

Elizabeth & Salisbury Sub Section  
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Bar Hours: - Wednesday from 7:00pm - Midnight; Friday from 3:30pm – Midnight  
**Saturday from 1:00pm – 5:00pm:** Sunday from 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Closing times may be earlier than normal depending on how many customers are at the club

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

All Membership Fees are Due as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January every year. Fees for Membership renewals are: -

**Ex- Naval Members \$25.00: Associate Members \$20.00: Club Members \$20.00:**

**A Joining Fees of \$5-00 applies to all New Members**

## Newsletter Vol 2 – July 2011

Well here we are at long last, this time it has been an exceptionally long period between newsletters. Since the last newsletter which was in February a lot has happened at the club. **The Sick List** has been forever growing & this time included myself & the Secretary Robin Wood with both of us being hospitalized at the same time. Robin entered hospital slightly before me with heart problems causing some concern & then I entered for a Full Hip Replacement. With Robin on the ground floor & myself one floor up but to the side we were able to see each other's room, & communicate via our mobile phone. My Operation went well & I was released 3 days later in time for Anzac Day, On the way out I called down to see Robin only to discover that he too was being discharged that day as well. We were both pleased to be out of hospital & have to take things easy which is partly why this newsletter has taken so long in the writing. Since our time in Hospital 3 more members have since entered hospital. They are Graham McCabe, Peter Routledge & Kath Edwards. The news has not been good for any of these 3 members. Graham had a fall at the shops & for those who know Graham this was not good as the fall caused damage to his neck & has left him in a serious way & is currently in the Spinal Ward at the Royal Adelaide Hospital after a lengthy period in ICU, The latest update on Graham is that he now has to undergo another operation as he cannot eat or drink orally, so the operation will be to fit him with a stomach plug which will be for his food & drink I believe. That no doubt is not the medical terminology, but the best way I can describe it. Graham's daughter is keeping me posted as changes happen but while he takes a step forward he is taking more backwards. I understand it is probable after this next operation he will be entered into a nursing home. I like many of you know that Graham will not be happy with this but sometimes one has to look at the bigger picture to understand why this might be necessary. The reason is that he will likely require more permanent care than what his daughter can give him. Not an easy decision for anyone to have to make, but as I say when one looks at the bigger picture maybe we might understand better. Peter until his illness has been our 2<sup>nd</sup> bar person, & is currently in the Lyell McEwin Hospital ICU. Peter is also a Member of the RAFA 1200 Club & they are keeping a watch on his progress & keeping us posted. The latest I understand is that he will be transferred to the Hampstead Rehab Centre. Unfortunately the news regarding Kath Edwards is that Kath Passed Away on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Members of the RAFA & Navy Club attended her Funeral Service on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. On behalf of all Members of both the Navy Club & RAFA we give our Sincere Condolences to Kath's husband Brian. WE also pass our best wishes to the families of both Graham & Peter & sincerely hope that both can make some improvements with their respective problems & illness. Many members have had this terrible Virus that seems to be sweeping around Adelaide including myself which has slowed down my recovery & at the same time prevented me from visiting either of these members in hospital although Jan & I managed 1 visit to Graham while he was in ICU before we came down with the Virus. Other members affected by the virus were Lou Barr who has just recently been discharged from hospital after breathing difficulties & Robert Leggatt also had a bad dose with the virus & missed the Winter Xmas Lunch, but managed to make the last Friday Meal Night on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Any other members who have been sick I hope you too make a recovery soon, & that we get to see you at the club soon.

