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**(WESTERN AUSTRALIA) INC.**

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***Ray John Sargeant***  
***1936 - 2003***

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank the Members of our Association at the last Annual General Meeting (25<sup>th</sup> April 2003) for electing me as President. Thanks also to the outgoing Committee Members and a welcome to the new ones.

Unfortunately our numbers are dwindling at the ANZAC DAY PARADE and it is becoming harder to “Show The Flag”. We were fortunate to have some family members and visitors to bolster our numbers. It would be great to see more members join us for the March.

It is with regret that we mourn the passing of our immediate past President - Ray Sargeant, on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2003. There is a vale notice within the WESTLINK.

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the Christmas Function at Kings Park but I hope that everyone who did had an enjoyable time. Finally I extend my best wishes for a happy festive season and a happy New Year – 2004 to all.

**Brian Firms.**

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

This is my first Issue of Westlink, since taking over from Barry Parker, as Editor. Firstly I would like to thank Barry for his support and encouragement to take on the position. The newsletters produced by various state-based RaSvy Associations provide the framework for a strong network throughout Australia of former RA Survey Corps members. I personally view our Association in Western Australia as the “Outpost of the Empire” and as a result feel that we really benefit from the work of other magazine editors.

I admit that our current Issue – No 24 is being produced several months later than I had initially anticipated. As a result this issue will cover the entirety of 2003 with many photographic images included to enhance the general text. My intention is to provide a digital file of our Association’s Newsletter for alternative distribution via the Internet.

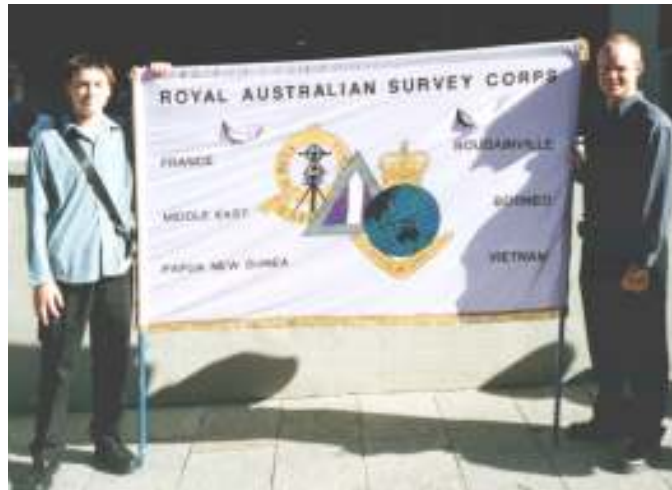
With regard to my email address I am sure that Peter Bowen will appreciate the fact that I have embraced this new technology and moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century !! As a means of providing feedback to our Committee and Members, I would like to provide a “Letters to the Editor” section for inclusion within our Magazine – as well as encourage all Members to submit articles for publication.

**Brian Mead**

**ANZAC DAY – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

Association Members assembled in Pier Street Perth on a perfect sunny day, prior to the commencement of the ANZAC DAY March. This year marked the “debut” of the RA Survey Corps Caps as part of Members attire. The RA Survey Corps tie together with the wearing of Service Medals was prominent within our group.

This year’s March was a special day for the Venn family with three generations represented. Mr. Peter Venn, who served in WW2, in the RAAF was present with son Mike and grandsons Darren and Sean. The Mazzarol family was prominent with Jo’s grandsons – Timothy Monley and Kim George acting as bearers of the Association Banner and Jo’s granddaughter – Constable Danielle Monley marching as part of our group.



**BANNER BEARERS - Timothy Monley and Kim George**



**THE VENN FAMILY (Three Generations) - Peter, Mike, Darren and Sean**

ANZAC DAY – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2003



Clive Craddon, Brian Firms, Ray Sargeant



Frank Lenane, Leo Clifford, Doug Bath



Gus Bottrill, Bob McKenna, Clive Craddon, Danielle Monley,  
Jo Mazzarol and Peter Bowen

**Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN)  
Held at Karrakatta on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

**1. Opening of Meeting.**

The President declared the Meeting open at 1345 hours.

Present: Ray Sargeant, Frank Cohen, Doug Bath, Mike Venn, Brian Mead, Frank & Kate Lenane, Peter Bowen, Bob Bruce, Cedric Clutterbuck, Eric Clutterbuck, Brian Firms, Clive Craddon, Leo Clifford.

**2. Apologies.**

Barry Parker, Phil Bray, Alf Till, Peter Eddy.

