



Nine News

April 2014

The Newsletter of the 9 RAR Association SA Family
published April, August and December annually

FROM THE PRESIDENT

9 RAR SA Inc. does not rest.

We were saddened by the death of Mrs Margaret Morrison. Lyn Fisher represented 9 RAR SA at the funeral and through Lyn extended our heartfelt condolences. Lyn had committed as a helper for John Schumann's children's book launch on the same day, but others in the 9 RAR family volunteered and I thank them.

In the second week of March those fit enough and keen enough set off by car to Seymour to stay in the Goulburn River Tourist Park and inspect the tribute to those who served in Vietnam. The monuments were a fantastic achievement and a report by the organiser of the trip, Warren Featherby, is in the newsletter. Warren's inspiration to go to new places for veteran-related experiences is a credit to the man and we admire his efforts.

A number of the annual commemorative services for our South Australian war dead have been held already this year. Grantley Scales's service at the Commemorative Walk in Seymour was particularly moving as he would have trained at 2RTB, Puckapunyal.

This newsletter includes reports by our members and I thank them for their willing contributions as our Editor has been indisposed since digging our garden too enthusiastically. She is currently a "clipboard" gardener! Our thoughts are with others in the "family" who have been undergoing medical treatment and wish them well.

I look forward to marching with you all on ANZAC day, and in particular welcoming interstate and overseas veterans and families to the march followed by lunch at the Lion Hotel, North Adelaide.

David Stacey

NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL SWORN IN AT CEREMONY IN CANBERRA

Congratulations to 5 Platoon Lieutenant, B Coy 9 RAR Vietnam and currently 9 RAR Patron, General Peter Cosgrove who was sworn in as Governor-General of Australia and received his Knighthood on 28th March, 2014.

We wish Sir Peter and Lady Lynne well in their new role and are sure that they will be fitting successors to Dame Quentin Bryce and her husband Michael. The boss will be known as Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd).



VALE MARGARET MORRISON

Our dear Margaret, proud Army wife and mother, died peacefully on 22 February this year. We knew her time with her family and with us was ending, as she had decided to receive no further chemo, but wanted to live out her remaining days free of the effects of her treatment.

I still think of Margaret with awe, respect and appreciation. She extended her friendship to us in the early 80s when I first got to know Alby. (Jim was already known to Alby, by being brought before him for a misdemeanor and accepting 28 and 28.)

Margaret was a charming, elegant, wise, and very determined lady, who took immense pride in her husband, her son and daughter, and of course in her grandchildren.

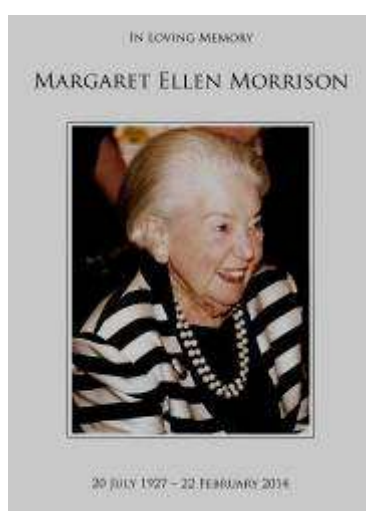
Margaret telephoned us every year before ANZAC Day and Christmas, to pass on her good wishes to us all.

It was good that I was able to attend Margaret's funeral on 28 February on behalf of our SA membership.

Garry Goodman met my plane, and also drove me back to the airport, which was such an

enormous help. Trevor Murdoch from NSW brought me down a 9RAR scarf so I could be suitably 'branded'. It was touching to see that David Morrison wore a 9RAR tie to the funeral service, just as he did for Alby's. I see it as a point of pride in all the battalion's achievements that David so publicly acknowledged 9RAR's part in the Morrison family life.

Margaret had organised her service, and the proceedings were to be 'brisk' at her own direction – but the family and friends told of their love for Margaret, and their family stories, in their own time in the Duntroon chapel.



I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know this wonderful lady, and her memory will inspire me for the rest of my days.

Lyn Fisher

NATIONAL REUNION, 2015 – MELBOURNE

9 RAR National 48th Anniversary Reunion and Commemoration, Melbourne, 13-15 November, 2015.

Registrations will open April, 2014.

Friday 13 November	Arrival, registration, meet and greet, cocktails and finger food	National Gallery of Victoria
Saturday 14 November	Reunion dinner and entertainment - 1900 hours	Melbourne Cricket Club
Sunday, 15 November	Remembrance service - 1100 hours BBQ, Government House - 1315 hours	Shrine of Remembrance
Monday, 16 November	Post-reunion option	Day trip to Vietnam Veterans Museum, Philip Island

Keep up to date with the reunion at
www.9rar.org.au/reunion_2015.html

COMBINED REGIMENTS HAT DICH COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 19 FEBRUARY 2014

Adrian Craig, Ceremonial Officer RAR SA

The Battle honour Hat Dich was awarded to The Royal Australian Regiment, the 1st Armoured Regiment and the 3rd Cavalry Regiment for their actions 3 December 1968 to 19 February 1968 in the Hat Dich Secret Zone in South Vietnam. Twenty-five Australian and one New Zealander were killed whilst on what was titled Operation GOODWOOD. Battalions of the RAR on Operation GOODWOOD were 1 RAR, 4 RAR/NZ and 9 RAR with 4 RAR/NZ having two New Zealand rifle companies and Support Company sections attached.

