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News

The Newsletter of the 9 RAR Association SA Family
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As our nation remembers 100 years since the landing of allied forces on the Gallipoli Peninsula, it is interesting to note 9 RAR's link with the 9th Battalion AIF.

Patsy Adam-Smith in her book 'Anzac' quotes Norman Harvey's recording of the landing of Queensland's 9th Battalion. 'Tradition has it that it was a 9th Battalion boat that was the first to ground, and a number of its men had already reached the bank at the far side of the beach when the first shot was heard. To Lieutenant Duncan Chapman belongs the honour of having been the first Australian to set foot on Anzac'.

Place yourself as an Australian soldier rowing into the shore in the morning light of 25th April 1915. Fear and adrenalin pumping through your veins. About to face industrial strength weaponry, machine guns firing, a cone of bullets able to kill every soldier in the boat in seconds. Well placed snipers targeting soldiers as they climbed through the prickly scrub on the steep hills.

3 Brigade, of which 9th Battalion was a part, was able to secure the beachhead.

This was a far cry from our landing on Vietnamese soil. Disembarking from the troop carrier, HMAS Sydney, into landing craft. The landing craft running on to the beach of Vung Tau Harbour, then boarding the trucks for the road trip to 1 ATF Base at Nui Dat.

Our war was still to come.

Commemorations for the Centenary of Anzac are being held all over Australia, Strathalbyn is no exception (see advertisement on page 3). The newly developed memorial gardens at Macclesfield Oval are well worth a visit and a credit to the members of the Macclesfield RSL.

Finally, I encourage all of our 9 RAR veterans to march on Anzac day in this special year.

David Stacey

**9 RAR SA General Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 1st Thursday of even months
RAR Association Clubrooms at 1300 hours.
All veterans and partners are welcome to attend.**

ADELAIDE ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE MARCH

9 RAR assemble in Group 10A, western side of Pulteney Street (south from North Terrace to Rundle Mall)
0930 march commences
0950 marchers in Group 10A should be in location ready to step off

Following the march, lunch for 9 RAR veterans, NOK and families will again be at the Jerningham Room, Lion Hotel, 161 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide.

PORT PIRIE ANZAC DAY 2015

Haydn Madigan, President, Pt Pirie RSL Sub-branch

Our ANZAC Day starts at 0600. During the Wreath laying part of the dawn service we will have two students from each Pirie school (9) primary and secondary, male and female students read a narrative on the life of a Port Pirie person who went to Gallipoli during the first war. See below as a sample. While they are doing that (4) students from each school will be laying poppies in a box full of sand with Gallipoli written on the outside. If this is successful we will do this for each of the WWI years up to 2018.

We were approached by some local ladies to use our club rooms to make poppies to send to Melbourne for ANZAC day. We said they could use our hall to make poppies but we would use them at our club. We now have 10,000 poppies that will be placed outside, draping down from the new Huey Museum and then laying across the front of the RSL. We approached all the schools and every school student will make (1) poppy that we will place inside the Huey Museum to make it look like the poppies are flowing from outside the building into the Huey Museum. We will continue to use the poppies each Remembrance day until they deteriorate too much.

Our civic service starts at 10:45 with a march to the WWI Memorial Gates

John Pirie School

I am

KENNETH DOUGLAS GORDON
SERVICE NO 1144, PRIVATE
10TH BATTALION

I was born 30th May, 1886 at Port Pirie, the son of James and Mary. Before enlisting on 26th October, 1914, I was a Mercantile Manager.

I was killed in action 25th April, 1915 at Gallipoli, aged 29. I am commemorated at the Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli.

I am

JAMES LESLIE GORDON
SERVICE NO 1057, SERGEANT
4TH FIELD AMBULANCE

I was born 22nd March, 1884 at Port Pirie West, the son of James and Mary. Prior to enlisting on 12th September, 1914 I was a Solicitor.

I was killed in action whilst serving at Gallipoli, 24th July, 1915, aged 31. I am buried in the Beach Cemetery.

Kenneth and I were brothers. Lest We Forget .

