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Message From the President

It is with great pleasure that I send these greetings to you as President of the Association. As you would expect, I am honoured to have been trusted with this appointment and wish to state from the outset that I shall be receptive to all calls for assistance and suggestions for innovations. These I will discuss with the Executive Committee and the Past Presidents and Patrons in order to determine the necessary action required.

The 2006 Reunion is fast approaching and I do urge you to go to the West for the festivities which have been painstakingly organised by Steve Charmarette and his Organising Committee. The boys from the West have attended all other Reunions in droves and it is time for us demonstrate our support for them, and in so doing, experience the wonderful hospitality for which they are renowned.

I have noted with some pride that this association has many members who have long histories of looking after their mates and in many cases the families of those diggers who have already passed to higher service. Thank you, and may these activities continue to be a hallmark of those who served proudly in The Seventh Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

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7RAR PIG LIST

News about a new Pig List will be published in the Dec issue of Seven News.

Tony Keech XO/ED



“ATTENTION” all members, A REMINDER the XO will be absent from the desk during the period 19 Jul to 18 Sep inclusive. The mail will be cleared regularly and forwarded to Bernie Cox during the absence. If possible please hold all book orders and membership renewals until after 18 Sep.

All members are reminded that the cut-off date for registration for the 2006 reunion is 30 Nov 2005. Also merchandise orders must be in by that date, see order details on page 28.

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Tony Keech XO/ED



Vale

*As one by one, the autumn
leaves fall in the forest
deep.*

*So one by one, to each must
come the touch of sleep.*

*As one by one, the roses
burst awake again beyond the light.*

*So one by one, the soul shall awaken beyond the
night.*

*It is with deep and sincere sympathy that I report
the death of our
former comrades in arms:*

*John Francis Thompson, 3 Pl A Coy 2nd Tour,
Passed away Easter Weekend 2005.*

*Robert Francis Lawler, First Tour,
Passed away Thursday 30 April 2005.*



SICK LIST

JOHN SEXTON CSM C COY 2ND TOUR

*Email received Friday 27 May 2005. The treatment
for my cancer has proved a failure so we have
stopped and will now let nature take it's course,
prediction is 3 to 4 months.*

John and Jill Sexton.

A MESSAGE FROM FRANCE

Had a good day at the ANZAC day service in Bullecourt France. The service in both French and English was attended by about a thousand people including the Australian Ambassador to France M. Penelope Wensley, Chief of the Army Lt General Peter Leahy, R.S.M. of the Army and many Australian officers currently serving in Europe along with dignitaries from France.

After the service we walked about 1 k to the Digger monument where a second service was conducted and then returned to the village hall where the local community supplied us with an abundance of wine and beer, and for the impatient, like myself the pub (Le Canberra) next door was open all day.

For those unaware, Bullecourt on the Hindenberg line was breached in the spring of 1917 by the Australians, the only troops to do so in the offensive and at great cost. The village of Bullecourt as with many villages in the area still hold a great admiration for Australians.

Lest we forget.

Fred Killick

*Australian Ambassador
at the memorial in
Bullecourt France.*





Chief of the Army, LTGEN Peter Leahy, AO with Fred Killick in Bullecourt, France on ANZAC Day 2005

MORE FROM JACK DOULIS IN MELBOURNE

A good roll up of about 95 persons were marching which was led by [excuse rank] Ian Dunn -- After the March a lot of us attended the "Town Hall" hotel where we enjoyed a few beers & a nice lunch. Some of the faces seen at the Hotel ---- were Tom Bourke, "Slip" Dowling, Stuart Jacka, Bob Arnott & wife, Ian Dunn, Barry Heard, [Great Book Barry!] Russell Davey, and the list goes on sorry if I have forgotten to mention your name, but my mind has just gone blank. My brother was there & he didn't drink so he could take a few of the boys home. We laughed about some of the things we got up to in "Vietnam" 7, I am not going to mention any of the things we did you will have to wait until I put it to paper in the book I intend putting together. "One Day".

One of the 7 Batt Gents was sitting alongside A lovely Blonde on the plane heading to Melb from Sydney.-- Eager to start a conversation. he asks, "Business trip or holiday?" She smiles dazzlingly and tells him, "Business, I'm on my way to the annual "Nymphomaniac" conference in St Kilda" -- Trying to stay cool, the digger asks, "What's your role at this conference?" "Lecturer," she says, "I use my experience to debunk some of the myths about sexuality," -----

"Really?" the digger asks, "And what are those?" ----- The beautiful blonde women explains,--- "One is that African men are the most well-endowed when, in fact, It's the American Indian".---- "Another is the French are the best lovers, When actually the "Greek's" are -- And I have also found that the men most likely to impress in both categories are the "Irish," ---- Blushing, she added, "I'm sorry, I Shouldn't be discussing this with you, I don't even know your name." "TONTTO," the digger replied, -- "TONTTO PAPADOPOULOS," but my mates call me "PADDY".----

I forgot to mention bumping in to & old mate that I hadn't seen since 1968 was my good old mate "Des Goodwin" -- boy it was a moment I can tell you, Melbourne would have to go close to the best "Anzac Day" I have had for some years -- It was full on , the jokes were told, we reminisced & we laughed we were all jolly. I don't know whether that's the thing to do on a remembrance day, but we did it. Looking forward to next year in "Perth"

Cheers

Black Jack.

