

# BSAP **Outpost** **Australia**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2013

### Annual General Meeting 8th March, 2014

I am pleased to be able to present this Chairman's report having been re-elected to the position of Chairman in March 2013

#### Our Centenary

2013 was an auspicious year for the Regimental Association as it marked the centenary of its foundation. Most branches of the Association marked the occasion with special celebratory events. Our branch held two such events, one in Perth and the main Australia-wide one in Canberra. Both were held in September. The Canberra event for the 95 people who attended was particularly successful because of the excellent organisation of the event by Alan Hadfield and Will Singleton with the

support of numerous helpers. The attendance was the biggest of any event held since the establishment of the branch. The Perth event was organised to coincide with our normal formal annual luncheon. Knowledge and experience of the 1979/80 Monitoring Force was a common element in the speeches given by both guest speakers, Major General Mark Kelly and our own Chris Morten.

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## Annual Luncheon - Belmont, Perth, WA

### Saturday 13th September 2014

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#### Guest Speaker

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#### Booking

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### Join the Association

The membership application form is available on page 6 so help grow the Association by encouraging other members to join.

### UDI Anniversary

We are planning to gather in Coffs Harbour in November 2015, for the 50th anniversary of UDI. More details on page 5

### Setting up a local social group

We are delighted to help members who might like to

set up an informal social group in their area. You never know what new or old friendships you may make. See page 4

### Shoalwater BBQ

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## **Membership increase**

I'm pleased to report that our membership increased to 139 comprising 118 full members and 21 associates. This represents an increase over 2013 of 12%. About half of this increase has come from previous non-members who attended the Canberra centenary event. There is potential for future growth from the same source. The greatest opportunity for growing our membership is through interstate membership and by recruiting ex BSAP personnel who joined the Force in the mid to late 1970s.

## **In Memoriam**

We were saddened by the deaths in 2013 of Colin Whitaker(6211) from cancer and Dorothy Morten, wife of Chris Morten(7340).

Whilst Colin's death was not unexpected, Dorothy's was totally unexpected, as only a few weeks before we had enjoyed her company at our Perth luncheon, when husband Chris had been our guest speaker. In last year's report I wrote "I believe the biggest challenge facing the branch is delivering better welfare services to our members requiring them. The greatest difficulty the committee has experienced in fulfilling its welfare objectives is becoming aware of what services are needed in a timely manner. Many members needing support are reluctant to seek assistance." I believe this is still an accurate statement. At the Canberra event a number of interstate attendees expressed similar sentiments to my own. My hope is that in 2014 we can put in a structure which will enable the branch to become quickly aware of needs and put in mechanisms to address those needs.

## **Finances**

The branch's net financial position has declined by a significant amount. This was due to a combination of a significant reduction in income and a significant increase in expenses. We were fortunate in 2012 to have a model of a BSAP mounted trooper to raffle. Raffling the trooper was the biggest single source of income. We had nothing of similar value from which we could derive income in 2013. The sale of rare BSAP memorabilia appears to be a vehicle for generating income for the branch. The last year has been the one in which we have had the greatest expenditure in our history. The underlying reason for this was because we subsidised both the Canberra centenary event and the Perth formal luncheon. The need for more subsidy of the Canberra event was greatly reduced because of substantial private sponsorship of the event. Kerry Hoadley, can provide further information on our financial position, from our Income and Expenditure Account. Our thanks go to Kerry Hoadley our treasurer and our honorary auditor Tom Doherty. Howard Martin also provided financial support in areas such as banking and income raising. The decision to transfer of our funds from the Police and Nurses Credit Union to Westpac has proven to be successful decision.

## **Kerry steps down as Editor**

We have reached the end of a very successful era as Kerry Hoadley has decided to step down from his position as our Aussie Outpost Editor.

Kerry has been our Editor apart from the very early days of the foundation of the Australia branch. This means he has been editor for 15 years. Over that time he has deservedly received many, many compliments on what is our main public communication vehicle with our members and other branches. Thanks Kerry for a job very well done. Two excellent editions of the Aussie Outpost were published. In 2014 we will have a new Editor and I hope and expect members will support him with material for publication which will be of interest to us all.

