

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year commenced in fine fashion with the awarding of a Conspicuous Service Cross to Kevin Cuthbertson for his services to the Australian Defence Force in the area of Explosive Ordnance Safety. Well done, Major Kevin. I guess it is too late to say, "Keep your head down."

Less pleasant has been the plight of two Vice presidents of the Association, who found themselves flat on their backs, one having been thrown by his frisky steed in the Snowy Mountains and the other who suffered considerably when he slipped in the rain at his home in Brisbane. J. Pres Esq, who is a very capable horseman, seems to have recovered from the indignity and Ted is gradually gaining strength in his back.

On 2nd February a memorial to the sacrifice of two former 7 RAR soldiers, LCpl Ross McMillan and Pte Trevor Attwood, was dedicated in Alma Memorial Park in Uralla. Tony Windsor MP officially dedicated the memorial which had been constructed by the Uralla Shire Council.

VP Ted Lewis had dreamt of doing this for some time and he planned and executed the complete dedication with the help of a few friends: Earl Kelaher, Kev Gillett, Julie Lewis and Karen Underhill. This was a tremendous occasion for the hundreds of locals who attended and the 150 former members of Seven who wanted to pay tribute to their mates. Well done Ted, who from his hospital bed directed traffic peacefully, yet with iron-willed determination. The Association's thanks must also go to The Minister for Veterans Affairs for the pending financial support for the memorial and its dedication.

This is not only the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Holden, but is also the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Regiment and in November we will congregate in Sydney to mark the occasion. Tony Blake who is our man on the NSW RAR Committee is the impresario for this occasion and I know he would want me to urge everyone to attend if you possibly can, please.

Regards  
Ross.

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### **REUNION 2009**

**With our sights set firmly on the 2009 Reunion with activities centered around the Twin Towns resort area of the far north coast of NSW, it is not too early to start planning your itinerary. Listed on pages 41 to 45 are a selection of options for your accommodation over the period 30 August and 2 September 2009.**

**Tony Keech, OAM XO/ED**

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Over the past year I have received through the mail various cheques/ money orders all on their lonesome with no indication what the money was for. If you are renewing your membership please use a blank renewal form, this allows me to update where necessary your personal details on my records or place a note to let me know what the money is for. After the release of the December Seven News, I received six copies returned to sender with the notation, left address or no longer at this address. As this is money wasted please advise me if you are moving. Would you also check your financial status using the first set on numerals at the top left corner of your address label, this will show a year your financial status expires, if it has expired please renew your membership.

There are also a number of accounts for books sent to members who

have, according to my records not been paid. If you have paid any money via a direct deposit or netbank transfer to the Association's Account please advise me of the date and amount paid with a receipt number and/or an invoice number reference if applicable as sometimes the bank statements do not show the name of the depositor or what the deposit is for.

I know I have mentioned this in the ANZAC Day notices but, if you intend on going to VIC Barracks in Sydney after the march, please advise me by name all those including family members who will be attending by COB 14 April 2008, or advise Tony Blake via email, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE OTHERWISE YOU MAY FIND GAINING ENTRY WORSE THAN HAVING TEETH PULLED:

Email : [RARCommittee60@gmail.com](mailto:RARCommittee60@gmail.com)

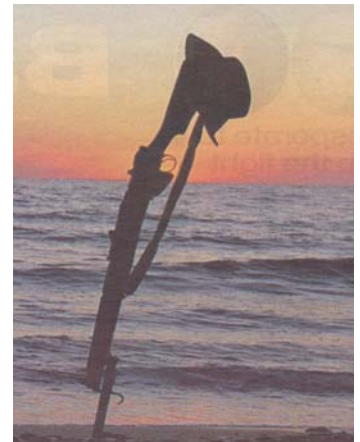
Don't forget this year is the 60th Anniversary of the RAR.

Tony Keech, OAM, XO/ED



### Vale

Rest ye oh Warrior, You will  
battle no more,  
No longer to live the horrors of  
war,  
Your duty was done with honour  
and pride,  
Farewell oh brother until we  
march by your side.



It is with deep and sincere sympathy that I report the death of former friends and members of 7RAR.

54789 "Charlie" Peter Hope, C8 1st tour,  
passed away Saturday 22 December 2007.

218258 Robert John Bye, B Coy 2nd tour,  
passed away Monday 7 January 2008.

18195 Arthur Wallace (Darkie) Butler, Mortars 1st tour,  
Passed away Saturday 23 February 2008.

16063 Arnold George (Sunshine) Moylan, B4 1st tour,  
Passed away Sunday 16 March 2008.

### LEST WE FORGET

It is always with a heavy heart I enter the names in the VALE list of every issue of the Seven News. This issue is no different but, I trembled a little more when the names of those I typed were close to me through my time in Malaysia with 3RAR and then through the infant days of 7RAR at Puckapunyal and then onto Vietnam on our first tour. The names of Arthur Wallace (Darky) Butler and Arnold George (Sunshine) Moylan fall into this category. May they rest in peace. Lest we Forget.

Tony Keech, OAM XO/ED



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### KOKODA TRACK

For those interested in walking the Kokoda Track in 2008 (or beyond), Rod Lyons now suggests you contact Merv Hains in Cairns. Merv's deal seems hard to beat in terms of value for dollars and he's keen to see more 7RAR diggers on his trips.

He's planning to be there this ANZAC Day, and suggests in 2009 that some of us could make Kokoda for April 25th! Rod's current family and work commitments along with recent hernia operation, have put his plans on hold at the moment.

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### IN SEARCH OF

If anybody knows the whereabouts of David Krause, 1st tour, could you please contact Laurie Hughes on (03) 5882 3531 or email:-

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Laurie Hughes

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PMB 13 WINELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1401  
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PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1403  
Shaun David Eaton  
3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1405  
John Fillingham  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1407  
Tristan Andrew Hall  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1400  
Daniel Roy Brian  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1402  
Robert David Curtayne  
3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1404  
Paul Anthony Ferris  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1406  
Terrence Roy Flaherty  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1408  
Martin George Jaramaz  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR

2 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1409  
Dylan Peter Jones  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1411  
Glen Thomas Lawrence  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1413  
Justin Aaron May  
3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1415  
David William Morris  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1410  
Paul Anthony Kirkland  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1412  
Warwick Mareno Mattiazzo  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINENLLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1414  
Matthew James Moodie  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1416  
Christopher John Mc Intosh  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1417  
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1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1419  
Brendan Andrew Mc Vicar  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
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Fin 2012 MBR No: 1421  
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PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1423  
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3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1425  
Joey Sam Proctor  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1418  
Matthew Dominic Mc Mahon  
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PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1420  
Carlo Novak  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1422  
Sam James O'Neil  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1424  
Justin John Paul  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1426  
Jeramie Trent Putman  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR

3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1427  
Steven Harold Ronayne  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1429  
Michael Paul Schadel  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1431  
Tory John Tipler  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1433  
Joshua Ellis Lee Thompson  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1428  
Matthew Phillip Scott  
2 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1430  
Matthew Karl Stephens  
3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1432  
James Andrew Thompson  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1434  
Michael Charles Pettett  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1435  
Ben Edward Wirth Trewartha  
1 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1436  
Tim John Wells  
3 Pl A Coy 7RAR  
PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

Fin 2012 MBR No: 1437  
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PMB 13 WINNELLIE NT 0832

### CHRIS JOHNSON IN TOWN (From Rod Lyons)

Chris Johnson, OC 1Pl A Coy 2nd tour - spent three weeks in Australia with wife Pam in Feb/Mar. Pam's first visit to Australia was special as she's half Aussie, on her mother's side.