ANZAC DAY IN GRAFTON - BOB BAMFORD

Anzac Day 2005 was celebrated by a group of second tour "Pigs" at Grafton, the home of Jack Goode. This has become somewhat of a tradition over the past several years where a group of us go to a different country town each year for the Anzac weekend where we swell the numbers, occasionally making up the bulk of the March. Towns visited include, Grafton, Bourke, Cooroy. Coolah, Yetman, Monto and Coonamble.



L to R

Rear: Eric Chamberlain (Dubbo), Jim Donnelly (Tweed Heads), Jack Goode (Grafton), John "Bunda" Walker (Dubbo), Bob Bamford (Brisbane), Chris Montford (Yetman), Garth Gilbert (Brisbane), Dave Burrows (Brisbane).

Sitting: Victor Bartley (Bourke).

(All were 4Pl, B Coy, 2nd Tour, with the exception of Eric and Victor - D Coy)

Without exception we have been welcomed at every venue and treated royally during our short stay. This year we attended the Dawn Service as part of the 200 odd participants; breakfasted at the South Grafton RSL Club, then completed the main march and Service and later lunching at the Club. A great time was had by all and our thanks go to Cheryl Goode for the beaut tucker and her tolerance. Some in the group had not seen each other for 35 years.

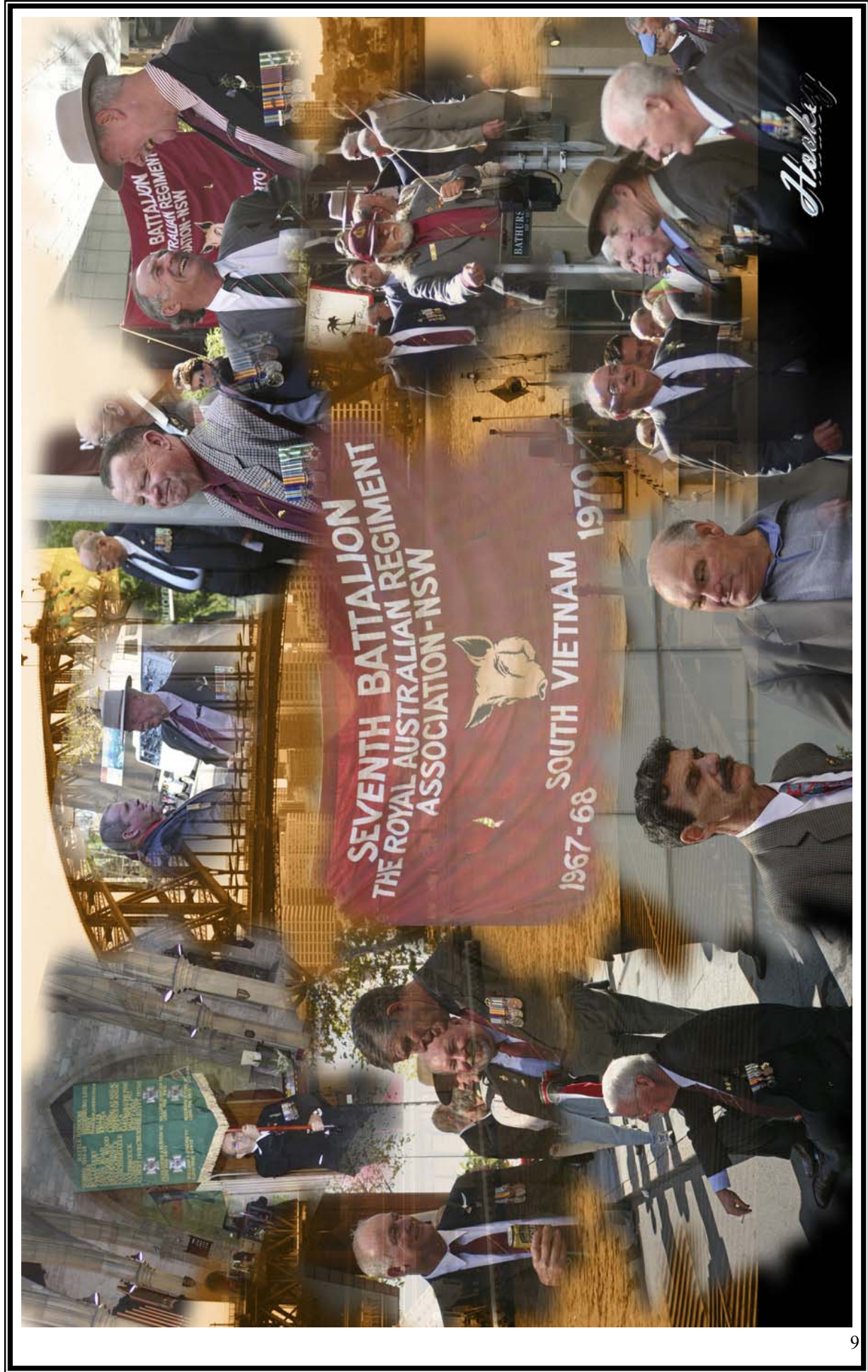
Bob Bamford

ANZAC DAY IN SYDNEY

