



**CENTRAL BUREAU INTELLIGENCE
CORPS ASSOCIATION
MARCH 2016**

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Wreath Laying Ceremony: Saturday, 24th April 2016

Members to assemble 1815 hours, Cnr Pitt St and Martin Place (near the old GPO) for Wreath Laying Parade. Medals to be worn.

March Arrangements: Sunday, 25th April 2016

Please assemble 0845 hours, on Phillip Street (close to Hunter Street) under our green and gold banner (the form up area is on Phillip Street and as groups pass through they will make their way around to the start position at Martin Place).

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF FORM UP LOCATION DUE TO NEW MARCH ROUTE THIS
YEAR**

Formation to be 8 Abreast:

Despite our many requests, we are very disappointed to advise that transport in Land Rovers unfortunately is unlikely to be available, however, for those requiring it, please see form below – we need to know how many. Please answer as soon as possible, and provide your phone number.

Please also contact Katy Denis if you would like to watch the March from the seating on Elizabeth Street – she will give your name to the RSL to reserve you a seat.

Conveyance via wheelchairs with a carer is welcomed by the RSL and wheelchairs can be hired by your GP should you not own one. Alternatively, please contact Katy for a list of companies offering wheelchairs for hire on ANZAC Day (Katy Denis' contact details are following the President's Report).

Reunion Lunch:

After the March, from 1200 hours, lunch again will be in the "Windows Room", Pullman Hotel, College Street, opposite The War Memorial. Cost of lunch will be \$55 per head (drinks extra of course).

Members are welcome to bring wives, husbands, family and friends to the lunch. AIA and ex-ASWG personnel are also welcome.

Please wear nametags, and RSVP on the form below, to all functions A.S.A.P. including the need for transport during the March. We'd appreciate the RSVP for the lunch (plus appropriate cheque) as soon as possible.

Very restricted, free, disabled parking for CBers. Please contact Annette A.S.A.P.

PRESIDENT'S PAR

I would like to reiterate what a privilege it is to be President and how pleased I am to welcome our new Executive Committee members on board. I also want to extend a special thank you to our dedicated Publicity Officer, Helen Kenny, for her tireless work in producing our wonderful newsletters.

We recently kicked off 2016 with a successful and productive meeting. The passion and motivation everyone showed indicates a very positive year ahead for CBICA.

ANZAC Day 2016

I also attended the RSL's annual ANZAC Day preparation meeting and want to share some important changes to the ANZAC Day March.

The main change is to the route. This year's march will be along **Elizabeth Street**, due to the work on the Light Rail construction on George Street.

Route Changes

The March will start at 9.00 a.m. on Elizabeth Street at Martin Place, and finish at Liverpool Street (at the end of Hyde Park).

Units will ideally disperse to the left. The route is 100 metres shorter than usual.

The 2016 route map is on the RSL website – www.rslnsw.org.au (go to Commemoration – ANZAC Day).

The direct link is: rslnsw.org.au/commemoration/anzac/index.html

There is also a copy of the route map in our newsletter.

Form up Positions

The order of The March is the same, but form up areas have been changed to give senior veterans easy access to the start line by avoiding the steep slope on Hunter Street.

The CB form up area is on Phillip Street, near Hunter Street (place finder number 16 on the route map).

Seating

Chairs will be available in Hyde Park North on Elizabeth Street (near Market Street) for those veterans who would like to sit and watch The March.

Act of Remembrance

The Act of Remembrance will be observed at the ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park at 12.30 p.m.

There are **no changes** to the ANZAC Eve Wreath Laying, the Dawn Service (4.15 a.m.) or Sunset Service (5.30 p.m.).

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it to the ANZAC Day luncheon. It is sure to be a lovely occasion.

Katy Denis

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TREASURER'S REPORT – March, 2016

It's hard to believe that we are coming up to ANZAC Day again. The past year has flown by so quickly.

Please bring all your friends and family to the luncheon at the Pullman so that we can have as many people as possible to fill up the Windows Restaurant. We booked it last ANZAC Day to make sure we are not gazumped this year!

The hotel has offered our attendees a special 10% discount on room bookings so if you are planning an overnight stay, make sure you book early and let them know if you'd like to take advantage of their offer.

