



South Australian Division

Presidents Report 1/2014

Greetings fellow members, I am pleased to report that our last AGM saw all incumbents re-elected and I thank them for their continued support. Our program for the year is on track with the Bomber Command and Air Force Plaques memorial ceremony set for 1 June. Members should note this ceremony is observed on the Sunday nearest to 1 June each year and as it is a relatively new location, some changes have been made. If any member has thoughts that may improve the ceremony, I would welcome them.

The next function on the agenda will be the Battle of Britain commemoration, this ceremony will be held on Monday 15 September commencing at 11.am at the Air Force Memorial Torrens Parade Ground. Again, I look forward to your support at this event.

This year saw a successful ANZAC Day march although, like all other ESOs our numbers are sadly depleting. I would like to remind all members that next year is the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli and the ANZAC Day Committee is expecting a large influx of country members, so please keep an eye out for details of form up areas etc, or call me and I will brief you nearer the day. On the theme of ANZAC Day, for a number of years we have been fortunate to have a number of Scooters donated for use during the march. They have proven very popular and many thanks must go to Scooter World for their generous help.

National Council continues with their effort to induce new members and entice ex members to return to the fold. We must all do our bit to ensure our Association continues to exist and expand, thereby ensuring our legacy continues enabling us to assist those in need.

Over the past few months, we have had the opportunity to assist current serving members in the form of donations and no interest loans. These incidents have been well reported in both RAAF News and Wings. These incidents serve to give wide and free advertising of the Association and lift our profile at Edinburgh.

Finally, just a reminder that your Mess is open on the 2nd and 3rd Friday each month from 3pm until late, (depending of customers) why not get a few friends together and visit?

Until our next News: Stand easy.

Regards

Dave Helman