## **Overdue Membership Fees**

I have to report that this year we have an unprecedented larger No of members who have not renewed their membership to date. I remind all these Unfinancial Members that Membership Fees are due from 1<sup>st</sup> January every year. For those Full Members (Ex Navy) we recently received our free Book of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy which was sent out by our National Council of the Association. It is likely that you will not have received this yourself as you are in arrears with your membership fees for this year & you will also not be receiving your copy of the Australian Warship/White Ensign Magazine. For all Members who have not renewed their membership for 2011, all privileges are now withdrawn until your membership fees are paid. This includes members Bar Prices, (No Discount). Those with Children or Grandchildren who normally take part in the Children's Xmas Party will be ineligible to enter those children to the Xmas Party **if your fees are not paid by the end of August**, that gives you one more months grace. Unfinancial members will also be ineligible to take part in any competition sports events such as the woodman 8 ball shield **if your fees are not paid by the end of August**. I make no apology for making these statements for every year I have to remind members about membership fees. It is normal policy to allow a grace period until the end of April but that has long gone & still some 17 members remain unfinancial to this date. Those members will receive a reminder notice enclosed with this newsletter.

## **Past Events**

Let's try some positive news of what's been happening at the club. First off we ran our **1<sup>st</sup> Garage Sale** this year as a **Charity Event** with all proceeds going to victims of the devastating **Queensland Floods & Tropical Cyclone Yasi Relief**. As with the Victorian Bushfire appeal we ran, it turned out to be another successful day with a total of \$1,527-30 raised. Next came the **Annual Captain Waller Lunch**, We had some 48 members & guests attend, & this year instead of A Naval Officer attend representing Naval HQ SA Commanding Officer, this was carried out by Chief Petty Officer Lex Davison who is stationed at RAAF Base Edinburgh. Lex has since become a Member himself & we welcome him aboard as part of our membership.

**Anzac Day** was another successful day with a good size gathering of members & their family & again it was good to see a good gathering of young members of the community. We also had a few Naval Members from the RAAF Base, but were disappointed that more defence personnel from the Airforce & Army stationed at the RAAF Base did not attend especially as the RAAF Base this year did not have an Anzac Day Dawn Service at the base because of the Easter Long Weekend clashing with the Anzac Weekend. However the Committee of TS Stuart did a sterling job of the Breakfast again this year & I believe ended up raising more funds from their effort than last year. We made our Annual Donation of \$150-00 to the Cadet Unit on this day.

The next activity scheduled was another **Charity Event** held on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>. This was for the **SA Cancer Council** & is run every year around this time throughout Australia & known as **The Biggest Morning Tea**. My daughter Kelly has hosted one of these events each year at her home & each year it has gotten better & bigger until finally it outgrew her home. She approached me being a Club Member herself & we decided to run one this year at the club. The day was hosted by Jan & Kelly, & Particular mention must also go to Cheryl Kroon who together with Jan & Kelly scrounged some \$800 worth of Raffle Prizes from local businesses from Gawler, Elizabeth & Salisbury. Other Volunteers from the Kitchen Ladies joined in & assisted with putting on a light lunch & some members & Friends also supplied some food items as well. We had 2 entertainers provide an hour's entertainment each free of charge. We had some 85 Members & friends attend this day & the final sum raised from the days activities was an outstanding \$1,622-60. Considering Kelly had only set her target at \$500-00 this was quite an achievement, & one that surprised everyone especially Kelly, & I offer my congratulations to her & thank her for coming up with the idea for not only did we raise some much needed funds for Cancer Research but the Club also had a very successful day with our bar trade being 5 times better than a normal Sundays trade. To all who assisted & volunteered their time on this day & those who attended, I thank you very much for making this day the success that it was. The only down side was that too many people left buying tickets until the day. Luckily we anticipated more people attending & set up extra seats. We ended up with more people than what we had set up for & this makes it very difficult trying to fit people in, it also makes catering very difficult.

The last event so far this year was the **Winter Xmas Lunch** held on July 10<sup>th</sup> which was also the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy**. This we celebrated with a special cake made by Kelly Sayce. We had 88 seats booked for this event, & entertainment provided by Jonny Wonny & his show. A special visitor called in on us surprising everyone especially the children in attendance that were no doubt surprised & confused when Father Xmas walked in through the doors bearing a sack full of lollies to give out to everyone. He made a special fuss of the children & of course the ladies received some special attention also. The volunteer ladies who have

assisted Jan Fry in putting together the catering for all events have done a wonderful job & I thank each & everyone of them.

