



**RAAF Association (NSW Division) - RADAR BRANCH**  
**MINUTES OF THE RADAR BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held at Gallipoli Legion Club, Hamilton, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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<b>Present:</b>		
Ray O'Donoghue	President	Chair
Bill Forsbey	Secretary	
Tony Rogers	Treasurer	
Bruce Carpenter	Committee Member	
Jim Stewart	Committee Member	
John King	Committee Member	
David Leach	RAAFA NSW State Councillor	Visitor
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Terry Delahunty	Vice President	
Bobby McFerran	RAAFLO	
Howie Campbell	WELFO	
Alex Culvenor	Victorian Representative	
<b>ITEM 1 – Meeting Open and Introduction</b>		
The Chair opened the meeting at 11:02 am. The meeting was advised that a recording device was being utilised.		
<b>ITEM 2 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>		
The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Gallipoli Legion Club, Hamilton, on 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 were tabled.		
<b>Action:</b>		<b>By:</b>
<b>ITEM 3 – Business Arising from Minutes</b>		
NIL		
<b>ITEM 4 - Correspondence</b>		
The Secretary presented the Correspondence report for the preceding quarter. The following matters were noted:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Netregistry Account.</b> There were a number of emails regarding the Netregistry Account payment method. This issue has been finalised with the payment method being by Direct Debit.</li> <li><b>b. RAAFA NSW Metro Forum.</b> A number emails from RAAFA executive regarding the Metropolitan Forum.</li> <li><b>c. ACNC Registration.</b> The branch request to register with the ACNC has been withdrawn for the present as they are only doing charities at the moment and not “Not for Profits”.</li> <li><b>d. Minutes of AGM March 2014.</b> The minutes of the AGM held in March 2014 were</li> </ul>		



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distributed to committee members.

- e. **Ballina RAAFA.** Advice from Ballina of new committee for 2014.
- f. **Radar Branch Delegates to RAAFA NSW AGM.** RAAFA NSW advised of Radar Branch delegates to RAAFA NSW AGM.
- g. **Search for MH370.** Request from ABC Drive Radio for information on Australian Radar capabilities.
- h. **Victorian Radar News Letter.** The Victorian Radar newsletter was received.
- i. **10 & 11 Sqns 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Advice from Richard Wills regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 10 & 11 Sqns.
- j. **State Council Meeting March 2014 and AGM Notice.** Received the minutes and reports for the March 2014 State Council meeting and notice of AGM.
- k. **April 2014 Metro Forum.** Received documents regarding metro Forum in April 2014.
- l. **Cancellation Website Security Package.** The Netregistry security package was cancelled because the cost changed to \$200.00 Per Annum and not a on off \$200.00 as previously advised.
- m. **41 WG Annual Award.** Advice of the recipients of the awards.
- n. **New Member SQNLDR Paterson.** Received confirmation of new member SQNLDR Paterson.
- o. **Radar Branch member KH Taubman.** Received advice from his daughter that he is not well and will not be renewing his membership.
- p. **Old Radar Branch Banner.** Ray O'Donoghue advised that a home has been found for the Old Radar Branch Banner.
- q. **State Council Meeting April 2014 and AGM Notice.** Received the minutes and reports for the March 2014 State Council meeting and notice of AGM.
- r. **Marching with Radar Branch ANZAC Day 2015.** Received a request from Mr Denis Cribbin regarding marching with the radar Branch on ANZAC Day 2015.
- s. **Capitation Funding Working Group Report.** Received the report from RAAFA executive.

**Action:**

**By:**

**ITEM 5 – President's Report**

The President presented his report.