This year the cost of the luncheon will be \$55 per person not including alcohol. If you have any special dietary requirements please note them on your attendance slip and we will do our best to make sure you are looked after.

If you haven't yet paid your 2016 subs the annual fee is now \$15 for all members. We welcome new associate members, so if you have relatives who are interested in becoming part of the association, please ask them to get in touch with me, Katy or Bruce for more info.

It's very exciting to be a part of this new executive team. You have graciously passed the baton on to us and I know we will do our best to live up to that gift.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on ANZAC Day.

Annette Salmon

Hon. Treasurer

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership fees for 2016 are now due. If you haven't paid yet **please send your subscription (\$15 for all members and associates) to the Hon. Treasurer:**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the specially convened meeting at Roseville RSL Club on 1st February, it was unanimously voted that CBICA would continue, as there were sufficient interested volunteers willing to fill all vacant Committee positions.

Therefore, you will be pleased to hear the the new committee consists of:-

President: Katy Denis; Treasurer: Annette Salmon; Secretary: Bruce Goudge

Newsletter: Helen Kenny

Allan Norton, Frank Hughes and Bill Rogers - Vice Presidents on the executive committee

Rob Moore, Mark Brackley and David Dufty - executive committee members

BIOS OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**Katy Denis (President)**

I am the daughter of Gordon Gibson, the wonderful outgoing President of CBICA.

I was brought up on Sydney's North Shore, attending Ravenswood School for Girls before completing a Bachelor of Arts at Macquarie University.

After spending time living in Italy working as a nanny, I returned to Australia and completed a Diploma in Public Relations (PR) at the APM Training Institute before beginning my PR career in 2001.

I have run my own PR business, KTG Creative, for the past eight years.

Outside of work, my interests include yoga, fitness, travelling to fun places and spending time with my friends and family, including my husband of nine years, Chris. I also love learning new things.

I am exceptionally proud of my Dad and all who served in CB for their incredible contributions and the significant role they played in reducing the duration of World War II.

It is an honour to have taken on the role of President of CBICA

**Annette Salmon (Hon. Treasurer)**

I was born 1946 in Melbourne, oldest child of Nancy (Roberts) and Ben Eagleton, both ex Air Force.

Mum was a Kana Intercept Operator with 1 WU and met Dad, a PT Instructor / Drill Sergeant when they were both based at Ascot Vale and Point Cook.

I grew up in Strathfield and attended primary schools at Homebush and Summer Hill and secondary school at Strathfield Girls High.

I did my nursing training at Sydney Hospital, graduated in 1967 and married my first husband Geoff Salmon, a British marine engineer, shortly afterwards. I made a couple of trips with him around the Australian coast and to South East Asia before he left the sea when our first son was born.

Dad died of cancer in 1968 and Geoff and I joined forces with Mum to continue Dad's businesses, a commercial orchid farm at Somersby and a musical instrument manufacturing company.

We had two sons and enjoyed a good life on the Central Coast until Geoff died in a car accident in 1976. I did some accountancy studies at TAFE and then moved back to Sydney where I completed a Graduate Diploma in Extension (Communication) and worked in IT and training management.

In the early 80's I joined up with some friends who had started a new florist business. I thought I would just have a short break from the corporate world and then resume my career!

Now, 30 years later, I am happily living with my long-time partner, Trevor Johnson, and am still successfully working in my own business as a floral designer!

I have three delightful grandchildren and my sons and daughters –in- law are all doing well and living in Sydney. We are a multinational family comprising Thai, Singaporean, English, Italian and Ugandan - and we're all Aussies. I love this country! And the food at family gatherings is amazing!

We also love to travel and have been fortunate to spend some time on holidays with family in the south west of France and in Singapore. I continue my French language classes in the hope that I might get back there one day. I haven't quite gotten around to learning Mandarin though!

I met up with local CBICA members for the first time at Roseville on Remembrance Day in 2014 and enjoyed their company so much I was pleased to agree to 'help- out' – and I'm very glad I did!



Rob Moore (Executive member)

I was born in August 1958 , the middle child of Dennis and Margaret Moore. We grew up in the the Sutherland shire, south of Sydney.

I was educated at Gympsea High School, then Gympsea TAFE and as an apprentice electrician at the University of NSW.

