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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NUMBER 75 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION, FRI 28 APR 17, HELD AT NUMBER 75 SQUADRON, RAAF BASE TINDAL

Attendees:

MR Daryl Pudney	President
WGCDR Michael Grant	Commanding Officer 75SQN
MS Patricia Jackson	Vice President
MR Peter Nelms (via telcon)	Treasurer
FLGOFF Adam Primmer	Squadron Liaison Officer
MR Joe McGrath	
MR Ed May	
MR Richard Deane-Butcher	
MR Ian Thompson	
MR Arthur Jackson	
MR John William Jackson	
MS Marion Gay Jackson	
MR John Francis Jackson.	

Apologies:

AVM Mel Hupfeld
AIRCDRE Robert Chipman
WGCDR Andrew Scholten
MR Daryl Macklin
MR Terry Body
MR Paul Devine.

ITEM 1: OPENING

1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the No. 75 Squadron Association (75SQN ASSN) was opened at 0836h on Fri 28 Apr 17.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

2. **Resolved** on the motion of MR Daryl Pudney that the minutes of the AGM held on 18 Jul 14, and the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 25 Oct 14, as printed and circulated be confirmed (Enclosures 1 and 2 refer). Seconded WGCDR Michael Grant.

ITEM 3: PRESIDENTS REPORT

3. 75SQN ASSN President delivered his report noting the Association had performed well over the reporting period and introduced to attending AGM members (Enclosure 3 refers), supplemental information regarding the proposed transition of 75SQN ASSN to external support provider, RAAF Association – Fighter Squadrons Branch (RAAFA-FSB).

4. Further, MR Daryl Pudney commented that the 75SQN ASSN had failed to meet a number of NT legislated reporting requirements due SQN operational commitments, iterating Enclosure 3 commentary that the proposed transition to RAAFA-FSB represented a sustainable model. MR Daryl Pudney introduced a proposed process for SQN Association members to transfer membership to RAAFA-FSB (Enclosure 4), for endorsement by AGM members.

5. 75SQN ASSN President ended by communicating that a reunion event, known as the

'Fast Caravan Reunion', was expected to be held in the Williamstown, NSW region during the May/June period.

ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT

6. The Treasurer reported that the 75SQN ASSN comprised the following membership metrics:

Financial members: **55**;

Non-Financial members: **245**;

Total membership: **300**.

7. The Treasurer reported that there was currently **\$5,567.71** in 75SQN ASSN funds, with an available balance of **\$2,361.71**.

8. The Treasurer commented a variance of **\$100.00** had been identified missing from 75SQN ASSN accounts and had remained unresolved. The Treasurer raised the motion that this matter be considered closed. Seconded MR Daryl Pudney.

ITEM 5: COMMANDING OFFICER NO. 75 SQUADRON REPORT

9. WGCDCR Michael Grant **endorsed** proposed integration of 75SQN ASSN as a Chapter within RAAFA-FSB (ITEM 7 refers), confirming 75SQN are not able to provide the same level of administrative and governance support due current operational tempo.

10. WGCDCR Michael Grant emphasised the need for a consolidated online social media footprint, to ensure membership levels of 75SQN ASSN did not further decline.

ITEM 6: ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS

11. Nominations were called for position of Association President; the following were voted into office:

President: MR Daryl Pudney Seconded: WGCDCR Michael Grant

ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Future Direction – Amalgamation with RAAFA FSB

12. **Resolved** on the motion by MR Daryl Pudney regarding proposed merge of 75SQN ASSN as a chapter within the RAAFA-FSB. Seconded MR Ian Thompson.

13. During discussion, it was **agreed** that 75SQN ASSN President would coordinate relevant transition activities in concert with WGCDCR Michael Grant, MR Peter Nelms and MR Daryl Macklin to ensure appropriate governance and financial requirements are met during transition.

