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"Before leaving 2004 behind and getting on with Association matters in this New Year, I would like on your behalf to congratulate all those involved in our Pictorial History Project - from the editors to the deliverers. The AWM told me it is the best book of its kind they have seen and the Printers have sought our permission to enter it in the Australian Printers National Awards for 2004. High praise indeed but more gratifying still has been your positive feedback and purchase of the book. It is a lasting memorial to those who did not return. You will see inside this edition further detail on our 2006 Reunion in Perth.

Our Western Australia colleagues are commended for their enthusiasm and planning thus far. I urge all members to attend as it is important for us to not only commemorate the fallen but to celebrate our significant individual and collective contribution to Australia's security. Finally, I would like to especially thank the wives and families of our membership for their indispensable love and care and thank you all for your support over the last three years. The Association is relevant, effective and strong because of your membership and participation in it's affairs. Let's enjoy it.

Lest We Forget"

David

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**The Following 7RAR
Items are held by the
XO for sale.**

Tie (Regt Badge) \$30 plus P&H.

Car Stickers \$ 2 plus P&H.

Lapel Badge \$ 5 plus P&H.

If you are interested please send me an order and I will post the item to you with an invoice for the cost of item/s plus postage and handling.

If there are any other items members would like to be held for sale please advise the XO, our requests will be evaluated by the Committee of Management and a notice will be published in the Seven News.

Please send your suggestions to the XO at the address shown on the front of the newsletter. Bear in mind that each reunion produces a specific line of merchandise.



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 William Laing, D10 2nd Tour,
Passed away 27 August 2004.*

*Graham Kelvin Enever, B6 1st Tour,
Passed away Friday 28 January 2005.*

*At the going down of the Sun
And in the Morning
We will Remember Them
May they Rest in Peace.*

Lest we forget.

ABSENCE OF XO

Please be advised I will be absent from Australia during the period 19 July 2005 until 23 September 2005. Plan are to release the next issue of Seven News just prior to my departure so please take note of my absence and minimize email traffic during this period. Arrangements will be made for mail to be collected and the necessary action to be taken during my absence.

7RAR TWO TOURS IN VIETNAM 1967/68 & 1970/71

OFFICIAL BOOK LAUNCH

BY

GENERAL PETER COSGROVE AC, MC

On Wednesday 15 December a crowd of around 150 gathered at the Officer's Mess, Duntroon for the official launch of the Pictorial History of the Battalions' two tours in Vietnam. The afternoon promised to be a great occasion and it certainly lived up to all expectations. With all guests gathered in the dining room of the mess, our two Patrons, Colonel Eric Smith, DSO (Retd) and Major General Ron Grey, AO, DSO (Retd), were among the distinguished members present, the gathering welcomed the Principal Guest General Peter Cosgrove, AC, MC, The Chief of the Defence Force.

The proceeds were set in motion by our two co-editors David Webster and Ross Ellis presenting an audio visual sequence detailing the preparation and production of the long awaited Pictorial History of the Battalions' two tours in Vietnam. At the completion of this presentation General Cosgrove was asked to officially launch the Book.

General Cosgrove was very praiseworthy of the presentation of the book and spoke in very glowing terms of the Battalion's record of service over the short period of time the Battalion was on the order of battle of the Australian Regular Army. Mention was made of the great reputation the unit had acquired especially during its two tours of Vietnam of which the Pictorial History set out to cover by means of a photographic record of the life and times of the members of the battalion during the preparation for, deployment to and service in South Vietnam during 1967-68 and 1970 -71.

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*David
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ster, at the lecturn during the launch presentation, Ross Ellis in the background.



The Chief of the Defence Force officially launching the Book.

The book is stunning in its appearance and has been well worth the wait. Much praise was given to the Electronic Design and Digital Imaging Course, Faculty of Design, Reid Campus, Canberra Institute of Technology during their 2003 school year for their contributions to the compilation of the Pictorial History.

It will be evident to all that there are a few errors in spelling or the naming of members in photographs, in a publication of this size it is almost impossible to ensure perfection. As you read your copy please jot down any amendments you come across and let the XO know, as time passes and members have had time to absorb the detail a list of amendments will be issued to enable you to correct mistakes were they are detected. Have a good read and enjoy the Book.



