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ANZAC DAY 2013

Sydney turned on a glorious autumn day for the 2013 ANZAC Day March, coupled with the huge crowds that lined the route of the march it made it a special day of remembrance for all those involved.

As in past years members from the Geomatic Wing of SME volunteered to carry the banner and the two senior members of the association took place of honour in front of the Survey Corps Association Banner.

In total there were 14 personnel from the Survey Association and 13 from the Geomatic Wing of the SME marching on the day.

After the march the members of the New South Wales Association held their annual general meeting under the Morton Bay fig trees near the Red Cross refreshment tent in Hyde Park.

As usual there was a rush by members to fill the position.

The current President Treasurer and Secretary Richard Jackson-Hope was re-elected to fill all positions for the next twelve months.

He then thanked the members of Geomatic wing for their great turn out and for carrying the banner during the march and thanked the association members for their attendance.

He expressed the association appreciation to WO1 Josh Andrews for arranging the banner party for the march and his assistance prior to ANZAC Day.

He then gave the treasurers report for the past twelve months.

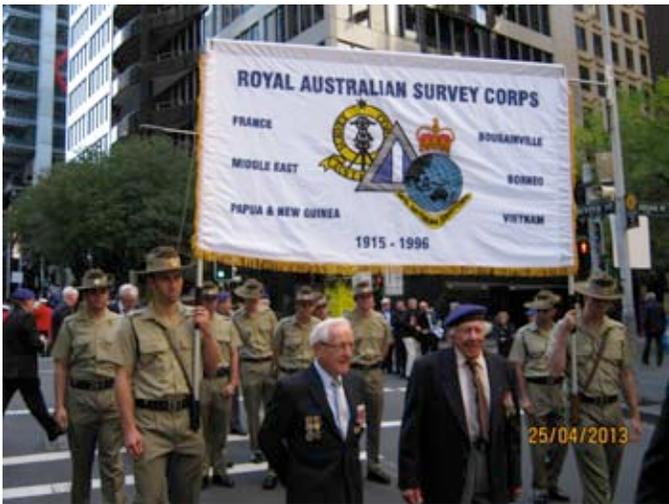
At the conclusion of the treasurers report he said the association has 30 paid up members and at the present time 40 news letters were posted out prior to ANZAC Day.

Members who attended;

Phil Bannister, Bernie Cain, Bob Campbell, Frank Fischer, Frank Gould, Rob Hunter, Richard Jackson-Hope, John Lymbery, Peter Raue, John Siddons, Peter Tierney.

Apologies Bruce Williams and Noel Ticehurst









Bendigo Royal Australian Corps Centenary Celebrations

The Ex-Fortuna Association has made arrangements for a possibly large function (400 plus) 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 Luncheon and (not yet approved) and a visit to “Fortuna” on Sunday 5 July 2015

The Association have reserved bookings with about \$3k in deposits already paid.

The association has a commitment from The City of Greater Bendigo Major Events Team to assist us with the event to appropriately recognise the Survey Corps contribution to the City of Bendigo.

The association is also investigating partnerships with other interested parties.

Whilst it is still early, other arrangements are in planning to supplement and enhance the outline of events above including the invitation of appropriate dignitaries and media.

It is also the centenary of the Anzac campaign.

All past members, families and friends of the Corps are welcome and encouraged to attend. Attendance numbers are not restricted at this time.

More details will be released in the future however the association is happy to accept suggestions to enhance the Bendigo celebrations.

Canberra Royal Australian Corps Centenary Celebrations

This is to provide early information regarding planned Canberra activities associated with the 100th Anniversary of the Corps. It is stressed that there is a long way to go and that like all good plans, this is subject

to change. The activities will be conducted over the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, 1 July 2015.

Activities:

- Afternoon gathering at the Australian War Memorial RASvy Plaque where our wartime contribution will be acknowledged. Group photos will be taken. Guest speaker.
- Late afternoon RASvy reception at the National Library with guest speaker and refreshments. Reception to incorporate the final release of Peter Jensen's Corps Nominal Roll as well as an audio visual presentation on what we did and how we did it including general Corps images.
- Evening dinner for all members and partners at a location to be advised. Guest speaker.

Fires in Springwood and Winmalee Lower Blue Mountains



Sorry for the delay in getting this Newsletter out I was waiting on some other articles to include in this newsletter for one reason or another they never eventuated. Plus it has been a bit hectic of late in the mountains. At this time last year I was helping rescue stranded motorists in the snow in the upper mountains this year it was Bush Fires in the lower mountains.

Photograph on left is of approaching 100+ k per hour fire in our back yard and on the right next door house burning down.

Three houses next to us all burnt down within 20 minutes and joined the toll of 212 houses burnt down in this fire with another 190 damaged.)

If I had not changed the hard drive in the laptop computer six weeks prior to the fires in there would not be an ANZAC Day newsletter.

As luck would have it the old hard drive survived the fire in the (Man Shed) in the computer bag stuffed under the desk and the information on the drive was saved to the new computer.

Lesson for all do not keep backup devices in the same location as the main computer.

Hope to see you all on the 25th April 2014 at our usual meeting spot.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Christmas and may the New Year be a good one for all.

Richard Jackson-Hope OAM.