**3. Minutes of the AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2001**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2002 were circulated and accepted.

Moved:                Brian Firms

Seconded:          Peter Bowen

**4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

**Hats.**

The President stated that as a follow up to a suggested "sort of hat" to be worn on ANZAC DAY, 30 RA Survey Corps Caps have been manufactured by / purchased from a local Perth Firm. The Caps have been sold to Members for \$15 and utilized on this years ANZAC DAY March.

**5. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer advised that the Association's financial records were still before the Auditor – Alf Till. The Treasurer apologized for the non-submission of the Report but stated that the financial position of the Association was sound. The Audit Report would be circulated in the next 2003 Issue of WESTLINK.

**6. Correspondence.**

The Secretary advised that he had received formal notification of the resignation from the Association Committee of the following:

President (Ray Sargeant),

Vice President (Frank Cohen)

WESTLINK Editor (Barry Parker).

The resignations will be effective from today with the election of new office bearers.

Other correspondence received by the Association was in the category of general business and duly dealt with by the Committee as required.

**7. General Business**

**a. ANZAC DAY**

The President thanked those Members who participated in this year's March and commented on the wonderful reception given by the spectating crowd. He stressed the need for more Association Members to make an effort and attend next year.

**b. CORPS BIRTHDAY FUNCTION**

The President stated that the Victoria League Club in Shenton Park is the selected venue for the 2003 RA Survey Corps Birthday Function, following a positive reaction from those Members who attended last year. Once again Mike Venn and Eric Clutterbuck will be taking responsibility for organizing/ liaison with the Club Management.

**c. WESTLINK**

The President stated that due to the resignation of Barry Parker as WESTLINK Editor, a new person is required to fill the position.

**8. Election of Committee for 2003**

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the members present then proceeded to elect a new Committee for 2003.

The following became the 2003 Committee:

**PRESIDENT**

Brian FIRNS

Nominated: Ray Sargeant,                      Seconded: Frank Cohen                      CARRIED

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Mike VENN

Nominated: Peter Bowen,                      Seconded: Leo Clifford                      CARRIED

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Brian MEAD

Nominated: Mike Venn,                      Seconded: Eric Clutterbuck.                      CARRIED

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Eric CLUTTERBUCK	Nominated: Brian Mead	Seconded: Peter Bowen	CARRIED
Frank LENANE	Nominated: Bob Bruce	Seconded: Doug Bath	CARRIED
Clive CRADDON	Nominated: Brian Firms	Seconded: Brian Mead	CARRIED
Leo CLIFFORD	Nominated: Ray Sargeant.	Seconded: Peter Bowen	CARRIED

**9. Other Business**

**a. Vote of Thanks**

The outgoing President Ray Sargeant stated that his own poor health had determined his decisions for not continuing in his involvement with the Association Committee. He wished to thank everyone for his or her support during the 12 years he had been involved with the Association Administration. Ray Sargeant congratulated Brian Firms on his election to the position of President and passed on his best wishes to the new Association Committee.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to Ray Sargeant, Frank Cohen and Barry Parker for their service to the Association.

Seconded: Mike Venn                      CARRIED by ACCLAIM

**b. ANZAC DAY March**

The President thanked the two members of Jo Mazzarol's family – grandsons Kim George and Timothy Monley - who acted as bearers of the Association Banner during the ANZAC DAY March. The President thanked the Secretary for his efforts in procuring the RA Survey Corps Caps for use on ANZAC DAY.

**c. WESTLINK**

The President accepted the Secretary's offer to take over responsibility for WESTLINK.

The meeting was closed at 1430 hours.

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**President**

.....  
**Secretary**

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION**  
(Western Australia) Inc.

**STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE**  
**For the PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2002**

**INCOME:**

Subscriptions	540.00
Functions	1225.00
Donations	15.00
Corps Shop Sales	70.00
Corps Birthday Raffle	<u>121.00</u>
	<u>1971.00</u>

**EXPENDITURE:**

Bank Fees/State & Federal Taxes	3.90
Functions	1576.50
Corps Caps Deposit	100.00
Postage/stationary	<u>88.00</u>
	<u>1768.40</u>

INCOME	\$1971.00
EXPENDITURE	<u>\$1768.40</u>
<b><u>Excess of Income above Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 202.60</u></b>

**STATEMENT of ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

Opening Balance(Cash at the Bank) 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2002	\$614.57	
Bank Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2002		\$817.17
Add Balance of Unsold Survey Corps Items/Stationary		<u>\$213.00</u>
<b><u>Total of Association Funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002</u></b>		<b>\$1030.17</b>

I have examined the Books and Accounts as presented to me and in my opinion the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Statement of Association Funds are properly drawn up, so as to represent a correct view of the Financial Transactions for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.

