
Central Bureau Intelligence Corps Association Mini Newsletter, March 2007

This Newsletter may be mini, but it contains major announcements about a DSD Open Day, and about altered times and arrangements for Anzac Eve and Anzac Day. Please read carefully, and fill in forms on the attached page.

DSD EVENTS. The Defence Signals Directorate in Canberra invites CBers to an Open Day at its Russell Street headquarters on Friday, March 30, between 1pm (1300) and 3pm (1500). This is to celebrate the 60th anniversary of DSD's establishment (as DSB) on April 1, 1947. Central Bureau was the precursor of these organizations.

The 2007 celebrations start on March 30. The invitation from Stewart Skelt, Chair of the 60th Anniversary Committee, says that the proposed programme for the afternoon of March 30 will include a tour of "selected areas" within DSD, during which several speeches will be made.

The gathering is informal, but those who plan to go must let President Gordon Gibson know by Friday, March 16. He will pass on the names to DSD, so that these CBers may be signed in at the gate. You need to be at this entrance – Russell Northgate on Russell Drive outside the Russell Offices of DSD by 12.30pm (1230) or 12.45pm (1245) at the latest. Signing in takes time and there will be former DSD members signing in as well.

The DSD 60th Anniversary Ball will be held on the evening of Friday March 30, at the National Museum of Australia, Acton Peninsula, starting with pre-dinner drinks from 7pm. (1900 hours). The theme for the ball is 1940s. (If anyone knows the nineteen forties, we do!) Each ticket costs \$110. If you can run to this, and if you're still limber enough to demonstrate your dancing skills, please get in touch with DSD as soon as you receive this Newsletter as many will be attending and there are restrictions on ticket numbers. Email DSD at dsd60th@dsd.gov.au or write to DSD, R5-3-32, PO Box 5076, Kingston, Act, 2604. You'll need to provide your name, address, and "contact details" – presumably your email or telephone number. If you do go, there's a "recovery barbecue" the next day – Saturday, March 31.

ANZAC EVE AND ANZAC DAY, 2007 - ALTERED ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOTH

This is the Centenary Year of the Australian Intelligence Corps. Because of this the Australian Intelligence Association has invited CBICA to join it in two special ceremonies.

On ANZAC EVE we meet at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt, close to the old GPO. **Please be there by 1815hrs**, ready for the service which begins at 1830hrs. This meeting time is earlier than usual).

This special service starts with the mounting of the Catafalque Guard, and march on of the Associations. A padre will read the Anzac Prayer which commemorates "sacrifices made in the cause of peace" by men and women who have served during the years from 1907 to the present.

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A hymn "The Day is Ended" will precede the wreath laying, the Ceremony of Remembrance, the Last Post, the Ode and Reveille. The whole service, as is customary, will be close to the Cenotaph in Sydney's Martin Place.

ANZAC DAY MARCH. The meeting place this year will be at a new site – the corner of Castlereagh Street and Hunter Streets. The time also has changed. **Please be there by 0900.** In this Centenary year, AIA and CBICA have been given a prominent place – at the head of Corps Troops of World War II. Please watch for the green and gold CBICA banner.

The RSL is providing a Landrover for us. Places in this are limited, and the RSL advises that riders in the Landrover and any other vehicles must sit not stand.

The RSL also says that "one descendant of a deceased veteran . . . may honour their service by wearing the veteran's medals on their right breast and participating in the march."

REUNION

After the March, from 1200 hours, we meet at the Marriott Hotel, 36 College Street, Sydney (02 9361 8400). The Marriott is opposite the War Memorial where the March ends in Hyde Park South. Parking will be free for CBers on Anzac Day and we will have a room to ourselves for the reunion. Price for the lunch this year has risen to \$43. (Drinks are extra). Please send your cheque for the lunch to the Hon. Treasurer, Bruce Bentwitch (address below). **WE'D APPRECIATE THE RSVP FOR THE LUNCH AND YOUR CHEQUE BY MARCH 30.**

Membership fees for 2007 are due. If you haven't paid yet, please send your \$15 to Bruce. Write to: The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Bruce Bentwitch, 7 Holly Street, CASTLE COVE, NSW 2069.

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For the rest of the year the Newsletter will revert to its normal size, with reports from our President, Treasurer, Secretary and Historian, and with news of members. In this short space we can give only brief details, which will be expanded in the June Newsletter.

With regret we report the death of a distinguished CBer, The Hon. Roy Ward, OAM, former Mayor of Caulfield, Victoria, and worker for many charities. Also it was sad to hear from Chris Clark, our historian, that his father had died just after Christmas, and that his mother has been very ill. Because of this, and other work circumstances, Chris does not expect to finish the writing of his book until June.

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