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Presidents Report 2/2009

Well we are almost half way through the year and it just seems to move faster. Our annual meeting has been and gone and I would like to repeat my remarks to the three long serving committee members who decided to take a well deserved rest. They are of course Rae Harris, Ray Deane OAM and Angus Schulz. I am sure you are all aware of their efforts over many years and I thank them for their total dedication to our Association.

Of course I must welcome our new committee members; they are Allan Burns and John Le Lievre. Allan is a long standing member of the Ubon Branch and is also an ex President of the Tea Tree Gully RSL, with his background I am sure that he will be a very positive addition to the Committee. John is also a long serving member and he is with 24 Sqn, his background is in the Accounting field and he is a currently practicing Accountant so it is with no surprise that he is our new Treasurer. I might add that he is also the new Treasurer for the Combined Ex-Service Mess. So he will be a very busy member. To both a warm welcome and thank you for your support. At present we are without a Welfare Officer but I am reasonably sure that we will have a volunteer for this demanding job in the near future, any takers?

ANZAC Day again saw a pretty good turn out; but a number of our branches are finding it increasingly difficult to Stand to. On the subject of membership; we are still enjoying a reasonable recruiting number and I am pleased to report that a larger number of current serving members have taken the step. The Association welcomes you all and hope you enjoy a long and pleasant association with us.

Our museum project is still a work in progress and I hope to be able to report a start on our library in the near future.

This will be a major job and will in all probability consume a number of years and man hours to complete. Our Port Pirie President Tony Semler has produced a magnificent development plan for this project and we will be accepting his offer to assist in the development with alacrity.



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The Veterans Advisory Council (SA) is in the process of obtaining details from other states and territories relative to entitlements for Veterans and War Widows with a view to standardizing all entitlements across Australia. They are also seeking ideas relative to the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the first war. State and Federal Governments intend to remember this time by a number of ceremonies over the period commencing on Remembrance Day 2014 and going through to Remembrance Day 2018. Subjects being considered for our state are centred on people and occurrences from our state, so if you think you have information or articles of interest please let me know and I will pass them to the VAC.

Regards

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