## **First female member**

In 2013 the committee welcomed its first female member. Over many years despite numerous approaches, appeals and requests we have been previously unsuccessful in finding a willing female volunteer. The arrival of Pauline Clarke, now McCarthy, in Perth, means this goal has been achieved. Pauline joined us with branch committee experience in South Africa. Pauline has made a great contribution to the committee because of her ideas and network of contacts. Peter Scott and Howard Martin as our two previous newest members have demonstrated their continued competency in their roles. Kerry Hoadley, Lew Whitmore and Steve Martin have continued to make major contributions to our committee work. The work of the committee has been greatly enhanced by the contributions of our interstate liaison officers; Alan Hadfield in NSW, Derek Hardey in Victoria, John Heycock in Tasmania and Will Singleton in Canberra.

## **South Australian liaison**

We are pleased to welcome Lance Bradfield as our first ever South Australian liaison officer. To round out our committee I believe we need to add a Police Reservist, female or male, to our ranks. The organisation of social lunches in NSW and Victoria where members and non-members, many of them previously unknown to each other, has been very successful in the last year. They had a major positive influence on the attendance at the Canberra centenary event. In WA the organisation of a luncheon in April hosted by Ian and Breda Calderwood's at their house in Toodyay was a successful event. It is our intention to have more social functions in 2014.

## **Flags**

I'm pleased that at long last the branch owns BSAP and Rhodesian flags we can use at formal and informal functions. Our first donation of full sized BSAP, Rhodesian flags and a small Rhodesian flag came from Hugh Montgomery(9660) via his son Gavin, who lives in Perth. Gavin was able to make the presentation to the branch at our Perth luncheon in September. We received another full sized BSAP flag at the Canberra centenary

# ANNUAL LUNCHEON

## British South Africa Police Regimental Association AUSTRALIA BRANCH

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at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm**

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event via Mickey Michaels of the RSL in Canberra. The flag has clearly seen active service. Alistair Hull(8712) visited Perth and presented the branch with a small Rhodesian flag. Alistair's flag came in a Gloria Flour bag and that in itself is memorabilia in its own right. John and Margaret Seward also donated a Rhodesian banner made from carpet. It is in remarkably good condition. Steve Martin has recently donated a velvet BSAP band banner. It's unlikely that many of those are still in existence. To all of you who made these donations many thanks from the branch.

### Marches

I take this opportunity to encourage you to take part in the city and Belmont Anzac Day marches. We are an affiliated unit with the WA Branch of the RSL and have for many years been part of the former Rhodesian services contingent which marches in the city. Several of our newer members have become regular marchers. A few former BSAP officers march but are not members of the Regimental Association. Some of our members also march in Sydney and Melbourne as part of ex-Rhodesian service organisations.

### Luncheon

I wish to thank the City of Belmont RSL Club for kindly allowing us to make use of their premises for the AGM and the Annual Luncheon.

At the 2013 AGM I indicated that it was my intention to stand down from the position of Chairman at the 2014 AGM. My circumstances changed during the year and I am available for re-election for one more year. Should I be re-elected I give notice that I will not be seeking to be re-elected again. It is time for generational change as I have been Chairman for every year but the first year since our establishment as a branch in 1998.

*Rob Gates 7045 - Chairman*

## ANNUAL LUNCHEON BOOKING

To: Howard Martin  
28 Glenshee Loop  
Kingsley  
WA 6026

Yes, I will be attending the Annual Luncheon on 13th September 2014 and enclose my payment of \$..... for ..... persons. (Cash / Cheque / Postal Order).

Name.....

Address.....

Tel No. ....

E-Mail.....

