes Place West. Parking is free of an evening.

Access to Survey Corps Nominal Roll Version 2015 (a PDF document) is now available through Kym Weston's home page on www.rasurvey.org

Vale: Major (Ret) Kenneth Raymond Shaw 10th June 1927 – 21st April 2015

A service of thanksgiving and celebration of the life, love and friendship of Kenneth Raymond Shaw was held in The Peninsula Village Chapel at Umina Beach on the Central Coast of NSW on the 15th of May. Ken would be well known as the SSM to many ex-students of the School of Military Survey at Balcombe. Those who were streamed to the regiment from Balcombe or Bonegilla in the years after he was promoted to WO1 and appointed as the SSM of Cartographic Squadron, would remember him in that position or as WO1 IC Proving and post commissioning, in that same role, before being posted to various positions including PNG, Singapore and the office of the SO1 Survey in Sydney. There would be very few who would remember him before the above times.

Ken's military career started a month or so before the surrender of the Japanese forces in WW2. He was a digger in an infantry battalion. After the surrender, Ken's battalion was, amongst other duties, responsible for the security of a Japanese POW camp. He remained in the army after the war and transferred to Survey Corps. He was initially sent to Bendigo. Ken told some amusing and not so amusing stories about his transition from Infantry to Survey.

The Shaw family was much larger than Ken, Nance and their three offspring, Alan, Daryl and Sue. While Ken could be a bristling sergeant major when the occasion demanded, he took very seriously his responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of the troops in his care.

The esteem, in which he was held by his troops, is exemplified by the fact that Ken was the stand in father of many young ladies with whom he worked. He walked them down the aisle on their wedding day. Likewise he attended the weddings of many young men as an honoured guest. Troubled young Diggers were kept on the straight and narrow through his good counsel. Oh yes and to top it all off, he certainly knew how to make maps and how to teach others to do so.

Ken's family did Ken and Nance proud on the day of Ken's memorial service, with songs and stories that lovingly, laughingly and at times tearily celebrated both of their lives. Friends and relatives from near and far and from the many facets of Ken's and Nance's lives attended and joined the family in their celebration. Five friends from the corps attended.

William Boyd OAM



Ken & Nancy attending to fire of one the many BQ they gave at their home in Bendigo. They were a team and wonderful hosts.



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