PA to CDF, General Peter Cosgrove, AC, MC, with Ziggy Gizycki.



ORDER 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.

REUNION 2006
7RAR 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 at the ESPLANADE HOTEL in FREMANTLE area of PERTH. For those who haven't been to PERTH, FREMANTLE is approximately 12kms from PERTH and is the state's main port. FREMANTLE has ample accommodation, eating places, history, a cosmopolitan atmosphere, easy access to tourist type activities, the airport and the metropolitan transport system.

REUNION Programme:

Sunday 23rd April 2006:

12noon to 6pm

Registration and Annual General Meeting at ESPLANADE Hotel in FREMANTLE. Confirmation of activity attendance, transport requirements, issue of name tag/tickets/tourist info/REUNION pack and merchandise pick-up.

Monday 24th April 2006:

11am to 3pm

Battalion Memorial Service and Family barbeque at Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in KING'S PARK. Transport available from FREMANTLE to venue and return.

4pm till late

Sub-unit reunions and smokos. Various locations around FREMANTLE. Locations coordinated through Mick O'Halloran. See details below.

Tuesday 25th April 2006:

5am to 7am

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

10am to 12noon

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

1pm till late

After march "conviviality's". To be arranged and coordinated by various element/sub-unit/individual groups.

Wednesday 26th April 06:

7pm till late

REUNION Dinner in the main function room at the ESPLANADE Hotel in FREMANTLE. Three course (two choice 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.

Please note that a detailed programme with confirmed arrangements including transport timings, pickup locations will be included in the REUNION pack at Registration.

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, WA 6960. Early response will ensure the 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: Sub-unit reunions are scheduled for Monday, 24th April, to commence about 4pm "ish". It is suggested that respective coordinators of sub-unit functions at the REUNION liaise with Mick O'Halloran as soon as convenient to finalise arrangements.

Mick, with the wise guidance of John Sexton, recce'd several locations, sought advice and has identified a number of suitable locations in the FREMANTLE area for sub-units to "get onto the serious business". Mick's contact details are:

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 some activity locations. The accommodation ranges 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 unpowered sites are located between 2 to 8kms SOUTH of FREMANTLE.

Accommodation Bookings: The staff at the FREMANTLE TOURIST BUREAU are 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 speaking to any 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 accommodation locations in the FREMANTLE area are shown below:

FREMANTLE Tourist Bureau:

Suzie Lorraway,
Director
Fremantle Tourist Bureau
Town Hall, Kings Square,
Fremantle, WA 6160
Website: www.fremantlewa.com.au
Ph: (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 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 to 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 *FREMANTLE* 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 above).

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:

Patrick Sandford
TRAVELSCENE FREMANTLE
Town Hall Kings Square
FREMANTLE, WA 6160
Ph (08) 9431 7330
Fax (08) 9431 7755
Email: travelscene@fremantlewa.com.au

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 subsidized 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 cheques/money orders payable to "**7RAR REUNION 2006**". The address to send the Registration Form monies is:

7RAR REUNION 2006
PO BOX 4263
MYAREE Business Centre
MYAREE, WA 6960

Please Note: This mail box does not open until 1st March 2005.

REUNION CONTACTS:

Stephen Chamarette Ph (08) 9242 1865
Email: sunridge@it.net.au

Don Cruden Ph (08) 9374 0014
Email: donmar@arach.net.au

Doug Fieldhouse Ph (08) 9275 8598
Email: fieldhouse@westnet.com.au

Mick O'Halloran Ph (08) 9534 3091
Email: michaelohalloran1@bigpond.com

Ian McNee Ph (08) 9227 9845
Email: ian.mcnee@wid.westfarmers.com.au

Geoff Murray Ph (08) 9384 1291
Email: geoffmurray@mainroads.wa.gov.au

John Burrows Ph (08) 9310 7061
Email: burrows@upnaway.com

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.....
Tue 25 Apr - Dawn Service - Fremantle		
Memorial	Yes/ No	Number.....
Transport required	Yes/ No	Number.....
ANZAC Day March - Perth	Yes/ No	Number.....
Transport required	Yes/ No	Number.....
Wed 26 Apr - REUNION Dinner	Yes/ No	Number.....

