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## **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOCIATION (NSW) Inc.**

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Incorporating: **Australian Lines of Communication Signals Association**

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

#### ***Welcome to the Royal Australian Signals Association (NSW) Inc.***

The Association was reformed in 1974 and has in the order of 300 members, including Associates. Membership subscriptions are currently \$10 per year. Membership is open to all serving and former members of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals and the Signals Arm of the Land Forces of the British Commonwealth. Applicants without that background may join as an Associate member.

The objective of the Association is to promote an esprit-de-corps amongst members and former members of the Corps and their dependents in NSW, to publish and distribute to members in a newsletter, subjects of interest, and to conduct meetings and social events.

A copy of the Association's Constitution and Rules is available upon request from the Secretary.

#### **Australian Lines of Communication Signal Association**

We now included the *Australian Lines of Communication Signal Association* in our ranks. These soldiers are veterans from WW2 and were responsible for communications in the north of Australia and Papua-New Guinea. Many were in Darwin when it was bombed by the Japanese (February 1942 to November 1943).

The Association conducts the Annual Memorial Service at the War Memorial, Courthouse Reserve, Bankstown, NSW on the anniversary of the first bombing raid, 19 February at 1045 hrs of each year. The 17<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment are the heirs to the ALoCS units and participate in the service.

#### **ANZAC Day March and Reunion**

The Association marches as a group on ANZAC Day under its own banner in the Post WW2 contingent. After the march a reunion is always held at a convenient Sydney CBD location, currently the City Hotel, Kent Street, Sydney.

In July each year, the Association also participates in the Reserve Forces Day march in Sydney city.

#### **Annual Memorial Service**

The Annual Memorial Service and wreath laying for our fallen and deceased comrades is conducted on a Sunday in November each year at the Association's dedicated memorial, Signal Hill Reserve, Watsons Bay. A Catafalque party is usually provided by one of the Sydney based Signals units with support from Army Band-Sydney.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Association's Annual General Meeting is held each November following the Annual Memorial Service. The meeting is generally held at the Paddington RSL Club.

#### **Newsletter**

The Association's newsletter, the **THURUNKA** (message stick) is distributed quarterly providing current and historic information of interest to members. Members are invited to submit articles to the Editor.

## Rhumb Corps Luncheons

An informal social luncheon and fellowship has been a standing arrangement for many years. It is held from 1200 hrs on the first Wednesday of each new quarter, ie. March, June, September and December (at members' expense). It is currently held at the Commercial Travellers' Club, cnr Castlereagh Street and Martin Place, Sydney. You never know who may turn up.

### Committee

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The Committee meets to administer the business of the Association at least quarterly. Meetings are currently held at the Royal Automobile Club, Sydney.

The President and members of the Committee represent the Association at various activities during the year, including liaising with the Head of Corps.

### Merchandise

Members can order Association lapel badges, plaques and other items from the Treasurer. A wider range of items can be ordered directly from the Corps Shop, Simpson Barracks, MacLeod, Victoria.

Welcome again to the Association. It is hoped you will take the opportunity of attending the various activities during the year where you will be able to renew old and make new friendships.

*Chris Ballantine*

*President*