Nomination of Life Membership

14. It was **agreed** on the motion by MR Daryl Pudney for election of MS Patricia Jackson as life member of the 75SQN ASSN. Seconded by MR Peter Nelms.

Community Award

15. **Resolved** on the motion by MR Richard Deane-Butcher that a yearly medal recognising the achievement of a RAAF Base Tindal, or community member located within the Tindal/Katherine region would be awarded yearly by the 75SQN ASSN. Seconded MR Daryl Pudney.

16. It was **agreed** that 75SQN would submit nominations to 75SQN ASSN members for determination of award recipients. The award would take the form of a presented certificate, and

recognition via a commemorative shield to be held by 75SQN.

17. It was **agreed** that the cost of establishment and ongoing maintenance of this award would be borne from 75SQN. 75SQN will draft formal instruction regarding nomination and eligibility criteria.

History and Communications

18. **Resolved** on the motion by MR Daryl Pudney for a portion of 75SQN ASSN funds to be spent in support of historical purposes, including but not limited to photographic digitisation. Seconded MS Patricia Jackson.

19. Noting transition to the RAAFA FSB, June 2017 was **agreed** as the final 75SQN ASSN newsletter to be published.

ANZAC Day March

20. 75SQN ASSN ANZAC Day commitments for the 2018 period were discussed. It was commented that 2018 marks the 15 year anniversary of 75SQN operations within the Iraq region as part of OP FALCONER, and that consideration of commemorative activities to mark this anniversary should be considered.

Social Media

21. Continuing from AGM 18 Jul 14 discussion regarding use of Social Media, the importance of maintaining a consistent Social Media Footprint was raised, particularly to ensure younger members are attracted to the Association. It was **agreed** that the next 75SQN ASSN newsletter would also be distributed via social media.

Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 0940h.

Enclsoures

1. No. 75SQN Association Minutes of AGM, of 18 Jul 14;
2. No. 75SQN Association Minutes of Committee meeting, of 25 Oct 14;
3. The Future of 75 Squadron Association Incorporated, of 5 Mar 17; and,
4. Process for SQN Associations to Transfer their Membership to RAAFA-FSB.

No. 75 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

held on Friday, 18 July 2014

at the Victoria Barracks, Paddington, Sydney

Present : Peter Nelms (President), Ms Patricia Jackson (Vice-President), WGCDR Peter Mitchell (CO, 75 Squadron), FLTLT Iain Taylor (Squadron Liaison Officer), Joe McGrath, Richard and Robin Deane-Butcher, WOFF Rick Field

Apologies: LACW Monica Biegalke, John Jackson, Geoffrey Peterkin, Rob Chipman, Arthur Jackson.

Confirmation of previous minutes (24/4/2013):

As far as I remember, there weren't any presented. These would have been taken by Gary Smith, previous Admino.

President's Report:

Attached

Treasurer's Report:

Attached

Election of Office Bearers:

The President vacated the chair and the elections were conducted by the Public Officer. Nominations were called for the Committee positions and the following were voted into office:

		<u>Moved</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President:	Bill Evans	Peter Nelms	Pete Mitchell
Vice-President:	Patricia Jackson		
Secretary:	Peter Nelms		
Treasurer:	Monica Beigalke		

As per the Constitution (Paragraph 20), the following squadron members are also appointed to the committee:

Commanding Officer: WGCDR Pete Mitchell
Sqn Liaison Officer: FLTLT Iain Taylor (Public Officer)

Other Business:

a) Association Banner

Richard Deane-Butcher spoke of an urgent need to update our Association Banner to include post WWII activities and deployments including Iraq and Butterworth and Tindal itself.

It was agreed that the Squadron:

- 1) with the guidance of the Committee, will undertake to prepare some options that will update our Banner, and
- 2) investigate applying for help to pay for the new Banner from ??

b) Annual Function

The CO advised that the Squadron would be deploying to Townsville in October with 8 aircraft and 150 personnel for three weeks and that this might be a good time to organise an event for Association members to meet some of the serving members of the Squadron and to see the spot where the Squadron regrouped in 1942 before the Battle of Milne Bay.