<u>Costs:</u>	Reunion Fee	\$30 per Assn Member
		\$10 per accompanying person
	Barbeque	\$10 per person
	Dinner	\$100 per person

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**
 PO BOX 4263
 MYAREE BUSINESS CENTRE
 MYAREE
 WA 6960

ANZAC DAY DETAILS

Sydney

Dawn Service :

Cenotaph, Wreath laying at Regimental Square, breakfast at Fortunes of War, Church service at Garrison Church 0800hrs. Form up for march top end of Bent street, look for banner, dress coat, tie, medals. After march details will be advised at the form up place.

Melbourne

Dawn Service:

Shrine of Remembrance, as per time notified in media, no official activity.

March:

*Form up in Swanston Street behind Banner. After the March Town Hall Hotel, 137 Banks St.. Further info from John Gilmore Ph 9580 5881 or Go Go Goggins Ph 9471 0310
0415 510 783*

Brisbane

A Dawn Service is planned at the Contemplation Building at the National Memorial Walk at Gallipoli Barracks (turn left at the roundabout) commencing at 0500. The facility exists for members to park their vehicles at the barracks, attend the service and then enjoy a Gunfire Breakfast at the 6RAR SGTS Mess (pay as you go).

Transport : *Remember you are entitled to free train travel when wearing your medals. Trains will be running every 30 minutes from 0600 hrs on the Saturday timetable.*

Form Up: *The RAR Association will form up starting the corner of Elizabeth and William streets, look for the "Pig Banner". The RAR Assn anticipates stepping off at approximately 1130hrs.*

Reunion RV: *Victory Hotel from 1300hrs, (Licensing Laws decree no trading on ANZAC Day before 1300hrs). This law honours us veterans so don't fight it. In any case experience would indicate by the time the march has ended and people have had their post march chat and then walked to the Victory it will be 1300hrs. Food and refreshments will be available on a pay as you go basis. Further info Kev Gillett Ph (07) 3865 4411.*

Canberra:

Dawn Service: *Stone of Remembrance, front of Australian War Memorial.*

March: *Form up on ANZAC Parade behind RAR Banner, see press for timings.*

Perth:

March:

Form up in St Georges Terrace behind PIG Banner, near London Court from 9.00 - 9.30am. March to Esplanade commences at 10.00am. ANZAC Day Memorial Service from 11.00 - 11.45am. Further details in The Best from the West.

Adelaide:

Dawn Service:

War Memorial Nth Terrace 0615hrs. Wreath laying at RAR Memorial 0715hrs.

March:

Assemble Cnr Grenfell St and Hindmarsh Square by 1000hrs

Darwin Dawn Services:

Cenotaph on the Esplanade 0600hrs. Pre-dawn service meet at the Darwin RSL Sub-branch, Cavanagh St from 0430hrs. March in column of blob from the RSL form up at 0545hrs. (Note - the Dawn Service is the only ANZAC Day Service - there is no mid-morning service).

After Service Breakfast: TBC - either the Larrakeyah Barracks Sergeants Mess or the Arrow Bar, HMAS COONAWARRA, Naval Base.

March:

Form up on the Esplanade from 0930hrs. 7RAR Association forms up near the corner of Knuckey St. March commences at 1000hrs and concludes in Cavanagh St near (you guessed it) the RSL!

Tony Keech XO/ED

**2004 AGM - 7th BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REG-
IMENT ASSOCIATION INC (QLD) No: 1A - 13547**

By direction of the Committee of Management and in accordance with the Rules of the Association, notice is hereby given that, the 2005 Annual General Meeting and election of Officers of the Committee of Management will be held at:

**THE STATESMAN HOTEL, CURTIN, CANBERRA, SATURDAY
16 APRIL 2005**

COMMENCING AT 2.00PM

**NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
ARE TO BE SUBMITTED, IN WRITING SIGNED BY THE NOMINEE, HIS
PROPOSER AND SECONDER, TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NOT
LATER THAN 12.00PM, FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2005.**

BUSINESS

Any points for general business are to be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer not later than close of business, Friday 1 APRIL 2005.