SCREENING THE FIRST ANZAC DAY

Denise Schumann

CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISER

Please note we have secured the historic St Peters Town Hall (Banquet Hall), 101 Payneham Road, St Peters (entry off St Peters Street) for the premier screening of this digital film on Thursday 23 April at 7.00pm. I believe it is appropriate that this premier screening will occur in the historic St Peters Town Hall which was the centre of community life for many of those who enlisted in the 10th Battalion and which became a focus for many patriotic events during the Great War. The City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters is proud to support local film maker Ash Starkey in this

first screening of his film "The First Anzac Day". Seating is limited so please forward your request to attend this event. If we are overwhelmed with responses we will endeavour to see if we can schedule in additional public screenings.

Please email myself or Ash Starkey if you wish to attend this free event on Thursday 23 April at 7.00pm, St Peters Town Hall, 101 Payneham Road, St Peters. For further information contact dschumann@npsp.sa.gov.au or ash@starkey.net.au m 0417814521

FROM THE EYRE PENINSULA CUMMINS

Geoff Holman, who is serving his 24th consecutive year as Cummins RSL President, advises that Anzac Day commemorations in Cummins include a dawn service at 0700 hours and march from the new memorial in the RSL Garden of Remembrance to the RSL Clubrooms, followed by breakfast and frivolities!

COFFIN BAY

Locals are hosting a very special event for Anzac Day at Gallipoli Beach, north of Mount Dutton Bay. It is planned that the official services from Gallipoli will be telecast at this remote beach, well known as "Anzac Cove" in the 1981 movie "Gallipoli".

COWELL

Cowell RSL ANZAC day
Dawn service at 7am; followed by toast
breakfast back at club.

March line up at 1030

Service at 11 at cross of remembrance
Sing Australia singing medley of war chest
songs

Two school students laying wreaths.
38 crosses honouring the locals who made the
supreme sacrifice placed on lawn.
Over 1000 poppies made by local women,
crocheted and knitted, to be placed over the
gun.

Lunch: 3 course at club

Service at the football & netball oval before A
grade game.

After game presentation of ANZAC day medals:

Wilson Moore 2nd 10th France medal:

The community continue to support the RSL in its activities - a recent dinner-dance in the local Aerotech hangar was a great success. "Rural Media Icon" Ian Doyle interviewed Vietnam veterans "Fox" and "Geck"; as well as a recently returned veteran from Afghanistan.

St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Strathalbyn, presents

WWI FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TRIBUTE

Sunday 31st May, 2015 at 2 pm
Strathalbyn Uniting Church
Alfred Joyce, Strathalbyn
and the local community

100 YEARS OF ANZAC
THE BATTLE OF GALLIPOLI

FEATURING:
Alexandrina Singers
Strathalbyn Players
Strathalbyn and District Concert Band
Strathalbyn RSL
Cate Goodall "In conversation" with
Jenny and Jacqui Way, Gallipoli 2015

Afternoon tea will be provided in the Church Hall

Service and ex-service personnel are invited to wear medals.
Next of kin are encouraged to wear medals of their forebears.

Gold coin donation appreciated
Net proceeds to Trojan's Trek

*This event has been partially funded through the electorate of
Mayo Anzac Centenary Local Grants Programme.*

THE GALLIPOLI 100 SURFBOAT RACE

21st April, 2015. Eceabat - Morto Bay

22nd April, 2015. Morto Bay - Brighton Beach

This Cottesloe surfboat is going to Gallipoli
It is participating in the 'Gallipoli 100' event -
a 60km marathon along the Gallipoli coast
next April 22nd & 23rd.

It carries the names of 46 club members who
served in WW1 and the names of 1,025
Western Australian servicemen who lost their
lives in the Gallipoli campaigns.

The event honours these servicemen who fought
for the freedoms we all enjoy today.
Many of their family names will be familiar to you.

You can support this effort by donating via the
www.cottsurf.com club website or at the office (if open).

The surfboat is being donated to Turkey as a goodwill
gesture by the club and to assist developing surfboat rowing &
surf lifesaving in Turkey & elsewhere in Europe.

