



South Australian Division

Presidents Report 2/2016

Greetings fellow members and welcome since my last report to you there has been sad news. John Le Lievre, our State Treasurer of many years was diagnosed with a particularly aggressive cancer in early April and he passed away after a very short illness on the 5th May. John was a very professional treasurer who gave timely and factual reports and always had the Association at heart. His friendship and camaraderie will be missed by all members, particularly by me and all State Councillors. Vale John.

I know that all Association members will be pleased to know that our National President, Brent Espeland has been appointed to the position of President of the Veteran's Advisory Council (SA). He takes over from Sir Eric Neale, who was the founding President. Since the establishment of this council most other states have also formed similar bodies within their states. This position is extremely important to all veterans, as the council has a direct line to the Premier and Government of SA on all matters relative to the wellbeing of veterans in South Australia. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him all success.

The 31st March commemorated the 95th birthday of the RAAF and combined effort from the Senior Air Force Officer RAAF Base Edinburgh and this association proved a most successful event. At the conclusion of the ceremony all guests were invited back to the Drill Hall where light refreshments were provided by the RAAF and RAAFA (SA).

On the 29th May the annual commemoration recognising all squadrons and units who were involved in WW11 was held at the Air Force Memorial at Torrens Parade Ground this event also included recognition of "Bomber Command" and their involvement in that war. As usual, the catafalque party was ably provided by members of 6 Wing AAFC, their involvement adds a great deal to the day and sincere thanks must go to them. Our next memorial day will be on the 11th September when we remember those involved in the Battle of Britain. I would encourage you to put this date in your diary and roll up to support the occasion details are: 1100hrs ceremony at the Air Force Memorial followed by light refreshments in the Combined Mess. I look forward to seeing you there.

Until our next News: "Stand easy"

Dave