



THE FLYER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCILLORS

Our AGM on Wednesday 7 September will be the last one with Bert Lane as our President, so we are hoping for a particularly good attendance to pay tribute to him.

Bert has been an outstanding, enthusiastic and inspirational leader since he took over that role 11 years ago.

He served also as Editor of The Flyer (our official newsletter), Public Relations Officer, Merchandise Controller, Secretary for much of the time, organiser of guest speakers at our functions and has undertaken more than 260 speaking engagements for a variety of organisations, both near and far. At many of them he also sold merchandise – so keeping our finances in a healthy state.

For four years, after the lease of our Raine Square premises expired in 2006, Bert and his wife Lois (who has been an invaluable and dedicated supporter) allowed their Gosnells home to be used as the Association's office/storage area; this must have been a huge – almost seven days a week – inconvenience for them.

It has been a privilege for Councillors to have worked with Bert, and I know that all our members join us in wishing the Lanes relaxed and less stressful days ahead and for good health and happiness in the years to come.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 7.

From the pen of **Pat Elphinstone** (Councillor)

From the President's Desk



Bert Lane.



Lois Lane.

I guess it has all pretty much been said. The Message from the Councillors (above) has told you that I am on my way and I truly appreciate their sentiments. I had announced 12 months ago that I wished to move on at the 2011 AGM. That time has come and, whilst I will miss the hurly burly of all things flaggy – I am looking forward to reverting back to a life of retirement, I have some new activities to concentrate on which will keep the grey matter in reasonable shape but I will still be fighting the good fight, wherever possible, to retain our magnificent National Flag – in it's present form. That is my passion and with your help, we can beat the 'Change the Flag Lobby'.

I wish to thank all of the folk who have been part of our Council from time-to-time. Without their dedication and' input, my job would have been much more difficult. It is indeed hard to be humble being married to "Lois Lane" but without the encouragement I have received from my wife Lois, I would have struggled in many areas.

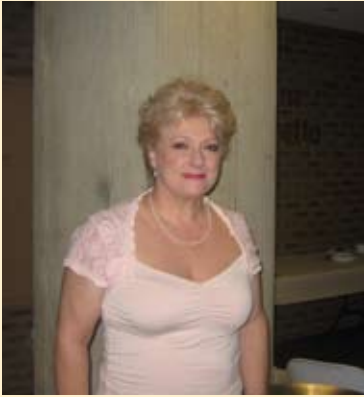
I must make special mention of our Treasurer David Hyde who has been in that appointment for many more years than I have been around. David has indicated his intention to step aside as Treasurer but will remain a Council Member which gives a degree of continuity to our management team. We have identified a person to take control of our finances which is great news and yet another has indicated their willingness to Edit The 'Flyer'. All we need now is to hear from one of our passionate members who can fill the vacancy of President which is a relatively easy appointment. A couple of vacancies exist for Ordinary Council Members, also.

I would love to see as many of you as possible attending our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 September. All details of that function will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Farewell for now.

BERT.



AN EVENING TO REMEMBER



Dianna Hammond.

Wednesday 1 June 2011 was our 'Information Evening' which was floated as 'An Evening to Remember'.

Our Keynote Speaker was Dianna Hammond who just happens to be the President of The Australian National Flag Association (NSW). Just under 100 people were entertained by Dianna for over an hour whilst she outlined her upbringing in Perth and described her early entry into the entertainment industry including time as the weather presenter and host of the Super Flying Fun Show on Channel Nine, Perth.



Dianna Hammond – In full flight.



Bert Lane and Eric Carpenter.

Di went on to describe how she performed as a singer in 26 countries around the world often representing Australia on behalf of an assortment of Government and other agencies.

Dianna, who resides in NSW, still takes on television assignments and has just been appointed President of the Rotary Club of Beecroft in Sydney.

Di finished the evening thrilling the audience by singing an assortment of songs which progressed into a Singalong. The wet weather seemingly turned some people away from attending so many members missed what was truly 'An Evening to Remember'.