Hat Dich Commemorative Services commenced in South Australia in 2008 and were initially conducted by 9 RAR SA at their then new memorial on the Pathway of Honour. The date chosen was 19 January which was the day when 9 RAR lost five men killed. After a few years units with war dead from Operation GOODWOOD (1 RAR, 4 RAR, SASR and the RAAC Vietnam Veterans Association SA) were invited to participate in the service with 9 RAR SA continuing to coordinate the Service and Lunch.

In 2013 9 RAR SA decided to move the Service way from 19 January because of the difficulties involved in conducting the major Hat Dich service on the Pathway of Honour and then conducting two individual services at Centennial Park. The day chosen was 19 February which was the last day of Operation GOODWOOD.

There were still mainly administrative problems with the service being conducted on the Pathway of Honour and also as there were a number of unit associations involved the RAR Association SA should have been conducting the services instead of 9 RAR SA. In late January 2014 the unit associations agreed to move the Service to the RAR Association RSL Clubrooms and also for the RAR Association SA to take control of the Service and Lunch with for 2014 9 RAR SA continuing to provide the secretarial support for the Service.

Accordingly on 19 Feb 2014 the Hat Dich Commemorative Service was conducted at the

RAR Association SA's Clubrooms, in a format very similar to the Long Tan Commemorative Services. Lunch followed in the Clubrooms.

Key players in the Service were:

- Master of Ceremonies and Roll of Honour. Robert Plummer. Secretary 9 RAR SA.
- Welcome Address. David Stacey. President 9 RAR SA and rifle platoon signaller Operation GOODWOOD.
- Commemorative Address. Laurie Lewis AM. Patron RAR Assoc. SA and rifle company commander Operation GOODWOOD.
- Chaplain. Chaplain David Harding. Coordination Chaplain Central Region.
- Scripture Reading. Craig Haydock. APC section commander Operation GOODWOOD.
- Choral. Catherine Lambert.
- Piper. Des Ross RAR Assoc. SA and 3 RAR SA.
- Ode. Deane Pye Secretary Australian SAS Assoc. SA Branch.
- Bugler. Australian Army Band Adelaide.
- Flag Orderly. Jim Fisher 9 RAR SA. Armourer on Operation GOODWOOD.

The Principal Guests were Jack Snelling MP Minister for Veterans Affairs SA and Peter Treloar MP representing the Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs SA.

Ed Cowley who was in W Coy 4 RAR/NZ during Operation GOODWOOD represented the NZ Army.

Adrian Craig (rifle platoon commander 9 RAR Operation GOODWOOD), Ceremonial Officer RAR Association SA; coordinated the Service and Lunch with Ken Duthie (3 RAR SA) assisting in the setting up of the Service and Greg (Spike) Dwiwar with 3 RAR SA members providing the Lunch.

In 2015 the venue will be the same with the allocation of key roles to associations rotating with Craig Haydock delivering the Commemorative Address.



9 RAR (SA) VISIT TO THE SEYMOUR COMMEMORATIVE WALK, 3 - 7 MARCH, 2014

www.vietnamvetstalk.org.au

A quote from Ross Gregson, Walk Committee.

"The Commemorative Walk is not to memorialise those who served in Vietnam and/or those who paid the ultimate price, but to commemorate the service of all who played their part in what turned out to be a tumultuous part of Australia's history. It will, in the interpretive centre, give an accurate history of the times prior to military commitment, the period of our involvement and the aftermath.

The Walk will be a meandering red earth path set in native trees and grasses that resemble rubber trees and rice paddies. These two plants are synonymous with Vietnam.

Along the length of this Walk will be walls made up of panels of DigiGlass with the name of every Serviceman and Servicewoman who served in their various capacities. The names will be separated only by the Service in which they served in alphabetical order. The plinths on which the panels stand will have holes for Poppies; the effect is to have a field of Poppies under the names. Behind the names is the picture story of the Vietnam conflict".

The purpose of our visit was twofold. Firstly to view this Commemorative Walk and secondly to conduct a Commemoration Service for Grantley Scales who paid the supreme sacrifice on the 5 March, 1969, whilst serving in Vietnam with B Company, 9 RAR. We conducted our service at 1800 hours on the 5 March at the memorial which is set aside to further recognize our war dead.

