



## Club Information

Welcome to our Club! Come and Join Us

We meet  
Thursdays  
at 6:30  
PM  
Whale  
Motor Inn  
104  
Wagonga  
Street  
Narooma,  
NSW  
2546  
Australia



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## Stories

[Angie Angle](#)

*Posted by Robert Antill on Jul 17, 2014*

### **JACK WIGHTMAN'S TALK 10/7/14 – the BEACON**

Jack Wightman kindly helped out last Thursday when a speaker from the Salvation Army was unavailable. 'So members got Army without salvation'. Jack's talk was wonderful with glimpses of his impressive career, finishing with the rank of Major. No wonder our Club runs so efficiently! Jack's Army career started in 1945 with graduation from RMC Duntroon followed by: Occupation Forces-Japan (that's where he met his American bride), National Service training, Puckapunyal, Korea - 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Instructor-Office Cadet School, Portsea, Malaya with the British Army, Duntroon Instructor, Command HQ Perth & Melbourne, Army HQ Canberra, Army Staff Australian Embassy Washington DC, and HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Division & 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Sydney.

*'One's education and upbringing shapes the person'.* Jack was brought up on a 200 acre mixed dairy farm in Victoria, with pigs and poultry a good income sideline. Growing up there was great fun, spending time with brother trapping rabbits, catching fish and roaming barefoot on river flats [infested with snakes.](#)

Primary school was a little two room place he went to till grade 8. Then boarding at Alexandra High and Melbourne Boys High. Jack tagged along as a 15 year old with the local unit of the Volunteer Defence Corps (*like Dad's Army*) and in Melbourne joined the Air Training Corps as a fledgling pilot. He can still recite the Morse Code learnt then!

On to Duntroon, a 3 year Officer training course commencing in the war year of 1945. Training and discipline were keys. The syllabus consisted of military subjects (*drill, small arms training, infantry minor tactics*) and other corps training (*armoured, artillery, signals*). Tertiary level academic subjects done have now expanded into the curriculum of the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

Jack's class of Duntroon graduates have enjoyed reunions occasionally such as their 50<sup>th</sup> and the Centenary of RMC in 2011. Of 62 who entered in 1945, 41 graduated. The ranks have thinned to 8

## Speakers

Jul 17, 2014

[Lynne Thomas](#)

*Durramah Education*

Jul 31, 2014

[Dr Robin Tennant-Wood](#)

*Teaching in Bhutan*

Aug 07, 2014

[Cameron Williams](#)

*Pizzas & Pottery*

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## Upcoming Events

[District Governor's Visit](#)

Whale Restaurant

*Jul 24, 2014 at 6:13 PM*

now who keep on keeping on.