



South Australian Division

Presidents Report 2/2013

My first duty is to congratulate our esteemed Mitcham member Don Roach on the award of the Order of Australia Medal in the New Year Honours list. Well done and well deserved Don.

Most members would be aware of the confusion regarding the annual Airport Plaques ceremony; unfortunately and beyond our control, the relocation of the Plaques from Adelaide Airport to Torrens Parade Ground had to be deferred due to a fault in one of the granite blocks. As a result, the function will now be observed on the 2nd June (Sunday) commencing at 1100hrs.

Future observations will be held in conjunction with Bomber Command and will be celebrated on the nearest Sunday to 3rd of June each year at the Air Force memorial Plaques at Torrens Parade Ground. I believe this to be a logical flow on to the relocation, given the number of Plaques dedicated to Bomber Squadrons that are included in the 36 plaques on the memorial. Hopefully,

A larger number of attendees to support the day will result. Access to the site and parking on the Parade Ground will also be a bonus.

The Annual General Meeting has been and gone with all Councillors being re-elected unopposed. We also welcomed two new members George Scott and Angus Schulz. Angus is no stranger to the council as he was the Treasurer for some time before taking a well-earned rest, and George brings a fresh approach to the group. On a less happy note, attendance at the AGM was a little disappointing and I would ask members to give some thought to attending the next AGM in April 2014.

More sad news, the Chairman of the Combined Mess, Bruce Newman, has submitted his resignation from his position WEF 3rd June 2013. Bruce has been a long standing and keen Chairman for over six years and in that time has dealt with problems and considerable pressure from all sides. It is with sadness that I accepted his letter of resignation. I am sure the other members of the Mess Committee, its members and all members of the RAAF Association join with me in thanking Bruce for his long and loyal service to the Mess.



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It was with much pleasure that RAAF Ubon members (1965-68) learned after a wait of forty years plus of the award of the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal to recognise their service. The many years of hard lobbying by the Ubon Recognition Group members must be congratulated.

Regards

Dave Helman