



RTFV-35SQN Newsletter



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Anzac Day 2008

What a great day Anzac Day was. I was able to put faces to names. We had 117 attend. It was an excellent function with the Port Office excelling themselves with food, drinks and service. I have sent them an email of appreciation for their efforts and I also rang the Functions Manager. I thought the numbers were down on last year. The Apprentice Reunion in Wagga probably contributed to the numbers being down.

I had some apologies – Bill Deboer, Athol Hatten, Bob Winckel, John and Judy Webster and a few ‘no shows’.

In future our step off time and position will be on our website. I met Wally Jolly,

REPORTS

I attended the memorial service for the Battle of the Coral Sea. It was a good service held at Newstead House, well attended by over 300 people. It apparently was the first Naval battle where the ships did not sight each other. The outcome was completely decided by aircraft.

TRAVEL

I also caught up with Nigger Brown. He will be contributing to our travel pages. He is taking a group of 18 people to Vietnam in August. He indicated this is an ideal number as he uses a 22 seat bus. On his return he will give a full report of this trip plus details of his next trip. Looking forward to reading his report.

Porky Morgan and John Griffiths as well as many others.

I was surprised to meet an armament fitter there from 9 Sqn. I asked him if he knew John Brighton. He said that he did and as a matter of fact, that was him. I met John in Canberra after he came back from Vietnam. He didn't recall me but then again I am pretty forgettable. It was great to catch up with him.

I would like to thank John Griffiths for leading our Association in the march. Thanks also to Tom Mills, Graham Schubert and Eric Evans – our banner bearers. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can next year.

BUDGET BRIEFING

John McDougall and I attended the Budget Briefing. Not a lot came out of this although we will be receiving a one-off bonus of \$500. You will also find a link to copy of the budget briefing outline in the “Quick Link” area on the main page.

Membership

Our membership fees are now due as explained in the last newsletter. You can now pay \$50 life membership or continue to pay \$5 per annum. Many have already taken advantage of the \$50 life membership (saving on the cost of money orders each year). We should have sufficient funds to operate but we may need to call for donations further down the track.

To supplement our income I intend to sell polo shirts, caps and stubby holders with RTFV-35Sqn on them. They

BANK FINANCIALS

I have linked our bank account to the internet so anyone wishing to pay directly to our bank can do so. The details are : The Bank of Qld. Arana Hills Branch. BSB 124001 A/c No. 10481291. So now you can continue to send cheques, money orders or pay directly into the bank account. I have paid \$300 for our software for our website, plus \$700 for our domain name and registration and monthly fees for 2 years. I am still working to obtain a sponsor. Optus have declined to sponsor us. I have sent a letter of request for sponsorship to Banktech but at the time of writing have received no reply.

MEDIA RELEASE: A link to the latest Minister for Veterans Affairs Media release can be found in the “Quick Link” area on the main page.

will be available through our website or by contacting me directly. I have ordered twenty shirts. They are royal blue with red trim. They will be supplied with a plain pocket that you can sew on if you wish, as some people prefer shirts with pockets. I don't have final costs but it should sell for \$25 plus postage and handling. If anyone wishes to order now, they can do so.

I am speaking to the local jeweller with a view to having a ring made up to sell as well.

NEWSLETTER

I will still post out newsletters to those who do not have access to the internet but I am hoping to minimize cost of postage etc by checking with our members who don't have email addresses but may be able to access our website and newsletters at public libraries or friends/families.

WEBSITE

Work continues on the website with updates generally being made every two weeks. If you have any photos or a tale to tell, please forward the material to:

webmaster@rtfv-35sqn.org