  
**Signed:** A Till Auditor

  
**Signed:** B Mead Secretary/Treasurer

**Reconciliation Of Survey Corps Shop Items as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002**

Neck Tie (quantity 4 @ \$18.00)	72.00
Corps Badge Gold Collar (quantity 9 @ \$10)	90.00
Corps Badge Embroided (quantity 4 @ \$3.50)	14.00
Corps Badge Iron On (quantity 8 @ \$2.00)	16.00
Car Stickers (quantity 17 @ \$1.00)	17.00
Tie Bar (quantity 1 @ \$4.00)	4.00
	<u>\$213.00</u>



### **ANNUAL REUNION DINNER**

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held on Saturday 28 June 2003 at the Victoria League Club, Shenton Park. Members were welcomed by President Brian Firms in the Ante-Room for Pre-Dinner Drinks. Excellent waiter service ensured that an ambient atmosphere existed for Members to meet up with old friends. Our Guest Speaker – Wing Commander (AAFC) Leon Griffiths and his wife Pat were escorted by Mike and Annette Venn and greeted by all the Members upon their arrival.

After being called for Dinner, Members found their way into the Dining Room and were offered a three-course menu – together with a selection of wines and beverages. After the completion of the main course Brian Firms made a short speech -welcoming everyone to the Dinner and made mention of those Members who were unable to attend – notably Ray Sargeant who was not well. Brian thanked Mike Venn and Eric Clutterbuck for their efforts in organizing the Dinner.

Once introduced, Wing Commander Griffiths spoke of his current role as Officer Commanding No 7 Wing, Australian Air Force Cadets, RAAF Base Pearce. He spoke of the structure of the Air Force Cadets within Australia and Western Australia – and the aims and aspirations of the organization in the training and character development of young Australians. A long list of high achievements by RAAF Cadets was cited, which reflected well on the quality of the training and the environment in which the Cadets were able to develop their potential.

The evening was concluded with Members being invited to participate in the traditional raffle. All prizes were donated - a large assortment of white/red wines - with \$100 being raised for the Association's Funds. Bar service was extended so that Members were able to "table hop" and enjoy the convivial atmosphere of the evening.

### **AUDIT REPORT**

As stated by the Treasurer, in the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, the Audit Report has been included in this Issue of WESTLINK, (on the opposite page - 8). The statement indicates that the Association's financial position has marginally improved over this Reporting period. Many thanks to Alf Till who has provided his expertise and guidance in the preparation of this Report.

## OBITUARY

### **Ray John Sargeant**

Ray passed away in Perth on Monday 20 October 2003 after a comparatively short illness. He suffered a stroke late in 2002, greatly affecting his physical capabilities, but with time and a strong will to improve, Ray gradually returned to something like his old self. Medical opinion was vague as to the reason for his stroke so further tests were conducted earlier this year. An inoperable brain tumor was discovered rapidly getting worse each week to an inevitable end.

Ray was born in Manchester, England in 1936. Following the death of his father in 1946, Ray's mother decided to migrate to Australia. So in 1950 both boarded the *SS Moreton Bay* for Melbourne to join his brother Tom who had arrived in 1948. Ray was able to find employment as a junior mechanic, until in 1953 the family moved to Perth.

In 1955, Ray was called up for National Service Training, probably the only "lottery" he ever won but it shaped his future life and career. After several years in the CMF, Ray joined the Australian Regular Army as a full time duty member of the CMF. He served with Western Command Field Survey Section as a driver. After two years full time service he was transferred from the CMF into RASvy in 1967 in Perth. Ray trained in Q Store duties, developing an affinity for his new job to such an extent that he became very expert in the management of survey stores and specialised equipment, particularly in the movement and control of those stores on mapping operations throughout Australia and overseas. I considered Ray one of the best "Q Wallahs" that it was my pleasure to have served with, an opinion also held by senior officers within RASvy and all who knew him.

