



## South Australian Division

### Presidents Report Nov 2017

Greetings fellow members, as you may know we have changed the date for our Annual General Meetings from April each year to October. This change was decided so that any new council member would not find themselves almost immediately involved with ANZAC Day arrangements. The new date should also allow us to enjoy more temperate weather. It will not affect membership, as annual membership fees will still become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.

Other news of interest might also be the reorganisation of the National Council. Effective from January 2018 the Council will no longer exist in the form generally accepted and will transition to a Company limited by guarantee. State Membership will not be affected by this change.

Your National Council continues to explore avenues that may improve our membership recruiting. During their deliberations it was noted that some difficulty arose when trying to identify what our Association offers its members. Further research will be undertaken relative to this matter.

Our profile will be raised in the near future with the establishment of a Magazine titled "Welcome to Edinburgh" this magazine is of high quality and is a follow on of two other "Welcome" magazines currently available at Williamstown and Richmond and is targeted at new arrivals on base. RAAFA NSW have a full page dedicated to them and SA Division has purchased a full page that will appear in the Edinburgh issue. It is hoped the ad may produce more members. at least it will make readers aware of our existence.

On a sadder note, I must advise all members that our esteemed National President Brent Espeland passed away suddenly on 29<sup>th</sup> September and was afforded a full Military Funeral at the Church of England Cathedral on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Brent was fully committed to the Association and all Councillors enjoyed his quiet professional approach to all matters affecting the Association. He will be sadly missed. "Lest we forget".

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October and once again we struggled to achieve a quorum. No doubt this was due in part to the meeting conflicting with Mitcham branch meeting. To avoid this happening again, future AGMs will be held on a Wednesday.

Until our next News, "Stand easy"

Dave