Ross Gregson very kindly spoke before the service to brief us on how the project came to fruition followed by our President, David Stacey, who conducted our service at which Mick Mummery recited The Ode. Following the service we adjourned to the nearby Seymour Bistro/Services Club, a great venue that we would recommend to you.

On the Thursday a number of us caught the train from Seymour down to Melbourne for the day. Pretty easy to fill in a day in Melbourne by

visiting the Docklands Stadium, the Victoria Markets and of course no visit complete without visiting the DFO's at the south bank.

The only down side of the trip was that we were not able to visit the museum at Pucka, unfortunately the Curator's father passed away and the museum was closed out of respect.

Thanks to Ross Gregson and his VVA team at Seymour for what is an outstanding effort. Ross and his committee have created a Walk, not only for the Vietnam Veterans of Victoria but for all Vietnam Veterans. We would recommend that you check their website, contact Ross and organize a visit like us you will be amazed at what they have achieved on our behalf.

Warren Featherby 9 RAR (SA).

We acknowledge the artistic contribution made by Carolynne Burgess to this memorial.

During our time in Seymour we met a number of veterans and families who were in town to visit the Commemorative Walk and Puckapunyal. They have responded to emails and photos sent *"Thanks for these (photos) and for the welcome that you all gave us It made our visit very special and also sitting with the people from Seymour at dinner was great. We will look forward to your newsletter"* *Graham and Wendy"*

While in Seymour, David, Jim and Jan drove to Marysville and Mansfield to record more locations and graves of Vietnam War Dead for The War Graves Photographic Project. Very moving was the cemetery in Marysville which had obviously been totally surrounded during the tragic bushfires 5 years ago and the graves of those who lost their life in the wildfire.

On a different route to the Featherby's and Howe's, we found that no visit to Melbourne is complete without a surprise visit to Collins Street icons, the magnificent Gothic Bank (ANZ), and Hopetoun Tea Rooms in The Block Arcade, as well as Tessuti Fabric Store in Flinders Lane.

Alternative "free time" activities included visits to Shepparton, Ngambie and local wineries (Ed.)









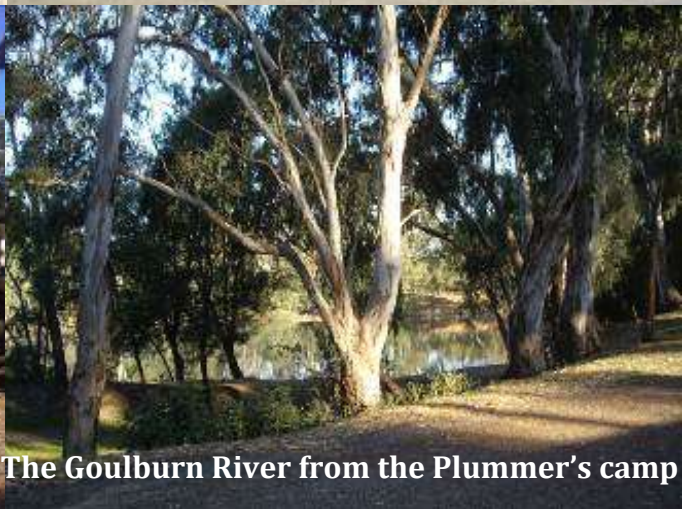
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Mansfield



OK who brought the map?



The Goulburn River from the Plummer's camp

JOHN SCHUMANN OAM

A successful nomination! Congratulations to South Australian John Schumann on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Australia Day, 26th January 2014. The citation reads "for service to music and to the veteran community".

JOHN SCHUMANN'S highly acclaimed book based on his much-loved composition "I WAS ONLY 19" was successfully launched at the RAR SA Association recently. The event was attended by John, his Vietnam veteran brother-in-law Mick Storen and family, and the artist Craig Smith, illustrator of the book, as well as a "who's who" of John's family, friends and fans including many of the radio 891 team. Extract from John's email of thanks -

"Ladies and gentlemen,

I was very heartened by and touched at the support of the 9RAR family at the book launch the other night. I want everyone to know just how much I appreciated it and how I don't take it for granted. I well know that some of you had to travel quite some way to get there - across town, battling the horrendous traffic.

I was also very grateful to the ladies who helped with the food on the night - Jan, Barb, Lyn and the others who I didn't get to see and thank personally.

It was a completely mad night and there were so many people I didn't get to talk to and thank. I'm sure you all understand what it's like to be the

only one in a room full of 150 people who knows everybody!

Thanks again, everybody. As I said on the night "I was only 19" has been a major gift in my life. The friendships that I have made on the basis of that song are among the most valuable things I have.

And sorry it took me so long to get around to this! Since the launch, I've been doing interviews about the book almost incessantly..... (sigh)

In gratitude and with thanks,

Shooey"

Thanks to John, 50 autographed copies of his book "I was only 19" and Behind the Lines posters will be available for purchase at the 9 RAR lunch on Anzac Day. If you haven't already purchased John's book for your family, join the queue on the day.

