



RAAF Association (NSW Division) - RADAR BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE RADAR BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at Gallipoli Legion Club, Hamilton, on 28th August 2014

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Present:			
Ray O'Donoghue	President		Chair
Bill Forsbey	Secretary/Pensions		
Tony Rogers	Treasurer		
Bruce Carpenter	Committee Member		
John King	Committee Member		
Howie Campbell	WELFO		
Apologies:			
Terry Delahunty	Vice President		
Bobby McFerran	RAAFLO		
Jim Stewart	Committee Member		
Alex Culvenor	Victorian Representative		
ITEM 1 – Meeting Open and Introduction			
The Chair opened the meeting at 11:00 am. The meeting was advised that a recording device was being utilised.			
ITEM 2 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting			
The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Gallipoli Legion Club, Hamilton, on 10 th July 2014 were tabled.			
Motion:	That the minutes be accepted.		
Moved:	Ray O'Donoghue	Seconded: John King	Carried
Action:	Forward a copy of the latest membership list to Treasurer		By: Secretary
ITEM 3 – Business Arising from Minutes			
a. The grant acquittal has been signed and forwarded.			
ITEM 4 - Correspondence			
The Secretary presented the Correspondence report for the preceding quarter. The following matters were noted:			
a. Rathmines on Parade. The latest Rathmines on Parade flier was received and have been placed on the website.			
b. New Member. A new membership application was received from SQNLDR Steve Henry. A welcome email was forwarded by the secretary.			
c. Passing of member. Advice was received regarding the passing of Mr Alan Duncan OAM. The secretary advised that he was unable to attend the funeral but did send condolences to			



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<p>his family on behalf of the Branch.</p> <p>d. Victorian Radar Newsletter. A copy of the Victorian Radar Newsletter was received from Mr. Ian McKellar.</p> <p>e. Ballina Commemoration Service. Mr Richard Wills advised that the Ballina Commemoration Service would be held on 7th September 2014.</p> <p>f. Ballina RAAFA TV Commercial. Mr Richard Wills forwarded a copy of the TV commercial Ballina RAAFA are going to run on NBN in their area.</p> <p>g. Nomination of Alex Culvenor for OAM. There was advice from Mr Ian McKellar that Victorian Radar intend to nominate Alex Culvenor for an OAM. He requested any recommendations from Radar Branch executive that may be used in the nomination.</p> <p>h. New Radar Site in Darwin. Mr Ian McKellar advised that a new unidentified radar site had been found in the Darwin area. He asked whether any member may be interested in joining the expedition to the site.</p>			
Action:		By:	
ITEM 5 – President’s Report			
The President presented his written report (Annex A).			
Action:		By:	
ITEM 6 – Vice President’s Report			
See President’s Report			
ITEM 7 – Treasurer Report			
Total funds available at 31 st July 2014 were \$5,910.80 being \$812.58 in the cheque account and \$5,098.22 in the Cash Reserve Account.			
Motion:	That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.		
Moved:	Tony Rogers	Seconded:	John King
			Carried
ITEM 8 – Welfare Officer’s Report			
Howie Campbell presented a written report (Annex B).			
ITEM 9 – Pensions Report			
The pension officer processed one claim for increase which was granted.			
ITEM 10 – General Business			
<p>a. Future Meetings. The secretary proposed that the meetings should be moved to a Saturday or Sunday to enable more members to attend who work or have other commitments during the week. There was agreement that the meetings would be held on a Saturday for a trial period of the next three meetings November 2014, January 2015, and March 2015. The trial will be the 3rd Saturday of every second month for the next three meetings. The secretary to confirm availability of the Club.</p>			



