

Elizabeth & Salisbury Sub Section
of the Naval Association of Australia [SA] Inc.
(Elizabeth Navy Club & RAFA 1200 Club)

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The Bar will not be open Saturdays if the Club is booked for a Club Function, or Private Hall Hire

No Bar Trade on Saturday 27th June as we are Booked for a Private Function on this day

All Membership Fees are Due as from the 1st Jan 2009 fees for Membership renewals are as the following:

Ex- Naval Members	\$25.00	Associate Members	\$20.00
Club Members	\$20.00	Sport Members	\$10.00

A Joining Fees of \$5-00 applies to all New Members, Except Sports Members whereby a Fee of \$2-50 applies

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As I look at the calander on my office wall I'm reminded that the year is at the half way point & normally by now I would have sent out 2 newsletters & would be considering the 3rd, but this year I have struggled to achieve this, but at last here I am, so I'll attempt to catch up with this newsletter.

It has been an interesting first six months this year at the club. The Monday morning work parties have continued, but went through a bit of a slump in the beginning with myself having to take time out to attend medical appointments/rehab after having a full knee replacement. I'm pleased to say that things have progressed well since my operation last November. Some of the other guys attending the Monday mornings also took some time out for various reasons, but we're back on track again with the exception of Secretary Robin Wood who now has to restart treatment for his Non Hodgkins Lymphoma which has come back to give him some back troubles.

Speaking of Sick Members, at the Anzac Dawn Service, Eddy Nicholls took a turn for the worse. I have had contact with Eddy since & he informed me that after spending some time in hospital he was now out but spending some time at his sons house while he continues recuperating. I hope things are continuing to improve for you Eddy.

On the subject of Sick Members I remind all that unless we are informed by someone of a members condition we are not mind readers & especially for those who don't attend the club on a regular basis get a member of your family to let us know. Contact Numbers are at the top of this letterhead.

Getting back to the past events of this year. We started off in February with the 1st of 4 promulgated Garage Sales for the year. It was decided in the week prior to the event that all the proceeds of this 1st Garage Sale would be donated to the Victotrian Bushfire Appeal. The proceeds were sent via the Australian Red Cross & we have since had a letter of receipt. I will allow the main organizer of this event Jan Fry the honour of reporting the outcome of this worthy event except to say that even I was amazed at the generosity. Next was the Captain Waller Lunch on the 28th Feb. After a very slow start with commitment by members in letting us know who & how many were attending, we finally ended up with 43 not counting guests & catering staff volunteers & cadets who assisted with the catering. This is down by about a third on last year's numbers in attendance.

The RAFA held their AGM on March 8th & the Navy Club AGM was on March 15th. There's not much to say about these meetings except that the attendance at both AGM's was appalling. In both cases we had just enough to form a Committee. For the most important meeting of the year that says to me that the members aren't really concerned about either of the clubs. I guess another reason would be by not attending you couldn't be asked to become a committee member. I guess the only other way to describe the attendance would be pathetic.

Next on the calendar was Anzac Day but before we got to the actual day I was paid a visit one Wednesday Evening at the club by a young lady representing Bunnings Warehouse at Parafield, & she introduced herself as the stores Activities Coordinator. After introducing herself she came straight to the nature of her visit & said we would like to do a makeover of your garden area out the front of your premises. Being as there was going to be no beating about the bush on the subject of her unusual visit, I responded with, "& how much is that going to set me back", & was pleased when she responded with "nothing". My immediate response was "well I'd have to be a fool to say no". After working out an agreement with this young lady who certainly seemed to have the gift of the gab so to speak, & we agreed on a simple makeover which was very low maintenance, she then set about organizing when it would