Businesses (& individuals) can support
replacing this surfboat by joining the G100 club,
100 tickets @ \$250 are sold and a ballot conducted
for naming rights to the new surfboat.

Your assistance is important.

Thanks to Warwick Archer for photos of Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club G100 Boat prepared for Gallipoli 2015. On the inside are the names of all WA soldiers who fell and their units. On the bow is a photo reproduction of Cottesloe's own WW1 Honour Board.

They have a similar one for WW2.



BRUCE PLANE AND IAN HERRON D COMPANY 9 RAR JANUARY 1969.
'YOU STILL OWE ME A DOLLAR'

Bruce Plane and Ian Herron were both called up for National Service in mid-1968 and did their recruit training together at the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Puckapunyal, their Infantry corps training together at 3rd Training Battalion, Singleton, were posted to the Reinforcement Training Wing at Infantry Centre, Ingleburn and did their Battle Efficiency at the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra together.

They both flew to Vietnam as reinforcements on 16th December 1968, and were both posted to the 1st Australian Reinforcement Unit at Nui Dat. On 8th January, 1969, they were both posted to D Company 9 RAR with Bruce going to 10 Platoon and Ian to 12 Platoon. For the next week or so they stayed in base before they were to fly out to the Hat Dich Secret Zone to join their new platoons on Operation GOODWOOD. During this period they both bought 'jack rations' to supplement the Army's ration packs and Bruce being 'short of a quid' (which he usually was as a poor country boy from Price in South Australia) borrowed a dollar off Ian until pay day.

Both Bruce and Ian flew out to join D Company on the morning of 20th January 1969 and joined their platoons. Bruce was allocated to machine gun group of 3 Section. Mid-afternoon 10

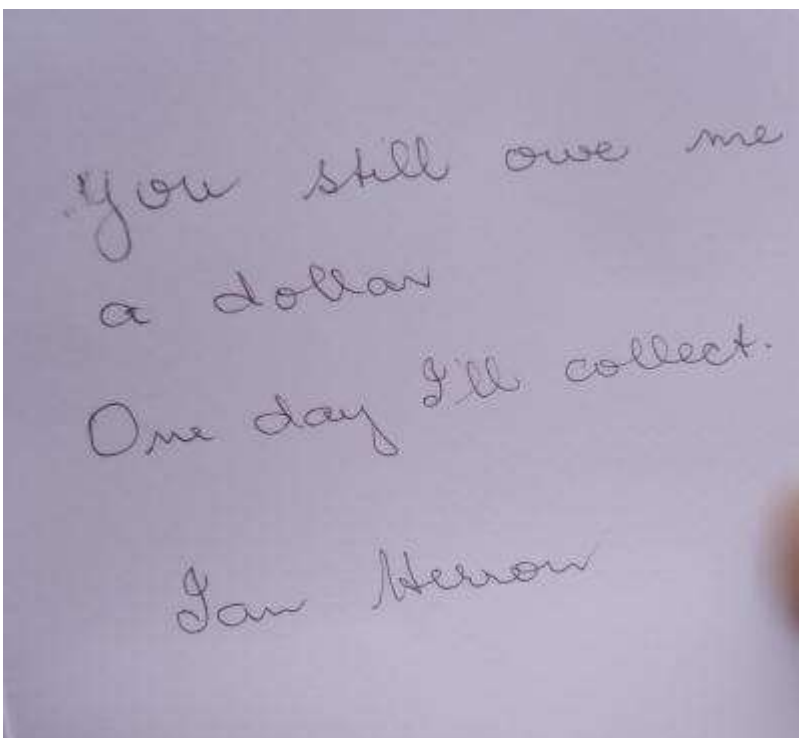
Platoon made contact with an enemy at the location of A Company's large contact on 10th January when Tom Meredith of 2 Platoon had been killed. About an hour later 10 Platoon made contact with the enemy in the same location and in the firefight Bruce was killed.

Bruce was buried in the Ardrossan Cemetery and Ian used to regularly visit his grave. 9 RAR SA started to conduct commemorative services for Bruce in 2007.

This year Ian was in Ardrossan the week before 20th January but had to return home before Bruce's service so on Friday 16th January he went to Bruce's grave and left a note and flowers.