Ray served mainly with 5 Fd Svy Sqn but also had postings with 1 Fd Svy Sqn in Brisbane and 4 Fd Svy Sqn in Adelaide, in addition to many lengthy mapping operations in Indonesia and the Australian Mainland earning the nickname "Noddy". He retired from the Service in 1986, but it was not long before he rejoined again as a civilian storeman at the Midland Stores Depot, eventually rising to a senior position. Ray finally retired for good in 2001 to enjoy his life in full with house renovations, a new 4WD, his bowls club and planning trips with wife Dora etc until his sudden cruel stroke.

**Acknowledgement:** The Obituary for Ray John Sargeant was written by Alex (Darby) Munro, in collaboration with Barry Parker. Darby has granted permission for the Obituary to be included in this issue of WESTLINK. Darby resides in Adelaide and currently fills the position of both President and Newsletter Editor for the Survey Ex-Serviceman's Association of South Australia.

### **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RAY SARGEANT**

A funeral service for Ray Sargeant was held at the Pinnaroo Cemetery on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2003. The Chapel was completely filled with many mourners standing – in excess of 200 friends and acquaintances. A guard of honour was provided by the members of the Greenwood Bowling Club for the funeral cortege.

The service was conducted by an Army Chaplain who spoke about Ray's life, his long and happy marriage to Dora and their children Lorraine and Ross. The Chaplains message, for all those assembled, was to give thanks for Ray's life and to remember the times you shared with Ray. During the service the Chaplain offered the mourners the opportunity to speak.

Barry Parker presented the Eulogy to Ray – in the form of a letter to a friend. "Noddy mate you have gone a' wandering the King's Highway again, but this time the road was just too steep and too rough". Barry talked of Ray's life in the RA Survey Corps and how their personal friendship had continued long after their time together in the Army. Barry thanked the Greenwood Bowling Club for providing the honour guard and reflected on the enjoyment Ray had received from his involvement with the Club – both as a bowler and as a member of the Committee.

Doug Bath spoke of the great sadness that he felt on being informed of Ray's death. He reflected on Ray's kindness and hospitality to him whenever he travelled up from Bunbury to attend an Association function. Doug reflected on how he had been respected as a former member of the WW2 – 4 Fd Svy Coy and the honour that he had been given by Ray in leading the Association Members on the ANZAC DAY March, the previous year.

Lance Barrell spoke of Ray as a life-long friend and a mentor. As a young soldier Lance had raised the ire of the much older Ray and was promptly put in his place. Time passed and as they spent years of service together, Ray became a father figure to Lance and was referred to as "Uncle Ray". Ray was conscious of his lack of education but had a strong logical approach to his work. Lance quoted one of Ray's favourite sayings – *The 3 P's Principle. "Prior, Preparation and Planning prevents Piss, Poor, Performance"*. Lance also referred to Ray's belief in generational legacy – not only in relation to genetics but also in the influence that one has in guiding the next generation.

Darby Munro was asked to read – "THE ODE – *For the Fallen*", prior to the sounding of the Last Post. The service was concluded by the Chaplain after prayers were offered for the memory of Ray Sargeant and those present. An invitation was extended on behalf of Dora and her family for those present to attend a Wake at – 29 Bouvardia Street, Greenwood.

FUNERAL WAKE



Chris Dixon reminisces with Cliff Webb and Lance Barrell



**L-R:** Leon Griffiths, Mike Venn, Phil Bray (partly obscured), Alan Toogood, Frank Lenane, Leo Clifford, Peter Bowen. **Front:** Doug Bath

**CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2003**

The Members who attended the Christmas Party enjoyed perfect weather and an excellent location within the confines of Kings Park. The function took the form of a “Brunch” commencing – late morning with the Association providing refreshments such as soft drinks, lite beer and chilled white wine. The BBQ facilities were not used, with those attending preferring cold meats and salads for lunch.

The attendance of Gary and Zoë Ames at their first Association Function was very pleasing – with a most enjoyable time spent in “catching up” with the years that have passed since their time in the Corps. Cliff Webb gave a thorough critique of the white wines that had been made available, with lite beer being the preferred beverage. Mick and Leisa Gillham were very proudly “baby-sitting” granddaughter Jessie. Yvonne Cocker arrived later in the afternoon and explained that she had had difficulty in locating our group due to some ambiguity in the supplied map. Unfortunately the Association Banner was not in place as had been the case in previous years.

Late in the afternoon the party group “called it a day” – with everyone agreeing that the Christmas Party had been a success.



