Introduction

Welcome to this month’s issue of the electronic newsletter of the Royal United Services Institute of New South Wales (RUSI NSW), the aim of which is to provide members, stakeholders, and other interested parties up-to-date news of our latest activities and events as well as information on defence issues.

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Latest News and Events

100th Anniversary of the Anzac Landings at Gallipoli

The 25th April 2015 marked the 100th anniversary of the Anzac landings at Gallipoli. Anzac Day is a time to reflect on the contribution made by all of our past and present service men and women who have displayed great courage, discipline and self-sacrifice in choosing a life of service to their country. Approximately 2240 ADF members are currently deployed on operation, continuing the Anzac spirit whilst serving Australia’s national interests at home and in many countries around the world.

As part of the Anzac commemorations, the Minister for Defence, Kevin Andrews, represented the Australian Government in France at the dawn service in Villers-Brettoneux and the town service in Bullecourt and at the Menin Gate service in Belgium. During the visit, the Minister also met with his United Kingdom, French and German counterparts and industry leaders. In addition while in London he delivered the annual Gallipoli Memorial Lecture to the Royal United Services Institute which included commentary on the historical context of Gallipoli, the Australia-United Kingdom relationship, the threat of non-state actors, the challenge of rising major powers, the rise of China and Australia’s response. The full lecture can be accessed here: http://kevinandrews.com.au/latest-news/2015/04/28/rusi-gallipoli-memorial-lecture-london/

Defence Budget Overview

In his overview of the Defence budget, the Minister of Defence said that the 2015 Budget continues to deliver on the Government’s commitment to increase Defence spending to two per cent of GDP within a decade and builds on the Government’s promise to provide Defence with a stable and sustainable funding growth path. The Government will provide Defence
with $31.9 billion in financial year 2015-16 and $132.6 billion between 2015-16 and 2018-19. This is an increase of $9.9 billion compared with the four-year estimates announced in the 2014-15 Budget (2014-15 to 2017-18). Full details of the Minister’s overview can be accessed via:


Press Conference with Vice Admiral David Johnston, Chief of Joint Operations – 29 April 2015

This press conference provided an update on the Australian Defence Force operations with the main focus on those in IRAQ including the following comments:

- The security across the Middle East region is becoming increasingly concerning, with the Houthi insurgency destabilising Yemen and drawing airstrikes from Saudi Arabia and nine Arab allies, with Daesh also spreading its propaganda and brutal philosophy to North Africa and Afghanistan. The beheading of 30 Ethiopian Christians in Libya, the death of 33 civilians in Jalalabad, Afghanistan in a bombing claimed by Daesh, and the arrests in Melbourne and London of young men attracted to their savage cause is a reminder that Daesh is a threat that continues to require a global response.

- Inside Iraq, the Iraqi and Kurdish security forces have made territorial gains, while Daesh continues to rely on asymmetric tactics to progress their objectives. There have also been setbacks, but the synopsis is that the Iraqi ground forces have reclaimed more territory and inflicted more losses on Daesh than they have suffered. The momentum, while limited in some areas, overall favours the Iraqi security forces.

- Royal Australian Air Force personnel assigned to the Air Task Group continue to make an important contribution through the provision and support of coalition airstrikes.

- Turning to the Building Partner Capacity mission, the coalition’s strategy to counter Daesh forces continues to be focused on efforts that build the capacity of Iraq and Kurdish forces, stop the flow of foreign fighters, deny Daesh funding, address the humanitarian crisis, and expose the true nature of Daesh. A key part of the coalition’s plan is to build the military capacity of Iraqi forces in order to help the Iraqi Government conduct effective counter-offensive operations against Daesh in order to enable it to re-establish control over the border and their territory. The Australian Government recently approved the deployment of the Building Partner Capacity Mission, comprised of approximately 300 Australian Army personnel who will operate in partnership with approximately 110 New Zealand defence personnel. The deployment of the advanced party has commenced, and the collective force, which will be called Task Group Taji, with the Australian contingent operating under our Operation OKRA. The mission is a non-combat behind-the-wire training task within the Taji military complex, which is located north-west of Baghdad.