Ardrossan is a very windy place at the best of times and sure enough come the 20th the note had blown south and was caught on the boundary fence/hedge and the flowers scattered. When people started to arrive for Bruce's service on the 20th Ian's note was discovered and after being shown to Adrian Craig, the Master of Ceremonies and also Platoon Commander 10 Platoon later in the Battalion's Tour, Ian's identity and link with Bruce was explained to Bruce's brother Geoff and sister-in-law Betty and the note presented.

"You still owe me a dollar.
One day I'll collect.
Ian Herron"



HAT DICH COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 2015

On 19th February, 2015, the RAR Association SA and the RAAC Vietnam Veterans' Association SA conducted a combined regiments' commemorative service to mark the 46th Anniversary of the end of Operation GOODWOOD.

Operation GOODWOOD was a multi-national operation conducted in the Hat Dich Secret Zone in South Vietnam and commenced on 3rd December, 1968, and ended on 19th February, 1969. During the operation 25 Australians and one New Zealander were killed. Fatalities were 1 RAR - 3, 4 RAR /NZ - 6, 9 RAR - 14, SASR - 1, 1 Armoured Regiment -1 and 3rd Cavalry Regiment -1.

As a result of their actions during Operation GOODWOOD the Royal Australian Regiment, the 1st Armoured Regiment and the 3rd Cavalry Regiment were awarded the battle honour HAT DICH.

This year was the second time the Service has been conducted at the RAR Association SA's clubrooms. Previously it had been conducted on the Pathway of Honour (2008-2013). In line with the combined regiments theme:

- The President RAR Assoc. SA Michael von Berg MC delivered the Welcome Address.
- The President RAAC Vietnam Veterans SA Craig Haydock delivered the Commemorative Address.
- John Genovese of 1 RAR SA read the Roll of Honour.
- The President 4 RAR SA Rodney Harris read the Scripture.
- The President 9 RAR SA David and Ed Cowley ex-RNZIR; both veterans of Hat Dich placed floral tributes.
- The Secretary ASASR SA recited The Ode.

Russell Campbell OAM of the RAR Association SA was the Master of Ceremonies, Chaplain David Prior of the Central Region provided chaplaincy support, D Sqn 1st Armoured Regiment (an APC unit) provided the catafalque party and flag orderlies, Corporal Brendon Tasker of the Australian Army Band Adelaide was the bugler, Des Ross, the RAR

Association's piper, was the piper and Catherine Lambert and the Terrace Singers provide choral support.

With the two new drop-in flag poles it was possible to fly both the Australian National Flag and the flag of the Republic of Vietnam for the first time at Hat Dich services.

After the Service a light lunch was served inside the clubrooms during which Rosemary Bilac sang a number of songs of the era including the spine chilling "Galveston" and "Wichita Linesman".

Veterans SA provided a generous grant of \$515.00 which covered almost all of the Service and Lunch.

Adrian Craig
Ceremonial



President RAAC Vietnam Veterans SA, Craig Haydock delivers the Commemorative Address.

TRANSFORMING HEALTH

Under the SA Government's 'Transforming Health' process, the future of Ward 17 at the Repat is being considered.

A panel has been established to look at the model of care for the patients, and the location of the new Ward.

The panel is being chaired by Assoc Prof Susan Neuhaus CSC, a surgeon, and Prof Dorothy Keefe PSM, an oncologist.

Both Warren Featherby (consumer) and Lyn Fisher (carer) have been included in the panel, as is Laurie Lewis. The panel also includes the main players from Ward 17 - the folk who currently provide the wonderful care given to the patients.

The Terms of Reference state, in part:

'Members are not to only represent the views of their own specialities/communities, but are to represent the best interests of the Veteran Community and SA Health as a whole.'

'Members are expected to share outcomes of the meetings (as identified by the Chair) through their established communication channels.'

There may be issues regarding the difference in what may be best interests for the 'Veteran Community' as stated above, and what might be the best interests of 'SA Health as a whole'. We will watch and see.

We understand the process will take a few months as we have been given meeting dates monthly until August.

