

BSAP Outpost Australia

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New Chairman Will Keys

This is a short note to introduce myself and thank the outgoing Chair and Committee for their outstanding efforts to date.

Jacki and I have four married adult children and three granddaughters. We live in Brisbane, Queensland and have occupied the same house for the last 30 years. I think of myself as an Australian/ex-Rhodesian. Both my parents were Rhodesian born. I joined the BSAP out of High School, Ellis Robbins in 1965.

UDI milestone

UDI was declared while we were still in Depot Training. I left the Force after ten years service holding the rank of Inspector. I will always be grateful to the Force for the absolutely superb training in the 'university of life'. I was transferred from Mtoroshanga to Centenary as Member-In-Charge and our final three years were a nightmare. The experiences we endured at Centenary changed our lives and forced us to confront reality. Enough said.

Post force years

After leaving the Force in 1975 I went into business by acquiring the franchise for the Wimpy Bar in Que Que. In 1981 we immigrated to Queensland, Australia. I joined Myer Stores Ltd, which became Coles-Myer Ltd, rising to the position of General Manager for the micro-computer division. The next move was to Tech-Pacific, as Managing Director. I later studied social-science, followed by a Law degree and graduated with an LLB at QUT. I practiced as a solicitor in my own firm until I retired.

Andrew Field's constitution

I was one of the founders of the BSAP Queensland Branch. I assisted Andrew Field, in his drafting of the new BSAP Constitution. This was from a legal technical perspective and I was not involved in any policy making.

Vice Chairman role

Alan Hadfield requested I assist him in the role as Vice-Chairman. I congratulate the old Committee for

all their efforts and welcome the new Committee. These are voluntary and honorary positions deserving of respect and consideration.

Our fundamental duty is to uphold and promote the membership and memory of this once great Force.

We are an ageing demographic, please help by giving cordial support.

Kind regards,

William Keys - Incoming Chairman 2018/2019

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Outgoing Chairman's Report 2017/2018

It has been my honour to have been the first Australia Branch Chairman, which I have held for the last two years. I believe it is necessary to reiterate the background that led to my election.

The WA Years

The Western Australian 'office bearers', after years of excellent and pioneering service, decided not to re-nominate for office. Nominations for branch chairman were promulgated and nobody responded. The Perth based branch was facing closure and with it the demise of any Australia wide BSAP entity. It is significant to note that the majority of the entire Australia membership lives in Western Australia. The loss would have been profound for the otherwise revitalised international and national presence of former BSAP members and their friends and family.

Australia wide with State stations

The establishment of the Australia Branch was therefore in direct response to the likely demise of the Perth based operation. It is an unincorporated Association run by volunteers and represented throughout Australia. Each state has a State Liaison Officer (SLO) and some have SLO Assistants; and each SLO sits on the National Committee. Our National Committee meets bi-monthly via Skype, across four different time zones, which has been challenging to say the least. I think the major success of these meetings is the fact the entire meeting is over and done within two hours.

Station Autonomy

It is important to note that each state is run autonomously, with varying degrees of success and there is no desire on the part of the National Committee to interfere in state affairs. However, we are available when called upon, to give what assistance we can.

The formation of our Australian Branch of the BSAP Regimental Association was a huge undertaking, but I firmly believed we needed to keep the BSAP presence going as a combined National Branch, while still keeping the State/Stations independent.

Early friction and misgivings

On paper the plan was very simple and extremely effective, however I met with a lot of resistance, firstly from some in Queensland, then later from others in Western Australia. This slowed down the process and resulted in a tremendous amount of meetings and travel to do my best to pacify senior members and get us all going and pulling in the same direction. I did

this entirely at significant personal expense and many hours on the phone and away from home in Sydney. This was to the detriment of my companies, but I am happy to say we are all steering in the same direction at this point and Station activity has been excellent.



AGM driven direction

For the first time ever, our Annual General Meeting has been held away from Perth, which is the beauty of having a national association, we can decide where to have the AGM's. This gives members who have never had a chance of attending one in Australia, the chance to do attend at modest cost. This decision has not been without controversy, as a few older founding members in Perth took exception to this, but I am happy to say the majority are more than happy with the decision to move it around the country.

An active Executive

Some of the Executive Committee appointments are more critical than others. The National Association enjoyed the excellent services of Howard Martin, an Accountant, as Treasurer. Howard expressed a desire not to continue in office and considerately gave 'extra notice' of his intentions. Howard did a wonderful job as Treasurer and will be sorely missed. It was important to find a professional Accountant to replace Howard. To my delight, we sussed out Jacki Keys CPA, wife of Will Keys our able Vice-Chairman.

The elephant in the room

Our Association is an ageing demographic and your Executive Committee is all too aware of this fact. It goes without saying that we want to promote a younger demographic but that is easier said than done.

The only other thing we can do is to try and promote a culture of enthusiastic support for those who do toil in the Association. A leadership role may be beyond many members. Mobility, infirmity or whatever, may prevent the offer of 'direct help'. However, giving enthusiastic support even moral support to the Association is always appreciated.

Comings and goings

Although we have lost some members who have

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passed on due to age and health issues, our Association has gained members in different states and continues to grow, which is encouraging. Pauline McCarthy, our outgoing Secretary has spent many hours updating our membership list, and the ongoing work here will be the role of the incoming Secretary. This relies heavily upon members feeding us their updated information – particularly address changes and email changes – we get regular bounce backs from our email activities and that sadly means we will potentially lose contact. So, I urge all members to please assist us and especially their latest emails addresses/home postal addresses, along with telephone numbers etc. to remain current on our lists.

Go modern - FB and Skype

We have a *BSAP AUSTRALIA* [Facebook page](#), which we keep updated with all recent happenings and goings on around the country.

As you know we also have a page on the international [BSAP.org](#) which is also kept updated on a regular basis by you committee members.

The SLO core of activity

Our SLO's have been busy in different States arranging functions and I ask that you please support them in their respective endeavours to achieve success.

The Regimental State / Station Liaison Officer's:-

ACT - Joss Vieira put together a couple of successful functions before his move from Canberra to Orange, but - Thank you Joss. Simon Johnstone has kindly taken over ACT for the time being.

NSW - Alan Hadfield and Alum Vaughan have had two successful lunches in the past year - Well done Alum.

Queensland - Jennie Jones took over the position and was an excellent representative but has now resigned - John Gold who had been an SLO before has done a remarkable job and now Joan Fletcher is assisting in the post when she gets a break from the very busy role as Association Secretary.

Victoria/Tasmania united station - Derek Hardey had two successful lunches and did an excellent job hosting this year's AGM, well done Derek for the ongoing activities and to Cliff Styles who has been assisting very effectively.

South Australia - Richard Annesley took over from Lance Bradfield and has had a successful Christmas lunch - Well Done Richard.

Western Australia and Northern Territories united station - David Freemantle took over the reigns and has had a successful Christmas lunch and arranging more gathering at the Belmont RSL Club, where he has also,

as his own expense, bought a glass cabinet and displaying BSAP memorabilia.

Well done David and a big thank you. He is now being assisted by Janine Bradfield who has a brief biography on page 14 of this edition of Outpost.

BSAP brother/sisterhood

I believe that the BSAP RA is a 'Brotherhood and Sisterhood' of former serving members of the BSAP, be it Regular, National Service or Reservists, families and other Rhodesian services coming together and enjoying who we are and where we come from: never forgetting our history - we must be proud in our memories and heritage.

Communication is extremely important, and I must thank our Aussie Outpost Editor Simon Johnstone for his excellent work in the production of the three editions he has produced in the last year.