Many thanks to Darrell O'Keefe for the collage of photos shown overleaf, and all the others. The Dawn Service was attended by a capacity crowd, by about 3.45am the closest you could get to the Cenotaph was about 200metres, thanks to the large screen up Martin Place towards Castlereagh Street the service was viewable. After the Dawn Service about ten stalwarts made it to the RAR Memorial for a short service and the laying of a Wreath.

Snoopy Harley graciously looked after the Sister of the late Peter McGuinness, we then adjourned to the Fortunes of War for a few snorts and some breakfast. At 8.00am we congregated at the Garrison Church for the annual Memorial Service with those hardy members from the 2/7th Bn AIF.

Unfortunately the numbers were very low, understandably from the point of view of the 2/7th Bn AIF, as for the 7RAR Association members it is hard to find an excuse for the low numbers. If remembering mates from past conflicts two days out of 365 is too much trouble then maybe we need to look to ourselves and ask what should I be doing.





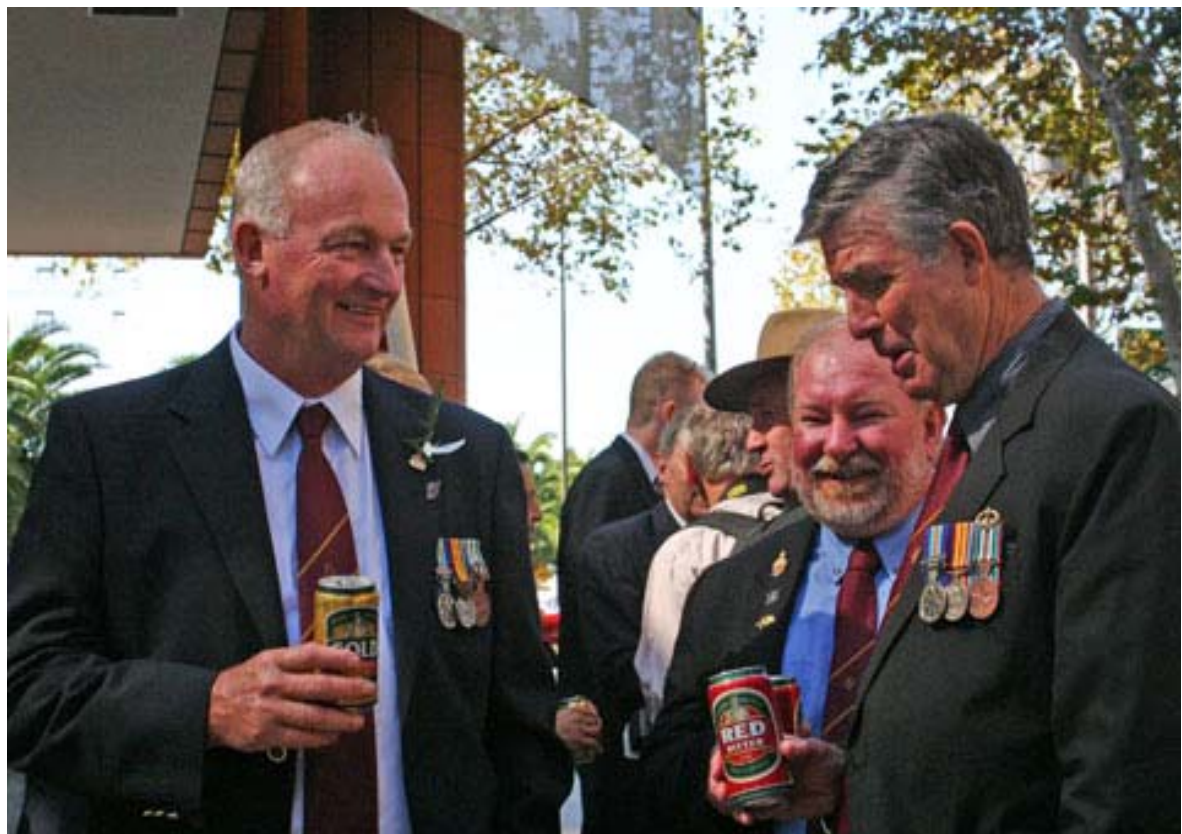
Above: The three Gonfalons/Banners at the Garrison Church.
Below: Members behind the Banner at the March.





Above: Some faces during the march.

Below: Having a quiet one after the march.





John Binnie

Justin Jordan



Bob Moore

Jim Fitzsimon

"C" Coy 2nd Tour REUNION ANZAC Week 05.