We will release and promote any information as per our terms of reference after each meeting.

Please contact either Warren or Lyn if you have any specific concerns.

CENTENARY OF ANZAC 9th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 9th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Queensland, and with the 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.

The battalion was raised within weeks of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After preliminary training, the battalion sailed to Egypt, arriving in early December. The 3rd Brigade was the covering force for the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915, and so was the first ashore at around 4.30 am. The battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. It served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December 1915.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. It was split to help form the 49th Battalion and bought up to strength with reinforcements. In March 1916 the battalion sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley. The 9th Battalion attacked on the extreme right of the line and it was during this action that Private John Leak won, with the bayonet, the battalion's only Victoria Cross. Later the battalion fought at Ypres, in Flanders, before returning to the Somme for winter. In 1917 the battalion moved back to Belgium for the advance to the Hindenburg Line, and in March and April 1918 helped stop the German spring offensive. The battalion participated in the great allied offensive of 1918 and fought near Amiens on 8 August. The advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as "the black day of the German Army in this war".

The battalion continued operations until late September 1918. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns fell silent. The November armistice was followed by the peace treaty of Versailles, signed on 28 June 1919.

In November 1918 members of the AIF began to return to Australia for demobilisation and discharge. On 5 February 1919, the 9th and 10th Battalions were amalgamated.
source:awm.gov.au

**9 RAR SA SPIRIT OF GALLIPOLI TOUR - TURKEY AND THE WESTERN FRONT
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2007**

VICTORY OF FRIENDSHIP TOUR

We've recently had a holiday, us and one or two more,

We did a trip that will be known as "The Victory of Friendship Tour".

We started out in Turkey and were treated like VIPs,

We had lots of unplanned lunches with pastries filled with cheese.

We had a slight problem to begin with, with Ozzie who was our guide,

But David got him sorted out, his feelings he didn't hide.

The day we had Dawn Service, Ozzie forgot to check the ferry,

When he suggested the car park would do David's anger he couldn't bury.

Once we all got over that we travelled Turkey on the bus,

And Ozzie, Ali and Ayub, they took good care of us.

We learnt to say tu shau aderim, followed by Ayub's bee shay dee,

We were saying thank you and Ayub said, "you're welcome", you see.

Dawn Service was absolutely beautiful, look at moi, look at moi Bob,

Bob was our MC on the day and he did a marvellous job.

Now Ozzie said some funny words, I can't mention all of them here,

His pronunciation was rather strange and some of his words were queer.

Like married and buried, sarcophagus and demolish,

Ask any of us later on and we'll explain it to you if you wish.

We had afternoon tea with the Ambassador in Ankara it's true,

And while we were in Canakkale we went to the Australian Consul's do.

We were wined and dined all over the place, we gave Ozzie quite a scare,

He wondered if this bunch of blokes would know what they should wear.

But when he saw us all dressed up he knew we'd be ok,

He didn't have to worry, we wouldn't embarrass him on the day.

We had the Book Launch in Ankara, dressed up smart once again,

And we all thoroughly enjoyed the ride round the playground on the train!

The Major was our escort, on his motor bike he rode,

On Victory Day he took us through the roads that were all closed.

We weren't just another bus load of tourists, no not us,

We were very important people, travelling on our bus.

Kemal joined us for some of our important celebrations,

And helped as we cemented friendships between the two nations.

One or two others of our Turkish friends were there,

Ahan joined us once or twice and Ali seemed to be everywhere!

We never could have dreamed we'd go so far or do so much,

We saw the famous Terraces, Fairy Chimneys and such.

And what about the special time we spent at Ataturk's Mausoleum,

And of course the day we bumped into Emin at Topkapi Palace Museum.

There's just so much that happened in the time we were away,

So many beautiful people and places, we had a bonus every day.

We had some important functions and we had some fun times too,

What about the time the ladies had to use an Eastern loo?

Do we sit on it, stand over it, give it a miss or what?

I'll tell you here and how, there's no way I was gunna squat!

And what about the washing, always done in such a hurry

Most of us were organised and didn't have to worry.