Most of my working life has been in the garage door industry , first as an installer then as a sales rep both locally and across the state. I did spend 9 years in automatic driveway gates and 4 years managing a ski shop. I became involved with CB at the funeral of my father when Gordon Gibson invited me to carry the banner in memory of Dennis. That was 2001.

The first Newsletters, produced after CBICA was formed in 1974, were roneoed sheets, written and edited by Madeline Chidgey, followed by Marion Winn. When Dennis became editor he enlarged Newsletter to eight pages, and, with his knowledge of computers, widened the scope. Just prior to his death in 2001 he put Newsletter on the internet.

Dennis was editor for many years, and only when he was very ill did Helen Kenny take over in an "emergency". Dennis was highly respected, and I like to think my executive member role on the committee honours my father's memory.



Mark Brackley (Executive Member)

"It is an honour and a privilege to serve on the executive committee of CBICA and I express my heartfelt gratitude to Gordon Gibson for all the work he has done as President of the organisation over many years.

I will do the best I can based on my limited ability and of course, time !!

I've always been interested in my Dad Col's expertise in Morse code. During World War II, Col was a wireless operator, which entailed the interception of Japanese Morse code signals, their capture and recording and then dissemination to cryptography specialists.

Dad even set up a Morse code key and transmitter for me when I was about 8 years old.

The lessons in Morse were progressing extremely well as Col is a very patient teacher, however, we had to abandon the lessons when our agitated and distressed Hungarian neighbour raced up to our front door screaming 'What is this?! What is happening?!?!'

The Morse code that I was transmitting reminded her of World War II in Europe and obviously brought back some painful memories.

I later became interested in foreign languages, particularly Russian, in which I completed an Honours degree in the early nineties.

My mother and Col's wife, Helen, who has since passed away, was always interested in Russian literature and the beauty of Moscow and St Petersburg, and encouraged me to pursue my interest in the Russian language.

Cryptography, on the other hand, is languages, mathematics and Information Technology all put together. The subject cryptography is now taught in the IT departments of major universities as a specialised later year subject."

David Duffy (Executive member)



I'm a public servant based in Canberra. I'm also a writer, currently writing a book about Australian signals intelligence in World War Two.

I first discovered the fascinating story of Australia's role in intercepting and breaking Japanese codes from a newspaper article about the Bletchley Park medals that were awarded in 2012. This was

soon after the release of my previous book, which had nothing to do with either military history or code breaking! Even so, I realised there was a fascinating story here and wanted to learn more.

I have since made contact with veterans of Central Bureau and of other World War II Australian signals groups such as ASWG and FRUMEL, and have come to appreciate the extent of this fascinating but little known aspect of history.

It's been an enlightening experience to not only learn the story of what happened, but it's also been a privilege to get to meet and to know some of the people involved, I feel like I know many of those who are no longer around, and wish I could go back in time to meet them.

I am very grateful to the members of Central Bureau, who have welcomed me into the community and who have generously helped me in many ways.

Bruce Goudge (Hon. Secretary)



I am Helen Kenny's step-son-law. For some time I have been word processing Newsletter for Helen. I can't imagine *not* being fascinated by the articles and research contained in Newsletter and enjoy the opportunity to be part of maintaining its publication.

I retired twelve years ago as a School Principal, having worked in various schools in Sydney. My emphasis had been on teacher training,

and I also served on state-wide committees for Mathematics, Computers and the Performing Arts.

My wife (Judith) and I enjoy the arts, travel and she is a successful golfer. We have our own boat and love relaxing on Sydney Harbour. We both have been keenly interested in CB through Helen and for years (once she was allowed) have been enraptured by her stories and anecdotes.

I look forward to filling the position of Hon Secretary of CBICA.

VALE: STANLEY CONWAY BAYLIS

[Stan's widow, now living in New Zealand, kindly sent this contribution for Newsletter. H.K.]

Stanley Conway Baylis was born on 17th April 1920 at Southend on Sea England and at the



age of nine his parents decided to emigrate to China where his father took up a position as Health Inspector for the Shanghai City Council. Stan did all his schooling there and as a young man became a sales assistant for a large department store. During the time the family lived in Shanghai there were at least three wars and they were bombed on two occasions and had to relocate their living accommodation.