ATTENDANCE

Members attending please advise the Executive Officer not later than 12.00pm Wednesday 13 April 2005. If you cannot attend and wish to appoint a proxy please complete the form overleaf and return to the Executive Officer not later than Wednesday 13 April 2005. In view of lack of attendance at some of the previous Annual General Meetings, it is advised that members appoint a proxy, of their choice, to ensure the day to day running of the business of the Association is not disrupted by the lack of attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with the Rules of the Association a minimum of 21 members must be present to constitute a quorum, if not the meeting must be adjourned to the next week at the same time and place. In view of this if you cannot attend please appoint a proxy to ensure the meeting can proceed at the time and place advised above, please appreciate that the Members of the Management Committee give their time freely and any adjournment of a meeting is a great inconvenience to those who travel to these meetings.

7TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC (QLD)

NOMINATION FORM

I.....hereby nominate.....

for the position ofon the Committee of Management of the 7RAR Association for the period of commencing April 2005.

Proposed by.....Seconded by.....

Acknowledged by the nominee.....date.....

7TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC (QLD)

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Proposed by.....Seconded by.....

Acknowledged by the nominee.....date.....

Listed below is the current Committee of Management: -

President:	Mr David Kibbey, AM.
Senior Vice President	Mr Ross Ellis.
Vice Presidents:	Mr Doug Gibbons, AM.
	Mr Don Cruden.
	Mr Rod Lyons.
Secretary/Webmaster	Mr Kevin Gillett
Treasurer:	Mr Bernie Cox.
Exec Officer/Editor:	Mr Tony Keech
Historian :	MAJGEN Mike O'Brien, CSC.
Hon Auditor:	Mr Mark Moloney.
Hon Legal Officer:	LTCOL Peter Morrison.

FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY for 7RAR ASSOCIATION

I.....of,
Being a financial member of the abovenamed Association, hereby
appoint.....of.....Or failing him,
.....of.....as
my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual*) general meet-
ing of the Association to be held on theday of2004
And any adjournment thereof.

Signed this.....day of.....200

Signature.....

This form is to be used in favour*/against* the resolution.

(* Strike out which is not desired. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit. To be valid the proxy nominated must be present at the meeting).

2005 CALENDER

- 1 Apr 2005** ***Cut-off date for nomination of candidates for election to Committee of Management.***
- 16 Apr 2005** ***AGM to be held at Statesman Hotel Curtin, 2.00pm.***
- 25 Apr 2005** ***ANZAC Day.***
- 1 Jul 2005** ***Cut-off date for articles for inclusion in the 2/2005 issue of Seven News.***
- 11 Jul 2005** ***2/2005 Issue of Seven News due out.***
- 19 Jul to**
23 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 Puckapunyal.***
- 23 Oct 2005** ***2/7th Battalion raised 1939.***
- 13 Nov 2005** ***7th Battalions Remembrance Day service, Garrison Church, The Rocks. (Maximum Attendance Please)***
- 23 Nov 2005** ***57th Birthday, The Royal Australian Regiment.***
- 2 Dec 2005** ***Cut-of 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.***

**AWARD OF THE PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA FOR AUSTARLAIN
SERVICE DURING THE MALAY EMERGENCY AND INDONESIAN
CONFRONTATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA**

INTRODUCTION (IN PART)

In 2004 the Government of Malaysia made an offer to confer a special medal of service to eligible current and former Australian Servicemen and women who served in Malaysia over the period 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966. As the PJM is a foreign award, the Department of Defence will be acting as an agent for the Malaysian Government.

In all possible circumstances, senior representatives from the Malaysian Government will present medals personally to recipients, including the next of kin in cases of posthumous awards. In accordance with Australian privacy regulations, provision is made on the application form for an applicant to elect not to have this information passed on. Arrangements will be made for these to be separately dispatched to the recipient by Australian Defence officials.