You may also pay via a direct deposit into our account and make sure you indicate from whom the payment is coming:  
Name: BSAP Regimental Association BSB: 036001 A/C No. 459125

## Shoalwater BBQ

There was a good turnout of members at the BBQ at Shoalwater on Saturday 5 April, which was hosted by (7365) Peter and Cecelia Scott. They provided excellent facilities at their delightful beach-side home and the weather was more than kind. The occasion provided an excellent opportunity for members and their wives/husbands to chat to one another in relaxed surroundings.

Several of those attending the braai mentioned they hadn't been to the Shoalwater area before and how much they enjoyed being there. There aren't many places in Perth metro where you can have a squadron of pelicans circling around your house. For anyone revisiting this area in the future, a trip to nearby Penguin Island is highly recommended and there are some excellent coastal and bush walks, including



Point Peron close by.

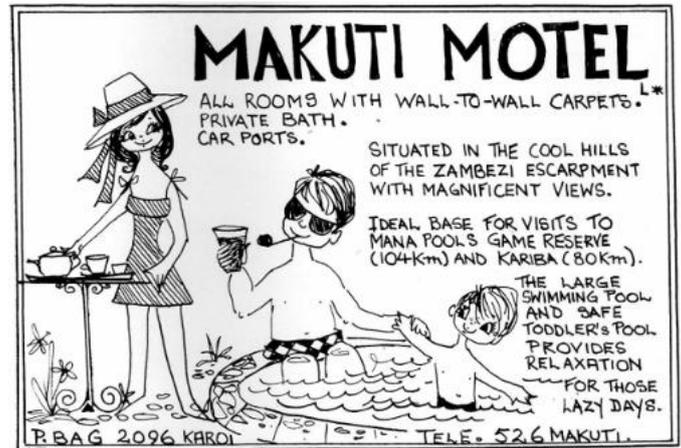
It was also pleasing to see Peter's brother, Chris (also ex BSAP but not an Association member) and Karen. Those attending were: 8145 George & Maureen READINGS, 6929 Howard & Jan MARTIN, 7694 Steve & Linda MARTIN, 7392 Butch & Liz (ex WPO 100) WALKER, Peggy WARREN, 4649 John & Margaret SEWARD, WFR Merle HOWDEN, Sylvia HOLBORN, Margot (6387 Lyndon) MORGAN, 7236 John & Robyn HENDERSON, 7365/8217 Peter & Cecelia SCOTT, 7796 Chris & Karen SCOTT, 5316 Kerry & Olivia HOADLEY and 7045 Rob GATES (Chairman).

Sincere thanks go to Peter and Cecelia for the great deal of hard work put into staging this event and for organising and providing prizes for a free raffle - the two prizes were (deservedly!) won by Linda Scott and Kerry Hoadley.

5316 Kerry Hoadley

## Nostalgia time?

Safe relaxation for those lazy days - an ad from back then!



## Setting up a Local BSAP Group

There is a strange phenomenon in this big wide land, previously serving BSAP members who often live close by to each other, oblivious of the fact.

My journey to Editor of the Australian Outpost started with a phone call out of the blue from another ex member who lived within sight of my house in a relatively small 'dorp' yet I was completely unaware. Mind you I was also pretty lazy about catching up claiming - not inaccurately - that my life was very hectic.

