

AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION - GOLD COAST DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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April, 2011.

The Battle of the Coral Sea Commemoration Service and Race Day Luncheon is fast approaching! This year it is being held on Saturday April 30th, the first day of the long weekend.

The Service, from 10:00 - 11.00 am. Is held in Cavill Memorial Park in Cavill Avenue Surfers Paradise. The guest Speaker representing the US President is yet to be announced. The Prime Minister's representative is also yet to be announced. We do know that the President of the Federation of Australian American Associations, Mr. Geoff Squibb will be present. Other important VIPs are Gold Coast Mayor Cr Ron Clarke MBE and wife and the US Naval Attaché. The Music will be provided by the magnificent Benowa High School Woodwind Orchestra with the conductor, Mr. Bill Buchanan. They also provide the soloist to lead the National Anthems and the bugler. The Catafalque Party will be provided by the TSS Naval Cadets. Following this Service, Morning Tea will be provided for members and guests in the Coral Room of the Surfers Paradise RSL



Two of the mounted Catafalque Party last year.

Our Coral Sea Race Day luncheon will be held for members and guest in the Paradise Room at the Gold Coast Turf Club. These are both excellent functions. Please come and bring your friends. It is also customary for the Presidential representative to attend the Race Day Luncheon. **See Flyer for further information.**

Meet & Greet in March.

Eight members and guests attended the Meet & Greet on March 24th, just seven days after our St Patrick Drinks and Dinner. It was great to see Rhonda Tibertsma at our Meet & Greet. Although a small group, those who were present enjoyed the fellowship and all stayed for dinner.



Valerie Mann with Rhonda Tibertsma & guest Robert.

New Members.

Welcome to our two new members, Slim and Melva Boese. Their application was approved at our last Management Committee meeting. We trust that they will have many opportunities to join with us and share fine food and fellowship!

We have today, received a letter from Colonel John. A. Simeoni, Director of Military Arts at the Royal Military College, Duntroon indicating his inability to attend our Commemoration Service due to commitments with the Centenary Celebrations of the RMC.

Kind regards & God bless, Keith.

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Denise Cutajar is inviting members of our association to join her in the Anzac Day March at the Twin Towns. Groups gather prior to 10:30 am at Goodwin Park, Coolangatta. They then march, beneath the Stars and Stripes, to the Cenotaph in Tweed Heads, for the Service at 11:00 am. Please contact Denise on 0418 457 440 if you are able to join in the March.

President Keith will represent the AAAGCD at the Southport Civic service at 10:00 am and then attend Surfers Paradise, for the 12 noon Service.

Coming Events: April to August.

- April 25** Anzac Day March Twin Towns
 - April 28** Meet & Greet Southport Yacht Club 5:50 -7:00 pm
 - April 30.** **Battle of Coral Sea Commemoration Service 10:00 followed by BOC Race Day Luncheon at 12:30 pm.**
 - May 22** Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Ashmore Bowling Centre.
 - May 26** Meet & Greet Southport Yacht Club 5:50 -7:00 pm.
 - June 23** Meet & Greet Southport Yacht Club 5:50 -7:00 pm.
 - July 3** **Independence Day Picnic/BBQ Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach 11:00am – 2:00 pm**
 - July 28** Meet & Greet Southport Yacht Club 5:50 -7:00 pm.
 - August 25** Meet & Greet Southport Yacht Club 5:50 -7:00 pm
- 2010 Commemoration Service & Race Day Luncheon photographs.**



Members and friends enjoying the Race Day Luncheon!



The trainer of the winning horse in the Battle of the Coral Sea Race 2010, holds the trophy proudly. Who will win this year?



The US Ambassador His Excellency Mr Jeffrey Bleich with Margo Gates, Elaine Campbell and Georgia Cook at a function in March 2010.

Will he be the VIP on April 30th?

To the left are three Battle of the Coral Sea Veterans - John Adams USN, Jack Surnam RAN and Lionel Veale MID whom we hope to see once again at the Commemoration Service for the Battle of the Coral Sea.



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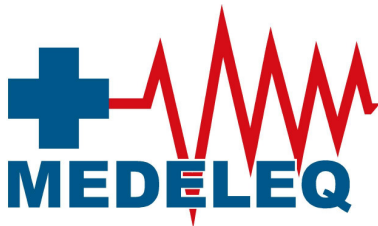
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Federal Conference Broadbeach, Central Gold Coast Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 2, 3 & 4.

Welcome to the Coast Thursday evening 5.30 – 7:00 pm

Mayoral Reception Friday evening

Official Dinner Saturday Evening, VIP Guest Speaker.

Optional Tour Sunday, Post Conference Tours too!

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**Australian American Association
Gold Coast Division**

*The President and Management Committee
Cordially invite you and your friends to attend the*

Coral Sea Cup Race Day and Luncheon

Date: Saturday, 30 April 2011. Time: 12:30 p.m. for 1 p.m.

In the Paradise Room, Gold Coast Turf Club, Bundall

Cost: AAA Members \$60, Non-Members \$70

(Includes race course entry, members' car park and *Gourmet Grill Buffet.*)

RSVP: By Friday, 14 April 2011 to ensure time to post tickets to you.

Further Information: Billie Jo on 55809558 or Keith on 55907452

**I/We wish to attend the Coral Sea Cup Luncheon on Saturday, April 30th, at the
Gold Coast Turf Club, Bundall.**

Enclosed cheque for \$_____ being for ___ members @ \$60 and ___ guests @ \$70

Or deposit your money into NAB- BSB: 084917 Acct. 537232696

Names of guests:

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Contact Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Please make cheques to: Australian-American Association, Gold Coast Division

Post to: P.O. Box 504, Mermaid Beach, Qld., 4218 no later than 18 April 2011.