The Sydney week included a visit to the Aviation Museum at Bankstown where Chris (Johnno to his mates in SVN) was very well received and where he presented the AAM with some magnificent signed prints which featured his father's Spitfire in action in WW2..(Air Vice Marshall Johnny Johnson was credited with the most kills - his

Vice Marshall Johnny Johnson was credited with the most kills - his record was 38.5, (0.5 meant the kill was credited to two pilots). For an allied fighter pilot in the European theatre of war) and a signed book on the fighter ace.

Chris met CAPT Jack Curtis at Bankstown who flew Hurricanes & other aircraft in WW2 & who still flies DC3's out of Bankstown at age 93 years. Jack's in top shape & remembers his father Johnny Johnson well. From Sydney they flew to Melbourne where, we hear he caught up with Ian Dunn (OC 2Pl A Coy 2nd) & some family history, & then flew to Cairns. The Barrier Reef and Port Douglas before hitting Brisbane for a few days catching up with Pam's elderly but spritely aunt.

They left for Singapore & London out of Sydney on St Patrick's Day. They both enjoy Australia, were sorry not to have caught up with other old friends & plan a return visit in the not too distant future. They live in Cambridge and have three lovely girls.

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## **NATIONAL DIGGER'S BOWLS CARNIVAL**

**PO Box 2686, DUBBO. NSW. 2830. Ph: 0447 139 737**

### **Attention: All Defence Force Ex-Servicemen & Servicemen**

On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 16th, 17th & 18th September, 2008, the inaugural National Digger's Bowls Carnival will be held in Dubbo. NSW. This event is open to all current and former Defence Force personnel making this occasion a true Diggers competition and the only one of it's type in Australia.

The Carnival is co-hosted by the Dubbo Railway Bowling Club and the West Dubbo Bowling Club.

The format is of nominated triples teams, (3 bowls) comprising of 14 sections of 6 teams, with each team playing 5 games of 15 ends each over the first two days with the winner of each section (14), plus the next (2) best performed teams, progressing on to the final series. The final 16 teams play a knockout series, over 15 ends, with the 1st games commencing at 2.30 pm on the 2nd day, leading up to the final on the third day. Sectional winners will be determined by points + margins.

All other teams will be entered into a Consolation competition, on the third day, comprising 3 games of 9 ends each, with the winner being determined by points + margins.

Entrants can nominate a full team or as a single or double entry and can be placed in a team. Teams can nominate under Unit / ship / company / corps / squadron / club / business or nick names with a contact person named on the nomination form. Official nomination forms are attached to this letter, or can be forwarded on request or by the internet.

A total of \$10,000 in prize money is available:

1st. \$1,800    2nd. \$1,500    3rd. \$1,200    4th. \$900    5th. 8th. \$300

1st - \$1,800   2nd - \$1,500   3rd - \$1,200   4th - \$900   5th - 8th - \$500.

9th - 16th - \$210 per team.   Consolation: 1st - \$600   2nd - \$480   3rd - \$360   4th - \$280

A nomination fee of \$30 per player is required and lunch each day is included.

ALL NOMINATION FEES ALONG WITH ALL OTHER FUNDRAISING PROCEEDS WILL BE  
DONATED TO THE 'STARLIGHT FOUNDATION' CHILDREN'S CHARITY.

PROOF OF SERVICE is required (Certificate of Service or other proof) on Registration Day (15 Sep).

Nomination Forms & Entry fees must be in by Friday 15th August, 2008.

OPENING CEREMONY & COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE TO BE HELD AT 8.00AM ON OPENING  
DAY AT THE DUBBO CENOTAPH.

PROGRAM & TOURIST INFO DISPATCHED ON RECEIPT OF NOMINATION FORM.

Enquiries:   Dubbo Railway B/C - 02 6884 2044  
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West Dubbo B/C - 02 6884 3000  
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NOMINATION FORMS & FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE ON ABOVE WEB SITES

Eric Chamberlain - Secretary:   Dubbo Railway Diggers

**ROD PILON TRANSPORT - DUBBO - 02 6882 0400**

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# NATIONAL DIGGER'S BOWLS CARNIVAL

**ATTENTION: ALL DEFENCE FORCE EX-SERVICEMEN & SERVICEMEN**

**\$10,000 PRIZE MONEY**

<u>WHERE:</u>	DUBBO. NSW. 2830
<u>VENUES:</u>	DUBBO RAILWAY BOWLING CLUB & WEST DUBBO BOWLING CLUB
<u>DATES:</u>	TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 16th, 17th & 18th September, 2008.
<u>FORMAT:</u>	TRIPLES - NOMINATED TEAMS (3 BOWLS) 5 GAMES OF 15 ENDS EACH TEAMS OVER 2 DAYS PLUS FINALS & CONSOLATION ON FINAL DAY
<u>COST:</u>	\$30 EACH PLAYER - TOTAL INCLUDES LUNCH EACH DAY

**PROCEEDS: ENTRY FEES & PROCEEDS TO  
'STARLIGHT FOUNDATION' CHARITY**

**PROOF OF DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE REQUIRED  
NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 15TH AUGUST, 2008.**

**Enquiries:**

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# **NATIONAL DIGGER'S BOWLS CARNIVAL**

## **TEAM NOMINATION FORM**

**To be held on 16th, 17th & 18th September, 2008.**

### **Team Name:**

**Team 1**

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**Team 2**

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**Player 1**

**Player 2**

**Player 3**

**Team 1**

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**Team 2**

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### **Team Contact: Name, Address & Phone no.**

**Team 1**

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**Team 2**

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**ENTRY FEES & FUNDRAISING DONATED TO 'STARLIGHT FOUNDATION'**

**ELIGIBILITY: ALL CURRENT ADF SERVICE & EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL.(INCLUDES ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE - REGULARS, NASHOS, RESERVISTS, CMF & ALLIED FORCES, MEN/WOMEN ETC.)**

**Please include an entry fee of \$90 per team (3 x \$30) with your nomination form**

**If you require us to place you in a team, or have us include a player in your team, only fill in one or two names with payment of \$30 per player. Teams finalised at Carnival. No refunds after closing date: 15/8/2008.**

**ENTRIES CLOSE : Fri. 15th August, 2008**

**PROOF OF SERVICE REQUIRED AT CARNIVAL**

**Service Record applications are available to download on web sites listed below.**

**A Receipt, Program, Conditions of Play, Accommodation & Tourist Info will be dispatched to team contact on receipt of nomination form & payment.**

**Please send forms WITH M/O or Cheque to: National Digger's Bowls Carnival - PO Box 2686, DUBBO, NSW, 2830.**

**ENQUIRIES: Railway B/Club— 02 6884 2044    West Dubbo B/Club 02 6884 3000  
www.dubborailwaybowlingclub.com.au    www.westdubbobowlingclub.com.au  
Eric Chamberlain - 0447 139 737    Email: ericchamberlain@tadaust.org.au**

**Eric Chamberlain  
Secretary: Dubbo Railway Diggers**

**7th BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT**  
**ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (QLD)**  
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**2008 AGM - 7th BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN  
REGIMENT 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 2008 Annual General Meeting and election of Officers to the Committee of Management will be held at:**

**42 WILLIAN WILKINS CRESCENT, ISACCS, CANBERRA,  
SATURDAY 3 MAY 2008 COMMENCING AT 2.00PM.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF  
MANAGEMENT ARE TO BE SUBMITTED, IN WRITING, SIGNED  
BY THE NOMINEE, HIS PROPOSER AND SECONDER, (TO THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER BY NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF  
BUSINESS WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2008). (FORMS ARE ON PAGE  
17 OF THIS NEWSLETTER) IT WAS ADVISED AFTER THE LAST  
AGM THAT MR MARK MALONEY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE  
FOR RE-ELECTION AS HON AUDITOR THIS YEAR.**