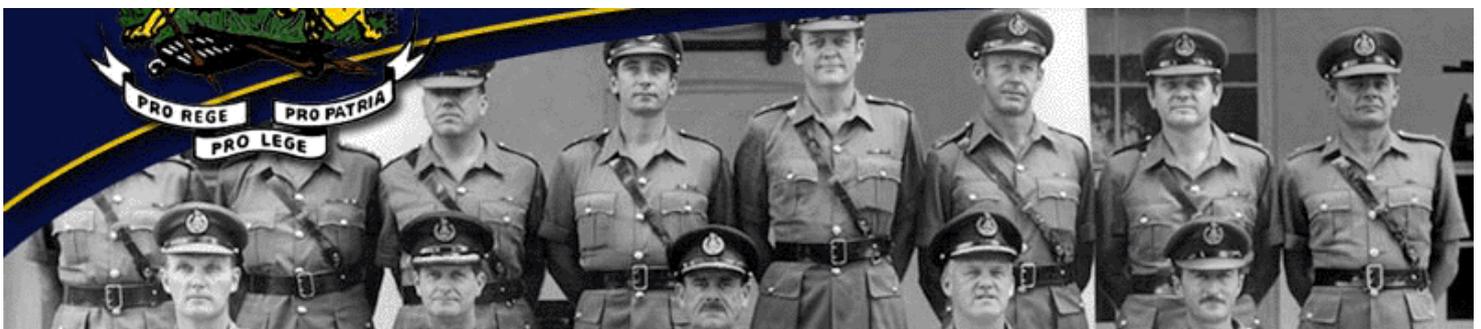
But my advice is make the effort - it proved very worthwhile for me, and the network is brilliant. Wonderful to share with people who were part of an amazing force and shared experiences few people ever could.

If you would like to make contact with a local group, let me know and I can start the process going. I share your contact details - the ones you want me to use - and advise any nearby folks that you are interesting in setting up an informal group.

Adelaide started this process, almost by accident, and the results have been excellent and still growing. Make the first move, you might be surprised who you make contact with.

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# UDI 50th Anniversary reunion

11th November 2015

Many of us shared in one way or another, in the momentous events of the declaration of UDI in Rhodesia on the 11th of November 1965. Many of us now keep contact in our adopted home Australia, but we know the tyranny of distance in this wonderful big continent, means that sharing can be pretty remote - emails and phone etc.

Some of us think it would be wonderful to mark the milestone by sharing together in some form of reunion. The proposal is at this stage to meet for a Rhodesia Reunion on the 11th of November 2015. An opportunity to reconnect with old friends, to share with families and friends the spirit of service from those days, and to make new connections.

The BSAP Regimental Association in Australia has a very active membership and organised a very successful reunion in Canberra in November 2013 with nearly one hundred guests. We would be happy to build on that experience as it was so successful. As policemen we came from many parts of the world, and were proud of our traditions of service to all in our community, and the standards we upheld of fairness, equality before the law, and the care of all in our community in challenging times.

We see this reunion as a chance to continue by those values, and make this an all inclusive opportunity for anyone who had a connection with those times and country, to remember friends, experiences and the spirit of achievement by such a small nation.

This is not in any way a political event but a human one, reconnecting the threads for anyone who was there, not just BSAP, service folks or whatever.

## So what can you do?

We would like you to join us for the reunion, but even more importantly, we would like you to share in the making of the reunion a wonderful experience for all.

The present proposal is to gather at Coffs Harbour, NSW - about half way between Sydney and Brisbane, and within easy and affordable access by road, train, bus and plane from pretty much anywhere. The coastal town has come a long way in recent years, has excellent amenities and lots of things to do.

We have provisionally booked out a hotel / motel which can accommodate between 65 and 105 people, depends sharing etc. however there is certainly a vast amount of relatively inexpensive motels and hotels in Coffs Harbour.

At this stage the idea is to have a core event of three days, with optional add on activities before and after.

- Let us know you are interested in the idea - respond to this email.
- Suggest things you would like to see covered or activities to do - a full list will be published.
- Suggest people who might like to come, or forward this email to friends who you think might be interested.

Once feedback is received from those who are interested, along with numbers, we will start to complete an itinerary and circulate to all.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

*Alan Hadfield*

*8755 Organising Committee.*



## Travel costs at a glance

### To Coffs Harbour

Ex Sydney return:

- Train \$132 Economy;
- Train \$184 First;
- Flights from \$185.80;
- Greyhound \$188.70.

Ex Brisbane return:

- Train \$118 Economy;
- Train \$167.84 First;
- Flights - No Flights
- Greyhound \$150.90

Ex Melbourne return:

- Flights \$413.30;
- Train \$245.32 Economy;
- Train First \$348.62;
- Greyhound \$379.00.

Ex Adelaide return:

- Flights \$610.14.