The following "PIGS" and Partners gathered together at the Adelaide Shores Holiday RESORT South Australia. for the ANZAC Week. Michael "Chuck" Berry and his partner Ellen Paton, Ian & Ruth Conroy, George & Halina Frydrych and Son Natham, Robert "Bob" & Maree Gillies, Terry "Rags" & Dianne Halcroft, Wayne & Dorothy Hill, Peter "Gramps" & Cheryl Hemsworth, Kevin Montague.

Brian & Judith Morriset, Ian "Flappers" & Maureen Reid with Son Cian & Daughter Alica, Ian Robinson, Gary & Christine Stricklan, Len & Sharon Smith, Robert "Jungles" & Lyn Strachan with their daughter Rachael, John & Gylia Sexton, Greg & Deirde Shepley and Gary Williams, also Bryan & Terra Ryan (B Coy) .

BBQ's and do your own thing was the theme. On ANZAC Day we all attended the Dawn Service in Glenelg and later marched through ADELAIDE where we joined up with Bernie Cox, Keith Molyneux, Bob Whitford and "go" "go" Goggins. After the March The "Guys" adjourned to the London Tavern and the "Dolls" went their own way for lunch, all meeting up together later on at the Watermark Hotel in Glenelg till STUMPS.

SPECIAL THANKS from all of us go to Halina Frydrych, Bob Gillies, Greg Shepley & their Partners for making this event such a great success (WELL DONE). (BOB these are the photos Jill snapped. Take your PICK of them for the Newsletter. Also Add & or Delete as you see fit. Some of the others might have BETTER Photos.

Regards JOHN/Jill

2005 CALENDER

19 Jul to

18 Sep 2005

THE XO WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

7 Aug 2005 ***Lunch to commemorate the Battle of Suoi Chau Pha. Attendees please inform Bill Fogarty by Fri 5 Aug Ph (02) 6454 2358.***

18 Aug 2005 ***39th Anniversary of Battle of Long Tan.***

1 Sep 2005 ***40th Birthday of 7RAR.***

Oct 2005 ***Annual Pilgrimage for 7th Battalions to Pucka.***

23 Oct 2005 ***2/7th Battalion raised 1939.***

13 Nov 2005 ***7th Battalions Remembrance Day service, Garrison Church, The Rocks. (Max Attendance Please)***

23 Nov 2005 ***57th Birthday, The Royal Australian Regiment.***

30 Nov 2005 ***Cut-off date for registration and payment for 2006***

reunion and merchandise.

2 Dec 2005 ***Cut-off date for articles for inclusion in the 3/2005 issue of Seven News. 3 Dec 2005 Birthday 5/7RAR (Mech).***

15 Dec 2005 ***Christmas edition of Seven News.***

MESSAGE OF THANKS

Sandra Laing would like to pass on her thanks to all those members of the Association who contacted her during the illness of her late husband John, also to all those who attended his funeral.

Sandra Laing.

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SBS TV WILL SCREEN THE FIRST OF A FOUR PART SERIES, MILITARY NURSES IN VIETNAM ON THURSDAY 25 AUGUST, TIME NOT YET CONFIRMED BUT MOST LIKELY TIME 8.30PM.

BOOK DEBTORS

The following members have the following amounts outstanding relating to the Pictorial history.

<i>John Brewer \$11.50</i>	<i>Barry Chandler \$ 11.00</i>
<i>Colin Cowan \$ 8.50</i>	<i>Ray Cooper \$102.00</i>
<i>James Donnelly \$8.50</i>	<i>Frank Frigerio \$111.00</i>
<i>Gilbert Green \$287.25</i>	<i>David Harrison \$ 11.50</i>
<i>Colin Harden \$ 8.50</i>	<i>Ian King \$ 9.50</i>
<i>Peter Mansell \$107.00</i>	<i>Peter Mc Grath \$ 7.40</i>
<i>Geoff Mc Guffog \$ 8.50</i>	<i>Rod Mc Rae \$104.00</i>
<i>John Morton \$ 8.75</i>	<i>James Morris \$ 10.25</i>
<i>Graham Munro \$98.50</i>	<i>Jim Plant \$ 8.50</i>
<i>Barry Dellar \$ 8.50</i>	<i>John Roach \$ 7.60</i>
<i>Anthony Scott \$101.00</i>	<i>Peter Tetfong \$ 98.50</i>
<i>David Woods \$ 8.50</i>	<i>Robyn Andrews \$ 98.50</i>
<i>Trevor Bates \$ 98.50</i>	<i>Frank Rutherford \$101.00</i>
<i>Don Gillies \$ 98.50</i>	<i>Harry Dainton \$200.00</i>

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FORM

Price: \$90.00 each for 7RAR Association Members OR \$140 for non-members plus postage and packaging.

Please supply me with _____ copy/copies of the above mentioned book. Mail orders to 7RAR ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 8143, WERRINGTON COUNTY, NSW 2747.

Name_____Membership No:_____

Address_____

_____State_____Post Code_____

Please send your order without any payment, I will invoice you with the delivery of the book. P & H varies greatly to locations all across the country, this will allow correct charges to all. (Please hold orders until after 18 Sep 2005)

Book Review

Well Done, Those Men. Barry Heard 2005 Barry served as a platoon signaller with "A" Company 7RAR 1967-68.