It was agreed that:

- (1) Advice should be sent to members alerting them to this event and asking for “expressions of interest” and that
- (2) Richard Deane-Butcher should plan an itinerary for the visit to the base and investigate suitable hotels.

The CO also mentioned that it would be the 25th anniversary of the tragic accidental death of Ross Fox when he was CO on 2 August, 2015 and that this could be an event to consider next year.

c) Newsletter

It was agreed that:

- 1) a newsletter should be sent out by end of August, co-ordinated by Patricia Jackson;
- 2) this newsletter should include a Registration Form for the up coming event in Townsville, and an Application Form to join the Association.
- 3) there should be regular newsletters, at least two a year, in March and September.

d) **Administrative Assistance**

When WGCDR Phil Arms set in train the incorporation of the Association, he envisaged that the administration details would be handled outside the Squadron to a large extent. This will need to be resolved by the new President and the CO.

e) **Anzac Day March**

It was agreed that, as 2015 is a special year, the Association should mark this in some special way. This is to be discussed later by the Committee.

f) **Patron**

It was agreed that Peter should compose a letter to be sent to Michael Bryce asking him if he was still interested in being our Patron, in light of his changed circumstances.

g) **Social Media**

In an attempt to attract younger members to the Association, it was agreed that the committee investigate the use of social media (eg Facebook, LinkedIn) as a means of conveying Association activities. Peter volunteered to set up an Association group on Facebook.

Closure: The meeting closed at 1:30pm.

No. 75 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of Committee Meeting

held on Saturday, 25 October 2014
at the Officers Mess, RAAF Base Townsville

Present : Bill Evans (President), Ms Patricia Jackson (Vice-President), Peter Nelms (Secretary), Monica Beigalke (Treasurer), WGCDR Peter Mitchell (CO, 75 Squadron), FLTLT Iain Taylor (Public Officer), Richard Deane-Butcher (Observer)

Opening:

The President opened the meeting at 1540 hrs and expressed delight that this was the first face-to-face meeting with all the committee present.

AGM Minutes:

The status of the Minutes of the AGM held in Sydney on 18 July was discussed. The Secretary advised that he had added to the draft minutes initiated by the Vice President and then passed them on to the Treasurer and Public Officer.

The Public Officer is to finalise the Minutes, from the tape recording of the meeting that he has, and submit the annual return to the NT Govt. Refer: <http://www.dob.nt.gov.au/gambling-licensing/business/incorporated-associations/Pages/default.aspx>

Administrative arrangements between Assn and Sqn:

The President highlighted the fact that the Association is willing to take a lot of the administrative burden away from the Squadron and that, in these days of cloud computing and database sharing, there should be a solution to the issue of committee members being geographically dispersed.

The Secretary said that one of the main issues is that the Squadron needs to gather the data into a format that can be handed over. The Public Officer said that the Squadron is still finding Association material and is soon hoping to be able to hand it over. As an example, at present there is no complete list of financial members and the Treasurer has been working with the Secretary to establish such a listing.

Another issue is that of an email listing. Previously emails have been sent out from the Squadron and if the Association is to take over this role then a listing of email addresses will need to be provided. The Treasurer added that there are a lot of mistakes with the present list and she has been monitoring 'bounce-backs'.

Newsletters:

The President stated that he would like to introduce regular Newsletters; say in March and October each year. There was general agreement to this proposal. The Vice President will be the Newsletter editor and will coordinate input.

Association Banner:

As discussed at the AGM in July, the Squadron is designing and manufacturing a new banner to better depict the Squadron's history (eg expand on the aircraft types that the squadron has operated). The CO stated that this issue was on track for the new banner to be used next Anzac Day.