When the second world war broke out they decided to move to Australia where Stan's mother had three sisters.

They moved to Sydney and Stan would have been about 21 at the time. He joined the RAAF and trained at Pt. Cook as a wireless operator. He was

ultimately sent to Darwin and spent most of his time on Bathurst Island and was there during the bombing. After the war he returned to Sydney and did his training as a Health and Building Surveyor.

His first posting was out west then he worked with the Manly Council for several years, married and had three children and his career then took him to Campbelltown as Chief Health and Building Surveyor. He held this position for forty years and was also the President of the Health and Building Institute for several years. His marriage failed and eight years later I met him and we were married and continued to live in the Campbelltown area.

During his time with the Institute we travelled around Australia to conferences and made many good friends. We also had many overseas trips during our marriage and when Stan retired he spent all his time on our property growing and propagating native plants and trees. He made me a lovely rose garden as well, and keeping foxes and wallabies out of the rose garden and vege patch proved quite a challenge. When he turned 80 it was all getting a bit too hard for him to look after all this garden so we moved to the Central Coast where we enjoyed 13 very pleasant years. Unfortunately dementia grabbed a hold of Stan and he had to go to a rest home where he passed away peacefully on 13th August last year.

..... Maureen Baylis

VALE: "JACK" BLEAKLEY

John Ashton Morse ("Jack") Bleakley

8 January 1922 - 31 January 2016

Jack Bleakley was born in Lexton in central Victoria, the youngest of four brothers. His father was the headmaster of the initial schools he attended and Jack found himself advanced a grade so that he was always a year or more younger than his fellow students. This meant he finished his secondary schooling at University High School at age 15. The expectation was that he would go to Melbourne University but he was too young and so he got a job in the Commonwealth Bank to work until he was old enough.



Then the Second World War intervened. Without hesitation he intended to join up as soon as he could – it was, in his mind, what he had to do. But because he worked in the war bonds area of the bank (a "Restricted Occupation") he was not allowed to enlist until the war with Japan led to a change in the rules in 1942. He was then 20 years old.

After a technical aptitude examination to become a "Wireless Operator", and initial training, he found himself, along with others, asked to volunteer for service that he was told could not be specified but that would be "behind enemy lines". They all volunteered. That service, as we now know but that those involved kept secret for years until it was declassified, was intercepting Japanese katakana radio messages which were decoded and translated by Central Bureau to create ULTRA secret intelligence. This took Jack throughout the South West Pacific with the Americans and ultimately to the Philippines to be amongst the closest Australians to Japan at war's end.

Jack told the story in his book "The Eavesdroppers".

While a major influence, the war was not a defining experience. His character was already defined when he enlisted. Through all of the suffering and destruction he observed, and the personal hardship he at times encountered, his ingrained decency and humanity shone through.

After the war ended, Jack returned to the Bank and this is where he met Dorothy, whom he married. His loving relationship with Dorothy was the core of his life and would last for 60 years and beyond. He was completely devoted to Dorothy and then to their sons, John and Peter. Jack was an outstanding husband and father. When his grandchildren came along, he adored them and they adored him.

In his professional life, he had an exceptionally successful career in the Commonwealth Bank becoming a Bank Manager – building the business of each Branch he went to in turn until the premises of each had to be expanded. He worked in an era when Bank Managers were vital to any area and he could be relied upon to provide the support that local businesses needed. His clients were grateful and loyal. He was a generous leader and mentor to his staff. He could have moved around to chase promotion but declined to do so. He wanted to keep a stable home life for his family.

He was always good with people and always looked for the good in people. At the same time, he was modest. His standard reply when anyone would comment on the number of medals that he wore on special occasions was that "none of them were for bravery".

On retirement, he wrote “The Eavesdroppers”, which he had in mind since the war, and subsequently talked about his war experiences on request to many groups who were always enthralled.

In the wider community, he attended St Barnabas Anglican Church in Balwyn for decades. He was Minute Secretary in the Balwyn RSL having been an RSL member since 1946. He was a foundation member of the Camberwell Probus Club and their longest-standing member – cutting their thirtieth anniversary cake last year. He was a member for a number of years of the Liberal Party. He attended the yearly “Wireless Units Association” reunions and, many years after the war, commenced marching in ANZAC Day marches.