ELIGIBILITY

There are two categories of eligibility that will be assessed by the Department of Defence and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for eligibility for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia. These are:

Category One:

- a. Those members of the ADF who were on the posted strength of a unit or formation and served in the prescribed operational area of Malaysia and Singapore, in direct support of operations in Malaysia for 90 days or more, in the aggregate as follows:*

(1) Malaysia during the period 31 Aug 1957 and Dec 1966 incl; or

(2) Singapore during the period 31 Aug 1957 and 9 Aug 1965 incl.

Qualifying service between 12 Aug 1966 and 31 Dec 1966 may only apply if a member was posted for operations to Malaysia on or before 12 Aug 1966.

The prescribed operational area of Malaysia and Singapore is the landmass of East Malaysia (that is: the States of Sabah and Sarawak on the Island of Borneo), the Malay Peninsula and the Island of Singapore extending 12 nautical miles seaward from the coast of these areas.

- b. Those members of the Australian Defence Force who were on the posted strength of a unit or formation outside the prescribed operational area above, but served in a secondary role in indirect support of operations in Malaysia for 180 days or more, in the aggregate, during the period 31 Aug 1957 to 31 Dec 1966 incl.*

Category Two:

Qualifying service during the period 31 Aug 1957 and 31 Dec 1966 incl, as described in Category One, may be deemed to have been established notwithstanding a member of the ADF has not met the qualifying period described if service was terminated due to death or injury or other disability due to service.

General:

- There will only be one award of the medal to a person unless otherwise advised. Should the medal be lost or destroyed, it will not be replaced at public expense.*
- Individual applications made to the Malaysian Government for an award of the medal will be referred back to the Australian Department of Defence for an assessment and verification of service.*
- Applications for those Australian citizens who served in a civilian law enforcement capacity will be forwarded to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for validation. Once satisfied service has been validated or attested to, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet will seek the Governor-General's approval of acceptance and wearing of the award.*

The following pages are instructions to members or relatives who believe they may be eligible for the award and separate applications for members and next of kin to be submitted to the Directorate of Honours and Awards for the award of the Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal.



From the editor's desk

As a consequence of the book distribution a large number of members details held on record by the XO proved to be out of date. I am aware that the last Pig List was distributed in 2002 and many members have changed addresses or phone numbers since, this fact made it difficult to contact members to ensure delivery of the Pictorial History. I have included a membership renewal form in this issue, whether your membership is due this year or not I request all members complete one of these forms and return it to me to enable me to update your records held on file.

If details are not to be published to other members of the Association please indicate this and I will keep the information confidential. In line with this data check please check your address label for your financial status of the Association, the first number that appears on the top line is the expiry date of your financial status. Most membership renewals are due by 31 August 2005, if this is the case in your situation please include your renewal check or MO, and please make them payable to 7RAR Association. If you wish to deposit any payment to the Association you can use the following Association Bank information:

***Bank: ANZ,
 BSB Number 012434
 Account Number 530313792.***

Tony Keech XO/ED

NEW MEMBERS

Fin 2005 MBR No 970

Stephen Michael Foster

4 Glass Road

UPPER FERNTREE GULLY

VIC 3156 PNRS 1ST

Ph (h) (03) 9758 1564

smfos@bigpond

Fin 2006 MBR No 971

John Austin Bridger

PO Box 1002

COOLANGATTA

QLD 4225 ADMIN 2ND

Ph (h) (07) 5536 4246

runawayparents@bigpond.com.au

Fin 2005 MBR No 972

Colin Bernard Kelly

PO Box 333

KOJONUP

WA 6395 A3 2ND

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7RAR TWO TOURS IN VIETNAM (BRISBANE MEMBERS)

For all members in the Brisbane region wishing to purchase a copy or copies of the book, Ted Lewis is in possession of a small number of books (18). The cost is \$90 for members of the Association and \$140 for non-members, the method of delivery will be up to the purchaser to arrange with Ted or Julie. Ted can be contacted on Ph (07) 3379 4535 or Mobile 0408 494 871. This arrangement will be in place until 31 May 2005, after this date you can contact Karen, (their daughter) on Ph (07) 3278 0328 or Mobile 0408 735 904.