His "warts 'n' all" descriptions and accounts of his experiences as a National Service Soldier provide a roller coaster, chair gripping ride from recruit training to his hard fought war in Vietnam and back again in civilian life and it's terrible aftermath.

For some of us the book will answer questions previously unanswered. The book is a good easy informative read recommended for mature broad minded readers only. When you pick it up you won't put it down until the last page is read.

Well Done, Barry Ted Lewis

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REUNION 2006 7 RAR ASSOCIATION **INFORMATION AND ARRANGEMENTS**

By now you'd be aware that the next REUNION is planned for April 2006 in PERTH WA. The REUNION program is scheduled around ANZAC Day 2006 with the Association participating in the PERTH ANZAC Day March and activities. The Association will be basing its activities in the FREMANTLE area of PERTH. For those who haven't been to PERTH, FREMANTLE is approx 12 kms from PERTH and is the state's main port.

*FREMANTLE has recently been voted **one of the top ten (10) most interesting towns in Australia** with ample first class accommodation, fantastic eating places, the oldest history with a wonderful and safe cosmopolitan atmosphere, easy access to a range of tourist type activities, the airport and the metropolitan transport system. At the end of April, 82 people have indicated they will be attending and registration seems to be gathering momentum. We, in the West, look forward to seeing you here.*

"If you don't go you'll never know"
(Old 7RAR saying)

REUNION Programme

Friday 21 April :
5pm till late

For those in town, open invitation to Bicton Palmyra RSL, 28 Foss St, Bicton, for drinks, light meal and conviviality. All welcome and an opportunity to meet with those 'Wild West Locals'.

Sunday 23 April :
9am to 6pm

Rolling registration at EAPLANADE Hotel in FREMANTLE. Confirmation of attendance, transport requirements, issue of name tag/tickets/tourist information/maps/REUNION pack and merchandise pick-up.

2pm

Annual General Meeting in ESPLANADE Hotel Conference Room adjacent to Registration area.

Monday 24 April :

11am to 3pm

Battalion Memorial Service and Family BBQ at Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in KINGS PARK. Transport available from FREMANTLE to venue and return.

4pm till late

Sub-unit reunions and smokos. Various locations around FREMANTLE. Contact Mick O'Halloran: see details below.

Locations:

A & B Coys	Sail & Anchor Hotel
C & D Coys	Norfolk Hotel
HQ, SPT & Admin	Newport Hotel

Tuesday 25 April :

5 am to 7am

Dawn Service at FREMANTLE War Mem. Disabled transport available within the Fremantle area.

10am to 12 noon

Participation in ANZAC Day March through the City of PERTH. Transport available from FREMANTLE area to PERTH and return.

1pm till late

After march "convivialities". Details to be confirmed include location and transport arrangements.

Wednesday 26 April :

10.20am

Morning tea for partners and friends with Partners of Veterans' Association (WA Br). Details to be confirmed.

7pm till late

REUNION DINNER in the main function room at the ESPLANADE Hotel. Three course (two choices per course) table service dinner with wines, beer juices and soft drinks included. Table and drink service will ensure quality and no delay with meals and drinks. Band and entertainment included.

Friday 28 April :

Open invitation to those still in town to the SASR Association's 'HOUSE' at SWANBOURNE for 'Happy Hour' and light meal. Details available at registration.

Please note a detailed programme confirming all arrangements, timings and pick-up locations will be included in the REUNION pack at Registration. The REUNION pack will also contain the details of a range of tourist activities, local events and sightseeing locations available to REUNION participants. River trips, visits to wineries and historic locations, shopping information including antique specialists and transport timetables will be included.

REUNION Bookings:

REUNION Attendance: For those attending the REUNION it is requested that you complete the Registration Form and send it to “7RAR REUNION 2006”, PO Box 4263, MYAREE Business Centre, MYAREE, W.A, 6960. Early response will ensure that appropriate reservations, arrangements and administrative support are confirmed. It is requested that the Registration Form is returned **NO LATER THAN 30th NOVEMBER 2005**

Sub-unit Reunions Arrangements: As indicated Sub-unit reunions are scheduled for Monday, 24th April, scheduled to commence about 4pm “ish”. It is requested that respective coordinators of sub-unit functions liaise with Mick O’Halloran to finalise arrangements. Mick, wisely guided by John Sexton, recce’d several locations in the FREMANTLE area and have identified the locations listed earlier for sub-units to “get onto the serious business”. For further info contact Mick on Ph: (08) 9534 3091/ Email: michael.ohalloran1@bigpond.com

Accommodation

The booking and payment for REUNION accommodation is your responsibility through the respective travel accommodation agencies or directly to the accommodation where you intend to stay. There is ample accommodation in the FREMANTLE area with a majority within walking distance of the ESPLANADE Hotel and most of the activity locations. There are over ‘Two Thousand beds’ in the FREMANTLE area ranging from 5 star hotels, serviced apartments, bed and breakfast, house sharing through to backpacker rooms. Three large caravan parks with a full range of sites with chalets to un-powered sites are located between 2 to 8 KMS SOUTH of FREMANTLE.