Anzac Day 2015:

As next Anzac Day will be the centenary of Gallipoli extra effort will be required to make the occasion memorable. The President advised that he would like to propose a P40 flypast over the parade (in Sydney) but envisaged there would be other flypasts. The President will speak with the Secretary of the Fighter Squadrons Branch and determine the way ahead.

Merchandise:

Further to the discussion at the AGM, the possibility of obtaining and selling Association merchandise (eg ties, name tags, cuff links, etc) was discussed; including whether the joining fee could cover the cost of, say, a tie or a name tag. This issue is to be explored further.

Future functions/activities:

The difficulties of arranging functions where the Squadron and the Association can get together, with the Squadron being based at Tindal, were discussed. The best opportunities, to gain maximum attendance from Association members, is to arrange a function when the Squadron is deployed to the East coast (eg Williamtown).

The CO said that he intends arranging a function at Tindal on 2nd August next year to recognise the 25th anniversary of Ross Fox's accident and the Association is welcome to be part of the occasion.

The President asked that the Squadron keep in mind if they are tasked with an East coast deployment the possibility of a joint function.

Bank Accounts:

The Treasurer suggested that the Association account with Defence Bank could be easier managed if there were separate sub-accounts were established for such things as membership fees and functions. The Public Officer also stated that an Association cheque book was recently found at the Squadron. The Treasurer further suggested that, in these days of electronic transfers and telephone banking, a debit card would be more useful than a cheque book.

The Committee agreed that the Treasurer visit Defence Bank and organise the account to include sub-accounts and a debit card.

Other Business:

Richard Deane-Butcher raised the idea of having an Association award to recognise a significant contribution to the greater Squadron community. The CO suggested the award could be along the lines of the Ross Fox Memorial Trophy but eligibility could be broadened to include, for example, the dependents of Squadron members. Richard undertook to develop a proposal for future committee deliberation.

Closure: The meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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Mick Grant

The Future of 75 Squadron Association Incorporated

Dear Sirs & Madam,

I am writing this letter the day after the 75th anniversary of 75 Squadron to get your counsel as the senior members of the 75 Squadron Association on its future direction. As you are aware I became the Vice-President and then President of the Association last year after several retirements. Since then I have been building an understanding of the associations objectives, constitution, current issues and considering ways to continue its legacy. I feel that I am in a reasonable position to offer my thoughts but I am also very conscious of the fact that at no point have I ever been elected by the membership nor did I expect to so quickly assume the office of president. The presidents report by Bill Evans in the last two newsletters articulate quite well some of the issues faced by the committee. He succinctly addresses the nature of current posting cycles and the multi-squadron identity of the modern retiring member. These newsletters are available on the website hosted by the Fighter Squadrons Branch of the RAAF Association(1) and along with the constitution are good background reading. What I offer below are my personal thoughts on a reasonable future direction for the Association and I would really appreciate a response. I will discuss in turn the objectives of the association, the current structure of the association, the current issues and finally a way forward.

75 Squadron Association Incorporated Objectives (2)

1. Association Objectives

- (a) The alleviation of distress among members and their dependants. Such distress may include death, sickness and any condition, which in the opinion of the committee, is deserving of assistance by the Association.
- (b) The provision of resources which, in the opinion of the Committee, will benefit members and / or their dependants.
- (c) To provide members and their dependants with the opportunity to meet socially.
- (d) To make suitable provision to record, preserve and place on public display memorabilia, including photographs, documents, etc, relating to the ongoing historic record of No 75 Squadron RAAF since its formation on 4 March 1942.
- (e) To establish a liaison arrangement with the Commanding Officer No 75 Squadron in order to foster comradeship between past and present members of 75 Squadron through a joint program of activity, including social activity, and to provide assistance, as required, with its implementation and management.
- (f) To provide appropriate support to registered charities as determined by the Committee.”