This service has been agreed to by Ted and Julie to cater for those members who wish to avail themselves of a close pick-up point in and around Brisbane. You can still order your books from the XO at the Associations address as shown on the front of this newsletter. For the information of all members around the country the cost of postage and packaging is calculated on weight therefore if you order between one and seven books the cost of P & H is the same, this means that if there are a number of you in the one area and you order a book each, the cost of up to seven books will be the same as one, so get together.

Tony Keech XO/ED

THE BEST FROM THE WEST

Happy 2005 to all PIGS throughout Australia.

ANNUAL PIG SWILL

Last year we held our annual PIG SWILL Xmas Lunch at the Kalamunda RSL Club, in an effort to rotate the venues and it was a tremendous success. Thanks to Keith Battersby for organising and amongst those members and wives in attendance were:

Peter Davies, Bill Edwards, Don Cruden, John Burrows, Tony Cocodis, Rick Low, John Sexton, Spunky Fieldhouse, Allen West, Noel Bell, Keith Battersby, Geoff Brophy, Colin Kennedy, Scruffy, Ray Lamont, Glen Moore, Charlie Matheson, Ian McNee, Vic Neimanis, Peter Tucker and Bob Dixon. All had a great time and I believe that the next PIG SWILL will be held at the Nollamara RSL in late November or early December this year.

2006 REUNION

The committee has been busily meeting to ensure the 2006 reunion in Perth is a huge success and we should thank Steve Chamarette for the sterling job he is doing in chairing the committee. The members of the committee are rotating venues of the meetings, the last being at Mick O'Halloran's place in Mandurah and the next to be at Don Cruden's at Jane Brook.

We have also received calls and emails from some members who may have concerns about various aspects of the planning and the committee is taking on board all suggestions to ensure attendees are looked after in the most cost-effective way, and that previous issues are learned from and not repeated. Refer to elsewhere in the newsletter for reunion details and contacts etc.

NAME TAGS

Haven't got your nametag yet? Here's the chance to get yours. Each tag costs \$10.00, which includes postage to anywhere in Australia anywhere in Australia. To order, just call Spunky on (08) 9275 8598 and it will take about two to three weeks.



So when you rock up to Perth in 2006, we'll know who everyone is, and remember to get one for your wife/girlfriend/mistress/partner.

7RAR PICTORIAL HISTORY

At long last, the new book 7RAR PICTORIAL HISTORY – THROUGH A SOLDIER'S LENS, has arrived and it was well worth the wait. Very impressive and there is lots for everyone to delve into and I'm sure it will bring back a lot of memories, some good and some bad.

Congratulations to the editorial team for a great job under tough circumstances. Many thanks also to all those who assisted Don in ensuring that all WA members throughout the state, from Dunsborough to Derby, received their copies in the shortest possible time.

COMING EVENTS FOR 2004:

ANZAC DAY

Because of the tunnel work in Perth for the new southern rail line, we'll meet as per last year in St Georges Tce at 9.30am, near London Court for the march at 10.00am, then after the service upstairs at Rigby's Tavern, at about 12.00pm for some food and drink etc. We'll probably catch up with a few 5RAR guys as well, just to ensure the rivalry continues.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

August 18 at Kings Park at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. We had a fairly good contingent in 2004, marching behind the big banner and we are hoping for more this year. Remember it is an important day in our annual calendar and I urge all PIGS to attend.

BACK TO THE BUSH REUNION

This is held each year in Bruce Rock around November and is a great weekend. Last year about a dozen PIGS made the trip and we are looking for more this year. Contact Don Cruden for details on (80) 9374 0014

XMAS PIG SWILL

Late November or early December, possibly at the Nollamara RSL. More details later in the year.

SICK PARADE

Peter Vlachou has been a bit crook lately but is on the mend and should be fully operational shortly. John Sexton is also crook, best wishes for a speedy recovery John.

WEBSITE

The following is a note I received from Harold Herman relating to his service with 2/7th Bn and a link to his website, which I found fascinating:

Hi Geoff, enjoyed reading the "Seven News" and have a few things I would like to add.

