



South Australian Division

Presidents Report 2/2010

Greetings all, you may already know that the Federal Opposition have indicated they will review the method of indexation for some DFRDB members by linking to the greater of the CPI,MTAWE or PBLCI (the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index), should they be successful at the forthcoming election. I am still at a loss as to why they have only considered members over 55, and have not included those members under the MSBS. The National Council and other ESOs are vigorously pursuing these anomalies; and with luck will demonstrate the imbalance to those in power. Our Editor also mentions other good news to report and that is the recent award of the OAM to a tireless worker, John Martin. I am sure I reflect the feelings of all members in congratulating him on a job well done.

New Awards

At their last General Meeting the National Council agreed to instigate a number of Service Awards, they are: 15, 25, 35, 45 year and 60, 70, year Service awards. Further details will be announced as they become available.

New Members

Welcome to all our new members so far this year we have been fortunate to greet 13 new members they are:

Central Reserve: John Downey, Barry Wright, Christopher Arney, Richard Bungey, Allison Bungey.

Elizabeth Salisbury: Winton Hatherly, Brenda Ward, Robert Eley, John Quast.

Mildura: David Briggs, Dudley Marrows.

Mitcham: Francis James Robilliard, Ronald Biddell.



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DVA

The Department of Veterans Affairs is organising a Veterans Health Week function to be held at Torrens Parade Ground on 20 Jul 10 and I have been involved with the planning of this function. There will be a considerable display of healthy meal alternatives giveaways and health advice.

Air Force Headquarters has advised the reformation of two Squadrons, they are No 30 City of Sale Squadron and No 31 City of Wagga Wagga. Parades will be held at East Sale on 12 July 10 and Wagga Wagga on 29 July 10. Your attendance is invited to either or both parades. Contact is East Sale 03 51466447 and Wagga Wagga 02 69374100.

Branch News

Has your branch submitted any news/history of their branch for inclusion on our web site? There is a page available for all branches, where they can provide photographs and topics of interest. I look forward to receiving relative information so that I can arrange to have it included.

Finally, on a sadder note, I will depart from my usual letter and express my deepest condolences to the family of Bobbie Fuller, who passed away in late June. Bobbie was a staunch member and an active State Councillor. Due to illness, he reluctantly gave up his position on the Council at the last AGM. Bobbie was also a very active DVA Advocate who represented our members with compassion and dedication. Vale Bobbie.

Regards

Dave Helman