In conclusion, I want to say what an honour it is to have been your Chairman. I thank my able Executive Committee for their loyalty and commitment.

Vice Chairman - Will Keys - Thank you for your guidance and lengthy discussions about our Association;

Secretary - Pauline McCarthy - Thank you for your continual effort in keeping our Association together and sorry that you are leaving us for a short time I hope;

Treasurer - Jacki Keys - Thank you for stepping in and taking over this extremely important position and I know the Association's funds are in very capable and very safe hands.

Outpost - Simon Johnstone - Thank you for spending many, many hours creating each edition of our Australian Outpost. It is professionally produced by you and always has balanced and newsy content in it. Many of our members may not realize how much time and effort is required. This edition has undergone some upgrades including new font styles and layout changes, along with internet links.

Committee Member - Ant Balocca - Thank you for your support and commitment to our members and the Association.

We still have problems and issues to be settled but the BSAP RA Australia Branch has never been in better shape.

I wish to extend my best wishes to the incoming committee and hope that the ground work set over the past two years will make the way forward far easier.

Kind regards,

Alan Hadfield
Outgoing Chairman 2017/2018
BSAP Regimental Association AUSTRALIA

Why is the BSAP entitled to call itself a Regiment?

Regiment is something special

Did you know that the BSAP 'entitlement' to call itself a 'Regiment' is unique among police forces in the world? Yes indeed 'unique'. This British Royal honour was conferred on the BSAP after years of exemplary military and police service.

The Force took a military role in diverse theatres of war. The name British South Africa Police ("BSAP") is the final incantation in an evolution of 'The Force's' names.

BSAP VC

Did you know that a member of the BSAP was awarded the VC? The Force fought against the great Matabele nation and suffered heavy casualties. Major Alan Wilson and his brave men fought to the last. "Lest We Forget". The Force squashed the Mashonaland rebellion. In the Boer War, the BSAP participated in



National Boer War Memorial Association - Qld station

There is an interest amongst some Queensland Station members in the above organisation and their news letter makes very interesting reading. For those who would want to Google it there are fascinating articles about the history of this war.

There is an annual "Boer War Day" Commemoration Service and this year it was held on Sunday the 27th May 2018. Regrettably, this year, it could not be held at the Boer War Memorial in ANZAC square, Brisbane because of council refurbishment works around it. Instead the ceremony was held at the Shrine of Remembrance with the Eternal Flame in ANZAC Square. After the wreath laying and formalities members retired to the nearby Sofitel Hotel for refreshments.

Members of the Station who attended were Dave Berry (9191), Bill Borg (Army, Assoc Member) Clive Cooke (Army, Assoc Member). Mike Edden (4727) Mike Hayes (F/R 28014Z) Jennie Jones (WPR 205233) and Mike King (7012)

John Gold Queensland Station

the humiliating and ill-fated 'Jameson Road.

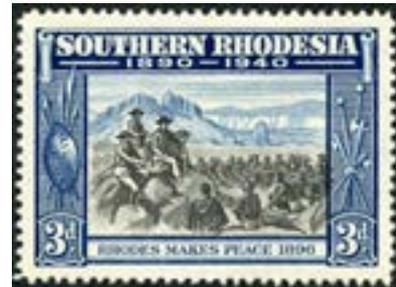
Service in other parts of Africa

The BSAP fought the Germans in central west Africa. They fought the Portuguese in central east Africa. They fought in Ethiopia and Somalia. The BSAP 'Askari' formed the base of the Rhodesia African Rifles and they now have their own history. The BSAP found itself irretrievably enmeshed in calamitous political modernity.

Winds of Change and poverty

Nothing could have altered the disaster that has befallen central Africa, following what is called "the winds of change" that blew through Africa. These powerful international 'winds' blew 'white people' out of Central Africa and the end is still nowhere in sight. The wonderful 'bread bowl' called Rhodesia was destroyed and with it also came the end of the great BSAP.

Source - a CD commissioned by the UK Association. Our thanks to Dave Massey 7047 in Melbourne



New National Committee

The 2018 BSAP Regimental Association Australia AGM, held in Melbourne on 3rd March 2018 elected the following National office bearers

Chairman - Will Keys
Vice Chairman - Alan Hadfield
Secretary - Joan Fletcher
Treasurer - Jacki Keys
BSAP College Representative - Will Keys
Editor of the Outpost - Simon Johnstone
Committee Member - Ant Balocca

State Liaison Officer's

ACT - Simon Johnstone
NSW - Alun Vaughan with Alan Hadfield
VIC/TAS - Derek Hardey with Cliff Styles
QLD - Joan Fletcher (secretary) assisting as SLO
SA - Rick Annesly
WA - Dave Fremantle with Janine Bradfield

Hilton Kobus – Forensic Scientist

In 1977 Hilton Kobus was head of the BSAP Forensic Science Laboratory, in Salisbury Rhodesia.

More than forty years later in July 2018, at Belmont bowling club, Brisbane, Australia Professor Hilton Kobus entertained an audience of ex-colleagues, BSAP affiliates and other guests.

Professor Kobus led his audience through his many forensic adventures in Zimbabwe, which included identifying the falsification of signatures on forged cheques. Identifying handwritten notes habitually left by terrorists, which assisted in successfully tracking their movements. The forging of Rhodesian stamps was interesting, as in some cases the counterfeit is now worth more than the original.

In 1981, together with two other prominent Forensic Scientists, Hilton moved to Australia where he continued his distinguished career, covering a broad range of forensic disciplines. Specific areas of expertise included chemical criminalistics, gun shot residue analyses and fingerprint chemistry. Research conducted at ANU between 1981 and 1984 led to development of a range of new luminescent-based detection systems using high power light sources.

The audience was amused when Hilton shared the story of himself as a newly arrived forensic scientist being cross-examined on the witness stand. The over zealous defence council pointed out that having recently arrived from

Africa, Professor Kobus would be unfamiliar with the spectroscopy used for the analysis, as it had only recently been acquired by the department. Hilton took great pleasure in advising the court that he had been working with this equipment for the past ten years. Rhodesia was both progressive and advanced in the world of Forensic science.

Television programmes can give the false impression that criminal



Chairman Will Keys, Prof. Hilton Kobus, Ken and Luanne Cunliffe. Ken, 111186 was one of the last 300 recruits before the force became the ZRP.

cases are solved purely on Forensic evidence. Although crucial, there is usually other contributing evidence. In certain circumstances litigation can continue for many years as the defence team tries to discredit scientific findings.

The identification of Bradley Murdoch in the case of the British tourist Peter Falconi who disappeared in the Northern territory, was as a result of DNA found on a cigarette butt in South Australia many years later. Time and distance make no difference are no longer problem factors in solving crimes due to the creation of a central Australian data base.

Hilton was not personally involved

in the case of the wrongly convicted Lindy Chamberlain whose nine-week-old baby Azaria was taken by a dingo near Uluru in the Northern Territory. The prosecution case was circumstantial and depended on forensic evidence. The Forensic Scientist responsible for proving blood splatter found in the vehicle was not blood, but in fact de-rusting grease, was one of the forensic scientists who moved from Rhodesia to Australia with Hilton.

Using fluorescent detection dyes for DNA detection has made significant advancement. The ability for dyes to detect DNA with biological samples such as saliva, hair, skin, finger-marks and hair follicles have been determined. There have been major developments in establishing a DNA database in support of criminal investigations. This has proved beneficial in assisting Australian police to solve crimes by linking DNA profiles.

Hilton presented a complex scientific subject in a simple and interesting way; it was a pleasure for his audience to follow. Slides were used to give a closer look at the development and achievements in forensic science. Judging from the reaction of all those present, the captivating journey of Hilton and the world of forensic science in Zimbabwe and Australia was greatly appreciated.