## **BUSINESS**

**Any points for general business are to be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer not later than close of business, WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2008.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Members attending please advise the XO not later than Wednesday 30 April 2008. If you cannot attend please appoint a proxy on your behalf using the form on page 18 of this newsletter and return to the Executive Officer not later than close of business, WEDNESDAY 23 April 2008. Please be advised that in accordance with the Rules of the Association a minimum of 21 members must be in attendance to constitute a quorum, this number includes signed proxy forms. To ensure the efficient running of the association please make the effort to attend, please appreciate that the members of the Committee of Management give their time freely and any adjournment due to the lack of numbers will necessitate the meeting to be adjourned and rescheduled to take place within two weeks of this date.**



**7th BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT**  
**ASSOCIATION INC (QLD)**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

I.....hereby nominate.....  
For the position of .....on the Committee of  
Management of the 7RAR Association for the period of one year from  
the date of the Annual General Meeting as published in the minutes of  
that meeting.

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

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

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**FORM APPOINTING A PROXY FOR THE 7RAR ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

I.....Member Number..... Being a financial member of the 7RAR Association hereby appoint.....

Or in his absence appoint..... To act as a proxy on my behalf at the (Annual/Special\*) General Meeting for the twelve months commencing .....

The person nominated as my proxy is to vote (in favour of/ or against\*) (one or all\*) of the resolution/s as indicated by me.

Signed this..... Day of.....2008

Printed Name .....

(\* Strike out that which you consider not applicable. Unless otherwise instructed, the person nominated above may vote as he thinks fit. To be valid the proxy form must be held by the Executive Officer and the person nominated to act as the proxy must be present at the meeting).

A list of the Committee of Management is detailed on page xx of this Newsletter. (Members are requested to consider nominating for the positions of Assistants to the Executive Officer/Treasurer/Secretary/Webmaster to understudy these crucial positions to ensure the smooth running of the Association's affairs if an emergency occurs with one of the members filling these positions).

### BOURKE'S SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY 2007 CEREMONY

Following the annual Remembrance Day Service 2007 at Bourke's Central Park, a large contingent of local Aboriginal and non Aboriginal community members, led by the local Army Cadets, adjourned to the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service for the unveiling of a plaque in honour and recognition of all Aboriginal Men and Women from the Bourke Shire who served their country.

Among the names listed on the plaque are four Little Pigs from 7 RAR, they are:

Sid Morris	1 <sup>st</sup> Tour
Victor Bartley	2 <sup>nd</sup> tour
Barry (The Arab) Gissell)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tour
Johnny (Black Label) Walker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tour

At present 7 RAR has another local Bourke resident in its ranks. He is Stephen Ronayne, and he already is a Veteran, having completed a Tour of Duty in Afghanistan with the 5/7 RAR (Mech)

Recently, Douglas Malcolm Hooker (Shorty-LJ) B.Coy 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour, and in company with his lovely wife and better half Jenny, met Rick Holman and Terry (Davo) Davis (both of 3 RAR) from Western Australia, at a caravan park in Bourke, which is only block away from "Porky-7" home of Victor and Donnas Bartley, who in-

vited them around for Dinner.

After a great supper, a few beers and a couple of bottles of red, all were feeling a bit sparked, with the exception of Shorty, who went to great lengths in explaining he was a 'teetotaller' person by nature.

Victor, who is the President of the Bourke Bowling Club, asked Shorty to have a game of Bowls, but Shorty replied he is not old enough nor was he a member of the Geriatric Brigade, thus making him ineligible to play bowls.

If any Pigs are passing through Bourke, please stop in and have a cuppa or a beer with Victor and Donnas at 65 Darling St.

Pictured at the unveiling of the Roll of Honour plaque are Bourke RSL Sub Branch Vice President, Victor Bartley and Army Cadet Jay Moore.

(photo on the next page is courtesy of the Western Herald Bourke, apologies for the angle but I could not fit it upright).









**DEDICATION MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

**For**

**LCPL ROSS CHARLES McMILLAN and PTE TREVOR JAMES  
ATTWOOD**

**HELD at URALLA, NSW 2nd & 3rd FEBRUARY 2008**

Over the weekend 2nd/3rd February, (as advised in the 3/2007 Seven News) a ceremony was held to dedicate a Memorial for two of our fallen comrades, from the town of Uralla, in North Western NSW. The ceremony was held at 3.00pm on Sat 2 Feb, 40 years to the day when Ross McMillan was killed during operation Coburg, Ross was a member of 7Platoon C Coy. Trevor Attwood served with 7RAR from 9 Oct 1970 until 9 Feb 1971 when he was posted to 1ARU, he was Killed in Action on 12 Jun 1971 with D & E Platoon.

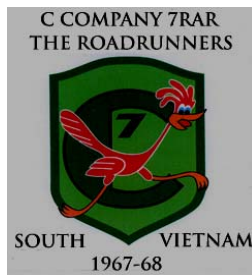
As a preliminary those attending gathered at the local Bowling Club for a spot of lunch and a convivial drink before the dedication. To everyone's amazement the numbers gathered for the dedication far exceeded everyone's anticipation, around one hundred and fifty at a quick count. Our erudite Secretary/Webmaster Kevin Gillett handled

the master of ceremonies job with ease and aplomb, much credit for the organisation of the activities must go to Ted Lewis, CSM C Coy 1st tour, Kevin Gillett and our man on the ground Earl Kellaher.

We were blessed with a fine afternoon, after introductions by Kevin, John Paget, Platoon Commander 7 Platoon C Coy, addressed the gathering and gave us an insight into Ross McMillan during his time in 7 Platoon. Peter Tetfong followed with his memories of Trevor Attwood. As part of the ceremony Jerry Lyall read a writing by James R. Lawson titled - The Perimeter - (A copy follows in this report). Our special thanks go to Mr Tony Windsor, MP Member for New England and Reverend Christopher Pears for their participation in the ceremony.

I would also like to make special mention of the Catafalque Party provided by The Armidale School, their Dress, Bearing and drill would have passed muster at any ceremonial occasion anywhere at the highest level. After the Dedication service, a dinner was held at the Golf Club, this was a great success thanks to the hard work of the ladies, in particular Julie Lewis.

# Dedication



**7th Battalion,  
The Royal Australian Regiment  
Association Inc (Qld)**

**Dedication and Unveiling of a Memorial  
Commemorating**

**Lance Corporal Ross McMillan,**  
**Killed in Action 2 February, 1968**  
**whilst serving with 7RAR and**

**Private Trevor Attwood**  
**Killed in Action 12 June 1971**  
**whilst serving with D & E Platoon, 1ATF**

**Unveiled by Mr Tony Windsor, MP**  
**Member for New England**

**15:00 Saturday, 2 February 2008**  
**Alma Park, Uralla, NSW**

**Above is a copy of the front page of the Order of Service for the dedication of the Memorial at Uralla.**



**Above:-** Some of the crowd gathered around the Memorial.

**Below:-** The Memorial covered with the 7RAR Gonfalon.







**Above:- Mr Tony Windsor, Member for New England, addresses the gathering.**

**Below:- Mr Tony Windsor and Earl Kellaheer unveil the Memorial.**







**Above - L to R : Ken, Doug and Bob McMillan Ross McMillan's three brothers.  
Below : The Memorial, top Centre the dedication, bottom Right their names.**







## **The Perimeter**

**by James R. Lawson**

The Perimeter, in the infantry, is a circle of men. It is half a section, platoon or company. One half is on guard, staying vigilant, watching for the enemy while the other half rests, sleeps and carries on with life as it is. They are more than just men; they are a brotherhood in uniform.