Alternatively, contact
Pegi Williams Bookshop
99 Walkerville Terrace
Walkerville 5081.
(08) 8344 6460
email: sales@pegiwilliams.com.au



Denny, Jenny, Micky, Shooey, Lyney



Pauline Costa says to Gene Costa
"That looks like you Gene"

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Barb Featherby wishing they would get off their boxes



The things you
do to be sociable



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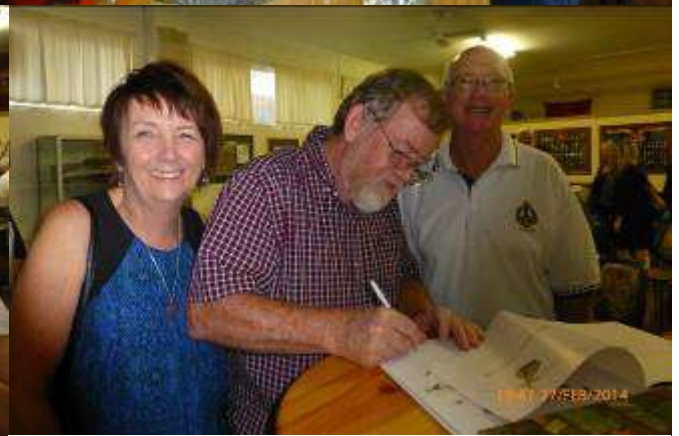
Mick, she's
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Mick, Gene and Jenny



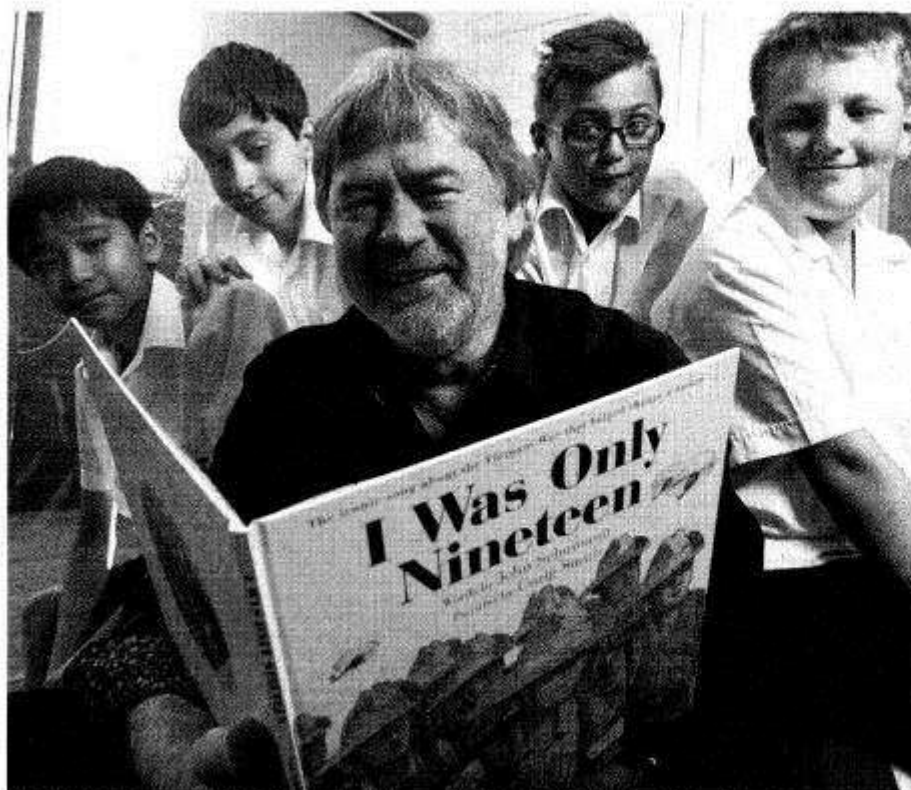
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Mick Storen, brother of Denny Schumann with Ann Storen and David Stacey who have discovered they are 2C1R (2nd cousins once removed).

Vietnam vet's lament a new picture book for children



WAR IN WORDS: Songwriter John Schumann reads the new book, *I Was Only Nineteen*, with Blackfriars Priory students Apichart Phanthangna, 11, James Cauchi, 11, Sebastian Matosevic, 11 and James Burgess 12. Picture: SAM WUNDKE

DEBORAH BOGLE
BOOKS EDITOR

THE Vietnam War anthem *I Was Only Nineteen*, by Adelaide singer-songwriter John Schumann, is deeply embedded in our popular consciousness.

Thirty years after the release of the song, the moving story of a Vietnam veteran suffering flashbacks and ill health on his return home will this week be brought to a new, younger audience in the pages of a children's picture book.