Professor Kobus expressed his affection for the BSAP and we are delighted he has joined the Australian Association.

ACT SLO vacancy

ACT has lost its hard working and great fun SLO with the departure of Jose Viera 8083 and his delightful wife June, back to Orange where they had lived before. We thank them both for their great company and efforts and wish them great times back in NSW country.

That leaves us with a single member left on the ACT Rollcall, and the temporary role of SLO has gone of the Editor who acts as an honorary ACT inhabitant for this purpose, as he lives not far across the border in NSW. Anyone knowing of others in the nearby region please let us know and persuade them to get in touch.

Howard Martin - Life Membership

As many of you will know, Howard Martin did a wonderful job as Treasurer of this Association for many years and his efforts have been much appreciated. It is never an easy job, as our subsequent treasurers can vouch for, and the National Committee put Howard forward for Life Membership, which was unanimously approved at the end of 2017.

The presentation of the Life Membership took place at a special luncheon in Howard's hometown of Perth WA. He responded to the honour in typical humble Howard fashion as follows...

Hi Alan and Pauline

Many thanks to you and all members of the Committee for appointing me as a Life Member. It was really unexpected and I felt privileged and honoured.

The luncheon was definitely a success and many thanks are due to Pauline, Bill, David and David's

family and others I am sure who contributed to making it the successful event that it was. Despite small numbers all members appeared to have a really enjoyable time. My wife Jan and I both really enjoyed the event.

Thank you for your lovely email and the entire committee and I truly appreciate.

It most certainly goes without saying that you thoroughly deserved the certificate of Life Membership, because without total dedication of people like you the Association would not have survived. The whole committee were unanimous in the decision to make this award to you.

I am only sorry that I was not able to be there to present it myself to you.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Association, to wish you and Jan a blessed Christmas and many more healthy New Years.

Warmest regards
Alan Hadfield
Chairman BSAPRA AUSTRALIA

Pauline McCarthy stands down from Secretary role

Pauline McCarthy has stepped down from her roles as joint SLO in WA and BSAPRA Secretary which she has held for a number of years. The National Committee expressed sincere gratitude for her efforts and hope to lure her back to other voluntary duties with the Associations after her break.

The Associations worldwide are completely dependent on the efforts of volunteers putting in often a lot of time and keeping the connections up - and Pauline was amazing at this.



A wet and soggy BSAP Cranbourne Barracks in Salisbury around 1965. Recruits will have known it best as the Driving School. built around a World War Two RAF pilot training school and airport. We still used the old airstrip with one end covered in oil as a skid pan.

SLO Movements

The Association is completely voluntary and indebted to the State Liaison Officers (SLO) in each Station - State or Territory.

The Committee has expressed their thanks to Jennie Jones who with Brian Oberholster were looking after the SLO role in QLD - their efforts much appreciated. We are delighted that Joan Fletcher has agreed to accept the position of SLO (Assisting) for Queensland until the next BSAPRA Australia AGM.

Joan Fletcher is also the Association's Secretary. Our thanks to John Gold for his excellent efforts as SLO in Qld.

Another movement has been Will Singleton from ACT who has now moved to Qld with his wife Sheila. His many years as SLO for the ACT led to significant activity there including a national reunion at Eagle Hawk on the border with NSW some years back, that brought a lot of members together and led to quite an influx of new Association members.

Joss Viera also from the ACT has now moved back to his home in Orange NSW and we thank him too for his efforts for the Association. Holding the fort for the ACT is the Editor, Simon Johnstone who lives nearby but actually in NSW.

There is no SLO resident in Tasmania now, so this role has been unified into the hard working Victorian team's duties.

If you would like to help with the association in any way we are always very keen to hear ideas and contribute to a very active group.

Queensland Anzac Roundup

ANZAC Service: Redlands Bay Queensland 2018

A brief synopsis from a family perspective.

We as a family walked to the dawn service in Cleveland, Brisbane, this year. Onlookers stood nine to ten deep against the barriers. The children made their way to the front to get a better view of the parade, which is what they had been waiting for. Out of the dark appeared the drummer, followed by war Veterans in their black blazers, some with their young grandchildren walking beside them. Military forces, including the navy and police services, followed.



The remaining family, including one granddaughter, stood attentive while tributes were paid to veterans and supporting services. Several members from the Redlands Bay area had lost their lives in service. It was good to hear wives and children of war veterans being remembered as the silent sufferers. Many husbands and fathers were lost or came home from war physically or mentally damaged. The price of war is intergenerational.

The haunting sound of bagpipes hung on the air as wreaths were laid and the dawn broke. The last post sounded, a minute's silence and the retreating march.

Over breakfast my grandchildren discussed ANZAC and its meaning to them. It was a different perspective to ours, but gratifying that we have not 'let them forget'.

I shared some of the stories of their grandfather's years in the BSAP (his time in service) and suggested they look at my copy of Blue and old Gold the next time they visited me. Our children and Grandchildren are the future and it is through them that the sacrifices and dignity of those who served are remembered.

Joan Fletcher



We moved along to get a better view of the proceedings with two of my grandchildren climbing a large tree to get a better look; unfortunately the resulting painful green-ant bites forced my daughter to return home with her injured charges.



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ANZAC Day Brisbane 2018

From an early morning light shower of rain, that just dampened the roadway, the day blossomed into one that was almost ideal- sunshine and clear skies- yet still a little hotter than average for this time of year.

Early on a great 'possie' was claimed at Orleigh Park, a shelter with fixed tables and benches and an electric BBQ in immediate proximity.

Orleigh Park truly provides a delightful setting with so much shade coming from the massive trees along the riverside walk. Added interest comes from all the human activities on display along the parkland and on the river itself with the desirable habitats of both high-rise apartment buildings and lovely houses that could be observed, bathed in the sunshine, lining the opposite bank of the river.

For easy identification banners from both the BSAP and RVA, together with the Rhodesian flag, were hoisted in front of our site. These caused some interest from passers- by with some stopping to read the battle citations on the RVA banner

Marchers and family members who had gathered at the site later left from the nearby city-cat terminal for the city and the march. There was a long wait at the starting point but once on their way it was a magical time, as one marcher put it, with the enthusiasm of the crowds lining the route, their smiles and cheers and continual clapping culminating with the Governor General of Queensland, the Hon. Paul de Jersey along with other dignitaries, military and otherwise, taking the salute at the Dias. But it was all over within in half an hour

It was also a long wait for those left behind to guard the fort until members and families started drifting back at around one o'clock when the provision of food and "refreshment" went into full swing

It was evident that since the RVA 'contingent' has more of a history in meeting together they naturally gravitated towards each other, as indeed our members and families did.

With the mutual conviviality on display it is evident that our two groups will continue to meld in the years ahead. Interestingly when checking out for the 3 degrees of separation with a lady unknown to my wife, Mary found out that they grew up not just in Salisbury, or in the same suburb of Highlands but in the same street, Boscobel Drive, only a few doors from each other. Had they been relatively the same age they would surely have known each other and what a surprise that would have been to have met-up again after fifty years (or so!) This is part of the intrigue in catching up with 'Rhodies'.

The day was a success, and at our ages all activities have got to be worth the effort as this event certainly was. Compliments go to Clive Cooke (RVA) who puts so much

time and effort into the event each year; Mike King our flag bearer; Tony Rogers (RVA, the contingent Marshall), and the camp set-up party the Roger's and Gold's.