take place. This happened a couple of weeks before Anzac Day & was carried out by a group of Bunnings Employees who volunteered their time outside of their normal work hours. Within a matter of about 5 hours one Monday Morning they had transformed our Garden Plot, Jan provided them with a feast of Chips & Chico Rolls for lunch. Oh yes & the final thing on the day was they Donated to the club a Garden Bench Seat which we agreed would not remain in the Garden as originally agreed because of the local vandals, so we now have 2 bench seats which can be put out in good weather by the windows where we can keep an eye on them. (His closest friends at the club donated the original bench in memory of Blue Hipworth) Anzac Day itself arrived & so did the rain. For the 1st time in my time as a member (nearly 30yrs). We were forced to retreat & the service was conducted inside the clubrooms. The rest of the day progressed in the normal manner & as usual the rain mostly held off for most of the Adelaide Parade. I would like to thank the Committee of TS Stuart Cadets for providing the Dawn Service Breakfast, which we ask them to do, & is an opportunity for them to do it as a fundraiser for the Cadet Unit. I also thank the Cadets & Instructors who attended & provided the Honour Guard. On the Sunday prior to Anzac Day (Sunday 19th April) was the Local Anzac Parade that is organized by the Elizabeth RSL Sub Branch. Unfortunately the numbers taking part in this annual event were also down on previous years, & this was particularly evident with those in attendance at the service, which was held at the Shedley Theatre at the Elizabeth Civic Complex. At the beginning of May, Jan & I finally got away from the club for a long overdue holiday & went to Hobart for a Ships Reunion. While there I received a mobile phone call, & I might add at first I thought surely it's not from the club. When I answered I was surprised, as it was showing as an unknown number calling me. The caller was this young lady from Bunnings. She asked me where I was & was also surprised a little at my response when I said I'm on Holiday & am in Hobart. I was then asked if I would be back by the 14th May & could I attend the store on that morning as she had another surprise. I attended along with Jan & the Secretary, Robin & his wife Nancy. After being treated to a coffee & cake, I was then presented with a polystyrene cheque for \$2,000-00, & then handed an envelope, which contained the cash to the cheque value. I was informed that a volunteer group from Bunnings employees doing a sausage sizzle raised this on Anzac Day. We were all a little gob smacked I think, I know I was. I can tell you that this kind of surprise does not come around every day, & could not have come at a better time. The Committee has pin pointed a few areas where most of this will be used & the most important of all will be in the continued protection of our premises with an important & necessary upgrade to our alarm system, & also replacement of some office equipment, plus repairs to one of the kitchen Bain Maries which the galley volunteers have struggled to get by without this heating component for some time now. Once these items have been taken care of we will see what's left & identify by priority where else to use any remaining balance.

On the 23rd of May we conducted the 2nd scheduled Garage Sale for this year & the proceeds this time will go towards the Kids Xmas Party as usual. It was an extremely long day for Jan & myself as we were at the club from 7-45am until 7-00pm plus the 2 days prior. 2 other volunteers joined us on the Thursday (Jenny Brinkley & Kathy Barnes). On that day we spent the morning setting up most of the stuff we had ready for the Saturday. On the Saturday both Jenny & Kathy joined us again from about 8-30am but were unable to stay for the whole day. The hardest part of doing this is the packing up afterwards of all the remaining gear that is unsold, for it all has to be stowed away, & as space is limited it can not be just stacked into boxes willy nilly, As I said space is limited so carefull consideration has to be put into what will go where. After this day we now have gear stowed in the cupboards in the ladies toilets as well as in Jans Locker room & this time even in the storeroom behind the Victory Model. I have to say that this has been one of the best fundraising ideas we ever had, but it also requires help, & that is a commodity that is very hard to come by. If you have a desire to become involved with any of the voluntary activities undertaken at the club, don't be shy, contact either Jan or myself & we'll see what activity that you can assist us with.

Well that identifies the 1st half of this year, so now we'll see what's in store for the rest of the year.

The next promulgated event on the calander is the 3rd Garage Sale that is planned for Saturday August 29th. For this there are a couple of items which we can safely say we do not need to be donated to the club, & they are Computers & associated items such as printers etc, & TV's. The reason being that second hand computers are quite common & don't attract much call for them & as for Television sets, most are aware that analogue TV is on it's way out & to continue using this it requires being coupled to a set top box, or you get rid of it by replacing it with the latest type TV which is already Digital compliant. We currently have 2 TV's to get rid of which will require a set top box when analogue TV is faded out, & we also have a Computer. Any one interested in these items give me a call. There's also a 3 draw wood filing cabinet for sale, & Robin Wood has an old dressing table that has a broken mirror, & can be either replaced or it can be removed & then used as a cupboard perhaps in a shed for storage?