**L -R Frank Lenane, Kate Lenane, Brian Mead, Dianne Webb, MikeVenn (standing), Annette Mead, Cliff Webb, Zoë Ames, Garry Ames, Mick Gillham, Leisa Gillham with Jessie.**

## FOUND - A SURVEY CORPS RELIC

The following item of interest has been received via Bob Skitch – Editor of the Queensland Association Newsletter. The originator of the article Bill Boyd has passed on to our Association a covering text, together with an attached photo.

**TEXT:**

*“Ann’s brother in law, a recently immigrated Scott who married Ann’s twin Joan was on the Gun Barrell Highway and associated areas recently. In particular near the intersection of the Connie Sue Highway and the Parallel No2 Road - Lat 26deg 57’ 14.3” Long 126deg 19’ 55.8” (GPS determination, not astro fixes by RA Svy) he found inscriptions in concrete as shown in the attachments”*



**COMMENT:** The text is in reference to Bill’s wife Ann. The names inscribed on the concrete slab, shown in the photo, are as follows:

**“1963**

**W/Comd Fd. Svy Unit**

**Peter Toomey – Maylands**

**Harry Newman – Medina**

**Bob McKenna – Kenwick**

**Bob “Spike” Jones - Fremantle”**

**Dated: 27 Oct 1963**

**MEMBERSHIP****ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEYCORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERNAUSTRALIA) INC**

AMES	Gary & Zoë	40 Parker Street	BASSENDEAN	6054	9377 0770
BARRELL	Lance & Sandy	10 Welch Way	WARNBRO	6169	9593 2661
BATH	Doug	50 Frankel Street	BUNBURY	6230	9721 3498
BOULTER	Bob	223 Scott Street	CLOVERDALE	6105	9277 1036
BOWEN	Peter & Bev	8 Rosea Close	MAIDA VALE	6057	9454 6219
BRUCE	Bob	PO Box 134	WOOROLOO	6558	
BROOK	Eric & Jane	6 Binns Court	NORTH FREMANTLE	6159	9336 4324
BRAY	Phil & Judy	33 Nalpa Way	DUNCRAIG	6023	9447 9699
BROWN	Fred	Over Seas Service	Defence Cooperation Program – East Timor		
CLIFFORD	Leo & Ann	41B Kittyhawk Gve	BUSSELTON	6280	9754 3748
CLUTTERBUCK	Cedric & Nan	18 Glennon Way	ROSSMOYNE	6148	9457 4651
CLUTTERBUCK	Eric & Jane	4 Carob Place	GREENWOOD	6024	9342 2181
CLUTTERBUCK	Noel & Fiona	357 Hardey Road	CLOVERDALE	6105	9277 7072
COCKER	Yvonne	151 Calais Road	WEMBLEY DOWNS	6019	9341 5257
COHEN	Frank	121 North Street	SWANBOURNE	6010	9384 7094
COOK	Alex & Lori	92 Nolan Avenue	UPPER SWAN	6069	9296 1297
CRADDON	Clive	U19/7 Bronte Street	EAST PERTH	6004	9221 2317
DIXON	Chris & Linda	15 Orchid Drive	ROLEYSTONE	6111	9397 5280
EDDY	Peter & Anne	112 Keightley Road	SHENTON PARK	6008	9381 2616
EDWARDS	Frank	4 Batavia Way	SALTER POINT	6152	9450 3945
FIRNS	Brian	59 Thompson Road	NORTH FREMANTLE	6159	9335 6825
GILLHAM	Mick & Leisa	3 Penny Place	KELMSCOTT	6111	9495 2214
GRIFFITHS	Leon & Pat	10 Hogg Avenue	SALTER POINT	6152	9450 8373
HALL	Warren	PO Box 298	TOODYAY	6566	9574 4484
LAWLER	Marlene	20B Admiral Gve	HEATHRIDGE	6027	9307 7652
LENANE	Frank & Kate	12 Mackay Cres	GOSNELLS	6110	9398 5815
LOCKE	Cec	35 Arnos Way	GIRRAWHEEN	6064	9342 6098
MAZZAROL BEM	Jo & Betty	52 Cleveland Street	DIANELLA	6062	9276 6170
MEAD	Brian & Annette	8 Barridale Drive	KINGSLEY	6026	9409 8292
MURRAY	Jeff & Anne	100 La Grange Road	STONEVILLE	6081	9295 2469
PARKER	Barry & Helen	41B Jefferson Drive	MARANGAROO	6064	9342 7245
ROBERTS	Jim & Nola	8 Waxberry Close	HALLS HEAD	6210	9582 9857
SARGEANT	Dora	29 Bouvardia Way	GREENWOOD	6024	9448 5787
SAWYER	Tom & Pauline	5 Mandoon Close	DARLINGTON	6070	9299 7039
TAYLOR	Margaret	22 Callistemon Ave	GREENWOOD	6024	9447 0465
TILL	Alf & Lesley	21 Cromarty Road	FLOREAT	6014	9387 5113
UWINS	Bev	12 Kexby Street	BALCATT	6021	9344 4375
VENN	Mike & Annette	29 Waitara Crescent	GREENWOOD	6024	9448 0407
WEBB	Cliff & Dianne	8 Nalpa Way	DUNCRAIG	6023	9448 3176
WILLIS	John & Shirley	40 Walkington Way	EDEN HILL	6054	9379 9486
WILSON	Bryan	69A William Road	NEDLANDS	6009	9386 4729