In his later years, he was described by many people as a gentleman. He certainly was in a formal sense but also in a more literal sense - he actually was gentle. He treasured kindness. He treated everyone with respect and had a great capacity to love and he was greatly respected and loved by others.

..... Peter Bleakley (son)

IN MEMORY OF JACK BLEAKLEY

I first met Jack in mid-1942, when One Wireless Unit was camped in American tents in Pimlico, a suburb of Townsville. We were part of a young group of Japanese Kana Code Interceptors.

In the following war years our service paths crossed many times and I got to know Jack very well as a close friend and great company. On one occasion we shared the same Australian tent and enjoyed some laughs. The big band music of the time was our joy.

Jack was a very capable intercept operator who strove for perfection in all he did. His book, “The Eavesdroppers” is his legacy to us all and the Bible re Japanese message information during the Pacific war years.

He was a good man, a kind man, always ready to help others. I have lost an old mate. We will all miss him.

..... Allan Norton

IN BRIEF

The ANZAC Memorial in Sydney’s Hyde Park is 100 feet high. *[Old measurements – you can translate to metric!]* The ANZAC Memorial is undergoing a \$40 million dollar upgrade that will see the original 1930s vision for the Memorial, by Sydney architect Bruce Dellit, finally completed.

Designed by C. Bruce Dellit, the square superstructure contains a circular Hall of Memory above a Hall of Silence. In this, a group of statuary by the sculptor, Raymond Hoff, symbolises sacrifice. Sculptures on the granite wall of the Hall of Memory perpetuate the names of the fallen. The Duke of Gloucester unveiled the Memorial in 1934. It has never been held in as high regards as the Cenotaph in Martin Place.

MEMORIAL TO ANIMALS

A trough on the corner of St Kilda Rd and Domain Rd in Melbourne, now near the Shrine of Remembrance, pays tribute to WW1 Horses. The inscription on the font reads:-

**“HE GAINS NO CROSSES AS A SOLDIER MAY,
NO MEDALS FOR THE MANY RISKS HE RUNS;
HE ONLY IN HIS PUZZLED, PATIENT WAY,
STICKS TO HIS GUNS.”**

It is mentioned that 958,000 horses and mules were killed in WW1, while 1,690,000 left Australia, never to return, either killed in action or died in quarantine.



The Imperial Camel Corps Brigade, formed in 1916, served in Sinai and Palestine. Australians made up more than 60% of the Brigade. Lieut. Colonel George Langley was in charge of the Australian Regiment. There are memorials to camels and the Brigade in the Middle East.

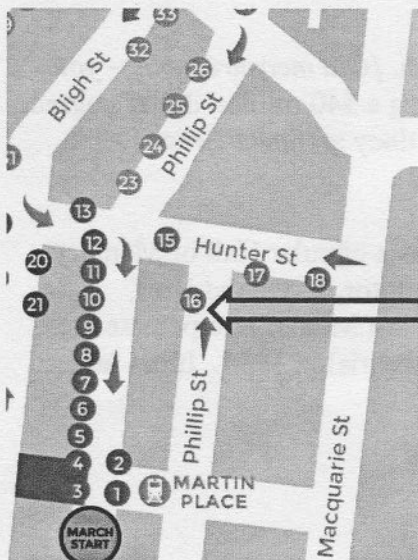
“The most splendid to the Camel Corps is on the Thames Embankment in London, (pictured) near the Savoy Hotel,” says Colonel Langley’s daughter Pat Lesslie.

The late Mrs Edmee Langley in her book, “Sand, Sweat and Camels” described the wartime actions of her husband, his man and the camels.

Even a small sculpture of a camel would remind us.

In the 1970’s some veteran cameleers in Australia suggested that a camel could take part in the ANZAC Day Parade. Their wish came to nothing.

Is it too late for descendants of men in the Camel Corps to see a camel led through the city on ANZAC Day 2016? This would honour their memory.



Assembly Point for CBers for ANZAC March in Sydney at the northern end of Phillip St, near Hunter St.

Please assemble at 0845.

CB Assembly Point
#16

[I hope to see you all on ANZAC Day. Would CBers tell us of gatherings elsewhere? H.K.]