The 2/7th Bn had the first full-blooded Aboriginal to be promoted to officer rank in the Australian Army. He was LT Reg W. Saunders VX12843 who I only saw on one occasion, as during my short time with the unit he was back in Australia at OTC. He came to New Guinea just before I was evacuated.

If you read "The Fiery Phoenix" you will find that in Crete he was unable to get off for approximately 12 months, which he and quite some others dodged Germans with the aid of friendly locals. Some effort for a man who was of course of dark complexion.

The second item is that I would ask you to "promulgate" (I remember my army terms) my web site, which I feel the members may be able to enjoy, which is not the correct word, but understand. My second son Jack, was born in 1949 came to me in about 1993 and said, "Dad you never told us (3 sons all told) about the "war". My reply was, "You've never bloody well asked". He then produced a tape recorder and with questions and answers produced the site. To do this he purchased a New Computer, (which I of course had to pay for), and after many additions since then you now have, well what you see below. It is a "living thing" until the inevitable. At the end of MY story Jack has placed HIS website. Its worth a look at, as is another "link" about "Aircraft in War" (which only commenced during the Kokoda campaign and had not been used as such, until then).

All the best to you and the Association, keep it up.

Yours Harold Herman

Harold's War, my website, can now be found at

[Http://home.iprimus.com.au/hherman](http://home.iprimus.com.au/hherman)

NEWSLETTER

Remember, the newsletter is only as good as the contents, so please contact me if you have something to report, no matter how trivial.

*Contact are: (08) 9448 3109 at home, and
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 0432 253 043 Mobile.*

or Email: geoff.murray@mainroads.wa.gov.au

Cheers Geoff Murray

FANCY DRESS



Our intrepid photographer John Davies showed he can do more than snap photos. He took three months to make this costume for the Hollywood Private Hospital annual Xmas Party. Some of the items used in the construction include:

Leather from an old lounge suite and a jacket
100 feathers from Eagle, Turkey, Fowl, Kite, Crow, Magpie, Pheasant, Seagull & Duck.
600 yellow beads
poly pipe (5 metres)
Glue
15 Texta Colours
Broom Handle (I won't ask where it goes, but I'll assume it's for the talking stick)

Needless to say, the result is spectacular, great effort mate.

(It's probably not widely known, but John is a descendant of the legendary "Wheretheheckarewe" tribe, which probably explains why he was a sig)

(The above photograph was copied in colour, but unfortunately we cannot reproduce this in the newsletter in colour due to the cost, just one photo copied in colour would double the cost of printing this newsletter).

Tony Keech. XO/ED

PEARLS FROM VICTORIA

Our last meeting for 2004 was well attended - with the usual good food, good grog and (most importantly) good friends to make it a good finish to the year.



Some of the happy Pigs who could be persuaded to stand still for awhile!

Our main item of business for the January meeting was ANZAC Day 2005 - where we decided we would go back to the Town Hall Hotel for our post March Activities.

In a nutshell - assemble at the Town Hall about 12.30pm to meet up with friends and family. The same meal arrangements (choice of roast meats etc) will apply, as will the special price on jugs!

This is the "Year of the Rooster" - I can imagine several toasts will be made to celebrate.

PIG ART

When Peter Wilkie (D/ 1st tour) lived in Brunswick his side-wall was often subjected to graffiti. He eventually worked out a deal that his 'canvas' could be used for street-art - provided a pig was incorporated into the final design. (see overleaf) —————>



You can see the final result, over 6 feet high, created in 2003.

Although Peter is now no longer at this house, our information has it that the design is still in existence.

VALE GRAHAM ENEVER



It's with some sadness that we record the death of Graham Enever on 28th January 2005, after a short and sudden illness. His funeral was held in Bendigo on 4th February and was attended by a large contingent of his fellow pigs.

Graham had a very direct approach to life and his contribution to the community will be missed. He stayed on with 1RAR after 7RAR left Vietnam, he also had served in Malaya.

During his time in Bendigo he held positions with the Bendigo RSL, Kangaroo Flat RSL, District Board, VVAA and RSL State Council.

Our condolences go to his wife Marie.

*'Go Go' Goggins
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