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Snapshots of



Melbourne

By now everyone should have received advice from USCINCPAC that the first PACS Forum meeting venue and dates have changed from KL in March to Melbourne, Australia from 1 to 3 June 1998. The newly formed tri-Service Joint Logistics Systems Agency (JLSA), Support Command Australia will host the meetings. Major General Mueller, Commander Support Australia, has agreed to formally open proceedings.

An official invitation was sent out from Australian Defence Headquarters, Canberra in early March with a preliminary outline program.

As explained in the invitation, conducting joint meetings of these closely related PACALS initiatives will provide administrative and financial savings. Just as importantly it gives PALMS representatives a chance to see how the PACS Forum operates. Rest assured that the meetings will be run separately, only coming together for joint sessions of mutual interest.

Some PACS repre-

sentatives will have fond memories of PACS WG3 which was held in Melbourne in early 1996. For those first time visitors I have included a brief history of my home town and some pictures I took on an extremely warm day (42C).

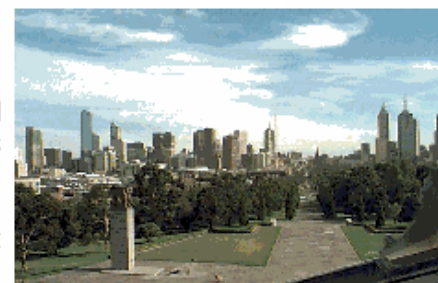


Historic Victoria Barracks, venue for the joint PACS/PALMS Forums.

Melbourne is the capital city of Victoria, Australia and is home to 3.2 million citizens from numerous cultural backgrounds. Voted the Most Liveable City in the world (fortunately the weather was not factored into the equation), Melbourne is Australia's pre-eminent centre for the arts, culture, entertainment, culinary excellence, sporting spectaculars, shopping and business.

The joint meetings of the PACS/PALMS Forums will be held at Victoria Barracks, St Kilda Road. The story goes that in 1855 (twenty years after the founding of Melbourne by John Batman) the steamship Great Britain fired a volley to celebrate her release from quarantine, causing panic amongst the jittery local populace that the Russians

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View of Melbourne looking North from the top of the Shrine of Remembrance. Victoria Barracks is at left foreground behind the trees.