The full transcript of this press conference can be accessed via:

**The National Boer War Memorial project**

The photo depicts a sculpture of an Australian mounted rifleman of the Boer War. It is the first of four similar sculptures that are to be installed at the Boer War Memorial in Anzac Parade Canberra as part of the National Boer War Memorial project. The sculptures are being funded by public subscription. For further information, contact the National Boer War Memorial Association, Building 96, Victoria Barracks, Paddington NSW 2021 http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Memorial_Design.asp

**Institute News**

- An Executive Meeting was held on 11th May. The President represented our Institute at the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place and laid a wreath.

**Gallipoli August Offensives Centenary Battlefield Tour July/August 2015** To enable members who may wish to visit the relevant battlefields prior to the Centenary Commission of Inquiry to be held 29 September 2015 (see below under Upcoming Events) the Institute has identified two tours which members could undertake. Both of these tours will include representatives who are also members of the Institute and who will accompany our members. The two recommended tours are:

**Battlefields of the World** is offering an 11-day fully-escorted Gallipoli tour from 17 – 27 July, which will include four full days inspecting the battlefields. As it will not coincide with the official centenary service at Lone Pine, it will avoid the crowds expected at that time. It will be led by one of our members, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sweeny RFD (Ret’d), a qualified battlefield guide and military historian who will be delivering our Gallipoli centenary lecture on 28 Apr 15 – see below. The land cost is $3,410 per person, twin share; and the return air fare from Sydney is $2,649 per person; total = $6,059 per person, twin share. For details see http://battlefieldsoftheworld.com.au.

**Military History Tours (Australia) Pty Ltd**, who conducted our New Guinea battlefield tour in 2014, is advertising a “Lone Pine 100th Anniversary Tour 2015”, which will also take in other August offensive sites such as Chunuk Bair. It will be a 10-day fully-escorted battlefield tour from 3 to 12 August and will include the official centenary service at Lone Pine. It will be escorted by one of our members, Lieutenant Colonel John Howells RFD (Ret’d), our webmaster. John would be happy to adjust the itinerary to meet any special needs of our group. The cost for the ground component is $3,700.00 per person, twin share. Air fares from Sydney would be additional. For details see www.militaryhistorytours.com.au. Any members who wish to undertake one of these tours are asked to notify the Institute’s Office Manager on (02) 9393 2325 so that the RUSI attendance can be coordinated.
Army introduces Remembrance Pin  The Australian Army has introduced the Army Remembrance Pin to commemorate the valued service of members who have died while in the Army; during both times of peace and war, since 3 September 1945. Speaking at the Australian War Memorial, Lieutenant General David Morrison, AO, highlighted the need to remember their contribution and said “This Pin is gifted to the families of deceased members as a symbol of their ongoing connection with the Australian Army.” The Army Remembrance Pin continues the tradition of the Mothers’ and Widows’ badges distributed to the loved ones of World War One and Two veterans who were killed in action, or who died of wounds on active service or after discharge. The Pin will be available to eligible family members of Army members who have died while in service, both domestically and on operations, since the conclusion of World War Two. Applications for the Pin can now be submitted. Further information, including eligibility requirements and the application process is available at www.army.gov.au/Army-life/Honours-and-Awards/Army-Remembrance-pin

The Longest War: The Australian Army in Afghanistan  The Australian Army has released an online multimedia documentary of its contribution to the Operation Slipper campaign in Afghanistan. The documentary, *The Longest War: The Australian Army in Afghanistan*, is a multimedia collection of short videos and interviews with current and former members and their families, as well as documents and photographs, all of which chronicle Army’s time in Afghanistan. Project Director for *The Longest War: The Australian Army in Afghanistan*, Brigadier Don Roach, said the multimedia documentary was an easily accessible and thought provoking record of the Army’s involvement in Afghanistan since 2001. “*The Longest War* takes viewers through each stage of the Afghan campaign. We used video, interviews and imagery to capture the story of the Australian Army in Afghanistan,” Brigadier Roach said. *The Longest War: The Australian Army in Afghanistan* is now available on the Army’s website at the following link: http://army.gov.au/the-longest-war/