### **New Members this year**

We have had quite a few new members join us this year with 5 Full Members (Ex Navy & Currently Serving Members) 1 Social Member (a Full Member of another Sub Section) & 13 Club Members. Some of these 13 are Ex Associate Members of the RAFA 1200 Club who have finally taken up a membership of the Navy Club, others are members of the 3 Competition 8 Ball Teams which have our club as their Home Base. I welcome all new members to our club & hope that you will have many happy years with us as members, & also that we see you at club events.

### **Events planned for the rest of the year.**

The planned events for the remainder of the year are: - **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>** will be the final **Garage Sale** for this year. These events fund the Children's Xmas Party & have been quite successful so far this year. (we have had 1 for Charity & 1 for us so far). We have quite a large selection of gear remaining at the club still, with the promise of more gear to come so on the day why not come along between 9am & 1pm & see what sort of a bargain you can pick up for yourself. You never know what you'll find. It's as good as any trash & treasure event you may have attended.

Next event will be the **Annual Trafalgar Lunch on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** commencing at Mid-day for the Bar to Open & Lunch to commence at 12:30. The Ticket Price will be \$20-00 per person & there will be Live Entertainment with the Jonny Wonny Show. Bookings are necessary for this event & will close 1 week prior on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. **A warning to those who leave booking a ticket to the last possible date, at the winter xmas lunch I actually had to turn away people who came along to attend without having pre booked.** So don't be disappointed & miss out on this event, get your bookings in early & ensure your place is saved.

**Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> will be the Xmas Lunch.** Ticket price will be \$20-00 per person. As usual we will include the Giant Xmas Raffle but the prizes this year will not be the usual 80 odd prizes. We intend reducing the quantity & increasing the quality of prizes. Again I must warn everyone that in past years this has been a very successful day in terms of Nos attending so don't wait to the last date to book, because you may well miss out. Bookings are essential & will close 1 week prior on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The raffle tickets this year will only be sold on the day of the lunch, so if you want any tickets in the raffle you'll need to attend the function. This will ensure those in attendance at the lunch will be the prize winners instead of as in past years when many prizes & often major ones have gone to people not in attendance, which leaves those attending feeling disappointed.

The final event for the year planned by the Navy Club is the **Children's Xmas Party**. This will be held on **Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> commencing at 11:00am sharp. This year's cost per nominated child will be \$15-00.** This is an increase of just \$2-50 over previous years & is the 1<sup>st</sup> increase we have had in quite a few years, but to purchase decent gifts it has become necessary. A reminder for those who at this point in time have not yet paid this year's membership fees, **Anyone not being a financial member by the end of August will NOT be eligible** to enter their Children/Grandchildren into this year's party. That means you will be depriving those children from participating & receiving a gift. Membership of the club is an essential ingredient of any club & with it goes the Annual Subscription which is due every year on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. So if you want to be eligible to enter your kids into this event get your membership fees paid. I will not be sending the Children's Xmas Party Nomination Forms out until the end of August as I'm sure many of you will forget where you have put them & will come asking for a replacement form. I am trying to lighten my work load. If you have not received your form just after the end of August it is likely because you have not paid your membership fees.

**Extra Event.** **To be advised & confirmed.** The RAFA normally hold their **Battle of Britain** event around the middle of September which this year would be about the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Any enquiries about this event should be directed to the Chairman Nat Davidson or Secretary Frank Scott.

**Friday Meals.** These are continuing to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month. Orders are taken between 5:00pm & 6:15pm at the very latest. We especially thank Dennis Dover & his group of friends approximately 12 of them who come along every meal. You are the one constant group of supporters of this day that make the day worthwhile & we thank you all for your continued support. If it wasn't for this group of people we would probably cease this event. I urge all members to consider attending the club for a meal on these days. Where else can you buy a meal for just \$6-00? Have it served to you at your table & save your partner or yourself the job of cooking & washing up afterwards. Come along spend a little time together with your partner & friends & have someone else prepare & serve your meal. If you have school aged children their main meal will only cost you a mere \$3-00. A scrumptious dessert will cost you a mere \$2-00. Prices like these cannot be found anywhere else. A meal at the