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<p>b. Battle of Britain. The Battle of Britain will be held on 15th September 2014 at Martin Place Sydney. There is no harbour cruise or function this year. Howie Campbell will be attending on behalf of the branch and laying a wreath. The RAAFA NSW advised that there would be no function as the cost was becoming prohibitive. The President put forward a motion that the Branch reimburse Howie the cost of the wreath. Seconded by Tony Rogers, Passed.</p> <p>c. ANZAC Day 2015. The President stated that there needed to be consultation with the membership regarding a move to Newcastle for the ANZAC Day March. After discussion it was agreed that ANZAC Day march be moved to Newcastle and that the membership be consulted. The President will also approach 41 Wing regarding their intentions and thoughts on moving to Newcastle.</p> <p>d. Christmas Function. There will be a Christmas function at the Tattersalls club Sydney on Friday 28th November 2014 11:00 am for 12:00 pm. The President will also investigate the Branch's possible attendance at the 3CRU function.</p> <p>e. Radar Bulletin. There was discussion about the mailing out of the Radar Bulletin verses emailing. Terry Delahunty looks after the distribution of the Bulletin. The secretary will provide the latest copy of the membership list to Terry and Ray. It was agreed that the paper copy still needed to be sent to those members who do not have email access or prefer a paper copy.</p> <p>f. Spare Branches. The President read out a letter from RAAFA NSW (Geoff Usher) to various Branches advising the intention to hold a social function on Tuesday 28th October 2014 especially for those Branches that do not have regular meetings or functions. It was felt that this function should be open to all branches to attend.</p>	
ITEM 11 –Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held as follows: Venue: Gallipoli Legion Club, Hamilton Date: 15 th November 2014 Time: 11:00 am
ITEM 12 - Meeting Closure. The President closed the meeting at:	12:42 pm

Ray O'Donoghue
President

William Forsbey
Secretary



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President's Report

I have been away and planning for my upcoming trip, so have little to report on this month.

Anzac Day 2015 and beyond

After repeated attempts, I finally got to talk to Ken Fayle, the organiser of the ANZAC Day activities in Newcastle for the Newcastle Diggers Club/RSL. I am still unclear of Ken's full roles, but he is certainly the main POC. In a nutshell, Ken said we would be welcome to join. We had some discussion regarding order of March and associated activities and, as there seemed to be some discrepancy between what we are used to and what generally occurs in Newcastle, he suggested I speak to the parade WOD, who is the Base WOD for RAAF Base Williamtown, WOFF Lloyd Hamilton.

I have spoken to Lloyd who assured me that we can essentially set up as we please. Ken seemed to think that, as a matter of course, uniformed personnel and ex-service organisations marched separately. Lloyd was clear that we could march with 41WG personnel following our banner if that was what we chose to do

I have also tried to speak to OC41WG, but caught him as he was going into a meeting. I hope to talk to him today, to see if he would support us in Newcastle as readily as in Sydney.

Vice President's Report

Terry called me yesterday afternoon to seek information regarding the Battle of Britain service in Sydney, so that he could include it in the Bulletin. He advised that the RAAFA NSW web site still had the details for 2013 and he had been unable to contact the Division. Fortunately, I was able to get in touch with Division, obtain the information required and pass it on to Terry. He has since incorporated it into the Bulletin, which he distributed last night.

Terry and I also had a discussion on the future of the Bulletin. He was wondering about the viability of continuing with the distribution of hard copies. I felt that we should, for the sake of those members who either are not computer-savvy or prefer a hard copy. Terry is open to all possibilities and we agreed that we would discuss this in General Business. He is happy to continue in his role as editor of the Bulletin.

Ray O'Donoghue

President RAAF Radar Branch



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WELFARE OFFICER REPORT. RADAR BRANCH 10th July 2014.

11th July	Attended Pension & Welfare Officer Network Meeting at Ourimbah RSL Club
13 th July	Attended meeting at Rathmines
17 th July	Attended Veteran's Network meeting at Doyalson Wyee RSL Club
22 nd July	Attended AGM of Friends of Rathmines Inc.
27 th July	Attended meeting at Rathmines
8 th Aug	Attended Pension and Welfare Officer Network meeting at Ourimbah RSL Club
14 th Aug	Attended funeral of Noel Whitehead at Long Jetty. John King attended
24 th Aug	Attended meeting at Rathmines.

I made contact with Radar Family re death and funeral arrangements for ex WOFF Ray Collins. John King attended.

I made contact with Radar Family re funeral arrangements for Ex Sgt Noel Whitehead.

The family of Len Waters, the first and only Aboriginal Fighter Pilot, will be attending "Rathmines on Parade" on 25th September 2014.

There will be a big input from 41Wing, No 1 Recruit Training Unit Wagga, RAAF Roulettes, Military Dog Unit from RAAF Williamtown, plus lots more. I am the RAAF Liaison person and Publicity Officer for this event.

Howard Campbell

Welfare Officer, Radar Branch RAAF Association NSW Division
Chairman Central Coast Pension & Welfare Officer Network.