

Central Bureau Intelligence Corps Association

Mini Newsletter March 2009

Once more, here are details of arrangements for Anzac Eve and Anzac Day. Please fill in the form on the attached page.

Anzac Eve, Friday, April 24. Please meet at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street, near the old GPO. The service starts at 1830, so you need to be there by 1815. This evening service is always dignified, with the sounds of the Last Post and Reveille echoing through the stony canyons of Martin Place.

Anzac Day, Saturday April 25. Our meeting place is unchanged, the corner of Elizabeth and Hunter Streets (facing north). Assemble at 0900 hours. Our green and gold banner is the rallying point. Our unit is not affected by the rules laid down by the RSL State Council which separates WWII veterans from those who served in later conflicts. We will still have Z Special Force beside us, but members of the Australian Intelligence Association now cannot march as one body. The RSL decision separates us from the Pittwater House band, which has performed in fine style over the years. It is our loss that they will lead us no longer.

The Land Rover will be shared between CB and AIA. It holds only seven, so please ring Gordon Gibson (02) 9487-3029, or Bruce Bentwitch (02) 9417-1427 if you seek a place. The RSL will provide ladders and helpers to get you aboard.

The March Bands accompanying WWII marchers will adjust the pace to the veterans' age – slowing it down. There have been past times when CBers at the rear could not keep up with their leaders, who didn't realise what was happening.

Dropping Out. There will be exit gates through the barriers at King Street, where golf carts will be ready to take you to taxis or public transport. Should you feel the length of the march might be too much for you, take your place at the rear of the unit, drop out at King Street and join us at the Marriott Hotel.

The Reunion Lunch will be at the Marriott Hotel, 36 Collins St, Sydney, (02) 9361-8400. Parking will be free for CBers. Once again we will have that beautiful room overlooking Hyde Park. Lunch starts at 12, and will cost \$45 per person (drinks are extra). Please send your cheque for the lunch to our Hon. Treasurer, Bruce Bentwitch (address below), making it out to CBICA. He'd appreciate it if you could send your reply – and cheque – by Monday, April 6, 2009.

And – another reminder – membership fees for 2009 are due - \$15, and \$10 for associates. Post to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr Bruce Bentwitch, 7 Holly Street, Castle Cove, NSW, 2069, phone (02) 9417-1427.

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Dear CBers, come if you possibly can, and join your old friends. Gordon Gibson reminds us that if you finish the march early, you could join him and a few others for a quiet drink at the Macquarie Boutique Hotel, 42 Wentworth Avenue, just across Oxford Street from the Marriott. He hopes more women CBers will try the Boutique. Please remember to wear your name badges at the lunch.

And – could one of our cameramen, or women, take a few photographs on the day, so that these could be used in the next Newsletter?

Much news will have to wait until then, but the latest on THE BOOK is that Dr Chris Clark has sent us chapters 1, 2, 13 and 15 of the CB History. We await the other chapters.

And – a message to all. We may be old, but we are still children – children of the Depression. Some of us remember it well – men walking westward with their swags, seeking work; other playing trombones or selling shoelaces to earn a few pence; the worries at home, the saving, the make-do-and-mend, and the original Anzacs – now civilians – enduring the hardship of civilian life. May we all be spared this again, so that today's children will not suffer.

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