Discussion

I believe these objectives are both noble and relevant to our current membership. I consider that we have been doing our best to achieve these objectives and cite recent examples of attendance at funerals as achieving objective (a) and recent and planned events achieving objective (c). The recording, preservation and display of memorabilia is more challenging given geographic, manpower and financial imposts. The relationship between current leadership of the unit and the association (e) continues to be well achieved although it has been quite challenging more recently due to the squadrons operational commitments. The objectives are very similar in wording to the objectives of both the Fighter Squadrons Branch of the RAAF Association and also the now disbanded 77 Squadron Association.

75 Squadron Association Incorporated - Office Bearers and Structure

The Associations current constitution was ratified 5 years ago. The structure of the organisation is such that CO 75 Squadron and Administrative Officer are integral parts of the committee and the Admino is the Public Officer. The Public Officer must be a resident of the Northern Territory and has many legislated roles under the Northern Territory Associations Act. The appointment of office bearers occurs at an AGM (so certainly it could be argued that my incumbency as President is unconstitutional and would allow a good reason for a relatively bloodless takeover should one of you be keen to be president?) Having read the NT Associations act over

the last week I do not believe we are fulfilling many of the requirements. Forgiveably the Act seems to allocate 'penalty units' rather than any specific fines to presumably allow Associations to get their house in order. I am sure we are not the only Association that struggles with the requirements but it is a serious consideration.

Discussion

The current model of association was adopted after several different models were put forward at the first association meeting in November 2011 at Wagga Wagga. My understanding is that the current structure was adopted to allow some of the administrative functions of an ageing committee to be taken over by the squadron and to ensure a strong bond between the association and the operational squadron. I think this structure has served both parties well for several years. However I believe this relationship becomes difficult to manage when the squadrons operational tempo increases and this becomes a detriment to the effective planning of events and conduct of the significant mandatory administrative duties required by the Act. Also, both our Squadron Constitution and the NT Associations Acts themselves are very lengthy, complicated documents that are potentially quite onerous for a Squadron Admino to fulfil given his or her other duties in an operational squadron. A model where the RAAF Association was the administering body was put forward and voted down by the members present at the initial meeting.

77 Squadron Association - What our younger sister has done...

Under the leadership of Peter Ring (a former 75 Squadron FCI then later 77 Squadron Exec) the 77 Squadron association has been disbanded and they have become a chapter of the RAAF Association - Fighter Squadrons Branch (RAAFA FSB). Late last year I went to a meeting of the RAAFA FSB as a fact finding mission to see how it is run and also to discuss 77 Squadron Associations move with Peter Ring. Interestingly 77 Squadron had a larger membership base, a full committee and were running regular functions in Newcastle and Sydney but they still felt they were better served under a RAAFA banner. (I think their increased activity is due to the benefits of their involvement in the Korean war and a subsequently younger veteran corp as well as their close geographic location with the parent squadron). Nonetheless they considered that to exist they needed to be part of a larger organisation that could satisfy the administrative functions of their association while they got on with organising social events and preserving their history. They still have a squadron identity within the FSB as the '77 Squadron chapter' and their representative has voting rights at these meetings.

RAAFA - Fighter Squadrons Branch

I attended the meeting of the FSB last year on the advice of Bill Evans the retiring president. I went in with open eyes and just listened to the meeting before outlining 75 Squadron Associations planned social activities for the coming year. I was impressed by the calibre of the committee and their vision for the FSB. They have a strong and distinguished leadership group with full time incumbents who are all essentially retired from work. They seemed to really enjoy their roles (despite the length of the meeting) and were making good decisions. They are actively engaging with the current

leadership of Air Combat Group to be more relevant to current members and build their membership base.

One of the key advantages of such an organisation is its link to the broader RAAF Association and the ability to advocate for members at a government level. I think in the modern context our primary association objective of ‘...alleviating distress among members and their dependants...’ could be considered more broadly to include ensuring entitlements - veterans medical support, superannuation etc. These functions are certainly best handled by a larger organisation with links to government. (In my other life the Australian Medical Association charges me a lot of money for my membership but they are far more effective than the smaller Fellowship organisations in making government listen).

