



South Australian Division

Presidents Report 1/2009

Welcome to 2009 I hope all your wishes are fulfilled this year. Our Web site is up and running and the Webmaster has asked me to invite each of you to provide photos of interest to him so that he can include a pictorial display of things relevant to all our members. For those who may not have visited the site yet the address is: www.raafasa.org.au, remember that this is your site and give it your support.

Other news and information we are looking for is Branch news and photos, and once again if you have suggestions or recommendations, please let me know so that I can pass them on to our webmaster.

Last year I mentioned our plan to display our museum articles in a more prominent location. I am pleased to relate that the program is coming along and there is now the beginning of a display located in the Association meeting room (Combined Mess) For security reasons, the medals on display are only replicas and all original medals are safely secured in another area. I also advised that we were in the process of developing a library. The end result of this is; we hope to be able to provide a lending and reference library to our members and others with similar interests. Coupled with this I have sent a letter to all branches requesting interest in receiving oral tapes of HQ News, and other publications of interest to members with failing sight. To date, I have not had a big response so if you are aware of a member who might benefit please let me know their details and I will add them to the list.

I have received information from NSW regarding entitlements for TPI and other qualifiers in that state and pass it on for your information. TPIs and others qualifying who live in NSW are entitled to an Ex-Defence Force Travel



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Pass which allows free travel on Rail, Ferries and Buses. NSW offers reciprocal service to visitors. Application may be made by completing a form obtainable from RailCorp NSW or from me. You will need to attach a photocopy of your Gold Card with TPI embossed and a copy of your SA Travel Permit. The pass provides free travel on both Government and local private bus services throughout NSW (excluding special or premium services), and free travel on Sydney Ferries Corporation services. These services operate within the area bound by Goulburn, Nowra, Lithgow, Newcastle Dungog and Scone. Fee travel is also available to Bathurst, however, it must be made via the Countrylink coach service from Lithgow, and a booking is required in this instance.

In my last report I incorrectly inferred that Bob Cowper was a Battle of Britain survivor. While Bobs many accomplishments are history, I must apologise; as Bob was quick to point out, this was one of the battles in which he had no involvement.

Until our next newsletter, stay healthy and be happy.

Regards

Dave Helman