Accommodation Bookings:

Staff at the FREMANTLE TOURIST BUREAU is aware of our REUNION and more than willing to assist with any or all of your accommodation requirements. **When contacting the TOURIST BUREAU and/ or talking to any of the staff, please let them know that you will be participating in the 7RAR REUNION.** It will ensure that any enquiries and bookings take into consideration the location and activities of our REUNION. Contact details of the Tourist Bureau and some of the major accommodation locations in the FREMANTLE area are shown below:

FREMANTLE Tourist Bureau:

Suzie Lorroway,

Director,

Fremantle Tourist Bureau,

Town Hall, Kings Square,

Fremantle, W.A, 6160,

Website: www.fremantlewa.com.au

Tel: (08) 9431 7878 Fax: (08) 9431 7755

Email: info1@fremantlewa.com.au

Hotels:

ESPLANADE Hotel: **For those interested** in staying at the ESPLANADE in FREMANTLE, the Hotel has set aside approximately 200 rooms from the 21st to 28th April 2006 for the REUNION. A set rate of \$160 per room (room only) per night for a standard single, double or twin share has been negotiated for REUNION attendees. In order to qualify for the special rate, bookings have to be made direct to the Hotel. Please note that this offer only exists from now until 90 days from the REUNION. After that time, the reserved rooms will be opened up to other customers and it will be first in first served. The Hotel's Website details accommodation and facilities and a booking form which can be sent either by email, copied and faxed or mailed. Alternatively, contact the Hotel reception by phone or fax and they will provide information and the opportunity to book your accommodation.

Ensure when enquiring and booking that you advise Hotel staff that you intend to or are attending the 7RAR REUNION in 2006 so that they can provide the appropriate information and apply the special rate.

Contact details: Ph: (08) 9432 4000 Fax: (08) 9430 4539

Website: www.esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au

Email: reservations@esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au

TRADEWINDS Hotel: The TRADEWINDS is approximately 2KM from FREMANTLE on CANNING HWY. It offers a range of rooms from single through to deluxe with a restaurant and easy access to a range of public transport.

Contact details: Ph: (08) 9339 8188 Freecall 1800 999 274

Fax: (08) 9339 2266.

Website: www.tradewindshotel.com.au

Email: enquiries@tradewindshotel.com.au

Caravan Parks in FREMANTLE area:

There are a number of caravan parks in the PERTH area. Parks in close proximity are:

FREMANTLE Village: Website www.fremantlevillage.com

Ph: (08) 9430 4866

Coogee Beach Holiday Park: Website www.aspenparks.com.au

Ph: (08) 9418 1810

WOODMANS POINT Holiday Park:

Website www.aspenparks.com.au

Ph: (08) 9434 1433

All Other Accommodation: There is a range of other accommodation available in the FREMANTLE area from home sharing, bed and breakfast, serviced apartments, pub rooms and backpackers. It is strongly recommended that any enquiries regarding any other accommodation be directed through the TOURIST BUREAU. (Contact details page 21)

Travel Bookings:

Travel arrangements are your responsibility through the various agencies and booking points. Patrick Sandford at TRAVELSCENE in FREMANTLE can provide advice and book your travel for you. He is located in the FREMANTLE TOURIST BUREAU and works with staff at the BUREAU. If you book through him he will be able to tie your travel to your accommodation booking and REUNION activities. His contact details are:

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Reunion Costs and Payment

The costs of any REUNION are numerous and have been kept to the minimum where possible. As most would appreciate one of the factors in the calculation of costs in PERTH is that a number of costs are not subsidised as they are in the Eastern States by the RSL Clubs. It should also be noted that the National Association needs a reasonable profit from this REUNION so that it can continue to maintain a financial level which enables it to support its operation and provide an ongoing service to its members.

With those commitments in mind the set costs to members at the REUNION are:

Reunion Fee: *\$30.00 per Association member.*

\$10.00 per accompanying person.

Memorial Service/ Family Barbeque: *\$10.00 per person.*

Reunion Dinner: *\$100.00 per person.*

As previously indicated all accommodation, travel costs are to be paid direct to the servicing agency or provider. It is requested that payment for the activities listed above be enclosed with the Registration Form. Please note that all monies and the Registration Forms should be submitted **NO LATER THAN 30th NOVEMBER 2005**. Please make out cheques and money orders to "7RAR REUNION 2006". **The address to send the Registration Form and money to is:**

**7RAR REUNION 2006
PO Box 4263
MYAREE Business Centre
MYAREE, W.A, 6960**

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7RAR ASSOCIATION
REUNION 2006 - 23rd to 26th APR 2006
REGISTRATION FORM

Veteran's Surname:.....

Christian Names:.....

Mailing Address:

Street/ PO Box.....

Suburb

StatePost Code.....

Country

Contact Phone No:

Email:

Names of those accompanying the Veteran:

1st.....2nd.....

3rd.....4th.....