RAAFA FSB continues to host our most regular get together following ANZAC day each year. Over the last few months they were the organisation that advised me of the passing of one of our WW2 members which I was then able to pass on to our mailing list. RAAFA FSB hosts and also updates our 75 Squadron Association website. Any historical reservations about being part of RAAFA FSB don't seem to have any recent precedent.

A way forward

It is my personal opinion that full integration with the RAAF Association Fighter Squadrons Branch is in the best interests of the 75 Squadron Association. The advantages of this move from a communication, administration and sustainability perspective are multiple. The downside to this is that we potentially weaken the close relationship with our parent unit. Admittedly there would be no formal links at a committee level but I would hope the relationship would be retained regardless should we become a chapter of FSB. In fact separating the Squadron and Association may in fact strengthen ties since currently we are in a difficult marriage with onerous administrative requirements to maintain the association and at times very different primary objectives - operational squadrons provide capability to government and associations provide support for their membership and preserve the units history.

The practicalities

Where does the money go? 77 Squadron transferred their funds to RAAFA FSB with a caveat that a large proportion was set aside for digitising their unit history. This sounds like a very good idea and something that as an association we should consider regardless of direction. Last time I was at Tindal there were large boxes of squadron photos that lived in a closed cabinet. These will need preservation digitally unless the RAAF has a plan for this sort of preservation itself?

What about my membership? RAAFA FSB has honoured the memberships of those association members for the tenure of their subscription with the disbanded association.

How would we make it happen? If we were to decide to make the same transition as 77 Squadron we would need to disband the Association at an AGM. Our constitution

allows for distribution of assets 'on the resolution of members to an organisation with similar purposes'. Clearly RAAFA FSB is such an organisation.

I intend to call an AGM of the Association during the festivities planned at Tindal in late April. With the CO, Admino, Myself and hopefully Peter all present this represents one of the few opportunities for the committee to ratify this sort of decision if it was considered a good idea.

Summary

I would really like all of your input on the issues I have raised above. Either in support or vehement opposition. I have taken my time to clarify my opinion on these issues but understand that many of you will have background that I simply do not have as a now long retired Squadron Leader.

I have essentially fallen into the role of President but have not hesitated nor complained because the squadron has and always will have a special place in my life. However, I consider you to be the true hierarchy of the association and I would really like some sense of unity if large scale changes are to be made. Let me know what you think by any means (except GBU-12 through my bedroom window) once you have considered the above. Having suggested change I am willing to help navigate these waters with our broader membership and the FSB.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Daryl Pudney

President (?)

75 Squadron Association

1. 75 Squadron Associated Incorporated Newsletter accessed on 5 March 2017 from http://no75.squadronassociation.org/site/upload/Newsletter%20No%202_15.pdf
2. 75 Squadron Associated Incorporated Constitution downloaded on 5 March 2017 from <http://no75.squadronassociation.org/site/upload/75SQNASSNCONSTITUTION-V1.2-20Jun12.pdf>

Process for Sqn Associations to Transfer their Membership to Fighter Squadrons Branch

For convenience purposes, each Squadron Association joining FSB would be called a Chapter: for example 75 Sqn Chapter, 77 Sqn Chapter. The Chapter will have no organisational importance or status – it will merely be a convenient group name, for example, the ex 77 Members.

FSB would have an ex member of each Squadron on the Committee dedicated to that particular Fighter Squadron Chapter who would take responsibility for items such as:

- liaison with that Sqn,
- Sqn History,
- Sqn historical public enquiries,
- maintenance of the existing website,
- Sqn specific social events and
- Sqn specific commemorative events.

The financial assets of that Association would be ~~donated~~ transferred to FSB under the proviso through a letter of understanding that these assets would be tracked in a separate accounting folio. These funds would then be used solely primarily for that Sqn Chapter's purposes, for example digitization of history or as decided by that appropriate FSB Committee Member and endorsed by the FSB Committee.

