

MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

2010 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday 2 April

6.00 - 9.00pm 'Meet and Greet' at the Upton Room, Box Hill RSL, Box Hill, Melbourne.
Registrations and refreshments.

Saturday 3 April

Start to Lunch

- 8.30 am Conference Registrations cont.
- 9.00 am Formal Opening
Conference format and housekeeping
Conference Convenor
- 9.05 am Welcome address by VIC Branch President, Mr Robbie Dalton
 and introduction to the MHSA Patron, Air Marshal IB Gration,
 AO, AFC, who will officially open the Conference
- 9.15 am Keynote Speaker: '*Australian Defence and the Legacy of Alfred Deakin*'
 Professor David Lowe, Director, Alfred Deakin Research
 Institute, Deakin University
- 10.00 am Morning Tea in Upton Room
- 10.30 am Paper: "*Farm Burning in the South African War. The Australian Trooper's Perspective*"
 Mr Robin Drooglever , Convenor, Anglo-Boer War Study Group
- 11.10 am Paper: '*The First Course – RAAF Point Cook 1923*'
 Mr Leigh Ryan (VIC)
- 11.50 am Paper: '*Saving Australia? 25th Battalion at Milne Bay August 1942*'
 Mr Bob Doneley (QLD)
- 12.30 pm Conference lunch Box Hill RSL Bistro

Saturday 3 April

After lunch through dinner

- 1.30 pm Paper: *The Evolution of the Infantry State Regiment System in the Army Reserve*
Mr Peter Shaw (WA)
- 2.10 pm Paper: *'Khaki to Green: The Australian Army 1941-45'*
Dr Adrian Threlfall, Victorian University
- 2.50 pm Afternoon Tea in Upton Room
- 3.15 pm Paper: *'Lieutenant De Neufville Lucas, 40th Regiment of Foot'*
Mr Tony Harris (SA)
- 3.55 pm Paper: *'Diggers and Greeks – the Australian Campaigns in Greece and Crete'*
Dr Maria Hill, Visiting Fellow UNSW@ADFA
- 4.35 pm ['Research in Progress'](#) – Five minute presentations by members seeking information or reporting on the progress of various research pursuits
- 5.15 pm Program for Sunday 4th April
Close of session – Conference Convener

Conference Dinner

7.00 for

7.30 pm Pre-dinner drinks in members' bar anteroom next to Upton Room, Box Hill RSL, Box Hill

Dress: Lounge Suit and Evening Wear (Ladies)

Miniatures

Dinner Speaker

'Australia's Use of Force in International Relations'

Major General (Retd) Andrew 'Jim' Molan, AO, DSC

Sunday 4 April

8 -10.00 am Closed Federal Council and Branch Representatives Meeting
Chaired by Federal President Major Rob Morrison, RFD

9.00 am Field Trip participants (48) assemble at Box Hill RSL

9.15 am Bus arrives at Box Hill RSL

9.30 am Field Trip departs for military heritage tour

10.15 am Guided tour of The Shrine

12.15 pm Depart for Box Hill RSL

1.00 pm Lunch at Box Hill RSL

Conference resumes in Upton Room

2.00 pm Paper: *'Shattered Anzacs –Disabled Soldiers and Family Life after 1914-18'*
Dr. Marina Larsson, La Trobe University

2.40 pm Paper: *'Timor Triumph - the Dutch Expedition Cross With Clasp TIMOR 1942 and its Links With Australian Military History'*
Mr Graham Wilson (ACT)

3.20 pm Afternoon Tea

3.40 pm *'Work-in-Progress Paper: High Command Decision Making during the Gallipoli Campaign'*
Dr Jim Wood (VIC)

4.20 pm Paper: *'The Great White Fleet and the Australian-United States Defence Relationship 1908-2008'*
Capt. John Sheehan, USN, US Naval Attaché, Canberra

5.00 pm Program for Monday 4th April & Close of Session – Conference Convener

6 - 9.00 pm **Upton Room - Members and Guests** - Trade, swap and Sell books, militaria, collectables etc.

Monday 5 April

Conference resumes in Upton Room, Box Hill RSL

- 9.00 am Venue open
- 9.30 am Paper: *'The Gibraltar of the South - The Evolution of Melbourne's Fixed Defences 1860-1945'*
Dr Bob Marmion (VIC)
- 10.10 am Morning Tea in Upton Room
- 10.30 am Work in Progress Paper: *'The British Commonwealth Occupation Force Japan 1946-1952'*
Lieutenant-Colonel Neil Smith AM (VIC)
- 10.50 am Work in Progress Paper: *'The Rifle Club Movement and Defence 1850-1920'*
Andrew Kilsby (VIC)
- 11.10 am Paper: *'The Courtney Family through Peace and War'*
Mr Ron Austin, RFD ED (VIC)
- 11.50 am Paper: *'Small but Irritating Bites: The AGAS Operations of "Z" Special Unit in Borneo 1945'*
Dr Kevin Smith, OAM (NSW)
- 12.30 pm Formal Closure of the Conference – Victorian Branch President Robbie Dalton to introduce Federal President Major Rob Morrison, RFD for closing followed by closing words from the Patron Air Marshal IB Gratton, AO, AFC (retd).
- The next Conference
- 12.40 pm Lunch (members' own)
Farewell and closure of venue