**Upcoming RUSI NSW Events**

Tuesday 27 May 2015 – The 3rd International Defence and Security Dialogue will be held in the Parliament House Theatrette from 1330 – 1800 hours. It will be attended by the National President, who has invited the National Patron, the Governor General, to open it. It is being organised by New South Wales. The topic will be ‘Australia, Indonesia and Regional Security’. It will feature an expert panel discussion to identify regional security interests that Australia and Indonesia share in common and to explore how Australia and Indonesia could cooperate in preparing for and addressing certain potential regional security challenges. The keynote address, the 2015 Blamey Oration, will be delivered by Mr Dennis Richardson, AO, Secretary of Defence. The expert panel will be: Lieutenant General Agus Widjojo (Retired), Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia; Professor Damien Kingsbury, Deakin University; and Professor Peter Leahy, AC, University of Canberra. Cost to attend will be $50 for members and students and $75 for non-members. Registrations are now closed.
Tuesday 30 June 2015 – Lunchtime lecture at 1.00pm at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street – the speaker will be Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer, DSC and Bar, Commander Australian Fleet and the subject is to be advised. The lunchtime lectures are open to anyone interested.

Tuesday 28 July 2015 – Lunchtime lecture at 1.00pm at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street – the speaker will be Mr Brian Toohey Australian Financial Review Columnist and the subject is to be advised. The lunchtime lectures are open to anyone interested.

Tuesday 29 September 2015 – An all-day Gallipoli August Offensives Centenary Commission of Inquiry will be held at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street – further details will be announced in due course.

**Upcoming Events by other Organisations**

The Great Debate: Conscription and National Service 1912-1972 Conference, Melbourne 30 May 2015  This conference, convened by Military History and Heritage Victoria Inc., will be held at the Mechanics Institute in Oakleigh, Melbourne on 30 May 2015. To be held close to the 50th anniversary of the first national servicemen entering Army in the Vietnam period, the conference will examine the history, politics, controversy and experience of compulsory military service in critical periods of Australia’s history. These include the introduction of Universal Military Training from 1912, the great conscription debates in Australia and at the Front during 1916 and 1917, the introduction of National Service during the Cold War from 1951 and the most controversial period of conscription between 1965 and 1972, during the Vietnam War. This impactful conference will have plenty of insights and intriguing commentary from a highly informed and relevant range of historians, veterans and social observers both for and against conscription as a tool of Australian governments at war. The Hon. Tim Fischer, AC, GCPO, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and national serviceman, will be the keynote speaker. Download the full program and register for the conference here

“On Ops” Lessons and challenges for the Australian Army since 1999 Conference  Canberra 24-25 June 2015  The Australian Army is co-sponsoring a conference with UNSW on the learning of lessons from operations since 1999. The Hon John Howard will deliver the opening address. Attendance is free but attendees must register at http://www.acsacs.unsw.adfa.edu.au/news-and-events/on-ops.html

Sydney University Regiment Regimental Dinner 27 June 2015  The Sydney University Regiment’s 115th Regimental Dinner will be held on Saturday 27 June 2015 in the Refectory, Holme Building, Science Road, University of Sydney, at 1830 for 1900 hours. All former officers of the Regiment are invited to attend. Cost: $190, Dress: Mess Dress/Black Tie/After Five, RSVP: by 1 June 2015 to The Adjutant, Captain Samuel McKenzie E: samuel.mckenzie@defence.gov.au. For further details contact: Captain Samuel McKenzie T: (02) 8782 9771.
The Defence Reserves Association 2015 National Conference – 22 Aug 2015. This conference “ADF Total Force – Fact or Fiction?” will be held on Saturday 22 August 2015 at the Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach, Cnr Grand Parade and Princess Street, Brighton Le Sands NSW 2216. It is a tri-service all ranks Conference that will be opened by His Excellency, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor of NSW and will be addressed by a panel of distinguished speakers including:

1. Government Defence speaker
2. Opposition Defence speaker
3. Senior Officers of the Australian Defence Force
4. MAGJEN Crackett, Assistant Chief of Defence Staff, Reserve Forces and Cadets Division, UK Ministry of Defence
5. Leading commentators on Defence matters

The program has been structured to provide optimal opportunities to discuss crucial issues affecting the ADF Reserves.