But some washed theirs in dish washer cleaner, the whites came out just fine,

Norm and Bob dried theirs on the bushes, most of us used a washing line!

Lots of special moments, none of which we would have missed,

I knew I'd have to write a poem so I made a little list.

Of different things that happened, the serious and the fun,

I'll refer to that list lots of times before my poem's done.

Jenny Howe



SHARE IN THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC AT THE ANZAC CENTENARY PHOTO APP

The Anzac Centenary is a milestone of special significance to all Australians. The First World War helped define us as people and as a nation.

Share your centenary commemoration photo and embrace the spirit that helped forge our national identity.

<http://spirit.anzaccentenary.gov.au>
source @DVAAus

POPPY FEVER

While the Millennials are tapping on their devices, ladies of a certain age have delved into their red and black wool supplies and created a frenzy of clicking, clacking, purling and chaining as they churn out extraordinary numbers of poppies for Centenary of Anzac events.

Tell us what's happening in your community.

The Melbourne 5,000 poppies project has amassed an amazing 225,762 poppies from contributors all over the world (5000poppies.wordpress.com).

In Strathalbyn, for each person who enlisted from or was born in the district, a laminated name-tag has been attached to a poppy. For those whose who did not survive WW1 and are

named on local monuments, honour boards and plaques, tags showing details of birth and death have been incorporated into each poppy and these will be placed on the Strathalbyn monument following the Family and Community tribute on May 31st.

The Australian War Memorial reminds us in *"Knitting for the troops" that during the course of the First World War, Australians knitted over 1 million pairs of socks as gifts for the troops. Historian Michael McKernan estimated at 10 hours of work per pair, that would be an extraordinary 10 million hours of work.*

In the Second World War, they outdid even that, with over 3 million pairs of socks knitted! Australians also made a variety of other items, like scarves, vests and mittens."

NEW ON OUR BOOKSHELF:

MY GALLIPOLI

written by Ruth Starke and illustrated by Robert Hannaford
A very poignant picture book suitable for secondary students, first published in 2015,

with assistance from the SA Government through Arts SA

\$29.99 at your local bookseller.

THE "RELAUNCHED" (2005) EMBERS - ROCK BAND - hits and music of the 50's-60's-70's

Their recently released CD *Under Fire*, \$25.00: features original songs relating to Australian experiences of War.

<http://www.embers.net.au/underfireproject.html>

**9 RAR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL REUNION, MELBOURNE,
13th-15th November, 2015**

To assist the organizing committee with planning, please refer to the link on our

website and respond with your intentions re ability/inability to attend.

REUNION PROGRAMME

Date	Event	Time	Cost per person
Friday 13 November	National Gallery of Victoria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Meet and Greet • Cocktails and Finger Food 	6.00 pm - 9.30 pm	\$69
Saturday 14 November	Tour of National Sports Museum, Melbourne Cricket Ground	5.00 pm	\$15
	Melbourne Cricket Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-dinner drinks • Reunion Dinner • Entertainment 	6.30 pm	\$155
Sunday, 15 November	Shrine of Remembrance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Service 	11.00 am	
	Government House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBQ 	1.15 pm	\$65
Monday, 16 November	Phillip Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam Veterans Museum • Penguin Parade 	12 noon departure	\$100
	Seymour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commemorative Walk • Army Tank Museum 	10.00 am departure	\$35

HAVE YOU MADE A VALID WILL?

9 RAR and RAR Association Welfare Officer Lyn Fisher regularly has to deal with complicated problems arising when veterans have not made a will. Please ensure that you make a will and advise your family where the original is filed.

Whether someone has died from accidental death, long or short term illness, or suicide, if they have died without a valid Will, South Australian laws will dictate how the estate will be distributed.

If you cannot locate a Will, the person is deemed to have died 'intestate' (without a valid Will).

If the person who has died intestate has left an estate that requires administration (for example, real estate or superannuation, etc), the estate is dealt with in accordance with the South Australian laws of intestacy. The South Australian laws of intestacy determine who will administer an intestate estate, which may be Public Trustee.