Robyn Nettleton and Craig Carter.

N.B. The RAFFLE. Let it be known that the magnificent Flagpole was won by Dorothy Donley and is now safely standing proud and erect in her front garden. We thank Craig Carter for donating that prize.



Richard Savage.

There were two Magnums of Voyager Estate wines kindly donated by Michael Wright who we thank for his generosity. One of those prizes was won by George Goldie and the other by Mona Katavatis. I would have thought that neither recipient was old enough to be in charge of those items.

Among the minor prizes were four double theatre tickets donated by Daryl Binning and our usual four 'Show Bags'. All of those prizes were picked up by smiling attendees.



Pat Elphinstone.



Michael Wright, Stephanie and Ken Bladen.



Eric Carpenter, John Schnaars and Paul Schipp.



Dianna Hammond – Revealing her life to the audience.



Dianna Hammond and Bert Lane – Fielding questions.



George Goldie can't believe that he won a magnum.



This is the flagpole from the raffle conducted at our Information Evening and won by Dorothy Donley.

Another similar pole will be raffled at our AGM on Wednesday 7 September.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Most people will recall that the public competition in 1901 to design a flag for Australia attracted 32,823 entries. Five equal winners shared the prize of two hundred pounds.

But – Did you know this. The current flag of South Africa was introduced in April 1994 during the election campaign which brought Nelson Mandela to power and ended apartheid. A new flag was wanted because South Africa was being re-born and that needed to be illustrated.

A competition to find a new design was held which attracted 7,000 entries. None of them was thought to be suitable. The design which was adopted was made by Frederick Brownell who was the State Herald.

The original idea was that the design would only be used as an interim symbol but it proved to be very popular and was made permanent about 18 months later.



The design contains much symbolism. The band at the top is red and the one at the bottom is blue. In the centre is a green Y shape bordered in white on its side. In the fork of the Y is a black triangle bordered in yellow. Officially the colours are not meant to be symbolic but many South Africans see meaning in them. Black, green and yellow are the colours of the African National Congress flag. Red, white and blue are in the Dutch and British flags. White and blue were in the old national flag. The Y design represents people coming from different directions and then moving along together.

NOTICES

We are in desperate need of volunteers to spend a few hours manning our office in the CBD. Our opening hours are 09.00AM - Midday Monday to Friday. Nothing hard about what is required of you and as much instruction as necessary is available to you. If you need to get out of the house from time to time then this is for you. One day a week would be good. More than one day would be great. We need enough folk trained to enable our regular helpers to go to appointments etc.

We are located on the Ninth floor of the Atrium Building at 168 St Georges Terrace, Cnr of King St. Take one of the centre lifts to the Ninth floor. You may wish to phone the office on 9321 7406 or me on 0417 092 240. We would welcome you to pay us a visit to pay your subs, inspect our large range of merchandise or simply to have chat. YOUR FLAG NEEDS YOU.

We are always seeking flag flavoured articles or photos, for inclusion in future editions of The FLYER.

VALE REAR ADMIRAL PHILIP GRAHAM NEWMAN KENNEDY AO AM RAN(RTD)

By Bert Lane.

I will never forget the day in May 2000, whilst performing my duty as the Tuesday volunteer at the Flag Office in Raine Square – the door burst open and there stood the ANFA (WA) President Rear Admiral (call me Phil) Kennedy. He was pointing at me and saying “I want you to be my replacement as President”.

Standing behind him in the doorway was his good friend and compatriot Major General Ken Taylor AO – a past Commanding Officer of mine from my service career in the Royal Australian Corps of Signals.

This was all rather intimidating being ambushed by these two high ranking gentlemen but – as the Admiral had been President of ANFA (WA) for nine long years and was greatly admired as the defender of Australia’s Chief National Symbol – The Australian National Flag, I found it difficult to refuse his request and I was subsequently elected to the position of President ANFA (WA) in October 2000.