1. Friday night (21 August) is the opportunity to settle in and meet at an informal dinner in the Novotel. DRA Branch Delegates will meet separately after dinner to discuss AGM Agenda matters.
2. The Conference will run throughout Saturday 22 August 2015, from 0830 to 1745 hours.
3. On Saturday evening, a tri-service all ranks Formal Dinner will be held. MAGJEN Crackett, Assistant Chief of Defence Staff, Reserve Forces and Cadets Division, UK Ministry of Defence has agreed to speak at the Dinner.
4. On Sunday (23 August), DRA Branch Delegates will meet for the DRA 2015 Annual General Meeting from 0930 to 1200 hours.

As in previous years, the costs for the Conference Day sessions and the Formal Dinner have been kept to an absolute minimum of $140.00 per person all-inclusive. Cost of the Conference only is $75.00 per person and cost of the Formal Dinner only is $85.00 per person. The Novotel has offered a competitive rate for accommodation of $219.00 per night for a standard king room/twin room (shared).

The Conference Administrative Instruction and Registration Form are available on the website: dra.org.au and at url: DRA 2015 Conference webpage. Additional information can be obtained from the Conference Secretary, WO1 Warren Barnes via: Email: warren.barnes@defence.gov.au or mobile: 0409 909 439

Inaugural Battle for Australia Dinner, Masonic Club, Wednesday 2 September 2015. The Masonic Club is holding this dinner in the Club’s Dining Room – Cello’s Restaurant. Attendance is open to serving and former serving members, of all ranks, of the Australian Defence Force and her allies in past and current conflicts. Dress will be Mess Dress or Black Tie with minatures. The style will accord with the traditions of the “Regimental Dinner”. Further information will follow next month, but it is suggested that you note the date in your diary now.
6–8 October 2015 – The Pacific2015 International Maritime Conference   This conference will be held at the Sydney Exhibition Centre at Glebe Island. The conference, organised by The Royal Institute of Naval Architects and The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology will allow delegates to be involved in discussions about the latest developments in marine engineering and maritime technology; both in the areas of defence and commercial shipping. The conference will coincide with the prestigious Royal Australian Navy Sea Power Conference, the Navy Week celebrations in Sydney and the PACIFIC2015 International Maritime Exposition which is organised by Maritime Australia Limited. Full details of registration costs and entitlements are available on the conference website: www.pacific2015.com.au/international-maritime-conference

Recent Past Events

Tuesday 28 April 2015  – Lunchtime lecture at 1.00pm at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street – the speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sweeney RFD (Ret’d) with the subject “The Gallipoli Campaign.” The paper will be published in a forthcoming edition of United Service.

Tuesday 5 May 2105   A visit of 19 members to the Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum was held on the 5th May. The Museum is a fascinating collection that showcases the industrial heritage of our nation, and the finest firearms display in the Southern Hemisphere.

General Defence News

Membership of the First Principles Review Oversight Board  The First Principles Review was released on 1 April 2015 and among its 76 recommendations was the creation of an Oversight Board. The Minister has announced that the this Board will comprise the members of the First Principles Review team, Mr David Peever as Chair, the Hon Robert Hill AC, the Hon Lindsay Tanner, Lt Gen Peter Leahy AC (Retd.), Mr Jim McDowell and the addition of Ms Erica Smyth. Ms Smyth is a professional company director with significant private and some public sector experience. Ms Smyth is currently Deputy Chair of the Australian Nuclear Science Technology Organisation Board. The Oversight Board’s primary function is to provide advice to Government on the implementation of the First Principles Review recommendations over a two year period. http://www.minister.defence.gov.au/2015/04/01/first-principles-review-of-defence/

Defence Operations

1.5 billion project starts at RAAF Base Williamtown.  Construction of the New Air Combat Capability Facilities at RAAF Base Williamtown has commenced. The new facilities will support the introduction, operation and deployment of the F-35A Lightning II – Joint Strike Fighter. Australia has committed to the acquisition of 72 F-35A aircraft. This work
marks the commencement of an almost $1.5 billion project that will provide facilities for the aircraft at ten bases across the country. Of this, the RAAF Base Williamtown facilities are expected to bring about $950 million worth of work into the Newcastle region. The introduction of the F-35A aircraft to RAAF Base Williamtown assures its position as our premier fighter training base for Australia’s air combat pilots. The first F-35A aircraft will arrive in Australia in late-2018, with Squadron Leader Andrew Jackson, from RAAF Base Williamtown, recently qualifying as the first Australian F-35A pilot.