They share their plans, dreams and hopes with each other. In hard times they share their sadness, fears and pain. They face the enemy together, some like brothers, others like fathers and sons, and always are true friends. They find a spirit in each other that binds them to one another in a bond that lasts forever.

As time passes, they will leave the services and each other. They will travel many different paths of life, some to prosper and others not so well. Somewhere in life's travels, these men find themselves lost in the world, confused, dazed, scared, unhappy and searching for something: something they are not even sure exists.

They are not soldiers any more, they are called veterans.

Somehow in their search, they once again find others like themselves. They find brothers of

the past, brothers of the Perimeter, that circle of safety, where someone else shared their pain, their confusion and their fear. That perimeter where that fear is eased, where there is less confusion. They share each others pain in stories, in tears and in silence. Inside the Perimeter, eye contact can say it all. The Perimeter is a circle of life and a circle of death; it is a circle of wounded warriors, with wounds of both flesh and spirit. This Perimeter is a circle of iron that has never broken. It is a circle of common duty that knows no colour, no creed and no religious ground. The circle will last forever, through the best of times and through the worst of times.

The Perimeter is a place warriors will always seek—even for eternity. Just gaze at our national cemeteries. For out there on the outer edge, ever so vigilant, are those on the perimeter.

From the Officers and Men who served with “C” Company, 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment on the occasion of the Dedication of the Memorial to their comrade LCpl Ross McMillan Killed in Action in South Vietnam whilst serving with 7RAR and Pte Trevor Attwood who died whilst serving with 1ATF.

02 February 2008

C COMPANY 7RAR  
THE ROADRUNNERS









**Above: Kev Gillett chatting with Reverend Christopher Pears after the Memorial Church service held Sunday 3 February.**

**The Perimeter, read by Jerry Lyall at the dedication is on the previous page. A copy of this is mounted on the rear of the Memorial on a Brass Plaque.**

### SOUTH AUSSIE UPDATE

Things are quiet this side of our borders with many movers preparing for their annual pilgrimages north, east or west. Things are dry here but Coopers keep on putting out a mighty fine ale.

#### ANZAC Day 2008.

The RSL ANZAC March Committee is still working on their plans for the parade and have not given any hint that our usual location - Grenfell Street, east of Hindmarsh Square (opposite Griffin Head Hotel) - is likely to change.

Places to meet and greet before and after the march have not been organised but many are expected to hurry to the Griffin and wait suitably fuelled, then top up at the Torrens Parade ground before dispersing in select groups to keep memories alive.

It may be a good idea to bring wet weather gear as the drought is likely break that day.

## Suoi Chau Pha Day

Plans are well advanced for a Commemoration Service at 11.00 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at the Vietnam Memorial, Torrens Parade Ground. Drinks & lunch to follow in the Combined Mess at the Barracks. Car parking on the parade square will be available.

There is a special invitation to our interstate comrades and their families to join us on the day and pay homage to absent comrades. It is to allow others to come visit the defence state and our wineries, that we hold the commemoration on the actual anniversary date.

For further information please contact:-

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or Chris Ashenden (08 8266 1311 [cashende@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cashende@bigpond.net.au))



## **SUOI CHAU PHA**

### **South Australian Commemoration Service and Lunch**

**When: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00 am.**

**Where: Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide.**

**Orders of the day:**

**Assemble from 10.40hrs:**

**Free Car Parking on the Parade Ground**

**Service from 11.00 to approx 11.30**

**Order of service to be available on 7RAR website**

**10/27 Royal South Australian Rifles are expected to provide catafalque party, flag marshals, bugler and chaplain**

**Drinks and lunch to follow in Combined Mess.**

**The mess require firm bookings by end of July**

**Meal - schnitzel/fish, desert and coffee \$15.00\* per person**

**Drinks at bar prices**

**Pre booking is essential - contacts listed below**

**Special invite:**

**Interstate persons are encouraged to head for Adelaide after attendance at their state Suoi Chau Pha event the previous Sunday.**

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**\*Includes a small component towards ancillary costs**

## PEARLS FROM VICTORIA

I missed the deadline for our December Newsletter so I'm taking this chance to mention, briefly, our activities in the last months of 2007. August was a particularly memorable month for us in Victoria - with the major event being our Memorial Dinner at the Malvern East RSL.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August - Lone Pine Remembered

August 7, 1915 marks the day that 7Bn, AIF landed at Lone Pine. For many years the closest Sunday to this date has been marked by the 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>; and 7RAR have now taken over this ceremony from our pre-decessors. 2007 had a special poignancy of also being the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Suoi Chau Pha.

We were particularly honoured by having Mrs Rosalie Harstad (Lief's mother) assist us in laying our wreaths at the Eternal Flame. A real bonus was also having a number of our interstate/intrastate brethren join us for both the ceremony and the gathering afterwards at Bell's Hotel.

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Suoi Chau Pha Memorial Dinner

A personal highlight for me this year was the Suoi Chau Pha Dinner; a memorable night with ‘Nobby’ Clark and Jake O’Donnell as our guests of honour. We also had members of the Milford and Aylett families join us in memory of that day 40 years ago.

Jake’s speech which reminded us of our partners’ efforts and our previous enemies is something I’ll remember. I remember, too, the trouble and effort some of the participants took to be there on the night, coming from virtually all around Australia to be there.

I was particularly happy to see the ‘arty’ in attendance – we sometimes forget that there were other corps there helping us out. I’m glad ‘Nobby’ thought to remind us about his hard-working FO party.

The frightening thing was how some of us had changed with the years – but still instantly recognisable despite those years. Have a look at the photo Margaret Finn sent me, for example.



Geoff Kirkman, John Finn, Gerry Doyle

Tony Scott's no-fuss arrangements with table layout and catering helped to make it a success.

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August Vietnam Veteran's Day (Long Tan)

As expected, numbers were down on 2006 but from reports I received 7RAR was well represented as usual in Melbourne – with Bell's Hotel

again providing their normal convivial RV.

I was in Darwin with my son whilst he was at a 2CAV reunion so I took the opportunity to attend their ceremony in Bicentennial Park. A moving ceremony involving current serving personnel in wonderful tropical surroundings.

Whilst travelling to and from the CAV activities I had to pass the HQ of the 'new' 7RAR at Robertson Barracks – looking reasonably low-key by comparison to 5RAR next door – but I think my Armoured hosts (and son) got a bit tired of me pointing out 'my' Battalion.

Coincidentally I met a young 'digger' (with his wife and young son) at Darwin Airport on the way home. He tried to chack me because he thought I was 2CAV – he was slightly bemused when I showed him my 7RAR name tag!

### State Library "Summer Read"

The State Library of Victoria conducted a poll during Summer to determine the top 5 popular books that were read by the public. After all votes were counted Baz Heard's "Well Done Those Men" was voted equal first.

So 'well done' Barry.

### 2008 Anzac Day

Same arrangements as previous years, look for our banner at the FUP - but we should be well up the front as this is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Australian Regiment.

Post-March will be at the Town Hall Hotel with some special prices for meals and beer! Don't forget to bring your wives, partners, friends etc as they are very welcome and they have added to our special day in the past.