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Life members of the Sqn Association would become Life Honorary Members of FSB.

Existing Honorary Members would also become Honorary Members of FSB.

Associate members would become General Members of FSB.

When finalised, this process could be signed off on by both President of FSB and each Sqn Association.

In time, the funds belonging to each Sqn Chapter would be largely consumed and those accounts would be cancelled.

About half the members of 77 Sqn Association are members of FSB/RAAFA NSW. This half will receive an email outlining the way ahead for them in FSB after 77 Sqn Association has been folded. The other half will receive an email urging them to join FSB and outlining how increasingly important FSB/RAAFA role is into the future.

Many of the 77 Sqn Members have paid up subscriptions for up to 9 years ahead at \$8 per year. The \$ amount of their remaining subscription will be credited to each persons FSB account and used to contribute to FSB subscriptions until all the credit has been used.

Additional points to be resolved.

1. The RAAFA Constitution does not have a Life Honorary Member category. Life Membership is conferred by a majority vote at an AGM or Special General Meeting in accordance with Constitution Part 2 Section 7 para 4.
2. The Honorary Members of the RAAFA are voted in for a term of three years by a majority of members at an annual general meeting. The three year term may be re-conferred at the end of the period.(Constitution Part 2 Section 7 para 5)
3. The BY - LAWS limits Honorary Members to ONE per Branch at a time, By - Laws 4(1) (b)

These are issues which may need consideration by State Council if the FSB Committee agrees with the content of our proposal.
A change in by-laws can be actioned by State Council without an AGM .

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

75 Squadron Association Inc.

As an incorporated association we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). The current intention is to hold the **2017 AGM** at **RAAF Tindal** on the afternoon of **Thursday 27th April**.



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75 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 27th April 2017
RAAF Base Tindal, Northern Territory

AGENDA

1. Meeting opening at 1700
2. Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes
3. President's Report
4. Secretary / Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Office Bearers:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
6. Other business
 - a) Future Direction - Amalgamation with RAAFA FSB?
 - b) Nominations Life Membership?
 - c) Status of members post amalgamation
 - d) Functions - Fast Caravan 2017, 2018?
 - e) Remaining Funds - Community Award? SQN History
 - f) Anzac Day March
7. Meeting closure

75 Squadron Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 18th July 2014

Building 113, Military Law Centre

Victoria Barracks, Paddington, Sydney

AGENDA

1. Meeting opening at 11:30am
2. Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Office Bearers:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
6. Other business
 - a) Association Banner
 - b) Newsletters
 - c) Annual Function
 - d) Admin Assistance
 - e) Anzac Day March
7. Meeting closure

No 75 Squadron Association AGM 2013

In addition to this year's ANZAC Day activities, this is an excellent opportunity for the Association to hold our first AGM since incorporation, in accordance with the NT Government Associations Act. In accordance with para 32 of the Constitution, (copied in full below) the AGM will be held in the

**Ashfield RSL
At 1500 hrs on 24 Apr 13**

with all existing office holders (minus current CO 75 Squadron - WGCDR Pete Mitchell) attending.

Quote

'32. Annual general meetings - calling of and business at

(a) The annual general meeting of the Association is, subject to the Act and to Rule 31, to be convened on such date and at such place and time as the committee thinks fit. The Secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

(b) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:

(i) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,

(ii) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the Association during the last preceding financial year,

(iii) to receive and consider the accounts which are required to be submitted to members under the Act, and

(iv) to elect office-bearers of the Association and ordinary members of the committee.

(c) An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it'.

Unquote

If you plan on attending the AGM, can you please confirm your attendance to the Secretary. However, whether attending or not, if you have items to be tabled at the AGM, can you please forward them to the Association Secretary for consolidation.

Any other issues please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Secretary. Hope to see as many of you at all three events as possible.

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