pub will cost you a lot more than \$8-00 for a main meal & dessert, & if you like a beer or two with your meal or a wine, our prices are better than at the Pub. For those who don't drink Alcohol we also have Tea & Coffee available at a low cost of just 50 cents per cup/mug, all you need do is serve yourself. These prices are unbeatable anywhere. We also run a Raffle on these nights with the prizes being either a \$20-00 Meat Voucher from the Elizabeth South Butchers Shop or a \$8-00 Meal Voucher at one of our Friday Night Meals, which entitles you to one free main course & dessert. The choice of prizes is yours if your ticket is 1<sup>st</sup> drawn. We have found this to be the preferred method as some who live alone prefer the meal voucher over the meat voucher although it holds the lower price value. The Meat Voucher enables you to choose a selection of meat of your choice instead of a meat tray containing some meat you may or may not want.

Are you socially isolated, unable to drive yourself. Would you attend our Friday night meals if someone else were to collect you & drive you back home. Here is something that might be just what you need to help you get to the club to attend our meal nights. Pick up the phone & give Michele a ring, you'll never know if you qualify unless you do. If you don't qualify all you have lost is your time & the cost of a call. If you do qualify it will help you treat yourself to a meal & a couple of hours out twice a month. What have you got to lose?



### **Would you like some help?**

ACH Group Social Links helps people over the age of 65 (or under 65 with a disability) living in the community to stay connected or connect people to social activities in their community. We are currently able to help anyone who meets the criteria to attend the twice a month dinners being held at the Elizabeth and Salisbury Navy Club. If you find you would like to attend the dinners regularly but are unable due to barriers of ill health or mobility etc please contact Michele Davies at ACH Group social links Salisbury on 8349 3515 to discuss if the program is suitable for you. A small fee is charged and this will also be discussed at the initial interview.

Expressions of interest - Whist Group.

ACH Group Salisbury is looking to hear from anyone who maybe interested in joining or helping with forming a Whist group in the Salisbury/Golden Grove area. The group would be on a Friday afternoon each week for two hours. Anyone interested in joining this group or assisting please contact Michele Davies at ACH group Salisbury on 8349 3515.

**Expressions of Interest** are being sort from members & friends on the possibility of holding a Quiz Night at the club. We recently had a private booking at the club by the Carry on Guides Group who used our venue for a Quiz Night & fundraiser for themselves. They had approximately 90 attended. It was quite a successful night for them & they had fun as well. I spoke with the quiz master about us holding a quiz night for ourselves, but before I set up a date I'd like to know if members are interested & would attend on a Saturday Night if we decided to hold a night. Please advise me if you would be interested, either by sending me an email or a phone call or drop me a letter. I am always at the club on a Wednesday night after about 8pm. If you ring my home phone & I'm not home just leave me a short message on my answer machine with your name & a return Phone No. If there are no responses to this by the end of August, I shall not bother asking again & will assume that our membership is not interested in anything that might bring them out for a night's fun & entertainment. Ideally we need to get groups of ten (10) to a table setting. That makes each group a good size to be able to speak to each person at the table without having to shout out your answers & give the game away to others. I'm sure some of you have attended this sort of event before & know how it works. To make it a successful night we need to be sure that we have people interested & will make up groups of friends. If you want a night out give it some thought & contact me before the end of August & we'll see what we can organize before the year flies past, for we need to schedule it in with other functions already planned for the remainder of this year.

**Table Tennis** : - We recently acquired a table tennis table for the club for a bargain price. It has undergone some repairs by a couple of very handy volunteers, one of whom is a keen player, (Don Butterworth) & I understand has played competition of this sport. Anyway the repairs are finally finished & it is now ready for use. There will be a money card system similar to the 8 ball tables where each player buys a square to entitle you to a game & that also gives you the chance to win a money prize equal to half the proceeds from the card. This also becomes a fundraiser for the club & helps to pay for its maintenance & up keep. The Bats & Ping Pong Balls will be kept at the Bar which will help ensure that everyone contributes to the fairness of its use & that it is paid for by all users.

