



Newsletter

*Royal Australian Survey Corps Association
of South Australia*

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Data Loss - Newsletter Needs Adjustment More Bowditch than Least Squares

Following the issue of our Summer 2012 Newsletter, it was noted that something was missing. The culprit was eventually identified as an email that went AWOL and is probably somewhere out beyond the Oort Cloud speeding into outer space. So, having recovered all the information, here it is in our first and (hopefully) only supplement. It mainly affects our SA members but, as Alex Munro points out, it does keep us in everyone's mind. He obviously subscribes to the old adage that all publicity is good except for your obituary.

First Friday Drinks

The practice of having drinks each first Friday of the month was abandoned last year. However, following a ring-around a few members showed up at the Saracens Head on Friday 2 December last for a Christmas drink. Those attending were Ken Talbot-Smith, Stevo Hinic, John Harrison, Allan Adsett and Alex Munro, with an apology from Peter Elverd.

Like a blast from the past, who should also rock up after many years but Bob Johnson, better known as Johnno. He was visiting Adelaide for three days from Darwin.

Johnno joined the Queensland Police after leaving RASvy, remaining with them for several years before transferring to the Australian Federal Police. He is now stationed at Darwin Airport. He really stirred the conversation level, recalling long forgotten incidents on field operations around Katherine, the Daly river, and Darwin.

Snail mail or E-mail?

Just a reminder to anyone who receives their Newsletter through the mail but has internet access to give us their email address.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was to be held in October 2011, but had to be cancelled when Association Secretary, Ken Jeffery was absent on an extended holiday in New Zealand. The meeting is now expected to be held mid February 2012 and all will be notified by a separate notice closer to the time.

As there are unlikely to be any major decisions to be made at the meeting, it should not last very long. However, it is important we have a directive for the coming year.

Functions

As mentioned in the Newsletter proper, John Harrison arranged an impromptu sausage sizzle as a late afternoon Christmas get-together on Saturday 10 December last. John very kindly supplied the snags and bread. Those attending appreciated the opportunity to pass on the compliments of the season and perhaps something similar could be organised for later this year.

Overleaf John Harrison has provided details of our Annual Picnic BBQ to be held on Sunday 5 February. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Change in Secretary

Ken Jeffery has resigned the position of Secretary that he has held for some time now. He has handed over the reins to Rob Langley who has kindly volunteered for the job. So, a big thank you Rob and also to Ken for his input to the SA Association over the years.

Overseas Travel

The much-travelled pair of Ken and Pauline Jeffery are now moving even further afield - this time to Colorado in the USA. Pauline has accepted a teaching position there for twelve months. Our best wishes to both.



Stevo obviously enjoying the sausage sizzle last December!

Annual BBQ Picnic

To: All interested members of our Association
From: John D A Harrison – (and BBQ Subcommittee)
Date: 07th January, 2012
Subject: Traditional New Year BYO Picnic/BBQ
References: A RA Svy Association Newsletter #54 – Autumn 2011

- 1 As previously advised, vide Reference A above, “.... next year - same place, same time, the first Sunday in February, 2012”, the now-traditional *RASvy ANNUAL NEW YEAR BYO PICNIC/BBQ* will again be held at Willow Bend, at VALE PARK on Sunday 05th February, commencing at ~1300hrs and going until “the last man/woman standing” (Late afternoon to early evening would seem appropriate!)
- 2 For members unaware of the selected site - the park is situated on the right-bank of the River Torrens immediately north of the bridge on Ascot Avenue, at VALE PARK.
- 3 As usual – it’s a BYO affair – something to eat/drink - for lunch or dinner, chairs, a table, and an attitude to get involved, and enjoy yourself in the company of others. The venue affords some shade, a well-grassed area, reasonably new toilet amenities, adjacent parking for cars, a dog-off-leash environment, a kid-safe* area in the river to play in, immediate access to the Linear Park for walking, park cricket for the more competitive, etc. etc.!
- 4 For the wanna-be surveyors there will be the usual games/competitions/quiz on distance/height estimations, area and angular calculations, etc. Entry costs for these competitions will be a moderate \$1ea for each entry with half of receipts for prizes – (first 30%, second 20% & third 10%), and the remaining 50% going to Association Funds. So ... please bring along your small change to make the afternoon interesting!
- 5 Looking forward to seeing YOU, and yours on the day! My apologies for the late reminder but you were advised vide Reference A (above). An RSVP is unnecessary

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*NB As always – parental supervision of dogs, kids is essential!