### Parting Shot

A dog is man's best friend. If you were to lock your wife and your dog in the car boot, who do you think would be happier to see you after you let them out?

(Health warning: Do not try this experiment at home - results could prove fatal)

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### IN SEARCH OF

Seeking Brian Kenneth Lang. No 4410969 [MID] vietnam, section leader 8 sec- 3pln-A coy 67/68. Please forward any information on Brian to 0418979102 or [robsuma@bigpond.net.au](mailto:robsuma@bigpond.net.au) Lindsay Hicks. [his gunner]. Please advise or place on 7RAR net & place in next 7RAR publication. Regards Porky Lindsay Taree



### THE BEST FROM THE WEST

G'Day PIGS everywhere.

RIP

The State Rep Don Cruden sent a condolence card to sister Merle & brother-in-law Pappy Kennedy (Darwin) upon the recent death of her brother, Arthur (Darky) Butler, ex 3 RAR Malaysia/Borneo and SVN 1st tour. Darky was one of those characters that all good units have and he will be remembered as a damn good soldier - Lest We Forget.

We also send our condolences to Bevan Heathcote, ex 3RAR who some of you may know, whose wife passed away recently.

PETER JOHN HOPE (By Graham Steele)

It was very sad, the passing of one of our comrades Peter John Hope. To friends and family it was Kaka and to his army mates he was better known as Charlie. Charlie and I kept in contact with each other and after many years of trying, he finally came to a 7RAR reunion, which he

really enjoyed in 2006 at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle WA. He drove down from Dongara and stayed at my place in Mandurah 75kms south of Perth along with John Woods from Victoria. After the Anzac Day parade in Perth and drinks at Karrakatta Barracks, my wife Kerry drove us home.

Coming into Mandurah, us boys decided on Red Rooster for dinner. We had the outlet in fits of laughter with us singing songs from the army days. Charlie's sister told me after the service that they still talk of that night. Charlie told me he would never miss another reunion and we were already planning it. He was also taking his wife Carol, but sadly that was to be his last.

Bluey Dunne and Bill Henderson accompanied me to Dongara where we met up with Graeme Roberts and Graeme Gutteridge. I'd like to thank Graeme "Gutters" for putting us up for the night and drinks etc, also Graeme Roberts and wife Pat for supplying transport to and from Dongara and Port Denison and returning near midnight to take us home. Charlie's coffin was placed at the bar of the Port Denison Bowling Club where he sat for many years.

He played bowls and was a long time member and was loved by all. His family and friends spoke of his life and after the Last Post and Reveille, a guard of honour was formed from the clubhouse to the road, where the hearse drove through a crowd of about 200 people who cheered, clapped and waved goodbye. After Charlie left, refreshments were held in the club. Carol joined us five 7RAR vets at our table where we spoke at length about Charlie. Thank you Carol for all the drinks and nice food, it was such a nice way to say goodbye to a real mate. Thank you for the emails from you boys in the East; at our next reunion we will drink a toast to our fallen comrades.

**ANZAC DAWN** (a poem by Victor Churchill Dale)

The bugle sound was lost to echo  
Funny how silence can be heard  
The flag climbed so slowly up the pole  
The stillness came with not a word  
In the moment night is lost to day  
The first light gently reached the fold  
Now before me on ANZAC morning

The warmth reached beyond the cold  
The Aussie flag gently touched the breeze  
And it lifted this soul of mine  
As each fold was carried by the wind  
Each of those stars began to shine  
Peace and justice was within the flag  
I knew what it meant to be free  
For the dawn had come to remember  
Those who no longer stood with me

### ANZAC DAY

Details are not yet finalised but I believe we will form up in St Georges Terrace near London Court at 9.30-10.00am for the march, look for the banner. We then plan to meet afterwards upstairs at Rigby's for lunch and a few coldies, which will give us a chance to catch up with mates from other battalions and other corps etc.

## **PLAQUES UNVEILING IN URALLA NSW (By Allan West)**

Betty & I decided to make it bit of a holiday so first off we went to Victoria and spent a few days with Athol Sumner (7RAR C Coy 1st Tour) and his friend Ann in Healesville. After arriving at Melbourne Airport we tried to ring on our mobile to get them to come and pick us up - no show of mobile connection so we ended up having to use the good old land line.

After a good night's sleep we drove down to Phillip Island picking up Mick Stracker (7RAR C Coy 1st Tour) on the way and visiting the Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island. An interesting few hours was spent there.

Well done to the organisers and volunteers of the museum, well worth going to look at. Next day we headed to the Noble Park RSL for lunch and while there we saw Pappy Kerford (7RAR B Coy 1st Tour) and two blokes Kenny Earney (ARU) and Ray Puddy (4RAR) who we had met on a visit to Vietnam through another veteran.

Friday saw us hop on the plane with Athol and Ann to Coffs Harbour with a short stopover at Sydney. After picking up the hire car we drove up through the hills past vineyards, waterfalls and small towns in the rain to Armidale where we met up with Barry Pope (7RAR C Coy 1st Tour).

Saturday fine weather prevailed and we arrived in Uralla for a very tasty lunch at the Uralla Bowling Club. Three o'clock saw us all over at the park for the unveiling of the plaques in honour of Ross McMillan and Trevor Attwood. It was great to see so many veterans and their families, also Ross and Trevor's family.

Dinner was at the Uralla Golf Club, very well catered for and with CSM Lewis, wife Julie, daughter Karen and other willing helpers all did a fantastic job. The cake was a masterpiece once more almost a shame to cut it; all the same it went down very well. A good time was had by all who attended. Athol Sumner won the C Coy banner of the Little Red Rooster. He was a very happy man.

Sunday in the car and in the rain with Betty driving and Barry, Athol, Ann and me as passengers we headed for Tamworth; we stopped at the tourist information centre and went through the display "Walk a Country Mile" lots of info and memorabilia on C&W in Australia. After lunch in town at the Tudor Hotel we found the Golden Guitar Wax Museum shop and cafe. After dropping Barry back at his car he headed back to Echuca and we returned to Armidale for the night. Monday saw us leave Armidale and head back to Coffs Harbour and you guessed it in the rain, where we took some photos of the waterfalls and the low lying clouds.

Took a detour to Cathedral Rock and after going up, down and around we arrived at the parking area to find the rock was still a 2.5km hike - no we didn't go! We did see kangaroos, wallabies, cows and horses. We managed to get rooms right opposite the Ex Services Club in Coffs Harbour so Athol & I went there for a quiet drink or three.

Betty found a scrap-booking shop which kept her quiet for a while and Ann wandered around the shops. While in Coffs we went to the Big Banana and the Clog Barn (in the rain) and because I lived in WA I got

to keep the demonstration clog. After lunch at the club we drove to the airport headed to WA via Sydney and Athol & Ann to Melbourne. Athol's luggage decided to stay in Sydney and took a bit longer to get to Melbourne.

In saying the above although it was 40 years on the warmth of the Vietnam Vets and families makes you proud to have been part of 7RAR and any Vets who don't turn up to these function are missing out on the patriotism that 7RAR had in 1966 and still has to this day regardless whether its Anzac Day or down at the local watering hole.

Regards Allan West C Coy 1st Tour. Well done Allan & Betty, great story.

Allan West also had a trip to SVN in late 2007 and delivered some soccer balls to orphanages in Ho Chi Minh City, Baria and Vung Tau. Allan's comments were "that the looks on the children's faces were overwhelming and well worth the visit." This story also rated a mention in the newsletter "Western Veteran" and on behalf of the Association members, Allan & Betty a job well done.