Rear Admiral Kennedy died on 31 May 2011 and is greatly missed by all who knew him.

At his funeral he was described as being strong, loving, humorous, talkative, intellectual, debonair, chivalrous, erudite, honourable, admirable, cherished, patriotic, honest, reliable, caring – to name a few. All of those qualities were on display whenever he visited the Flag Office.

He was a story teller extraordinaire who regaled all and sundry with his worldly experiences.

A true and loyal servant to the Royal Australian Navy and to Australia in general. We salute you Sir. May you rest in peace. LEST WE FORGET

POSTSCRIPT. At the request of the family – The Australian National Flag draped the coffin rather than The White Ensign.



Judith and Philip Kennedy Arriving at an ANFA function.

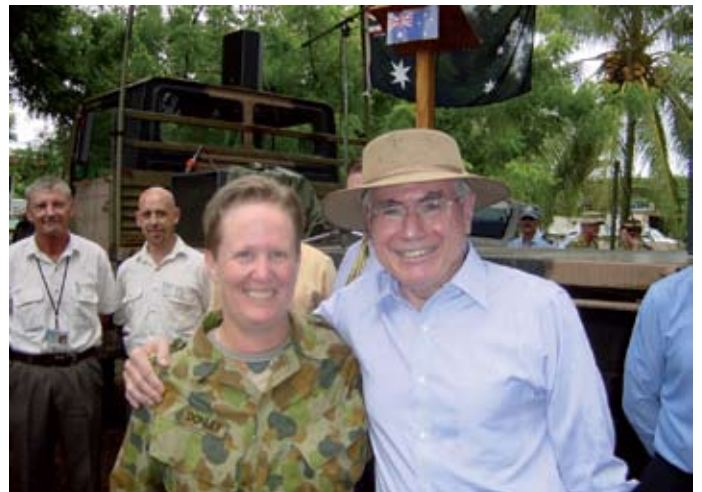
KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2011 AGM 7 September. Lieutenant Colonel Gaye Donley, RFD, psc ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS

Lieutenant Colonel Gaye Donley has had extensive experience with the Army, commencing her career as a Reserve Officer, highlights of her career include RASigs Corps postings of Radio Troop Commander, Communications Centre Troop Commander and Officer Commanding 109th Signal Squadron (The first female Officer appointed to command a Field Force Unit). Non Corps postings have included Operations Officer and Second in Command of Western Australian University Regiment; Second in Command Sydney University Regiment and as an Instructor at the 5th Training Group.

As a Reserve Officer, Gaye has held the positions of Corps Advisor Western Region and Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Sir Francis Burt AC, KCMG, QC and then Major General Philip Michael Jeffrey AO, MC. (The first female Army Officer to hold such an appointment)

Gaye has recently completed ten years full time service with her most recent postings including two years in International Engagement in Army Headquarters followed by a year and a half as the Operations Officer in charge of the Strategic Communications Network for Defence.

Gaye’s operational service includes Operation BEL ISI II in 2000 – 2001 in Bougainville where she was employed as the Contingent Operations Officer, Operation ANODE in the second rotation for the Regional Assistance Mission – Solomon Islands 2003 – 2004 where she served as the Contingent Liaison Officer to the Commanders of Tonga, Fiji, PNG and New Zealand, and to the MEAO on Operation



Gaye with Prime Minister John Howard, Solomon Islands 2003.

SLIPPER to conduct a Strategic Communications Rebasing Review in 2010.

Lieutenant Colonel Donley graduated from the Australian Command and Staff College Queenscliff in 2000 and has civilian qualifications of Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Applied Science, Diploma of Structural Engineering, Diploma of Civil Engineering and a Diploma of Personnel and Resource Management.

Members and friends are encouraged to attend this informative and exciting presentation on Wednesday 7 September. A magnificent flagpole, complete with an Australian made flag will be one of the numerous prizes from the raffle to be conducted on the evening.

For catering and seating purposes – please phone your intentions to attend to 9321 7406 or 9398 9814.