For further information, you could contact the Public Trustee, the Legal Services Commission or a private solicitor or Trustee Company.

www.publictrustee.sa.gov.au

Your Battalion Association



9 RAR SA Association

The association holds a General Meeting on the 1st Thursday of every second month (February, April, June, August, October and December) in the RAR clubrooms Beatty Street, Linden Park (Burnside) at 1300 hours.

All 9 RAR family are welcome to attend these meetings.

For the opportunity to catch up with others and to contribute to the running of the association please consider coming along.

Obviously this is easier for those living in and around Adelaide; however country members are encouraged to join the meeting if they are in Adelaide on the day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January Commemorative Services 5 th , 7 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th As per Honour Roll	February Meeting 5 th Commemorative Service 14 th (L Cpl P A Chant)	March Commemorative Service 5 th (Pte G J Scales)
April Meeting 2 nd ANZAC Day 25 th	May Country Retreat (R&R) Mount Gambier 25 th & 26 th	June Meeting 4 th
July Commemorative Services 6 th & 12 th	August Meeting 6 th Vietnam Veteran's Day 16 th Long Tan Day 18 th	September
October Meeting 1 st	November Melbourne Reunion 13 th - 16 th AGM (TBC)	December Meeting 3 rd

HONOUR ROLL

L Cpl R J Abraham	6 Jul Whyalla	Cpl A W Graham	7 Jan Stirling North
Cpl B A J Adamczyk	12 Jul Centennial Park	Cpl H R Musicka	19 Jan Centennial Park
L Cpl P A Chant	14 Feb Centennial Park	Pte R A Phillips	18 Jan Murray Bridge
Sgt J R Cock	19 Jan Centennial Park	Pte B J Plane	20 Jan Ardrossan
Sgt J M Duroux	5 Jan Centennial Park	Pte G J Scales	5 Mar Centennial Park

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9 RAR SA ASSOCIATION "ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY"

DATE: Organised days Monday 25th May and Tuesday 26th May (Before and after as you wish)

WHERE: Mount Gambier South Australia

WHY: 1) It sounded like a good idea at the time!
2) To catch up with members living in the South East.

ACCOMMODATION: Suggested venue is Pine Country Caravan Park

Current Pricing (for two adults, excluding linen and subject to availability)

	Off Peak Per Night	Peak Per Night
2 Bedroom Ensuite Cabin	\$85	\$95
1 Bedroom Ensuite Cabin	\$75	\$85
CabinVan	\$60 Min 2 Nights	\$70 Min 2 nights
Basic Cabin	\$50 Min 2 Nights	\$60 Min 2 Nights
Ensuite Powered Site	\$40	\$46
Powered Site	\$32	\$38
Unpowered Campsite	\$20-\$25	\$30
\$15 per night for one person - WINTER ONLY		
	Cabin/Van	Site
Extra Adult	\$15	\$10
Extra Child (3 to 12 yrs)	\$10	\$7
Linen Hire (subject to availability)	Per SET per Stay	
Double	\$15	
Single	\$10	

(INCLUDES PILLOWS, PILLOW CASES, TOWELS, SHEETS AND BLANKETS/QUILTS)

SUGGESTED ITINARARY:

Sunday 24 May	Travel to Mt Gambier via National (A8) (Dukes) and Riddoch (A66) Highways 435 km 4 hours 31 mins -via Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend, Keith, Padthaway, Naracoorte, Penola Princess (B1) Highway 448 km 4 hours 42 mins -via Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend, Meningie, Kingston SE, Millicent Princess (B1) and Southern Ports (B101) Highways 461 km 4 hours 54 mins -via Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend, Meningie, Kingston SE, Robe, Millicent
Monday 25 May	Individual sight-seeing activities 1600 hours gather at Memorial in centre of Vansittart Park for US Memorial Day reflection. Dinner at the RSL Club.
Tuesday 26 May	Individual sight-seeing activities. BBQ lunch in the camp kitchen at Pine Country Caravan Park. Mix and mingle, relax or further sightseeing as you wish.
Wednesday 27 May	Travel to Adelaide on alternative route for those who need to return home. Or stay on for further sightseeing etc and stopover at another destination.