**New cargo helicopters for Army based in Townsville**  
The first two CH-47F Chinook ‘Foxtrot’ helicopters have been commissioned into service. These helicopters, which will be operated by Army’s 5th Aviation Regiment from the RAAF Base at Townsville, will provide a modern and improved cargo helicopter capability for the Army. This Project will deliver seven Chinook Foxtrots and two flight simulators, with all major equipment deliveries scheduled for completion by August 2015. Both simulators ordered under this project have already been delivered and are now being used for Army’s Chinook crews to safely undertake a wide range of training scenarios in support of the capability. The aircraft and associated equipment are being purchased through the United States Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program; maintenance support will be provided locally through partnerships with Boeing Defence Australia and BAE Systems.

**HMAS Newcastle commences Middle East patrols.**  
11 May HMAS Newcastle has arrived in the Middle East Region and has commenced her first patrol as part of Operation MANITOU after officially joining the operation on 1 May 2015. Newcastle departed for her first patrol as part of a six-month rotation that will see her cover approximately 2.5 million square miles of international waters to conduct maritime security operations in the region. The ship’s Commanding Officer, Commander Dominic MacNamara, RAN, said Newcastle’s mission is to contribute to the maritime security and overall stability of the region. This is Newcastle’s fifth deployment, having most recently been in the region in 2013, and the 60th rotation of a Royal Australian Navy ship to the region since the first Gulf War in 1990. Newcastle replaces HMAS Success on Operation MANITOU, Australia’s contribution to the international security and stability effort in the Middle East Region, which includes counter terrorism, counter piracy and narcotics interdiction.

**Defence Exercises**

**ADF completes successful exercise with Philippines.**  
Defence personnel from the Republic of the Philippines, United States and Australia have completed a highly successful multi-lateral military training exercise on the Philippines islands of Luzon and Palawan. Called Exercise BALIKATAN, which in Filipino means “shoulder-to-shoulder”, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) played a supporting role from 6-30 April 2015 participating in activities to enhance partner capacity and co-operation between the Philippines, United
States and Australia. Commander of the Australian contingent, Commander Mark Jarrett, said the exercise was successful in refining the abilities of three nations to work together on regional security and humanitarian civil aid projects. “The ADF contributed approximately 70 personnel and one Royal Australian Air Force AP-3C Orion patrol aircraft to fill a range of headquarters, command post exercise, field training and civil aid activities,” he said.

**Defence Industry**

**DSTO showcases defence technologies** The Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) has opened its doors to industry and academia to showcase innovative technologies being developed to give the Australian Defence Force a capability edge. The Partnerships Week event (4 to 8 May) was part of DSTO’s outreach campaign for closer ties with companies, universities and other research organisations. The event included site tours, technology demonstrations, research capability displays, and access to DSTO researchers to discuss new and emerging capabilities. Among the attractions were new technologies to support the future soldier – the Flexoskeleton, which is a flexible device to lessen backpack loads, power-generating clothing and the Land Motion Platform that simulates the future mobile workspace for the Army. Other technologies on display ranged from miniature satellites to the full-scale model of the Joint Strike Fighter being used to study the effects of lightning on the aircraft. The event allows external industry and research organisations to understand DSTO’s current capabilities and future research priorities, explore R&D funding opportunities and network with representatives from peer organisations. Mr John O’Callaghan, Director Defence and Government Relations for Australian Industry Group, said defence companies appreciated the initiatives being taken by DSTO to work closely with industry and looked forward to stronger cooperation in building capabilities for the Australian Defence Force.

