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Forthcoming Anniversaries

22 June 1940: *France signs Armistice with Germany*
22 June 1941: *Germany invades USSR*
22 June 1945: *Australians begin operations to seize oilfields at Seria (Brunei) and Miri-Lutong (Sarawak).*
23 June 1885: *NSW Contingent returns from Sudan*
25 June 1950: *North Korea crosses the 38th Parallel to invade South Korea*
26 June 1945: *UN Charter signed in san Francisco*
26 June 1945: *An invasion fleet of more than 200 ships carrying 7 Div begins leaving Morotai for Balikpapan*
27 June 1950: *UN Security Council recommends assistance to South Korea*
29 June 1942: *Gen Thomas Blamey reorganises the army for the defence of Australia*
30 June 1941: *Enemy divebombers sink HMAS Waterhen during a shuttle run to Tobruk*

Why RUSIs Need a Strong National Body

Each of the state RUSIs (& USI of ACT) is separately incorporated and independent. We are all dependent on the support of our members *and* the Department of Defence. Defence has, in one way or another, supported us since the 1890s. In recent years the range of support has materially diminished. Why is this so?

Defence has had a new financial set of rules imposed on it by the Department of Finance. It precludes many of the areas of former support: assistance with honorariums for our secretaries, assistance with travel costs and subsidies based on our membership numbers. Defence set up (and largely pays for) the Australian Strategic Policy Institute 20 years ago to offer it independent and well-researched advice. This has resulted in a natural tendency to divert funds from RUSIs.

At the highest levels Defence has underlined a policy of paying for results. Our major outcome - keeping the public informed on defence and security issues - is worthwhile but very difficult to quantify.

RUSIV needs Defence premises and its cooperation to allow access passes to them. The value of our premises is high.

Defence has stated that it will deal with one body and not individual RUSIs on *all* issues including leases and passes.

RUSIV needs a strong 'central' body even if its support costs us money.

Please remember that recent RUSIV Lunchtime Addresses you may have missed are available on DVDs
Key to internet references: (M) - magazine or website; (N) - newspaper; (F) - film clip; (P) - podcast

Defence

Defence Minister Address to Australian Strategic Policy Institute Conference: [\(M\)Defence](#)

Cost of Defence Budget Brief 2021 2022: [\(F\)ASPI](#)

Commemorating the Black Hawk accident, 25-years on: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Technology

Magawa, the explosives-sniffing rat who uncovered 71 land mines, retires: [\(M\)PopularMechanics](#)

Navy

Exercise Sea Explorer: [\(F\)RAN](#)

Air Force

F-35s, Hornets and Growlers team up for Exercise Arnhem Thunder: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Military History

Australian and Japanese WW2 Veterans - War footage - New Guinea, Kokoda, Borneo: [\(F\)RAA](#)

Battle of Savo Island 1942: America's Worst Naval Defeat: [\(F\)Montemayer](#)

Indo-Pacific

The ambitions and reality of the Quad [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

New Zealand

Defence staff feel the fire in Waiouru weapons show: [\(M\)StuffNZ](#)

Singapore

Singapore, China defence ministers reaffirm longstanding ties, cooperation: [\(M\)StraitsTimes](#)

Malaysia

Can the Malaysian air force handle more airspace incursions by Chinese planes?
[\(M\)ChannelNewsAsia](#)

China

The Challenges to China's National Rejuvenation: The Failure of China's Foreign Relations:
[\(M\)FutureDirections](#)

Washington's dangerous new consensus on China: Don't Start Another Cold War:
[\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

Philippines

Hungry and tired: the decline of militancy in Mindanao: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#).

Philippine President again postpones withdrawing from U.S. Defense Agreement: [\(M\)Nikkei](#)

Myanmar

Myanmar's coming revolution: what will emerge from collapse? [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

UK

EX RATTLESNAKE | UK Troops Get Rare Access to Special Forces RZR Vehicles: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

Defects with UK army's new AFV go back to 2019, minister admits: [\(M\)FinancialTimes](#)

US

U.S. to give ransomware hacks similar priority as terrorism: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

What 5G will actually do for the U.S. military: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#).

US Congress moves to prioritise the Pacific: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The MQ-25 Conducts First Unmanned Aerial Tanking: [\(F\)USNavy](#)

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