## NAMETAGS

The sale of our famous "PIG" nametags has been suspended temporarily whilst we search for a new supplier. In the past we have absorbed various price rises but our existing supplier has decided to raise prices by 150%, which we thought was a bit steep. So we are on the lookout for a new supplier and hopefully we'll be back in production very shortly.

## NEWSLETTER (WA Content)

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.

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Cheers  
Geoff Murray

### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### **Vietnam The Australian War: - Paul Ham**

Paul launched his book late last year, I dare to say that this is the most comprehensive account of conflict that has engulfed this country since its birth some three thousand years ago. It is an easy read that is sequenced factually, from a non-combatants point of view. THIS IS A MUST READ FOR ALL WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM.

Tony Keech, OAM OX/ED

## ANZAC DAY 2008 DETAILS

### SYDNEY

Dawn Service:      0430hrs Cenotaph

Wreath laying at Regimental Square after Dawn Service, breakfast at Fortunes of War, The Rocks. Church Service at The Garrison Church 0800hrs. Form up for the march on the corner of Bent and O'Connell streets. Proceed to the assembly area immediately after the Church Service at The Rocks.

News for ANZAC Day after March, it has been decided that we will be hold our reunion at Victoria Barracks, cost \$25.00 for meal and drinks at mess prices. This will be the start of RAR 60th Birthday Commemorations with the main event being in November. Bus from end of Hyde Park at Williams Street to Vic. Bks. Due to security at Defence Establishments please advise Tony Keech by 14 April if you will be attending Vic Barracks, this list will be at the check in gate to enable you to bypass all the security clearances to gain entry.

**The details for the Darwin Anzac Day 2008 activities are:**

**Dawn Service - assemble at the Cenotaph on The Esplanade at 0545hrs.**

**Gunfire Breakfast - at the Darwin RSL from 0500hr**

**Breakfast - at the Darwin RSL, Cavanagh St, Darwin**

**Anzac Day Parade - assemble on The Esplanade from 0830hr for a 0900hr "Quick March"**

**After the Parade drinks at the Darwin RSL or The Sergeants Mess, Larrakeyah (TBC).**

**ANZAC Day service details for other states is included in the respective reports from the state reps as published throughout this newsletter. If you have any doubts contact your state rep listed below:-**

**Vic :- Bill Anerson Ph (03) 9336 1317**

**SA :- Chris Ashenden Ph (08) 8266 1311**

**WA :- Don Cruden Ph (08) 9374 0014**

### 2008 CALENDER

25 April	ANZAC Day details see page 38 and State reports.
3 May	7 RAR Association AGM, Location see page 16.
11 July	Cut-off date for 2/2008 edition of Seven News articles.
6 August	41st Anniversary of the Battle of Suoi Chau Pha, formal details, will be notified in Jul issue of Seven News.
18 August	42nd Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.
1 September	43rd Birthday of 7RAR.
8 November	1100hrs - Remembrance Day, Sydney activity at Garrison Church the Rocks. (Maximum attendance please, if you are planning to be there please advise the XO not later than COB Wed 29 October).
22 November	1300hrs Re-Dedication service at RAR Memorial at Regimental Square.(Dress, coat tie and medals). All welcome.
23 November	1600hrs - 60th Anniversary Parade at Victoria Barracks

**60th ANNIVERSARY PARADE VICTORIA BARRACKS**

Members interested in attending the Parade at Victoria Barracks are to advise the Executive Officer not later than Wednesday 13 August 2008. Due to the complexity of organising this event the list of names of those attending must be submitted to the Commemorations Committee not later than Vietnam Veterans Day, 18 August 2008. This is to assist with the sorting of contracts for food and drink providers within the Barracks. If you would like further information contact Tony Blake at:  
Email:- [RARCommittee60@gmail.com](mailto:RARCommittee60@gmail.com)

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### Brisbane Report

NEW FUP. As it is The Royal Australian Regiment's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the RAR Association and RAR Battalion Associations have been invited to lead the post WWII contingents in the Brisbane City Anzac Day Parade, resulting in a new FUP & step-off time:

- FUP - corner of George and Elizabeth Streets
- Step-off - 10.30am (not 11am as usual).

Pigs should just turn up at the Assembly Point and look for the 7RAR Banner.

### Reunion.

We are gathering at the Pig 'N Whistle at Eagle Street. They will be open at the end of the parade and are situated just a short walk from where we are dismissed.

Be aware that hotels/clubs cannot sell alcohol prior to 1300 hr unless a meal is served. I have signed the following declaration that you have been briefed on the applicable law:

## **ANZAC DAY LICENCING LAWS**

**I/we are aware that the ANZAC day licencing laws restrict the consumption of alcohol until 1pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April and that alcohol must be served with a meal. A meal constitutes the use of a knife and fork. Alcohol can be served up to 1 hour before the meal is served and up to 1 hour after the meal is served. The laws apply until 1pm. I/we commit that our party will order food with the consumption of alcohol during our function. Should anyone want to go to Enoggera barracks after our reunion please note the following.**

**#. CAR PARKING AT RAR ASSN REUNION. Due to construction work at the Long Tan SGT Mess, there is no parking available within close proximity of the Mess or within the 6 RAR area. Visitors to the reunion are to utilize designated car parks elsewhere within the Barracks and walk to the Mess - passengers can be dropped off at the Mess.**

**Questions to Kev Gillett on 07 3865 4411**





**7RAR Reunion**  
**30.8.09 TO 2.9.09**

Contact guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children (12 yrs & over): \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 12 yrs): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

Room type: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate p/n \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card for deposit: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card name: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card holder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

(I hereby authorise for a payment of one night's accommodation to be deducted from my credit card above)

Please note: Rates quoted are valid during low season only and all room type requests are subject to availability, you will be contacted if your preferred room type is not available.

**Hotel room rates:** (All hotel rooms contain a kitchenette and bathroom)

Studio room (1 queen bed) \$149 per night, for 1 person, including breakfast.

Studio room (1 queen bed) \$165.00 per night, for 2 people, including breakfast.

Deluxe room (2 queen beds in same area) \$170.00 per night, for 2 people, including breakfast.

Deluxe room (2 queen beds in same area) \$155.00 per night, for 1 people, including breakfast.

King Suite (1 King bed in separate room) \$196.00 per night, for 2 people, including breakfast.  
Spa Suite (1 King bed) \$201.00 per night, for 2 people, including breakfast.

Extra person cost: 12 years & over cost an extra \$30.00 per person, per night, children under 12 years cost an extra \$15.00 per child, per night.

**Apartment rates:** (All apartments are fully self contained)

**1 Bedroom Suites**

1 night stay \$190 per night, room only	2 night stay \$176 per night, room only
3 to 6 night stay \$163 per night, room only	7 nights or more \$138 per night, room only

**2 Bedroom Suites**

1 night stay \$246 per night, room only	2 night stay \$229 per night, room only
3 to 6 night stay \$211 per night, room only	7 nights or more \$180 per night, room only

**3 Bedroom Suites**

1 night stay \$349 per night, room only	2 night stay \$325 per night, room only
3 to 6 night stay \$279 per night, room only	7 nights or more \$242 per night, room only

To send your booking sheet:  
Outrigger Twin Towns Resort  
Attn: Group reservations  
PO Box 2020  
Tweed Heads NSW 2485

To fax your booking sheet:  
(07) 5506 6199  
Attn: Group reservations

To email your booking sheet:  
[groups@twintowns.com.au](mailto:groups@twintowns.com.au)  
[confaccom@twintowns.com.au](mailto:confaccom@twintowns.com.au)

For further information please phone group reservations on 07 5506 6283 or 07 5506 6281

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## ACCOMMODATION

Tweed Heads. To book your accommodation, please phone our toll free booking service  
book on-line – [www.tweedtourism.com.au](http://www.tweedtourism.com.au)

Description	Location
Luxurious hotel accommodation and serviced apartments with spectacular views. Rooms are air conditioned, all with private balconies and stylish décor. Restaurant, bar, heated pool, spa, 24 hr room service and undercover parking.	Located on site at Twin Towns Services Club 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.