- a. **Metro Forum.** The President advised that he attended the Metro Forum in April 2014 with Bruce Carpenter and Howie Campbell. The forum discussed the Capitation report. He stated that decentralisation of capitation to the Branches had merit but there were issues regarding payment methods. He suggested that members wanted to be able to pay by Credit Card or EFT. There will be cost involved for Branches to set up a Credit Card payment option which is currently met by RAAFA NSW. He stated that this issue needs to be raised by the Branch at the RAAFA NSW AGM in June 2014.
- b. **ANZAC Day 2014.** The President advised that ANZAC Day went extremely well except for the rain. He stated that he had problems finding the location of the RAAF contingent for the old banner to be paraded. He provided some photographs of the parade. The main march



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went well with the new banner. He thanked 41 & 42 Wing for their continued support of the march. The lunch went well with 52 in attendance. There needs to be a discussion in General Business regarding 2015 and beyond. He sought approval to contact the organizers of the Newcastle march regarding future participation which was given. He advised that the new Banner looked good but did not stand up very well to the rain. This will be investigated as to a possible solution. The Old banner will be displayed in EASTROC. It was presented to 41 Wing and hopefully there will be an unveiling to which Radar Branch will be invited.

<b>Action:</b>	Contact with Newcastle March Organizers	<b>By:</b>	President
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**ITEM 6 – Vice President’s Report**

NIL

**ITEM 7 – Treasurer Report**

Total funds available at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 were \$5,737.03 being \$4,159.55 in the cheque account and \$1,577.48 in the Cash Reserve Account.

<b>Motion:</b>	That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.
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<b>Moved:</b>	Tony Rogers	<b>Seconded:</b>	Jim Stewart	Carried
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**ITEM 8 – Welfare Officer’s Report**

Howie Campbell presented a written report.

**ITEM 9 – General Business**

- a. ANZAC Day 2014 Debrief.** The President reiterated his comments from his report. Bruce Carpenter stated the he attended the Murrays Bridge services which were very well attended.
- b. RAAFA Annual General Meeting.** The secretary advised that Mr Tony Rogers and Mr Bill Forsbey have been booked in to the Pullman Hotel and will represent the Radar Branch at the RAAFA AGM to be held on 19 & 20 June 2014.
- c. Capitation Funding.** David Leach gave a presentation on the Capitation Funding Report. He stated that there were other issues apart from capitation funding. For example, it appeared that RAAFA NSW was living beyond its means. He spoke about the operating costs associated with capitation and what was outlined in the Report. The report proposes that capitation be managed by the Branches and that the Branches forward capitation directly to National and RAAFA NSW live off their investment earnings from the \$1.3 Million. He indicated that 9 Sqn were looking at becoming part of the RAAFA. He also stated that other RAAF Squadron Associations should be approached to join the RAAFA. There are also proposals regarding the distribution of Wings. He stated that the RAAFA needed to set up Focus groups to better advertise the existence of the RAAFA. He also discussed the issue of “Fully Subscribed Members” and the unfunded liability they presented. He also spoke about the need to be able to attract new members. There was discussion regarding the investment management and strategies for the RAAFA NSW funds. The Radar Branch delegates will be supporting the issues raised by Report. The secretary and treasurer are to make inquiries regarding the costs involved in setting up a Credit Card payment system for the Radar Branch.



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<p><b>d. ANZAC Day 2015 and Beyond.</b> Jim Stewart advised that 41/42 Wings would support going to the Sydney march as long as there is one WW2 member left. However, there is continued pressure on funding to get the troops to Sydney. There is a declining attendance at the Sydney march by Radar Branch members. There was a suggestion that Radar Branch members should be approached before ANZAC Day and be invited to attend the march and lunch. Despite appeals at the ANZAC Day lunch there were no new memberships received.</p> <p><b>e. Pensions.</b> The secretary advised that contrary to popular opinion, the non-liability treatment of cancers has not been extended to ALL ex-servicemen from 1st July 2014. There are still conditions i.e. entitlement under VEA (Operational or Defence service) and Warlike or Non-Warlike service under MRCA. However, PTSD, Anxiety/Depressive Disorders, and Alcohol/Substance abuse non-liability treatment will be available to ALL ex-servicemen from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. He advised the meeting that NSW Free Travel pass was not available to ex-servicemen who only have disabilities covered by SRCA.</p>	
<b>Item 11 –Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting will be held as follows: Venue: Gallipoli Legion Club, Hamilton Date: 10th July 2014 Time: 11:00 am</p>
<b>Item 10 - Meeting Closure.</b>	<p>The President closed the meeting at: 13:05 pm</p>

Ray O'Donoghue  
President

William Forsbey  
Secretary