All things considered my hope and expectation is to see participation grow in following years despite the 'wearying of age'

Taking part in the joint event with the Rhodesian Veterans, including the March; were Dave Berry (9191), Bill Borg (Army, assoc member), Clive Cooke (Army, assoc member), Mike and Rosemary Edden (4727), John and Mary Gold (6604), Frank Guttridge (Army, assoc member) Mike Hayes (PATU FR28014Z), Jennie Jones (WFR 205233), Mike and Ginny King (7012), Daryl Sahli (Army, assoc member) Jock and Joan Winton (7024/7943)

John Gold
BSAPRA Queensland Station



Melbourne 2018 AGM well attended

The gathering for the 2018 AGM for the BSAP Reg. Assoc. Australia, took place at the RSL Club, Glen Waverley, Melbourne.

The Members attending were made up as follows:-

COMMITTEE: Chairman 8755 Alan Hadfield, Vice Chairman 7432 Will Keys, Hon.Sec. Pauline McCarthy, Treasurer. Jacki Keys, Editor 7773 Simon Johnstone and Committee Rep Victoria, 9919 Ant Balocca.

Accompanying them were, Lesley Hadfield, Bill McCarthy, incoming Secretary Joan Fletcher, Cheryl Balocca, Gemma Balocca

NSW/Canberra : F/R Ryk Dabrowski

Victoria: 7069 Derek and Joan Hardey, 8282 Rob Riedy, 7665 Cliff and Sandy Styles, 7595 Ian and Shirley Winters (formerly WPO 123 Swanepoel), 10181 Pat and Fran Mitchell, 6599 Chris and Maureen Bigg-Wither, 10376 Duncan Boyd-Moss, 7047 Dave and Shirley Massey, 7284 Jim Massie and Robyn McGaw, 8703 Andy Smith and Ann Johnson, RPO 91817 Jack and Carolyn Cumper (formerly WPO 322 Plowes).

That made a very impressive grand total of 32 which was a little under a quarter of our active national membership.



The Meeting was conducted in the Sunset Room, which we had, free of charge, followed by a luncheon in the Warramunga Restaurant.

We enjoyed approximately three hours of lunch, drinks and conversation before disbanding, with all having had an enjoyable day. Thanks to Derek and Joan Hardey for the extras and a lot of effort.

Thoughts for the 2019 AGM venue included Perth and Surfer's Paradise - with Perth being chosen.



Melbourne Anzac Day Parade 2018

The day started off cloudy and cool, as we assembled opposite Flinders Street station, just down the road from the iconic Young and Jackson Hotel.

The assembly point was particularly crowded, this year, as our "normal" gathering, at Federation Square was "out of Bounds" due to building operations.

Never the less, our group of Rhodesian Veterans gathered, banner was unfurled and we prepared to take our place in the parade, closely controlled by the March Marshalls who did their normal magnificent job of keeping the March in order. We duly took our place, marched out and had the usual enthusiastic response from the crowds that lined the street all the way from Flinders Street to the Shrine.

It was pleasing to note how many

young people were present and how enthusiastic they were with their response, and their interest in this Australian tradition.

A photo was taken of the Group after taking "The Salute", with eyes right at the Shrine, before we disbanded and made our way to our venue for lunch at Bells Hotel, Moray Street, Melbourne.



There we joined with wife's and family and with SAMVOA (The South African Military Veterans) as has been the case for many years for lunch, drinks and a good old remembrance reflecting the values that Anzac represents.

Numbers on parade, were 19 Rhodesian Veterans, some 50

SAMVOA and I am pleased to report that BSAP numbers were at their highest ever for Melbourne at 8.

These BSAP Members are marked, by their first name on the photograph, and were:- NSPO 91817 Jack Cumper, WPO 322 Carolyn Cumper (nee Plowes), 10376 Duncan Boyd-Moss, 7069

Derek Hardey, 7284 Jim Massie, 9919 Ant Balocca, and 10181 Pat Mitchell. Absent from the Rhodesian photo, but marching with Samvoa was 7665 Cliff Styles.

An enjoyable day

*Derek Hardey 7069
SLO Victoria.*

Mystery wedding picture takes us back...

As part of his duties to supply a brief biography, our new Chairman has shared a great picture that says so much.



No real mystery - it is one of Will's wedding photos - along with his honour guard of fellow BSAP members. Will is the one in civvies in the middle - well it was his wedding so groom's privilege.

From left to right: Greg Springer, Frank Flowers, Richard Mulcahy (Will Keys the groom) Ken Rundgren, Rob Hamilton and Rick Hardy.

"These men were pheno-typical and represented the finest in quality, tradition and value that the British South Africa Police had to offer. They were men of character, integrity and honesty. Loyal decent men.

"I am immensely proud to have served with them."

*Will Keys
Chairman BSAPRA Australia Branch*

Editor: Love the haircuts - takes me back. If you have pictures from the past or stories to share, yours or great anecdotes, let us all share. Write to the [Editor](#).

Anzac Dawn Ceremony Canberra

From well before dawn, the busses brought about thirty thousand people to sit or stand among the tall gum trees around the National War Memorial on Anzac Parade, Canberra.

They shared in the heartfelt readings by current service representatives, from the letters and diaries of Australians who experienced war first-hand – timeless for any of us who share in the experience of conflict.

Canberra's Dawn Service on Anzac Day, was a very moving service, the still cold air combined with images of Australian servicemen and servicewomen from a variety of actions and battles across the history of Australia's Military Service projected onto the Memorial's façade.

5.30 am to 6 am

This year's Dawn Service Address was delivered by retired Colonel Susan Neuhaus CSC, who served in the Regular Army and Army Reserve, with deployments to Cambodia, Bougainville and Afghanistan, over a career spanning 20 years.

The Australian War

Memorial hosts the Dawn Service in close cooperation with the Returned and Services League of Australia ACT.

We were virtually transported to the shores of Gallipoli when we heard readings of those who were recalling those equally still moments as the first boats crept



forward – in somewhat disorder - to try and land quietly on the Gallipoli shore – only to face strong resistance and treacherous cliffs well defended.

There was no official BSAP representation, just myself as Editor taking part and bringing the memories of colleagues from Africa then and Australia now.

Simon Johnstone - Editor

Vale - Ian Robertson Milton 5757 - Devon 1932 to Qld 2018

Ian was born on September 17th 1932 in Exeter Devon England the elder of two sons to Henry and Janet. When he was a few months old he returned with his parents to India. His early years to the age of Six and half were in India His brother Julian was born in India and 3 years younger. The Family Returned to England in late 1938 on leave and for Ian to start Prep School as was the tradition in those days. His parents and Julian returned to India and Ian commenced his schooling. Sadly it was another 5 and half years until he was reunited with his Family as World War 2 had taken place.

The Family settled in Devon his Fathers home County. Ian and Julian commenced School as Boarders at Bedford School a Church of England Grammer School. The Brothers returned to Devon in School Holidays and had wonderful times there and also in Scotland After completion of his Schooling. Ian was called up for National Service.

Black Watch

Ian served in the First Battalion of the Black Watch His Mother with her Scottish ancestry was proud he was in a Scottish Regiment. He saw service in Germany Spying on the Russian he used to say and then for over 12 months in Korea. He always spoke highly of his service and enjoyed all the adventure and danger that went with it. After his discharge he returned to Devon and to seek work even with his Matriculation Oxford and Cambridge he did not have success so Australia was calling and he migrated to Tasmania where Scottish relatives lived. He joined the Tasmaian Public Service working in the Housing Dept. He joined a Rugby club ran with Hash Harriers and the joined the CMF. It was there at one of the Rugby Games he met Ben Ofarrell who was on leave from Papua and New Guinea and of course the call of adventure was calling him.