Powerfully illustrated by children's book artist Craig Smith, the text of Schumann's song is reproduced in a book aimed at schoolchildren aged eight to 14.

Last week, Schumann unveiled the book before boys at his old school, Blackfriars' Priory in Prospect.

"I was really chuffed by the response," said Schumann after a reading at the all-boys'

school library. "They were all transfixed. And when they were asked at the end if there were any questions, a forest of hands went up."

It was at the suggestion of Adelaide children's author Phil Cummings that Schumann pitched the song to an agent as a picture book.

"It had never occurred to me," he said.

"I hadn't thought it was a text that children would respond to. But the publishers were convinced that it would work."

Coincidentally, Smith had a longstanding interest in illustrating the song.

"He got it immediately," said Schumann.

The veteran in the song is depicted as a grandfather telling the story to his grandson. *I Was Only Nineteen* by John Schumann, illustrated by Craig Smith (A & U Children, \$24.99) will be released on Wednesday.

STORY OF A SONG THAT CHANGED US

ALSO known as *A Walk in the Light Green*, John Schumann's song was written in just 15 minutes, but its story comes from a recorded conversation with a Vietnam veteran mate. "I reckon I listened to that recording a hundred times," Schumann said of his work, which expresses the

philosophy that "we can oppose a war vigorously but we must always support the people we send to fight it". The song has become a cultural link between Vietnam vets and the country they fought for. "Don't let anyone ever tell you that songs can't change the world," Schumann said.

PATRICK McDONALD
CHIEF ARTS WRITER

NOTHING says Australia Day for John Schumann like celebrating with his Vietnam veteran mates from the Royal Australian Regiment's 9th Battalion.

The singer-songwriter, best known for his enduring 1983 Vietnam War anthem *I Was Only 19* with Redgum, has received the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to music and the veteran community.

"When I wrote *19*, one of the joys was when a veteran or veteran's family would come up and thank you," Schumann, 60, of Stepney, said. "But also, what I have got out of it is a whole bunch of mates who are going to be standing alongside you when the wind blows in the wrong direction."

Schumann was previously

JOHN
SCHUMANN

inducted as an honorary member of the 9th Battalion association.

"We didn't have an anthem until John Schumann came along," 9RAR past president Warren Featherby said. "It's not only given us credibility, it's given us our lives back."

The song, based on the recollections of Schumann's brother-in-law Mick Storen, gave a first-person account of a typical Australian infantry soldier's experience in the Vietnam War, from training and combat to his eventual return home, disillusioned and psychologically scarred.

When he wrote *I Was Only 19*, Schumann never imagined it would lead to an ongoing association with Vietnam veter-



REDGUM: Verity Truman, Hugh McDonald, John Schumann and Michael Atkinson in their 1982 heyday.

ans and the Defence Force. "You don't have any idea about how a song like that can absolutely change your life, and it did. It took it in a direction that it wouldn't have gone, ordinarily," he said. "On the basis of it, I've been to some extraordinary places, met some extraordinary people and done some extraordinary things."

Those experiences include

performing for Australian troops in East Timor, Afghanistan and the Solomon Islands, and working with the Defence Department on a documentary project called *Dents in the Soul* to help soldiers deal with post-traumatic stress disorder.

"The privilege is that I've been able to bring issues that I care about into the public arena," Schumann said.

Among these were the campaign to save Tasmania's Franklin River and addressing the struggle of Australian farming families on the song *Borrowed Ground*.

Schumann also had a brief career in the political spotlight, when he stood for the Australian Democrats in Mayo against then Foreign Minister Alexander Downer in the 1998 Federal election, taking the vote to preferences and almost claiming the long-held Liberal seat.

"I made the point, scared the crap out of Alexander Downer and demonstrated to him that he couldn't take his seat for granted," Schumann said.

Schumann has performed with John Schumann and the Vagabond Crew since 2005.

ADVERTISER.COM.AU: SEE REDGUM'S VIDEO FOR *I WAS ONLY 19*



HERO: John Schumann and Royal Australian Regiment veterans Warren Featherby, Ian Fisher and Mick Mummary yesterday. Picture: TAIT SCHMAAL



A visit from Kemal Turker & Serpil

TOUR BOOK REPRINT

9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, Vietnam Tour of Duty 1968-69. On Active Service

The 9 RAR Tour Book was first published in 1992. The editorial team from Queensland worked tirelessly for many years to have this written record published. The Book was launched by the first Commanding Officer of the 9th Battalion A.L. (Alby) Morrison in September 1992.

The Book has been sold out for a great number of years and after many enquiries it was decided to examine the feasibility of reprinting the Tour Book. After determining that the original material was never kept, it was decided to have the original Tour Book scanned and then re-published as an exact replica of the original book. This has now been completed and copies are available for purchase.

The Tour Book Reprint has all the original text and photographs together with the "Omissions" pages that were published in the "9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment - Proud to Serve" by B. Vickery AND a 10 page "Index of Names" showing the names of the 9 RAR members and 9 RAR family members who are mentioned in the Tour Book.