Description	Location
Modern facilities with old style charm. Spacious rooms, with spa room available. Swimming pool, outdoor spa, and restaurant.	3 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
2 refurbished units with all amenities centrally located in Tweed Heads South. Internet access.	5 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
Situated in a convenient position opposite the beautiful Tweed River at South Tweed. Friendly home away from home comfort. Undercover parking.	5 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
Situated in a quiet location, yet in the heart of town. Great well appointed rooms, air-conditioned, tea coffee toast facilities in each room, outdoors pool and spa. All units are ground floor.	3 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.



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## TWEED ACCOMMODATION

Below is a list of a range of accommodation available nearby to Quality Resort  
 – 1800 674 414, or visit our website and

Resort	Rating	Room Type	No. per room
Quality Resort Twin Towns	****	Studio/Deluxe Suite	2
		1 bedroom apartment	2
		2 bedroom apartment	4
		3 bedroom apartment	6

Motels	Rating	Room Type	No. per room
Comfort Inn Bayswater	****	Double Room – 1 Queen + 1 Single	3
Calico Court Motel	****	Double Rooms – 1 Queen Size Beds	2
		Twin Room – 1 queen 1 single	3
City Lights Motel	****	Double Rooms – 1 Queen Size Beds	2
		Family Room – Queen + 3 Single	5
Cook's Endeavour Motor Inn	****	Double Room – Queen	2
		Twin Room – Queen + 1 Singles	3

Centrally located, 16 spacious units all with reverse cycle air conditioning. Tea, coffee & toast facilities, outdoor pool.	3 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
Greenmount Beach Resort Coolangatta is paradise ground. Nestled on a headland between the magnificent Coolangatta and Rainbow Bay beaches, the resort is perfectly positioned to take advantage of its idyllic tropical climate and spectacular coastal panorama.	2 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
10 ground floor units with parking & air conditioning. Room service breakfast available, swimming pool, gas barbecue.	5 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
Located in Kingscliff, this is friendly family owned and operated business for 14 years. 15 units with a variety of facilities depending on guests needs	10 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 15 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
Clean, comfortable and affordable. Located directly opposite Tweed Heads Bowls Club and 500 metres from Twin Towns Services Club. Close to Tweed hospital, shops and beaches.	3 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.

Description	Location
Well-appointed self-contained units situated in tropical landscaped gardens with poolside BBQ area. Undercover secure parking.	5 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.
Resort style apartment accommodation, 2 swimming pools gymnasium, 2 spas in-room safes secure parking, a minute walk to Coolangatta Beach.	5 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport..
8 level luxury beachfront resort apartment building, centrally located on Coolangatta Beach with uninterrupted ocean views from most apartments.	5 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.

Tweed Harbour Motor Inn	****	Double Room – 1 Queen + 1 Single	3
		Twin Room – 1 Queen + 2 Singles	4
Greenmount Beach Resort	***	Standard Room – 1 Queen Bed	2
South Tweed Motor Inn	***	Standard room – 1 queen or double + 1 single	3
Blue Waters Motel	***.5	Queen & Single with kitchenette Queen & Single – No Kitchenette Family Without Kitchen Family Room with Kitchen	3 3 4 5
Blue Pelican Motel	***	Double room – queen bed Twin room – queen bed + 1 single	2 3

Apartments	Rating	Room Type	No. per room
The Bay Apartments	****	2 Bedroom Apartment – 1 Queen + 2 singles	4
		3 Bedroom Apartment	6
Calypso Plaza	****	1 bedroom self contained apartment, pool/ocean views, 2 persons (min 2 night)	3
		1 Bedroom Self Contained Apartment Pool / Ocean Views 2 persons (min 2 night)	3
Mantra Coolangatta Beach Resort	****	Studio Room – 1 Queen	2
		1 Bedroom Self Contained Apartment Pool / Ocean Views	3
		2 Bedroom Self Contained Apartment, pool/ocean views, 4 persons	4
		2 bedroom family apartment 3 bedroom apartment	5 6

<p>spacious 2 bedroom apartments on either a single level or 2 level villas.</p> <p>fully self contained, laundries and ensuites to all main bedrooms. Swimming pool, heated spa, sauna, gym &amp; BBQ situated poolside.</p> <p>North facing, fully self contained 2 bedroom apartments. 2 bathrooms, Austar TV. &amp; linen is provided. Lap pool, heated spa, undercover BBQ, security lift entry and car parking.</p> <p>enjoy ocean views of beautiful Coolangatta beach from your apartment and private balcony. Luxuriously furnished, fully self contained apartments offer air conditioning/heating, ensuite, cable TV, phone and internet accessibility.</p> <p>Indulge in luxurious 5 star facilities at Reflection on the Sea. Choose from 2 and 3 bedroom holiday apartments. All apartments enjoy magnificent ocean and coastal views to the north right over to Surfers Paradise. All apartments are beautifully furnished and spacious with state of the art kitchens.</p> <p>Features of Rainbow Bay Resort are a swimming pool, heated to 29 degrees from April to November, and a sauna which is heated all year. There is also a sauna and a very family friendly barbeque area.</p> <p>Rainbow Bay Resort is perfect for a relaxing holiday away from the hustle and bustle but still close to restaurants and shopping.</p> <p>funny beach front apartments, all with ocean views.</p> <p>2 &amp; 3 bedroom apartments, directly opposite year-round patrolled beach. 5 minutes from Gold Coast Airport, easy walk to shops, restaurants, clubs, movies and bus services. Pool sauna, undercover garden BBQ and security under cover parking. Commuting distance to all theme parks</p>	<p>2 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p> <p>5 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 5 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p> <p>10 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p> <p>3 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p> <p>5 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p> <p>5 minute walk to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p>
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Bella Mare	****	2 Bedroom Apartments	4	Sp le Fu be bl
Kirra Beach Luxury Apartments	****	2 Bedroom Apartment – 1 queen, 2 singles	4	N ap pr se
Blue C Apartments	****	2 Bedroom Apartment 1 bedroom apartment 3 bedroom apartment	4	Er fr fu co In
Reflection on the Sea	****1/2	3 bedroom apartment 2 bedroom apartment	6 4	In th ap an Pe sp
Rainbow Bay Resort	****	4 bedroom apartment 2 bedroom	8 4	Fe he sp ar Ra av re
Eden Tower Apartments	****	1 bedroom 2 bedroom 3 bedroom	2 4 6	Su 1, ro Al an ar di



Description	Location
<p>located on the banks of the tranquil Tweed River, an modern amenities &amp; laundry facilities. Large in-ground pool, free use of fishing boats. All cabins have cooking facilities, some available with ensuite.</p>	<p>7 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p>
<p>et and friendly caravan park on the banks on the Tweed River, boast comfortable cabins with or hout ensuites. Swimming pool</p>	<p>7 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p>
<p>dem resort style caravan park situated on a altered tidal saltwater Billabong with sandy white ches. Resort pools, tennis, BBQ's games room &amp; door movies.</p>	<p>7 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p>
<p>located in West Tweed minutes from surfing beaches and close to the Tweed River, ideally located for you to enjoy everything the Gold and Tweed Coast's have offer.</p>	<p>10 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 10 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p>
<p>located on the picturesque Tweed River with stunning views across Chinderah Bay to Mt Warning. The Park hosts luxury villas, ensuite cabins, ensuite sites for caravans and riverside camping. Large covered bbq area on the riverbank, salt water swimming pool and a dler's pool, private boat ramp/harbour, clean amenities, laundry facilities and a convenience shop.</p>	<p>15 minute drive to Quality Resort Twin Towns. 20 minute drive to Gold Coast Airport.</p>