Regt No:.....

Tour 1st.....2nd.....Both.....Other.....

Sub-unit **Platoon**.....

Company.....

Headquarters.....

Other.....

Attendance and Transport Requirements:

Sun 23 Apr - Registration/AGM Yes/No Number.....

Mon 24 Apr - Battalion Memorial Service & Family BBQ - Kings Park	Yes/No	Number.....
Transport required	Yes/No	Number.....
Sub-unit Reunions	Yes/No	Number.....

<i>Tue 25 Apr - Dawn Service - Fremantle Memorial</i>	<i>Yes/No Number.....</i>
<i>Transport required</i>	<i>Yes/No Number.....</i>
<i>ANZAC Day March - Perth</i>	<i>Yes/No Number.....</i>
<i>Transport required</i>	<i>Yes/No Number.....</i>

Wed 26 Apr - REUNION Dinner

<u>Costs:</u>	<i>Reunion Fee</i>	<i>\$30 per Assn Member</i>	<i>.....</i>
		<i>\$10 per accompanying person</i>	<i>.</i>

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	<i>Barbeque</i>	<i>\$10 per person</i>	<i>.....</i>
	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>\$100 per person</i>	<i>.....</i>

Total

Please pay all monies **NO LATER THAN 30th NOVEMBER 2005**

Amount included \$.....

Cheque/Money order payable to 7RAR REUNION 2006.

Signature..... Date.....

Send to: **7RAR REUNION 2006**
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MYAREE BUSINESS CENTRE
MYAREE
WA 6960

REUNION MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM



The Jacket: To be Maroon in colour, outer lining waterproof, inner lining wool fibre, RAR Badge on Left Hand Side, zip front, two zip side pockets, one inner pocket, all sizes to suit men or women, good value at \$45 each.



The Shirt: To be Maroon in colour, Polo Shirt, Pig Badge on Left Hand Side. Men's or women's styles, all sizes, good value at \$35 each.

Name.....

Please supply me with Jacket/s @ \$45 =

Size/s.....

Please supply me withPolo Shirt/s @ \$35 = \$.....

Size/s (M).....(W).....

TOTAL = \$.....

Enclosed is Cheque/Money Order for \$.....

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SOME SNAPS OF 5/7 RAR BINH BA DAY



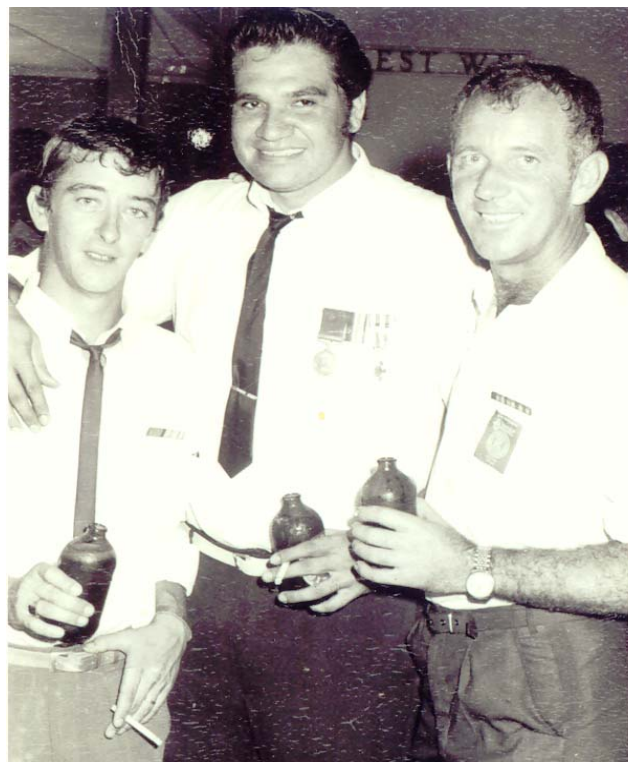
Regimental Colour as part of the Guard of Honour awaiting the arrival of The Colonel Commandant at 5/7 RAR to celebrate Binh Ba Memorial Day 8 Jun 2005.



Chaplain leading the Memorial service at Robertson Barracks.



The ASLAV 25, an amphibious eight-wheeled armoured vehicle currently on patrol in Al Muthanna Province in IRAQ, currently in service with 5/7RAR (Mech).



A Blast from the past:

*ANZAC Day 1970 Darwin
L to R:*

*Slippery Dowling, Arthur
(Darkie) Butler, Army
Photographer name
UnKnown.*



L to R:

Tony Keech, Rod Lyons, Bernie Cox, Steve Taylor and Ross Ellis.

Above is a gathering of members during lunch at the Bondi RSL Club, these social occasions are used to do some Association business in a very pleasant atmosphere. These gatherings occur about every three months so if any other local Sydney metro members wish to join in please feel free to come along and add your views to ideas of how to get the members more involved in activities around the metro region. Contact Tony, Bernie, Ross or Rod.