Next is the RAFA's Battle of Britain Function that will be held on Saturday September 12th. This will be conducted as a daytime event commencing around lunchtime I believe. Any further information about this event will need to be referred to the RAFA Committee Secretary Frank Scott on 8258 7535.

After this, on Saturday 24th October will be the Trafalgar Lunch. I hope this will see a better commitment from members putting themselves forward for attendance than we had with the Captain Waller Lunch in February when we almost ended up cancelling it because up to one week prior to the event only 7 members had committed themselves as attending. We cannot conduct these functions with that kind of commitment.

Next is the Xmas Lunch on Sunday 29th November & then Saturday 5th December will be the final garage Sale for this year, followed by the Kids Xmas Party on Sunday 13th December.

Speaking of coming events. On Saturday 13th June it will be **Beachvale Sub Sections Annual Dinner**, & like ours will be a lunchtime function. There has been a notice on the Bar calling for names of anyone wishing to attend to commit themselves with their names on the paper. Had we had more people willing to make a commitment with names & money we may have been able to organize a bus like last year when 12 of us went. But it looks very dismal & so as the booking date closes on 5th June & there is no-where near enough names on the list, a bus will be out of the question this year, so it means driving our cars to Christies Beach. Those who have their names on the list, & still intend to go, money can be paid into me by close of Business on Friday 5th June @ \$25 per person & I will make the payment by cheque. After that date anyone who has not paid will have to make their own arrangements with Beachvale for inclusion, as I will only notify them on Saturday 6th of those of who have paid via me.

Regards to all from the Navy Club President

Keith Fry

A Message from the Galley

Hi everyone, Wow we're into the 6th month of the year already. I'm sure every year is going faster.

We've had a bit of a slump this year in numbers attending our Friday Meals on the 1st & 3rd Fridays each month, hopefully it's not our cooking that has put those of you off that have not been attending much this year. We have the old regular faithfuls that turn up every time & I do thank you for supporting us. If you have any complaints please do not be afraid to let me know, & the same goes for any suggestions. Because of the down turn in numbers attending we have had to cut down on the amount we cater for & so if you wish a particular item on the menu then you need to get in early, as it is quite likely we may well run out of some items. We have kept Fish & Chips on for most Friday menu's except when we have a roast like this coming Friday the 5th June when we have a choice of 2 roasts. The reason for this is partly because of economics & also because it has proven over time to be the most popular meal except at the last meal when the Ham Steaks defeated it. I guess there's a first for everything sooner or later.

We have so far held 2 Garage Sales at the club, the 1st of which was held in Feb just after the Victorian Bushfires. We decided because of the wide spread devastation that we would donate the proceeds from this 1st one to the Bushfire Appeal which was being run by the Australian Red Cross. We were astounded with the generosity of everyone both those who donated goods & even more so with those who bought goods. It was not unusual for people when paying for their selected goods to leave their change saying that they were only too pleased to help a worthy cause, & because of this type of generosity we more than doubled any previous amount we have had from these garage sales. Keith sent a cheque off to the Red Cross & a letter directing it to be used for the Vic Bushfire Appeal to the value of \$1,180-60. We have since had a receipt come letter thanking us for the donation. We held our 2nd garage sale on May 23rd, this one goes towards our club for the **Kids Xmas Party** as usual. We raised \$541-40. That's another good amount. While these garage sales are a good fundraiser we really could do with some extra help. Keith & I were at the club from 7-45am until 7-00pm on this last one plus part of the Thursday & Friday. The selling is the easy part. It's the setting up & more particular the packing up afterwards. If anyone out there has some spare time on their hands & would like to assist please give me a call, because it would be a shame to have to stop having these, but neither Keith or I can continue putting in this amount of time consistently as we have been. It takes far too much out of both of us; we both have finally agreed that it's just too much. Please if anyone really would consider helping when we have the next one, which is planned for Saturday August 29th the help will be most appreciated. If we get enough help, we could split the day into easier shifts. It's the club that gets the benefit financially. For those of us who have been doing these, we get the satisfaction of having made a worthy contribution to the club.