PNG connection

Ian joined the Papua New Guinea Administration under the Australia Federal Govt that ran PNG at that time. After 8 weeks training at Mossman Sydney to become a Patrol Officer. He was posted to Port Moresby for a few weeks before heading off to the West Coast of Bougainville to Kerevet where he was stationed for 18 months. He loved the patrols going to the remote villages with First Aid teams and doing the census and surveying. He left after serving 21 months to return on leave to England stopping off in Melbourne to see some of the Olympic Games.

Joins the BSAP

After some time in England Ian then set off to South Africa and ended up in Southern Rhodesia and joined the BSAP British South Africa Police He served 3 years in different locations and always spoke highly of his

time there, and it is nice to have some of his former colleagues here today. He then returned back to Australia and eventually returned to PNG and Joined The Department of Native Affairs.

After a few years in that Dept he joined the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary serving in Rabaul, Kieta and Mount Hagen. In 1967 Ian and Rachel were married in Rabaul. And were stationed there and then Kieta when the Bougainville Copper Mine was being developed and finally to The Highlands to Mt Hagen.

He joined the CMF PNGVR and took part in patrols on The Irian Jarya Boarder. Was secretary of The Red Cross in Rabaul and played Golf and Tennis. Enjoyed holidays in Asia. In the early 1970s Ian and Rachel came to settle in Qland

Daisy Hill Qld beckons

Settling in The Daisy Hill area which was lovely and rural in those days, they built there house. Ian joined the Queensland Public Service serving in The Department of Children's Service, The Police Department as a clerk and finally The Justice Department serving in the City Court and Beenleigh Court House and then Rockhampton Court House ending his career as The Mining Clerk.

In Daisy Hill, Yeppoon and Mt Tamborine where they lived they embraced life in the wider community as members of The State Emergency Service for 10 years in Logan. Enjoying Parish life at St Mark's Logan. St James Yeppoon . St George's Mt Tamborine and here at St Paul's Ian was a member for 40 years of The Freemason's joining Viking Lodge Churchie Old Boys in Brisbane and Yeppoon and finally Mt Tamborine where he was an office bearer in all of them. A Guide at The Local History and Historical Museum on Tamborine Mtn and Working Bees with many groups

Nature and History

Ian's love of Nature and the gardens where he lived he loved developing them and building lovely rock walls collecting the rocks from near and far and getting the car to breaking point with the weight of them. And nearly himself.

His love of History and Geography was never ending and of course his interest of the News and his Daily Paper and letter writing on all topics kept him busy and sorting the world out. He enjoyed playing Chess and Mah Jong, And eventually embraced the Computer his saying was they are only good to have an axe through them. Was a Rifle shooter a member at Emu Park and Beaudesert Rifle Clubs. A member of The Australian Flag Association. Proud of his Life membership with his Clan Donnachaidh

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Ian and Rachel enjoyed traveling with holidays in UK and especially returning to Scotland catching up with family and friends in Devon, to the USA and Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong. And the lovely area of The Northern Rivers of NSW and The Hawkesberry were very special to him. Binna Burra and O'Reillys, Tamborine Mountain for the bush walks.

Family

When David, Rose, Emma and Mark came to settle in Australia in 1990 in Yeppoon he was excited to show them the ins and outs of everything. And watching Emma and Mark grow into fine adults and now Emma

and Wayne's 3 sons Connor, Brodie and Reilly opened a new venture for him and those 3 are now young men he is very proud of. Unfortunately last April when Mark and Kerri were married in Toowoomba due to his health he was unable to attend.

Moving to Cleveland in April 2013 after 19 years on Mt Tamborine were new changes. Being nearer Family was lovely. He enjoyed our unit the bush outlook and village life. Going down to the Point for a ice cream and out to lunch at different venues. Catching up with friends near and far. Celebrating with Family and Friends last June their 50th Anniversary and in September his 85th.

It was A Life well Lived

BSAP RA Australia funding model

We get questions about membership and funding and the simple answer is we concentrate on networking and keeping in touch with those who may have lost contact with other members and ex Rhodesians. You can find details on how to join and eligibility on the back page of this Outpost.

No formal membership fees are sought and our modest bank balance grows steadily from functions we run and donations from members, quite a few of whom are still working. There is no schedule of donations, but most are between \$20 to \$100 and all welcome.

Members donate to the BSAP RAA on a voluntary basis and the funds go towards underwriting major events which usually return an income afterwards, and outreach for our membership.

Bank details for direct deposits are as follows:

Account Name: BSAP Regimental Association
Australia;
BSB: 036001
Account Number: 459125

*Regards
Joan Fletcher
Honorary Secretary
BSAP Regimental Association*



Rhodesian Slang and BSAP Terms

Rhodesian Slang was a combination of local African language terms – usually Shona in the north and Ndebele in the south (offshoot of Zulu), often shortened or mangled; some Afrikaans words from South Africa; some derived from specific military jargon and often only used in that force; and some whose origins are lost to time. They reflect a country and time where multiple cultures and languages interacted, but should never be seen as a derisory or oppressive use of language. We run these in some issues and suggestions are most welcome:

PATU – members of the BSAP anti terrorist unit

Airwing – BSAP light aircraft for

operations, usually farmers with their own unarmed craft

Reservist – BSAP members who were part-time and had another type of day job

Chaeewa – authentic, the real thing

Checha – quickly, on the double

Chiboolies – a beer – usually Castle or Lion lager sometimes referred to as Toots

China – used but actually cockney rhyming slang – plate/mate – friendship term. China in Shona means Thursday – different pronunciation though

Dagga – marijuana

Down south – RSA

Donga – eroded gully – very different meaning in Australia

Flat dog – mobile handbag-crocodile

Funa – want

Gat – rifle

Gebenga – illegal activities from the Ndebele

Gemsquash – delicious tropical vegie now available in Australia if you grow your own

Geza – wash

Gomo – a hill

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Graze – eat food alternates with puza

Grotty – sixties slang for something uncool or gross but not revolting

Gummadoolahs – A place god only knows, no matter where you are

Gwaai – tobacco

Kombi – bus or taxi - sounds distinctly African but bastardisation of VW Kombi microbus

Hambagashle – ‘Have a great day’ though some references say it was slang for a chameleon

Hamba – go common in Ndebele and Shona

Nyoka – snake - almost universal word in Africa

Ndlhovu – elephant, common across most Rhodesian languages

Hau – term of amazement – how did those stolen goods get in my pocket?

Hongu – Shona for yes

Hlala or Hlala Panze – Stay here or sit on the ground, origins from the Ndebele

Kwete – Shona for no

Indaba – a serious discussion

Ingutchini – crazy or insane

Kangela – look at

Kanjani – questioning, whats up or how are you?

Kia – house or room

Longs – long trousers indicating smart casual

Livukile – good morning in Ndebele

Makiwa – people

Maningi – a lot, too much

Manheru – good evening

Mangwanani – Shona for good morning

Maswere here – Shona greeting similar to ‘how’s your day been’

to be continued in the next Outpost

Janine Bradfield – SLO, WA

Janine has agreed to help with what’s happening and should be in WA and we are very glad she has joined the Association’s volunteer group.

Lupane

Janine is the fourth out of five kids, born to John and Joan Bradfield, Janine started her life in Lupane where her parents were stationed with the BSAP. From there they went to Wankie, and then Plumtree where her younger brother was born. Janine and her older siblings attended the Alan Redfern School in Plumtree. John Bradfield was then transferred to Salisbury where Janine attended David Livingstone School. A promotion to Dispol Matabeleland for her father saw them in Bulawayo about 5 years later where Janine did her final year in junior school at Coghlan and then onto Eveline High School and tertiary education at Bulawayo Technical College. She married a policeman in 1977, with her first married station being Nyamandhlovu (where she was a police reservist), then on to Bembesi (where she was pound mistress), Inyati and West Nicholson.