The cost of the 9 RAR Tour Book Reprint is \$60.00 per book.

The postage and handling rates are quoted as

from Brisbane: Brisbane area - 1 or 2 books is \$10.00 All other areas including interstate - 1 or 2 books is \$15.00 3 or more books to all areas is priced according to weight and distance.

To purchase the 9 RAR Tour Book Reprint there are two ways of doing this - go to <http://www.9rarqld.org>

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TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Email from Ted Chitham, Director, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT CORPORATION

In 2014, **The Royal Australian Regiment Foundation** commenced sponsoring three tertiary scholarships per year of \$3000 for eligible children of soldiers who are currently serving or have served in the Regiment. Go to <http://www.rarfoundation.org.au/content/scholarships>

The 2014 Scholarship Winners are Matthew, Ramona and Fiona.

The 2015 Scholarship applications will open

on 18 August 2014

(This scholarship information reminds me that our daughter Merrin was the recipient of an award from the RAR Association SA in 1991. Merrin was studying for her BA (Fashion) at RMIT. The \$500 grant greatly assisted with the purchase of fabric and other materials used to make her final range of garments. Merrin was employed in the fashion industry in Melbourne for many years and is currently a Senior Lecturer in Fashion at TAFE SA. Ed.)

VIETNAM BATTLEFIELD TOUR OCTOBER 2014

Experience an opportunity to visit major battlefields of the Vietnam Wars 1946 - 1975.



Tour participants will include military historians, retired service personnel (US & Australian), and people interested in the history of the Vietnam Wars.

A detailed itinerary is being prepared to include visits to **Hanoi**, (Hanoi War Museum), the remote valley of **Dien Bien Phu** (French 1953-54), **Da Nang** (Red Beach Marine landing 1965), the spectacular **Hai Van Pass**, Hue (Tet Offensive 1968), **the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone)** and **Ben Hai River**, **Con Thien FSB**, the **Vinh Moc Tunnels**, **Route 9 FSB's inc. Camp Carroll**, **the Rockpile & Khe Sanh** (77 day siege 1968), **A Shau Valley** (Hamburger Hill). We will travel south to **Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) or Saigon** and visit the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, the **Re-unification Palace & War Remnants Museum**. Travel by hydro-foil to **Vung Tau**, former Australian Logistics Base, **Long Hai Hills** in the **Minh Dam Secret Zone**, **the Horseshoe**, **Nui Dat (1 ATF base)** and the **Long Tan battlefield and Cross**.

All locations will be accompanied by detailed battlefield presentations. As this is a privately arranged tour no fees are taken by the tour organisers or presenters. Accommodation, in-country travel arrangements and Vietnamese guides will be provided by an experienced Tour Company. Numbers of tour participants will be limited to 15-18.

The tour is expected to take 12 days and not including international travel. Planned dates will be October 15th to 27th 2014.

Estimated tour costs inc. return air travel, ex Adelaide will be in the order of \$3,700.00 AUD, more details when further information is available.



For further interest please contact myself, Warwick Archer email archerw@bigpond.com, or call me on 0417 977 841.

Memories from last year's 9 RAR trip to Vietnam



INTERNET NEWS

TWEET RE: GEOFF HOLMAN'S FAMILY

What great treasures in community collections [#Cummins](#) [#SouthAustralia](#) [#WW1](#) diary Pte Holman 27th Batt KIA 1916 pic.twitter.com/goqBk1Ub0V 5:53 PM - 19 Mar 2014

ASHES OF NEW ZEALAND VIETNAM WAR DEAD RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND.

80166 Sgt GS Watt, RNZAF, NZSMT, Public Health Service Medal 2nd Class (SVN)

Date of death:

Sunday, 1 March 1970

Place of burial:

Te Henui, New Plymouth

Notes: Killed in action, 1 March 1970 – booby trap. Sgt Gordon Watt was the RNZAF's only fatal casualty of the Vietnam War. He remains the only air force member killed as a result of

enemy action since 1945.

Originally buried in Singapore, Sgt Watt's body was exhumed from Ulu Pandan Cemetery, cremated, and his ashes returned to New Zealand. His ashes were then reburied in Te Henui Cemetery, New Plymouth on 1 May 1976.

Source:

<http://www.vietnamwar.govt.nz/veteran/sgt-gs-watt>

FACEBOOK RE: LAST POST ASSOCIATION, IEPER/YPRES

from The Last Post Association newsletter
On Thursday, 20 March 2014, a delegation of the Ypres Last Post Association will arrive in Perth, Australia. The delegation, consisting of Chairman Benoit Mottrie and buglers Dirk Vandekerckhove and Tonny Desodt, will participate in several services. The delegation

has been invited by Glenn Sterle, Senator for Western Australia, who attended the Last Post Ceremony for Anzac Day under the Menin Gate in Ypres last year.