Love to all Jan Fry

It is a very sad thing when someone dies, & just as sad to see all the devastation caused by these bushfires that have been caused by some maniac starting the fires. It would be a different matter if they were a natural disaster caused by nature. However sometimes from a disaster, some good comes from it. It has a tendency to bring people together to help in anyway we can, as we did with the bushfire appeal garage sale.

Sometimes it causes others to take a course of action they might otherwise not have taken. There is an 11 Yr old boy that lives in Lyndoch (Barossa Valley) you don't know of, but within that terrible time of the bushfires he decided to join the Williamstown CFS because he decided that he wanted to help out fighting the fires that were bringing so much devastation to our Australian countryside. This young boy also plays Footy in the winter months & Tennis in summer, one would think that he had enough to keep him out of mischief, but no he was quite adamant that this was something he wanted to learn. A few weeks later his 13 Yr old brother decided that he too would join the CFS as well, & his reasons were the same, He wanted to help, & although he could not help now he could learn now so he could help later. These boys are your normal rough & tumble boys, they get into mischief just the same as we did when we were young, but this disaster touched them in a positive manner. Their names are Brayden & Jason Scott, & Jan & I are very pleased to say that these are 2 of our Grandsons. It's things like this that make you proud.

On the other side of this coin there are some kids of the same age groups who think it's great to go around the streets usually after dark cause they don't want to be seen, cause what they are up to is Graffiti on our clubroom walls & also on the HMAS Protector Gun Mounting out the front of our building. I have twice in the last week managed to remove the Graffiti from the gun mount, but have had to call in one of our older members who volunteers his time to the Playford Council Anti Graffiti Team. This member is 80 Yrs of age. Thank you John Berry for your contribution to keeping our club building & property Graffiti Free.

2 other gents worthy of a mention are Frank Scott & Don Butterworth, both members of the RAFA club & neither one is a spring chicken in age, for I know Don is in his 80's & Frank coming close to it. Both these guys turn up regularly on the Monday morning working bees, put on a pair of overalls & get stuck into maintenance on our Navy Club Building. Thanks guys your help is really appreciated. It would be nice to see some of you ex navy guys come along & join in. Surely not every one of you is incapable of applying some paint, or applying a little ship husbandry skills somewhere. I'm sure there's something we could find for you to do. Any help would be appreciated. We have only one member who is physically handicapped to the point of not being able to apply any of his navy skills anywhere, but though he may not be able to use a paint brush or even a screw driver, & can't write too well either, to see him draw cartoons you wouldn't think he has a problem writing. He's commonly know as (HAB) Graham McCabe, & I know if he could do something constructive he would, but he is physically not able. I had to prove to him earlier this year that he could not physically carry out the job of Secretary & let himself into the club without putting himself & the club at risk. So he conceded but remained on the committee. That's determination, thanks Graham

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Those who are in the know would agree we do not want our email address passed all over the world for hackers & scammers to get hold of, so when you forward a message on, before sending it, Delete all previous addresses & any unwanted text, leaving only the relevant text you want to send, also check the end of the original message as you'll also find at the bottom of the text message there is a heap of text you can also delete, such as previous anti virus scans & all sorts of other free things such as free moticons & some software adds. (There's nothing worse than receiving an email with pages of addresses & then just a small amount of text is what the message is really all about.) Then if you are sending to multiple people instead of putting all names etc in the cc box put your pointer on the cc box, move to the left, over the little book icon next to cc, & click with your right mouse button, select those people you wish to include the message to, & put them into the Bcc box, that's "Blind Carbon Copy" doing this prevents everyone's email address from being scattered all over the globe & eventually ending up in the hands of some hacker, who may try to steal your identity & money etc.

The above method of using BCC is with Outlook Express as your email program, but I'm sure most other email programs would be similar to this.

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