**For those with a broad mind & in need of a good laugh**

**THE OLD SAILOR**

On her 50<sup>th</sup>. Birthday, a woman decided to get a facelift.

She spent \$15,000. and felt pretty good with the results.

On her way home she stopped to buy a newspaper.

Whilst there she asked the newsagent how old he thought she was.

He told her he thought about 32. "Nope! I'm exactly 50." she said happily.

A little while later, she went to McDonalds where she asked the counter girl the same question.

This time she was answered "29". With a big smile she replied: "Nope! I'm exactly 50."

Still on her way home she went into a chemist shop where she posed the same burning question.

The chemist thought she was about 30. Again she proudly responded: "Nope I'm 50. But thank you".

Whilst awaiting her bus home she sat on a seat beside an old man waiting also.

She couldn't contain herself. She asked him the same question.

He replied: "Lady, I'm 78, an ex sailor and I'm going blind.

But when I was young, there was a sure fire way of telling a woman's age.

It sounds very forward, but it requires you to allow me to put my hands under your bra.

Then and only then I can tell you exactly how old you are.

They wait in silence in the empty street until her curiosity got the better of her.

She finally burst out: "What the hell. Go ahead."

The old matelot slid both hands under her blouse and began feeling around very slowly and carefully.

He bounced and weighed each breast and gently pinched each nipple.

He pushed the breasts together and rubbed them against each other.

After a couple of minutes she said: "O.K. O.K. How old am I?"

He completes one more squeeze of her breasts, removed his hands and stood back. "Madam. You are 50."

She was stunned with amazement. "That is incredible. How could you tell?"

The old man said: "Promise you won't get mad at me?"

"I promise. I won't get mad." She said. He said "I was behind you in McDonalds!

**A Safety Tip**

This was received by email from one of our members

It is reported that people of a very stupid nature are playing with your safety by putting Drano, Tin Foil, & a Little Water in plastic drink bottles & capping it up, leaving it on lawns, in mail boxes, in gardens, on driveways etc, just waiting for you to pick it up with the intention to put it in the rubbish, BUT you won't make it!!!

If the bottle is picked up, & is shaken even just a little, in about 30seconds or less it builds up enough gas to cause it to EXPLODE with enough force to remove some of your extremities. The Liquid that comes out is Boiling Hot as well.

**Don't pick up any plastic bottles that may be lying in your yards or anywhere else either**

Pay careful attention to this. A Plastic Bottle with a Cap, A Little Drano, A Little Water, A small piece of Foil. Disturb it by moving it & BOOM!!! No Fingers left & serious effects to your Face & Eyes & anything else that comes in contact with the contents of the package in a bottle. If you must remove a bottle from your garden or property then please use extreme precautions & ensure that you have your body fully protected & also that your face is covered as well. Get yourself a protective face shield one like you use when using an angle grinder or a grass Line Trimmer. Use a Long handled broom not your hands. It's better to lose a broom than a hand.

I have not seen any reports of this sort of thing happening anywhere but that's not to say that it hasn't happened. One only has to consider the effects of Drano in use & how it clears a clogged drain to imagine what it can do if used in this context described above.

**Medals Found & Looking for their owner**

I received an email from our State President stating that a Set of Medals have been found & asking for the word to be spread so that they may be returned if anyone knows of the owners location. The Medals belong to a Donald Jack McKenzie. The RSL Sub Branch of Kingston in South East SA have been handed the medals & trying to locate the owner or family of the owner. Research shows that he was born on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1913 in North Adelaide & was the son of John McKenzie & Lula Olive Amy Phillips. At the time of enlisting in the Navy he was married to Kathleen Beryl, & they lived at 28 Wright St Croydon SA, he had brown hair & a dark complexion, a Scar on his forehead & was 5'3 3/4" tall & probably died after 1972 (possibly 1991) in SA. Any Info can be passed on to John Edwards on (08) 8767 2907 or Kerry Edwards 0409 841 839