Also a reminder to all members that this year is the 40th Birthday of the Battalion, there is no specific activity organised to celebrate the birthday but members are urged to get together in your own location and celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Tony Keech XO/ED

VIETNAM VETERANS & ASSOCIATED FORCES
MEMORIAL DAY, SUNDAY 21 AUGUST, 2005

A reminder to all those interested in attending the annual Memorial Day Parade to be held at Springwood, NSW.

The day will commence with a parade commencing at 1130hrs along Macquarie Road. At the conclusion of the parade a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony will be held at the War Memorial. The guest of honour and speaker will be Rear Admiral Trevor Ruting, AM, CSC, RAN. All those in the region are urged to attend.

Tony Keech, XO/ED

SOUI CHAU PAH ANNIVERSARY DINNER GAYTHORNE
RSL SAT 6 AUGUST 2005

It is proposed to hold a dinner at the Gaythorne RSL to commemorate all actions involving 7RAR on both tours in South Vietnam. All members are invited to attend with wives/partners/family members.

The dinner will be held in the Light Horse Room at the Gaythorne RSL club, timings are 12.30pm for 1.30pm, cost is \$30.00 per head. All those wishing to attend please advise the following by Monday 25 July 2005. 50 or more needed to make it successful.

Kev Gillett Ph (h) (07) 3865 4411

OR

Jack Ezzy Ph (h) (07) 3359 6325

Tony Keech XO/ED

THE BEST FROM THE WEST

G'Day from WA to all PIGS everywhere.

ANZAC DAY

Another beautiful day in sunny Perth for this year's Anzac Day march. More PIGS wearing hats, trying vainly to protect their bare scalps from sunburn too. Our banner was carried by John Davies (What, 2 years in a row? We'll begin to think you enjoy it John!) and Peter Curley, leading a great crew of about 70, including: Keith Battersby, Betty Baty, Ken Bladen, Geoff Brophy, John Burrows, Steve Chamarette, Don Cruden, Bob Curry, Rob Cusack, Peter Davies, Gordon Dickson, Bob Dixon, Bluey Dunne, Merv Eaton, Bill Edwards, Spunky Fieldhouse, Ian Garthwaite, Graeme Haywood, Jock Henderson, Barry Hutchins, Jule Jacob, husband Mark and son Albert carrying a flag for his uncle Paul Navarre, KIA 2nd tour.

Also marching: Wally Kleszcz, Ray Lamont, Rick Low, Ian McNee, Ian McNaughton, Sunshine Moylan, Geoff Murray, Vic Neimanis, Pat O'Rourke, Carol and Roger Randall, Graham Roberts, Gavin Rodie, Graham Steele, Peter Tucker, Peter Vlachou, Allan West, Peter Wilson, Mal Young and visiting from Victoria was Roo Dowley.

John Bell, who usually carries a flag for his brother Alec Bell, KIA 1st tour was absent due to a fall, hope you're fully recovered John. Afterwards, back to Rigby's for a few coldies and a bite to eat.

All had another great day.

WARNING ORDERS

1. VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY

Sunday 14 August 2005.

Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, May Drive, Kings Park.

On parade 1000-1030 hrs.

March behind the banner 1045 hrs.

Service commences 1100 hrs.

Medals to be worn.

Depending on the weather, why not make it a family day and bring a picnic lunch and a few coldies.

We want a large contingent marching.

2. ANNUAL PIGS SWILL

We intend to rotate the venues to try and even up travelling by members.

This year's PIGS SWILL will be held at the Nollamara RSL Club.

Tentatively booked for Sunday 27 November 2005

There will be a 3-course meal.

Drinks at Club prices.

More details to follow.

3. BRUCE ROCK VIETNAM VETERANS GROUP WEEK/WEEKEND

The Bruce Rock week/weekend is on again.

Great week/weekend, everyone really has a good time.

Monday Oct 31 – Sunday Nov6, a whole week of activities.

March Saturday 5 Nov 1400hrs, meet at the Hotel, look for the BANNER.

More details to follow.

4. NATIONAL 7RAR REUNION – PERTH 2006

WA PIGS can assist by REGISTERING and PAYING as soon as possible.

See REUNION UPDATE for further details.

SICK PARADE

John Sexton is not travelling the best at the moment. John, our thoughts and prayers are with you and Jill at this difficult time.

VALE

Pat Brooks, for many years Sig Pl 3 RAR passed away today. There would be many ex 3RAR & 7RAR members who would recall Pat with his sidekick Sid Webster.

NAMETAGS

If you're coming to Perth for the 2006 REUNION, chances are you'll need one of these. Each tag costs \$10, which includes delivery to anywhere in Australia, so why not order one for your wife/partner/girlfriend as well. To order, contact Geoff Murray as per details below and provide the correct name to be included on the TAG and the correct postal address. To ensure prompt delivery, pop a cheque or money order in the post when you place your order.

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FUNNY ABOUT THAT

An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice, picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

Moral: Old men can still think fast.

NEWSLETTER

Remember, the newsletter is only as good as the contents, so please contact Geoff Murray if you have anything to report, no matter how trivial. Geoff can be contacted on:

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*Cheers
Geoff Murray*