## LOCAL NEWS

- Peter Eddy.** Peter and Ann have moved into their new home in trendy Shenton Park. Ann still has her antique business whilst Peter has settled into retirement. Reliable sources have stated that Peter now attends “gut busters” at a local gym and has been observed “walking the dog”. Peter still surfs the net, reads avidly, practices woodturning and enjoys evaluating red wine. On a serious note, Peter has maintained his long-term commitment to Legacy and Veteran Affairs.
- Barry Parker.** Barry has in the last month, fully recovered from surgery to remove his gall bladder. The way the story goes, Barry drove himself to hospital, under duress, for treatment in the early hours of the morning – “macho man”.
- Alex Cook.** Alex and Lori have produced their first vintage – Chenin Blanc, from Chenin grapes harvested at their Millendon Vineyard. One of Alex’s local friends helped organize the bottling run, with a further vintage planned for next year. Lori is busy with the rest of the family designing their own wine label !!
- Graham Birrell.** Graham and Pauline have found their way to Perth via the “top end”. Pauline has a brother living in Perth so they took the opportunity to spend Christmas with his family. Their mode of transport is to be envied - a “top of the range” Toyota Landcruiser towing a purpose-built caravan. The caravan is better described as “mobile motel accommodation”. The highlight of their tour so far has been a helicopter ride over the Bungle Bungle terrain as they visited the Kimberley. The next part of their journey is to sightsee through the Great Southern of WA and then across to Esperance.
- Brian Mead.** Brian and Annette have now retired as of Friday 5 December 2003. After 8 ½ years employment with a local mapping consultancy firm, Brian decided that the time was right to move on and leave everything to the “younger blokes”. Annette is very much the doting grandmother and really enjoys her craft interests, together with her circle of friends. Immediate plans are for home renovations, prior to relocating to a smaller home and then “time for travel”.



## **News from Other Associations**

### **EX – FORTUNA SURVEY ASSOCIATION**

The publishing of “Mapmakers of Fortuna” and the public launch in the City of Bendigo has taken place. Gary Warnest reports, “About half of the 1000 copies printed have already been sold and importantly we have recouped our costs.” An addendum is to be published next year – “ errors and omissions ..... may be rectified”.

**Vale:** Mick Byrne passed away on 3 May 2003. Mick transferred from the British Army and saw service as OC Litho and Carto at Fortuna.

Jim Mulqueen passed away on 8 September 2003. Jim was well known during his time “on the presses” in Litho Squadron. After leaving the Army he established a successful family printing business in Bendigo.

Mark Host passed away in Sydney aged 42 yrs. Mark served at the Regiment (1993 – 94), the School of Survey and the MGI pilot Project.

### **QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION**

Australian Service Medal with ‘Irian Jaya Clasp’. CARO Records are incomplete in terms of individual soldiers service in Irian Jaya. Clem Sargent and Don Swiney have been looking into the matter and the honours and awards body are prepared to accept any reasonable evidence of Irian Jaya service for the resquite total period of 30 days.

The PNG Medal – latest advice given in the November 2003 Issue is that the medal was intended for PNG Forces post 1945. RA Svy personnel who served in PNG in 8 Fd Svy Sqn are not eligible – further investigations by Clem Sargent are taking place in Canberra.

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA SURVEY ASSOCIATION**

**Vale:** Lt Col George Ricketts passed away on his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday after succumbing to a bout of pneumonia. George served in the Army from 1941 until 1976 and was looked upon as a stalwart of the Royal Australian Survey Corps.

Alan Adsett has taken offered to assist in the production of the newsletter. His email: [allanadsett@flinders.edu.au](mailto:allanadsett@flinders.edu.au)