The Lonrho years

In 1980 her husband resigned from the BSAP and joined Lonrho, managing a cattle ranch, Goodwood, just south of the Gwampa Forest in the Nkayi area. After a couple of years there they relocated to the North Eastern Tuli Block in Botswana, managing a game ranch in the conservancy there.

Johannesburg

After 3 years, they did a 9 month stint in Johannesburg

before returning to Zimbabwe where her husband took up employment with a company called African Genesis, getting involved with National Parks & Wildlife Management elephant culling, as well as transport. They spent a year in Chiredzi running N&B Transport, then back to Harare where Janine started work as an assistant to Dr Chris Foggin who was the government wildlife veterinary officer.

Ostriches and Crocodiles

Under the auspices of the Veterinary Laboratory on Borrowdale Rd, Janine worked for both the Crocodile Farmers Association (COPRO) and the Ostrich Producers Association of Zimbabwe (TOPAZ) doing research into incubation, disease control, feeding trials etc. as well as getting involved in post mortems, farm visits and other wildlife work. For over 10 years she was involved in the capture and translocation of oxpeckers in a long term project to introduce oxpeckers back into areas where they used to be prolific.

New Zealand and then Perth WA

After the land invasions in 2000 things changed drastically, and in 2002 Janine moved to New Zealand where she spent 11 years before relocating to Perth, Australia where she now resides.

She has 2 children – a daughter, Phala, who lives in Perth and is a town planner, and a son, Roan, who spent 8 years in the New Zealand army before moving to Wales. She has 3 grandchildren – Sabi, Mana and Nala.

The National Committee welcomes Janine to the team.

*Will Keys
Chairman*

John Savage recalls London...

John Savage 4663, was the last Recruitment Officer at Rhodesia House in Londoin in the interesting times around UDI. His story is fascinating and we thank him for sharing - first given as a speech at an Association function.

It was with pride and pleasure that I accepted the Committee's invitation to propose the toast to the Regiment today, and to give you an overview of some of the experiences which came my way as the Police Recruiting Officer in the UK. Having accepted this invitation however I realised that I had to navigate between the Association's apolitical policy, and the troubled waters of UDI which occurred during my term of office. If I get off course I shall put it down to the more than forty years that have elapsed since that time.

Joined up in 1950

So let's turn the clock back. First of all, I'll give you a thumbnail sketch of my Police service of approximately fourteen years because it is relevant to the events that followed. I was 18 when I joined up in London in 1950. After training followed by the Mounted Display team when I was billeted with Henry Wright who is one of our members I was billeted to Umtali Rural in 1951 under 1st Sgt John Cooke. At this time I met a stripling youth by the name of Constable John Seward who it was rumoured slept in an Argentinian rugby jersey! In 1953 came promotion to 2nd class Sergeant and the following year I was moved to Odzi where Hamish Harvey and I benefitted from the experience of 1st Sgt Peter Robinson. Whilst there I was married to Miss Audrey Burgess of Johannesburg who suffered the culture shock of moving in to a run-down rondavel in the middle of a farm, there being no married accommodation at the camp. Then to Doma in 1956 as Member In Charge which was a good learning platform even though it was only a one-man station. Next to Sinoia under C/I Windy Wiltshire who was propped up by Insp Graeme Gilmour, and where I first met a most efficient Sgt Jack Bond. . Jack's father, by the way, was a commissioned officer in the CID and retired to become a former Recruiting Officer in the UK.

Prosecution duties

I took over prosecuting duties, and in due course my upgrade to 1st class Sergeant appeared in Standing Orders, resulting in a move to Shamva in 1957 as Member In Charge being ably assisted by constables Pete Wood and Johnny Hicks. Whilst there in 1958 our son Howard was delivered at Bindura Hospital by Dr. McDowell who during the protracted labour appeared to be sober for most of the time. Also at Shamva we met the young and attractive Marcia Else, then single, who was visiting from Australia. In 1959 on to Selukwe as 2 i/c to the imprudent Insp Bill Howard and where I met Ian Smith at farmer's meetings. In '62 came

promotion to Inspector and my final move to Gwelo where I took over Police Reserve training in Midlands.

Province, my mentoring Asst Supt Spike Hughes who luckily served before political correctness became a reality. Throughout these various moves I gained the utmost respect for the African Police, without whom we could not have achieved the effectiveness that marked the work of the Force. We should never overlook them.

It was at this time that our Doctor referred us to Mr Hoffman the Midlands ophthalmic specialist, due to the deteriorating condition of our 6 year old son's eyes. The surgeon reported that Howard suffered from a severe climatic sensitivity which at some future date would lead to bilateral pterygia necessitating surgical treatment. He concluded that for Howard to lead a normal life he would have to get away from the cause, in other words to leave Rhodesia. We had no hesitation in making our decision even though our future was without prospects.

Leaving Rhodesia and BSAP

OC. Prov., Snr. Asst. Commissioner Stanley Edwards approved my discharge 'On Gratuity' as from the 31s July 1964. However, prior to this he wrote to the Commissioner confirming the reasons for my resignation and in the most supportive terms asked if a position could be found for me at Rhodesia House to offset my loss of career. It was startling news that I was appointed not to some clerical job which was my best hope, but to the position of Police Recruiting Officer for the United Kingdom. I took leave pending discharge and we arrived in the UK at the end of April. I rather nervously fronted up for duty because up until then this post had been manned by a high ranking police officer who had retired to the UK, the incumbent at that time being Col. Bill Walker.

Rhodesia House

I introduced myself and told Mr Walker of my appointment. For some inexplicable and inexcusable reason he had not been told. That was not a good start and was an embarrassment for us both, but after confirming the situation with Salisbury he thereafter gave me every assistance possible. He started with a conducted tour and introduced me to everyone from the High Commissioner down. This was followed by a complete handover and a detailed explanation of all procedures, somewhat like an Annual Inspection in reverse order. So with that orientation I get my feet under the very large desk that dominated the room and started work.

I must mention the Colonel's Rhodesian bore a son Michael. Mike Horner grew up with Michael and said he was a local lad who done good. How good? Well, he was the guest speaker at the Association dinner in London in 2005 and was introduced as General Sir

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Michael Walker, Chief of the Defence Staff of the UK. Following his retirement and further elevation he is now General the Lord Walker, GCB, CMG, CBE. Now that's what I call doing real good.

From the house we had purchased for five thousand pounds in the green belt of Kent I had a 3 mile drive to the local station, train to London Bridge, change trains to Charing Cross, in all 19 miles, and then a walk up the Strand to Rhodesia House. A far cry from sauntering down from the married quarters to the camp Charge Office. An appropriate suit cost me a very painful 49 pounds, but I used my Inspector's issue brief case for my sandwiches. Unlike the Colonel, a bowler was not an option. My office on the 3rd floor was spacious but old fashioned by today's standards. There was a huge stationery cupboard set in the rear wall which contained all the promotional material, conditions of service brochures, application forms, and requisitions for various services such as health, advertising police record checks, flight requirements and so on. There were three framed pictures on the walls. Queen Elizabeth as the Monarch, the Queen Mother as the Honorary Commissioner of the Force, and the painting that depicted Major Wilson's last stand at the Shangani River. Looking at that fateful picture the odds confronting me immediately seemed less daunting.