**International**

**Minister reinforces Pacific relationships at second Pacific Defence Ministers’ Meeting in Papua New Guinea** On 1 May the Minister attended the South Pacific Defence Ministers’ Meeting (SPDMM) with Defence Ministers from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Tonga, as well as senior representatives from France and Chile. A range of new initiatives were agreed to help drive enhanced regional cooperation. Members formally endorsed the collaborative multilateral exercise framework known as POVAI ENDEAVOUR. Under this exercise framework, regional partners will be able to better align cooperative efforts in maritime security, stabilisation operations and peacekeeping, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Australia proposed two new initiatives which were welcomed by members at the meeting. The ‘Women in Pacific Defence Forces’ and the ‘Future Leaders Summit on Security in the Pacific’ initiatives both focus on the professional development of military personnel and officials working on security and defence issues in the South Pacific region. Both were endorsed for further development and will be discussed and implemented prior to the next SPDMM. Members warmly welcomed Australia’s continued commitment to implement the Pacific Maritime Security Program (PMSP) and the rapid progress of the SEA 3036 Phase 1 – Pacific Patrol Boat Replacement project, with the Request for Tender released on 5 March 2015. Papua New Guinea also confirmed that it would participate in the
initiative – the twelfth Pacific nation to join the PMSP. The next meeting will be hosted by New Zealand in 2017.

New United States and Japan Defence Cooperation Guidelines. Australia’s Defence Minister announced that Australia welcomes the announcement on 27 April 2015 by the United States and Japan of new Defence Cooperation Guidelines. He said “Defence cooperation between Japan and the United States has made a positive contribution to security and prosperity in our region for decades. The new Guidelines recognise Japan’s growing contribution to promoting a peaceful and stable international security environment, and reflect the changing nature of defence engagement to include cyber, space and global cooperation. In particular, I welcome the United States and Japan’s commitment to expanded multilateral and trilateral cooperation with Australia, and for closer cooperation with Australia on capacity building activities in South East Asia.”

Assistant Minister for Defence Visits the United States of America
Assistant Minister for Defence Stuart Robert visited the United States in May where he met with key US interlocutors to further defence and security cooperation. During his visit, Minister Robert called on the US Deputy Secretary of Defence, Mr Bob Work to discuss current bilateral engagement and opportunities to deepen collaboration in areas such as defence innovation and cooperation on science and technology. Deputy Secretary Work and Minister Robert also discussed avenues for Australian collaboration in the US Department of Defense’s Innovation Initiative, a long-term US effort to leverage new technologies and systems to ensure it can best respond to emerging security challenges. During the visit, Minister Robert also met with Mr Al Shaffer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for Research and Engineering to further deepen cooperation on respective science and technology programs. Mr Robert met with officials from the US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to discuss emerging defence technologies and visited the US Special Operations Command to examine research and development, acquisition and personnel issues associated with Special Forces.

Two US Navy combat ships to deploy to Singapore next year
The U.S. Navy will begin a permanent presence of two Littoral Combat Ships in Singapore next year with four planned to be forward deployed and based at the Changi Naval Base by 2017, service officials told USNI News. The service didn’t offer any additional details on which variants were to be included in the deployment or which missions packages they would field. For further details see USNI News Weekly Update of 29 April 2015

Chinese and Russian Navies to conduct first ever Mediterranean surface exercises in May
The Chinese Ministry of National Defense announced that six Russian and three Chinese naval ships will meet in the Mediterranean this month to conduct a series of surface exercises to include live fire drills. Joint Sea 2015-I will be the first time the two navies have trained in the Mediterranean and is a sign of deepening military-to-military cooperation between Russia and China. In addition to the Mediterranean exercise, China and Russia committed to a Pacific exercise later in 2015. Since the forced annexation of Crimea and a souring relationship with the West, Russia has flexed its surface muscle more in the last year sending more ships further afield than it has in decades — including sending the guided missile cruiser Moscow (or Moskva) to conduct live fire drills in the South China Sea. Likewise, China continues to venture beyond its regional waters conducting anti-piracy missions near Somalia and drilling with the Iranian Navy. China and Russia began a regular
exercise schedule in 2012 and have since exercised in the Yellow Sea and the East China Sea. For further details see USNI News Weekly Update of 6 May 2015

**Books for sale**  All books are duplicates, donation or discarded from our collection and are in good to fair condition.