For more details and photos, see

www.lastpost.be and

<https://www.facebook.com/lastpostieper>

WW1 BOMBS STILL A SERIOUS DANGER

The danger of handling unexploded World War One ammunition was demonstrated on Wednesday when two Belgian workmen were killed by an unexploded shell which was dug up on a building site.

More than a billion shells were fired in the conflict and as many as 30 percent did not explode. After spring ploughing on the former battlefields of France and Belgium potentially lethal ammunition is brought to the surface. Despite the dangers, there is an illegal trade in

this lethal ammunition. Some "collectors" search for the shells, defuse them at home and then sell them at collectors markets.

Angus Crawford visited one area in eastern France which was the scene of fierce fighting. Historian Maarten Otte showed how common the remnants of potentially dangerous ordnance are in the area.

source: BBC news 20 March 2014;

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26663640>

THE POPPY, THE CORNFLOWER AND THE DAISY

"In Belgium, we're very proud of the poppy," says Walter Lelièvre, the archivist for the town of Nieuwpoort. But in France and Belgium, Walter explains, the cornflower – known as the bleuet – and the daisy are the floral symbols of remembrance. Like the poppy, both flowers

continued to grow in a land devastated by shellfire and were often the only evidence of life along the Western Front. "

From the December 2013 newsletter of Commonwealth War Graves Commission, <http://www.cwgc.org/news-events.aspx>

AND FROM OUR FRIEND LAMBIS ENGLEZOS AM "MISSING DIGGERS OF FROMELLES".

Google "mike sweet, sunday age" for the article November 10, 2013,
Yes we forget: soldiers' graves lie neglected

The resting places of World War I soldiers should be restored, writes Mike Sweet.

AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, WASHINGTON DC, as at 11 March, 2014.
 If you are able to help with NOK or photographs of Vietnam war dead as listed below, please contact
 Brigadier Chris Appleton, <Chris.Appleton@dva.gov.au>. Director, Office of Australian War Graves.

D. LISTING OF VIETNAM CASUALTIES - Unknown NOK							
Serial	Service Number	Rank	Christian Names	SURNAME	Unit	Date of Death	Cause of Death
1	2784699	PTE	Norman George	ALLEN	7 RAR	10 November 1967	KIA
2	38110	CPL	Donald Raymond	AYLETT	7 RAR	6 August 1967	KIA
3	16667	SGT	John	BAIN	AACC	12 July 1970	MVA
4	215349	LT	Robert Graham	BIRSE	4 FD REGT	10 December 1967	DOW
5	21977	WO2	John Albert	BOND	AATTV	25 April 1969	KIA
6	55613	PTE	Robert	BUCHAN	6 RAR	11 December 1969	KIA
7	311534	GNR	Thomas William	CHECKLEY	RAA	5 August 1966	Accident
8	38012	LCPL	Ronald Edward	COXON	1 RAR	13 January 1966	KIA
9	311546	PTE	Walter Johnston	DAVISON	8 FD AMB	27 January 1968	KIA
10	1735143	PTE	Kenneth Allan	DUFFY	6 RAR	8 March 1970	KIA
11	1732701	PTE	Paul	EVANS	1 RAR	8 October 1968	KIA
12	216906	PTE	Barry Edmond	FALLON	7 RAR	10 November 1967	KIA
13	1411181	PTE	Francis John	FEWQUANDIE	2 RAR	4 December 1967	KIA
14	2226078	CPL	John William	FREEMAN	DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	15 October 1967	Accident
15	55890	PTE	Eric George	GOULD	8 RAR	21 December 1969	KIA
16	2791447	SPR	John Gerald	GREENE	1 FDSQN	8 December 1969	KIA
17	215418	PTE	Edward Anthony	GRILLS	1 RAR	12 February 1966	Drowned
18	34854	WO2	Gilbert John	HARTNEY	RAEME	27 January 1971	Illness
19	A118817	LAC	Ronald David	HEWITT	RAAF	21 June 1972	Illness
20	42774	CPL	Reginald Hedley	HILLIER	1 RAR	29 November 1965	KIA
21	15400	SGT	William Joseph	HOBAN, BEM	8 RAR	28 February 1970	KIA
22	4410911	PTE	Ronald Dean	HOOD	1 AUST RFT UNIT	16 June 1966	KIA
23	44897	PTE	Robert Edward	HUGHES	7 RAR	22 April 1970	DOW
24	2789790	PTE	Peter Joseph	JACKSON	5 RAR	15 June 1969	KIA
25	1201885	PTE	Barry	JAMES	6 RAR	5 June 1969	KIA
26	218508	TPR	James Kelly	KERR	1 ARMD REGT	13 May 1969	KIA
27	1734754	PTE	Ian William	KINGSTON	6 RAR	3 September 1969	KIA
28	A318937	LAC	Peter Raymond	KNIGHT	RAAF	15 December 1970	Accident
29	235328	LT	Errol John	LEE	5 RAR	11 May 1969	KIA
30	38324	SIG	Barry Arthur	LOGAN	552 SIG TP	28 March 1967	KIA
31	5714739	PTE	Geoffrey Francis	MATHEWS	3 RAR	9 February 1968	DOW
32	15142	LCPL	Reginald Nelson	MAZA	3 RAR	12 February 1970	Illness
33	217514	PTE	Neil Anthony	MCINERNEY	1 RAR	7 October 1968	DOW
34	1201249	PTE	David	MITCHELL	1 AUST RFT UNIT	23 July 1968	Accident
35	3795756	PTE	John Leslie	MORGAN	2 AOD	1 June 1970	MVA
36	1732186	PTE	Dayle William	MORRISON	2 RAR	26 January 1968	KIA
37	2788524	PTE	Peter Eris	MURRAY	RA INF	9 July 1968	KIA
38	1735386	PTE	Dennis William	NEAL	2 RAR	29 May 1970	KIA
39	7154	PTE	Timo Eska A	PESONEN	8 RAR	28 February 1970	KIA
40	2796378	PTE	Maxwell Lachlan	RHODES	4 RAR	19 September 1971	KIA
41	218697	LCPL	Neil Thomas	RICHARDSON	7 RAR	27 August 1970	KIA
42	214360	SGT	James	RUDDY	AFV DET 55 AESS	30 May 1967	Illness
43	4720852	SPR	Martinus Jacobus M	SCHUIT	17 CONST SQN	22 October 1970	Injuries
44	21934 (NX164568)	CPL	Donald Matthew	STAHL	RAE	29 October 1968	Unknown
45	313122	PTE	John George	STEVENS	5 RAR	23 January 1970	Accident
46	3797623	PTE	ALAN	TALBOT	7 RAR	1 February 1971	KIA
47	4718911	PTE	William Malcolm	THOMAS	3 RAR	26 May 1968	KIA
48	2792375	PTE	Desmond John	TULLY	2 RAR	29 May 1970	KIA
49	311532	CPL	John Hunter	WHITTON	1 RAR	13 May 1968	KIA
50	3411951	PTE	Kevin Ronald	WILSON	2 RAR	16 February 1968	KIA
51	A118435	LAC	Ivan Alfred	WOOLLEY	RAAF	11 December 1969	Injuries
52	3790789	PTE	Jeffrey Thomas	WORLE	3 RAR	28 May 1968	KIA