Recruitment progress

Advertising was conducted through a long-standing agency and published every fortnight in the Daily Telegraph. As applications arrived in a steady stream files were opened and interviews arranged for those who met the initial standards. Those who were rejected were notified, some being advised that if certain short-comings were achieved they could reapply later. There was a marked increase in applications from serving members of UK Constabularies, in most cases first class material, some married and with children.

Following interviews a bank of successful applicants was built up until flight was arranged every month or so for an average of about 30 recruits- The overall process required considerable cooperation with my Salisbury counterparts in FGHQ being Insp. Eric Collier, assisted by Shirley McEnery. They euphemistically described their role as "toiling in the factory"- without their valuable assistance I could not have kept abreast of the workload. Meanwhile the process continued apace and stats showed that the number of attestations was greater than it had ever been, except for the massive influx after the end of World War Two.

Notwithstanding this busy situation we still managed to run a cricket team in the Summer months under the captaincy of Col. Passaportis, the Army attaché. Matches were held against other Commonwealth High Commissions and we also played the Sandhurst Military Academy. All very British. There were also

invitations to such functions as the Trooping of the Colour, Wimbledon and I managed two Cup Finals at Wembley... something that the average Pom would die for. The Met invited me to visit their excellent training academy at Hendon. A memorable occasion was our invitation from HM to attend one of her Royal Garden parties at Buckingham Palace. But the highlight was without doubt the birth of our daughter Lee.

1965 moved on without let-up in the recruiting programme. But other matters were taking shape. As you know the Federation had been scuttled and the Rhodesian

Tensions build

Government was digging its toes in to avoid being coerced into a premature handover to African nationalists. Personnel from Rhodesia increasingly called in. Ian Smith bumped into me on the stairs and made time to mention the health of Selukwe character, old man Fothergil, the father of Rupert. Our own Ken Flower was back and forth dealing with security matters, and nondescript aides looked increasingly anxious. There were high powered inter-government meetings going on, yet in the mounting tension cocktail parties continued as if nothing was amiss. I remember one of our ladies bringing round snacks at such a social gathering and approaching a British Minister. She said laughingly, and no doubt naively, "I'm not sure if I should offer these to you Mr Bottomly because you're not being very nice to us". The Minister seemed unable to find an answer as he picked up another salmon vol au vent

An interesting encounter during this period was when I was approached by two expensively dressed and well fed African gentlemen who didn't have names. They knew, they said, that I was flying men out of England and into Africa. They confided they were also recruiting agents but were having difficulties getting their party onto one flight. They wanted to know if, when they were ready, I could kindly arrange for their men to travel out as Police recruits on one of my requisitions. When I refused point blank, notwithstanding the promise of a hefty financial inducement they slipped away. I contacted the Met and they arranged for me to meet an Insp Jones from Security Branch. Jones knew all about these gentlemen and was aware that they had made contact with me. This shook me somewhat. He said that they were trying to recruit mercenaries who would fly via Rhodesia into Mauritius where they would meet up with another batch from South Africa. The group was then to carry out a coup somewhere in the Comoro Islands. This was a bizarre and almost unbelievable plan.

Soon after this strange affair I received a coded message from Security Branch Salisbury, requesting I take delivery of a package from a certain person at a certain place....

Our thanks to John Savage ... To be continued in the next Outpost

Steve Acornley visit

Stephen Acornley, the Hon. Sec. for the U.K. Branch was on holiday, in Australia, catching up with his family in Darwin and then Melbourne.

He made contact with me with the view to catching up with fellow BSAP Members in Melbourne.

Unfortunately, Stephen was only available in a very "narrow window of opportunity" which with the Xmas festivities in full swing and it coinciding with Australia major holiday period it proved impossible to arrange any major gathering of the members.

I was available and it was agreed that we would meet in Melbourne at Young and Jacksons Pub, Flinders Street, directly opposite the main Flinders Street rail station.

We meet and had a great chat over a few pints. We even had a photo taken of Stephen with the famous/infamous portrait of Chloe which has been at the Young and Jacksons Pub from very early days..... Stephen made copies notes of the history of the Hotel and Portrait with the intention of including it in feedback off his trip in the next publication of the UK Outpost.



We repaired for lunch to the Sherlock Holes Pub in Collins Street, where my friend, the publican, Gary Kirwan, saw we enjoyed a few more pints and a delicious pie and chips.

We then returned to Flinders station, made our farewells, having enjoyed our brief catch up and information exchange.

Derek Hardey

Nostalgia corner SA railways Menu

Tom Doherty 4326 tells us that recently he was clearing out some old files and other items he came across the attached document – a very old South African Railways Dinner Menu dated 14th November 1948.

All this for the princely sum of four shillings ? – how time flies and wonders if Aussie Outpost readers recall those railway days and prices. Thanks Tom and Joan for passing the item on.

Web Links used in this Edition

Australian BSAP RA Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120004948438873/>

BSAP.org - the international web site <http://www.bsap.org>

The photo of ANZAC Parade Boer War Walk is courtesy of [TripAdvisor](https://www.tripadvisor.com)

More on the background of the memorial and design is at <https://neca.asn.au/nsw/content/national-boer-war-memorial-association>



Arthur Hutson's 100th Birthday celebrations

Wednesday 27 June 2018 was a cold, wild and wet day. Despite that there was a great mood amongst the crowd gathered for lunch to celebrate the 100th birthday of Arthur Hutson, 7285E. The lunch was held in the restored 132 year old historic Guildford Hotel which had been ravaged by fire some years back.

Attendees were Arthur Hutson, Kerry Hoadley, Lew Whitmore, John and Margaret Seward, Rob and Laurie Gates, Doug and Jacky Capper, Liz and John(Butch) Walker, Peter and Cecelia Scot, Patrick Dunne, Carol Clapham, Linda and Steve Martin, Howard and Jan Martin, Charles and Adele Scott, Janine Bradfield and Terry McKeown. Photos were taken by Janine Bradfield and Jacky Capper.

Apologies were received from George and Maureen Readings, Derek Foster, Alan and Joyce McGrath, Joanne Whitmore, Olivia Hoadley, Jim Steele, Jon Jordan, John(Jeff) Cooper, Chris Morten and Tandy Morten, Al Greenly, Merle Howden, Margot Morgan, Mike Millway and Richard and Helen Hamley. Apologies to anyone who did send apologise but are not mentioned.

Guildford Hotel

The roof and the interior of the Guildford Hotel were destroyed on 1 September 2008. It took until 25 May 2016 for the hotel to be reopened following wrangles involving the owners, the local Council, the Heritage Council, WA Planning Commission and the community who were opposed to proposals such as building a MacDonald Arches in the car park which on the day was half under water. One of the advantages of the venue was that some attendees were able to use their Seniors Cards to travel for free by train to the close by Guildford Railway Station.

Most of the organising of the event was done by Kerry Hoadley, who is the member who lives closest to Arthur. Arthur is a very modest man who many believe is the oldest living Rhodesian and especially one with BSAP service. Kerry was able to obtain some background from Arthur and we learnt that from Kerry prior to us toasting him, singing happy birthday to him and presenting him with a card signed by all those present.

Some of the gems we learnt about Arthur is that he still has a driving licence, lives on his own in his own home, enjoys the occasional ale and looks forward to many more years ahead. What we didn't know at that stage were any details of his Police Service apart from that he had spent a long time in "B Reserve Striker Force". It was time to call in reinforcements in the search, the chief of whom was Seamus Power, who is a major contributor to the BSAP History group and is a former regular warrant officer who spent several

years working with the Police Reserve in Salisbury in the 1970s. From the information and photographs obtained from Seamus, Kerry was able to go back and have another conversation with Arthur. It helped jog Arthur's memory of people and places.

