



South Australian Division

Presidents Report 3/2016

Greetings fellow members and welcome to this report. I have two pieces of news for those who may be unaware, the first is sad and that is that Brian Fennell a long time member of Mitcham Branch sadly passes away on 29th August. The other, although somewhat late is that he has been awarded the Legion of Honour (Fr). I understand that he may have been aware of this prior to his death. Brian was a gentleman of the first order and his passing closes another chapter in the history of the RAAF. Lest we Forget. Amendments to membership list.

At the National Council Meeting held in June 2016 the motion was put and carried, to introduce a common membership fee. With the aim to assist with the seamless transition between Divisions. That common fee will be a base amount, applicable nationwide, for members not wishing to affiliate with a particular branch. Branches subject to Division's constitutions would be free to impose a branch fee or levy to meet their particular circumstances. The amount agreed too was \$25.00 per annum (including GST), of which \$10.00 will be capitation payable to the National Council. The increase in capitation will be absorbed by Division. It was also agreed that the annual subscription for AFA Youth will be \$11.00 per annum (including GST), of which \$5.00 will be capitation payable to the National Council. These new fees will commence from the beginning of the Division 2017 subscription year. Branches may wish to add a further levee to maintain their cash flow. This will be at the discretion of branches.

ANZAC Day 2017.

Members will be aware of the proposed extension to the Adelaide Tram network to include North Terrace from King William St to the old RAH, set to commence later this year. It is unlikely that any disruptions will occur and our assembly point will remain pretty much in the same location as in previous years. In the long term I understand that tram stops will be planned to reduce congestion at the National War Memorial. Further extensions along King William St to Prospect are proposed for some time in the future; they too should not impact negatively on march.



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HQ Library Bill Chappell has been working behind the scene to establish a library for use by members. Once all is ready there will be a very large cross section of reading available at no cost to all members. the list includes historic subjects all the way through to fiction I am sure there will many books of interest to all. Once all is ready I will remind all.

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