Missing photographs

Serial	SERVICE NO.	RANK	CHRISTIAN NAMES	SURNAME	DATE OF DEATH	UNIT	CAUSE OF DEATH
1	55613	PTE	Robert	BUCHAN	11 December 1969	6 RAR	KIA
2	1411181	PTE	Francis John	FEWQUANDIE	4 December 1967	2 RAR	KIA
3	34854	WO2	Gilbert John	HARTNEY	27 January 1971	RAEME	Illness
4	A118817	LAC	Ronald David	HEWITT	21 June 1972	RAAF	Illness
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Adrian Craig leading
Reg Phillips's service.



Reg's family – sister Helen Galpin with
husband Mark, Mum Lorna and sister Jan



A wet service for Peter Chant



Helen Galpin & Jenny Howe



The service for Jeff Duroux

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2014

3 1300 General Meeting – RAR Clubrooms
 25 0930 ANZAC Day March
 25 1200 Reunion Lunch, Lion Hotel, North Adelaide
 MAY 2014

JUNE 2014

12 1300 General Meeting – RAR Clubrooms
 JULY 2014
 6 1200 Abraham Service, Whyalla
 12 1100 Adamczyk Service, Centennial Park

NOVEMBER 2017 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION IN ADELAIDE

HONOUR ROLL

L Cpl R J Abraham 6 Jul Whyalla
 Cpl B A J Adamczyk 12 Jul Centennial Park
 L Cpl P A Chant 14 Feb Centennial Park
 Sgt J R Cock 19 Jan Centennial Park
 Sgt J M Duroux 5 Jan Centennial Park

Cpl A W Graham 7 Jan Stirling North
 Cpl H R Musicka 19 Jan Centennial Park
 Pte R A Phillips 18 Jan Murray Bridge
 Pte B J Plane 20 Jan Ardrossan
 Pte G J Scales 5 Mar Centennial Park

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ANZAC DAY 2014

9 RAR is part of Group 10A and as such we form up in Pulteney Street (western side) south of North Terrace and north of Rundle Mall (for Charlie Coy that's between North Terrace and Rundle Mall). We are behind the Group 10A vehicles, so masks may be the order of the day (somebody's obviously "pissed" the organisers off). The beginning of the march starts at 9:30, anybody's guess when we get going! Lunch is at the Lion Hotel, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide following the march.