WW2 Service

Arthur went to live in Rhodesia when he was only one or two years of age. Schooling was completed at Prince Edward School in Salisbury. Arthur saw service in WW2. This was firstly with the Southern Rhodesian Air Force and thence with the Rhodesian Air Askari. He was recruited into "B Striker Force" when it was formed in 1960. 'B' Force and 'A' Force were later joined by 'C' Force. Arthur remembers that 'Ox' Barrett, the Rhodesian Rugby player, 'Tug' Wilson a former British Lion and Rex Tarr were members of 'B' Force. He considers that Meyrick Gethin was a great leader of 'B' Force. Striker Forces were deployed to counter civil unrest in African Townships and later on in rural areas provided farm protection and night time relief and assistance at District Police Stations. Arthur was deployed on many call-ups in rural areas.

On reaching the age of 60 in 1968 he left 'B' Force and undertook more 'normal' Field reserve duties including Bright Lights in the Operation Hurricane area. He had one narrow flirtation with an Uzi on the rifle range when a regular officer discharged it with bullets narrowly missing another Reservist and himself.

On one amusing occasion when Arthur was in a police medical he was asked to provide a urine sample he was a bit short of supply so he asked a mate to help him out. When the samples were analysed they showed both of them having evidence of bilharzia.

The Shell connection

Arthur was a long term employee of Shell and worked in Shell House in Baker Avenue for many years. Whilst there he and other Shell employees saw another side of Police work when they were called on to participate in police identification parades. It just so happened to be that these extra duties were because the old Salisbury Urban Police Station was next to Shell House. Another contribution that Arthur made to Shell was that he was instrumental in forming the Shell Recreation Club in Strathaven.

Emigration to WA

Arthur emigrated to Western Australia in 1986 and has a son in Perth and a daughter in Sydney.

He is an active member of the Madalas Group in the Rhodesian Association of WA.

*Rob Gates 7045
WA*

In Memoriam

We honour their service, and we think of them, their friends and family. Since our last Outpost listing, we know of the following ex members who have passed on recently during 2018 - in reverse date order.

Brown, Frederick James Copeland 'Fred' (5708 - Constable; served between May 1957 - December 1962; member of the Natal Branch), passed away on 12 August 2018 - Uvongo, South Africa.

Tippetts, David John Malpas (5650 - C/ Superintendent; served between March 1957 - June 1980; member of the Western Cape Branch), passed away on 9 August 2018 - George, South Africa.

Hawkins, George Edward Uniacke (10154 - Patrol Officer; served between August 1977 - September 1980), passed away on 30 July 2018 - Harare, Zimbabwe

Wall, Brian William Lionel (5229 - Detective Inspector; served between April 1954 - January 1966; Member of the United Kingdom Branch), passed away on 16 July 2018 - Nanaimo, Canada.



Reader, Norman Geoffrey (7304 - Patrol Officer; served between March 1965 - December 1969; Member of the United Kingdom Branch), passed away on 12 July 2018 - Vancouver, Canada.

Potgieter, Raymond 'Ray' (7865 - D/Section Officer; served between December 1967 - July 1979), passed away on 9 July 2018 - Harare, Zimbabwe.

Roberts, Christopher Stuart (8006 - Inspector; served between June 1968 - August 1980), passed away on 30 June 2018 - Wollerton nr Market Drayton, United Kingdom.

Schwartz, Terrence Eugene 'Terry' (6382 - D/ Patrol Officer; served between March 1961 - July 1965; member of the Natal and Transvaal Branches), passed away on 23 June 2018 - Edenvale, South Africa.

Thompson, George Richard 'Dick' (5559 - Chief Inspector; served between October 1956 - May 1981; member of the Natal and United Kingdom Branches), passed away on 12 June 2018 - New Castle upon Tyne, United Kingdom.

Albyn, Terrence Francis 'Terry' (5855 - Superintendent; served between August 1958 - August 1980; member of the Natal Branch), passed away on 4 June 2018 - Durban, South Africa.

Minifie, Christopher John (6192 - Patrol Officer; served between July 1960 to February 1965), passed away on 26 May 2018 - Basingstoke, United Kingdom

Law, Gordon Black (7997 - Patrol Officer; served between June 1968 to June 1978), passed away on 23 May 2018 - Johannesburg, South Africa.

Neale, John Philip (4996 - Chief Superintendent; served between December 1952 to February 1976; Member of the United Kingdom Branch), passed away on 22 May 2018 - Frimley, Hampshire, United Kingdom.

Darryl Burlin - Cessnock, NSW

It is with regret we have been advised that Darryl Burlin died on Thursday 3rd May 2018 from a heart attack while at home.

Darryl served with the RRAF and was an active associate member of NSW BSAP Regimental Association Australia.

The funeral was on on Monday 14 May 2018 in Cessnock.

Kind regards to son Robert and family

Joan Fletcher

Honourary Secretary on behalf of Management Committee - BSAP Regimental Association Australia

The Passing of Ian Milton 5757

It is always sad when we have to farewell a member. This occurred on the 19th of February at a funeral service at St Paul's Anglican Church, Cleveland. Ian was a long term member of the Queensland Branch and Station and a regular at the monthly social get-togethers until ill health led him to be confined to his residence.

You will see from the following eulogy given by the brother of his wife, Rachel, that a colourful life was celebrated on this sad occasion.

The Queensland Station was represented by the his former comrades and wives and many more hoped to have been there but were unable:

Mike Edden (4727) and wife Rosemary, Mike King (7012) and wife Ginny, Peter Nortje (6303) and wife

Carol, Gerry Dyer (6278), and Jennie Jones (WFR 205233)

As an aside Dave Bruce 5762 a Queensland member but living in the Northern Coast of NSW recalls Ian as a squad mate who actually went by the nickname "Aus-sie" despite his origins. because he was hot foot from here at the time of his induction,

Ian will be sadly missed as he had been from the more recent monthly meetings and functions.

He leaves behind his wife, Rachel, and family as mentioned in the eulogy.

Hamba Gahle Shamwari

The Chairman, Alan Hadfield (8755) extended our most sincere condolences to the Ian's family, on behalf of the Chairman, Committee and members of the Australian Branch of the Regimental Association.

Read the eulogy to Ian on page 11 of this edition of Outpost

BSAP Regimental Association Australia Branch

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Membership application

Name in Full.....
Date of Birth Occupation
Address (Res.)
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Post Code.....Telephone ()
Address (Bus).....
..... Post Code State Telephone ()

Service

Circle that applicable: Regular : Reserve : N/Serv. : Special : Dependant
RRAF : Army : Prisons : Int.Aff. : Guard Force
Force No: Date Attested: Date Discharged:
Rank on Discharge: Decorations/Awards:
Marital Status: Maiden Name: Dependants:
Name of Spouse/Next of Kin: Related member's name

I hereby apply for FULL / ASSOCIATE Membership of the Australia Branch of the British South Africa Police Regimental Association.

Payment

I enclose a donation of \$ **Or** make a direct transfer into the Association's Westpac bank account:
A/C Name: BSAP Regimental Association BSB: 036-001 A/C No.: 459125
(Please put your name on the narrative so we know who it's from).

Signed: Date:

FULL MEMBERSHIP may only be granted to ex-Regular Members of the BSAP and to ex-Police Reservists with a minimum of three years service (Not Special Reservists). ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP with limited voting rights, may be granted to others at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Dependants should provide details of their [ex-Regular Member] parent/guardian. The Executive Committee reserves the right to grant or refuse an application without advising reasons therefore. Members are encouraged to support the activities of the Association by means of voluntary donations where they can.

ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE B.S.A.P REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION AND CROSSED, PLEASE.

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Approved/Not approved Chairman..... Date.....