At Home in Australia - Peter Conrad - $20.00
Australia 1942: In the shadow of war - Ed. P.J. Dean - $35.00
Australia and Colonial Question at the United Nations – W.J. Hudson - $20.00
Australia Goes to War - John Robertson - $20.00
Australia in Asia: Communities of Thought - Edited by Anthony Milner and Mary Quilty - $10.00
Australia under siege: Japanese submarine raiders 1942 - S.L. Carruthers - $10
B-24 Liberator 1939-45 – Martin Bowman – $15.00
Battle of the wine dark sea: The Aegean Campaign 1940-1945 - L. Lind - $10.00
Battles Lost & Won - Hanson W. Baldwin - $15.00
Children of the ANZACS – L.E. Pembroke - $10.00
Churchill and Australia. - G. Freudenberg - $28.00
Darwin spitfires: The Real battle for Australia - A. Cooper - $25.00
Darwin's air war: 1942-1945 an illustrated history - Aviation Historical Soc. of NT - $20.00
D-Day: The Battle for Normandy - A. Beevor - $25.00
Elements of Cartography - Arthur H. Robinson et al. - 25.00
Eleven bloody days: Battle for Milne Bay - B. Boettcher - $30.00
Famous Pilots and Their Planets – Francis K. Mason - $15.00
Fighting Words – Carl Harrison - Ford - $20.00
Green Armour: Classic account of the war in New Guinea - O. White - $15.00
Guide to International Relations and Diplomacy – Michal Graham Fry et al. - $20.00
Hell's Battlefield : Australians in New Guinea in WWII - P. Bradley - $30.00
Japan at war: An oral history - H.T. Cook & T. F. Cook - $15.00
Military errors of world war two - K. Macksey - $16.00
Pacific Fury: How Australia & allies defeated the Japanese Scourge - P. Thompson - $30.00
South West Pacific 1941-45 - E.G. Keogh $30.00
The Coming of the Strangers - Baiba Berzins - $26.00
The Great War - L. Carlyon - $30.00
The Logic of International Relations - Steven J. Rosen & Walter S. Jones - $20.00
The Pacific Campaign - Dan Van Der Vat - $15.00
The Path of infinite sorrow: the Japanese on the Kokoda Track - C. Collie & H. Marutani. $20.00
The Secret battle 1942-1944: Convoy battle-east coast of Aust during WWII- R. Wallace - $20.00
Tocumwal to Taraka: Australians & the consolidated B-24 Liberator- M.V. Nelmes - $50.00
Toku Tai: Japanese submarine operations in Australian waters - L. Lind - $25.00
U-Boat far from home: Epic voyage of U862 to Aust. and NZ - D. Stevens - $20.00
Under The Southern Cross - Bob Livingstone - $25.00
War in the Pacific: Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay – Bernard Nalty - $20.00
Whispering death: Australian airmen in the pacific war - M. Johnston - $20.00

To arrange payment and delivery of the book, call the Librarian
- Theodora Fox (02) 9393 2325
The Ursula Davidson Library has commenced a barcoding and stocktaking project that will need volunteers.

**OPERATION BARCODE  Call for volunteers**

Contact the library with details of your availability.

Call (02) 9393 2325 or email: office@rusinsw.org.au

We are currently conducting *Phase Three*: Schedule regular volunteer visits to execute Operation Barcode over a number of months from March 2015.

All volunteers will work in pairs to help with accuracy and speed.

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**About the RUSI of NSW**

Founded as the United Service Institution of New South Wales in 1888, the Royal United Services Institute of New South Wales today is one of seven self-governing constituent bodies of the Royal United Services Institute of Australia.

The aim of the Institute is to promote informed debate on, and to improve public awareness and understanding of, defence and national security. To this end, the Institute:

- contributes to the national debate on defence and security policy;
- publishes a highly-respected professional journal;
- arranges regular lectures and seminars on defence and security issues and occasionally military history;
- organises visits to defence and security establishments and battlefield tours;
- operates a public library, specialising in defence and security literature dating from the late 18th century to the current day; and
- conducts social and networking functions for members.

The Institute’s rooms and the Ursula Davidson Library are on Level 20, Defence Plaza, 270 Pitt Street, Sydney – very close to Town Hall and Museum railway stations. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available without charge and members and visitors are encouraged to use the facilities for reading or research, or just as a base when visiting the city of Sydney. However, prior to visiting for the first time please contact the Office Manager to arrange access to the Office. For additional information please visit our website at [www.rusinsw.org.au](http://www.rusinsw.org.au) or call the Office at (02) 9393 2325.

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