



SAA NSW Presidents Report **- 2010**

2009-2010 has been a challenging year to say the least, highlighted by SUBCON2010.

Membership in NSW is very good at over 300 members, but they are widely spread and it is a struggle getting numbers to meetings and functions. I sought suggestions at the last AGM as to how to attract members to meetings etc. and have had very little response. To this end we had a meeting at Coctatoo Island where only 4 members attended and two meetings at Spectacle Island with a reasonable turn out except for the last where the weather certainly put people off.

Highlights for me during the past 9 months have been:

- ANZAC Day march with over 60 attending and a good turn out at the Stratten Hotel.
- Spectacle Island BBQs.
- K13 Memorial Service – Organised by the 4th SM Squadron.
- DVA Budget Meeting – attended by Nigel Irvine.
- Naval Association National Council – represented by Peter Chegwiddden.

Thanks to the support of Captain Chris Skinner RAN Rtd, Ken Williams is now a member of the Community Advisory Committee HMAS PLATYPUS representing the SM community to ensure our heritage is not lost. Stage 1 – Investigation of the extent of the contamination has commenced and should complete late 2010.

SUBCON 2010 in Coffs Harbour has been organised by Kevin Hayton and his team who have organised a fantastic weekend with very little input from the Sydney. Except for 2 visits, numerous phone calls and many emails. Our Treasurer, Wally Whitfield, also deserves recognition for handling the maze and variety of payments plus queries from me.

Due to the interest in Coffs harbour, consideration is being given to establishing a North Coast sub branch of the NSW SAA, to be run in accordance with the SAA Constitution.

I would request that the NSW SAA Members attend the NSW Annual General Meeting, Sunday 22nd Aug 1100 at the City of Sydney RSL Club, George St.

Yours sincerely,

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President SAA NSW