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Caravan Parks	Rating	Room Type	No. Pax per room	De
Colonial Caravan Park	***	Ensuite Cabin – no linen provided	4	Situ
		Chalets – linen in main bedroom only	4	clea
		Powered Van Sites		gro
River Retreat Caravan Park	***	Ensuite Cabin – no linen provided	5	coo
		Cabin – no linen provided	6	Qui
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Tweed Billabong Holiday Park	****	Powered Van Site		wit
		Coolabah Cabin – Two Bedroom	5	Mo
		Queen Bed + Double and Single Bunk		she
		Matilda Cabin – 2 bedrooms	4	bea
		Shearers Cabin – Budget Cabins, open plan with Dbl + 3 bunks	4	out
		Jumbuck Cabin – 2 bedrooms – QB + 3 bunks	5	
		Cabin – extra persons rates		
		Ensuite Van Sites		
		Powered Sites		
		Villas – 2 bedroom	5	
Pyramid Caravan Park	**** ** **	Standard Cabin	6	Situ
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		Powered Van Sites		
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### FORTY YEARS ON

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007, a few of 5PL BCOY (1<sup>st</sup> tour) got together for a drink or many at the R.S.L club in Highett Victoria. Why because Michael Berrigan (3 Balls) and myself Michael Logan (Father Logan) ended our tour of Vietnam at or around 2.30pm on the same date in 1967, owing to a bit of friendly fire from NZ arty. (Doesn't hurt as much as enemy fire) we were medivac To field hospital.

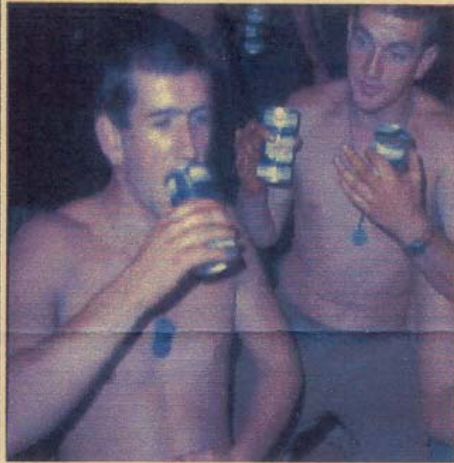
Mick (3 Balls) was flown to Japan for micro surgery he was there for almost 10 days and then back to Nam. On the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1967 we arrived at Richman (RAAF) air base, I went to Concord Repat hospital (Sydney) and 3 Balls went on to Victoria. 3 Balls was never to return home to his family because of brain damage, the treatment he received in the first twenty years was of poor quality. He is now in a nursing home in Highett (Victoria) where he receives very good care, he is now getting out a lot for lunch and a drink on Mondays with his carers and a few of the other men from 7 RAR mostly 5PL. And that is a brief story of 3 Balls forty years on, Jono Johnson with good contacts Was able to get hold of Micks Medals and had them mounted for him (see pictures).



( giving Mick his medals)



( Plaque)



(old photo)

Big thankyou to Ross Smith AO for a plaque he made for the occasion of 7 RAR'S two tours.  
(need a plaque ring Ross on 02 6292 1266)

Cheers For attending F&J Frigfrio, M&J Lloyd, J&A Johnson, R Turner, E Pilling, B Letts,  
A Mc Mullen,  
Steve & Jercinta (who are Micks Carers), P.P Logan, J Graham, J Wilson and GoGo sorry if I  
missed anyone.

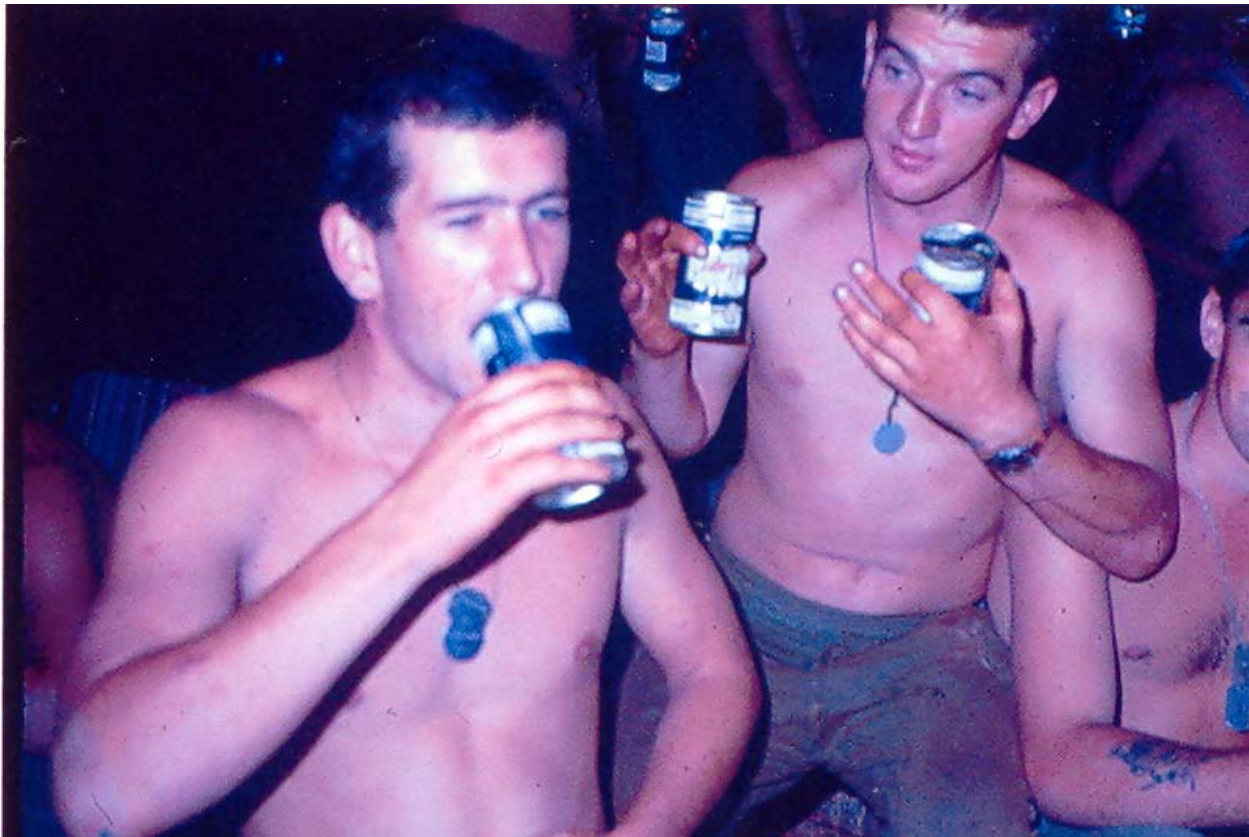
From Mick (Father Logan).

New address: 6/11 Flack St Holt 2615 Phone: 02 6255 1436 after march 14<sup>th</sup>





Above : Michael with his medals.



**Above : An old photograph of the boys in deep conversation about the state of the weather outside.**

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