



# Nine

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# News

The Newsletter of the 9 RAR Association SA Family  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### THE ACTING PRESIDENT

I write as your stand in President while we await David's return to full steam.

The services for our KIA have been well attended again this year with John and Dawn Chant joining us on the 14th Feb, for the first time for a number of years. John has not been well but is looking forward to seeing more of us now he is close to full recovery.

Unfortunately I will be joining David with an RAP chit "Excused soldiers and loud noises" and so will not be marching on ANZAC Day. To ensure you all behave yourselves on the March Laurie Lewis has agreed to lead 9RAR this year. I will however catch up with you all at the Lion for the usual post March activities.

There will be a small raffle but as I will be incapacitated there will not be the usual pressure on ticket sales. Is anyone able to throw the coins for me?

May I take this opportunity to request that you all consider attending Bob Owen's Memorial Service on the 12th April at the Henley Football Club, Atkin St, Henley Beach at 2pm. Bob was the Pl Sgt with the medical Platoon in Woodside and in Vietnam, he would have treated many of you but more importantly was responsible for the training of our platoon medics and you all know how important they were. We need to have as many of the 9RAR family as possible to farewell Bob.

I am hopeful that David will be able to join us at the Lion and I look forward to seeing him and you all there on ANZAC Day.

*Mick Mummery, Acting President*

### THANK YOU

It is emotional finding suitable words to thank all those who have given me moral support since my diagnosis on New Year's Day.

Lyn & Jim Fisher's NYE celebrations were interrupted by my unexpected hospitalisation. Michael Mummery and Bob Plummer didn't hesitate as they allowed me the space from Presidential duties to focus on my recovery.

Thanks to the skills of the medical and nursing staff at St Andrew's and Ashford hospitals, this article is not my obituary!

My family and I have been greatly encouraged by the visits, emails and phone calls from concerned comrades and friends.

The journey continues but I feel very positive about my future.

Many others in our 9RAR family have their own difficulties - I wish them well as they tread known and unknown waters.

Let us hold our heads high as we continue to march together under the 9 RAR banner.

*David Stacey, President on leave*

## 9 RAR SA GRAVE SIDE GATHERINGS JANUARY TO MARCH 2016

This year we have introduced a new format for commemorating our 9 RAR war dead interred in South Australia on the date of their death.

We now have a simplified format called a grave side gathering for the non-five year commemorations with an aim to reducing the stress on the families of the war and the veterans who knew them. It is simply:

The MC gives a short introduction to the gathering and then places a small Australian National Flag at the head of the grave or on the wall. A member of the deceased veteran's platoon or company recites The Ode. The Last Post is sounded followed by a minute's silence and then Rouse is played.

So far this year we have had grave side gatherings:

At Centennial Park for:



Jeff Duroux on 5 January.  
Alan Graham on 7 January.  
John Cock and  
Harry Musicka on 19 January.  
Peter Chant on 14 February.  
Grantley Scales on 5 March.

At Murray Bridge for:



Reg Phillips on 18 January.

At Ardrossan for:



Bruce Plane on 20 January.

At both Murray Bridge and Ardrossan most of those attending had lunch at the local hotel or RSL respectively.

At Bruce's service at Ardrossan the local President of the RSL; Kevin Kavanagh; an ex-member of 3 RAR; recited The Ode and the ladies of the RSL put on a great meal for us as usual.

In July we will have grave side gatherings for Rick Abraham at Whyalla on the 6th and for Bruno Adamczyk at Centennial Park, Catholic Section on the 12th.

Both services will be followed by lunch.

**Adrian Craig  
Ceremonial**

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE MARCH ADELAIDE



On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the annual ANZAC Day Commemorative March will be held in Adelaide.

The March will commence at 9.30 am with the RAR Association marching by battalion association groups followed by the Australian Special Air Service Regiment Association; both in Group 9.

The Order of March within Group 9 will be:

RAR Association State President & party.

1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

[South Australia Police Pipes & Drums.](#)

3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

[All Group 9 Transport Vehicles.](#)

7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

8th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

[Marion City Band.](#)

2nd/4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

5th/7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

The Special Air Service Regiment.

Associations will form up on the eastern side of Pulteney Street between North Terrace and Rundle Mall.

All Group 9 associations and bands are to proceed along Sir Edwin Smith Avenue, to the corner of Pennington Terrace, before halting and dispersing.

Group 9 will be preceded by:

The March Flag party and Boer War and WW 1 banners.

WW 2 Navy, Army and Air Force veterans.

BCOF / Korea / Malaya, Borneo & Navy, Army & Air Force Vietnam and South East Asia Veterans.

Group 9 will be followed by:

Recent Conflicts and Peace Keepers.

Non-returned former and serving personnel.

Australian Defence Force.

Allied ex-service personnel.

Representatives of Allied Nations.

Descendants (previously known as NOK) and

Marshals; grouped into Boer War & WW 1,

WW 2 and post-WW 2 descendants.

Note that the RAR Association SA has chosen to march as a formed body for a number of years now and as we are such a large group and cover so many conflicts; we march behind most of the Vietnam groups.

Also as this is a commemorative march non-returned persons including children should not march with us but may march with the Descendants groups.

### **Adrian Craig Ceremonial**

Notes for Marchers and Flag Bearers:

The Australian National Flag is not lowered  
Banners & other flags lowered on "eyes right"  
Hats to be removed on "eyes right"

Lunch:

Jerningham Room, Lion Hotel

161 Jerningham Street, North Adelaide.

BBQ cost is \$14.90 per head.

**PLAQUE PROVIDED BY OFFICE OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES  
FOR THE GRAVE OF  
PRIVATE GEORGE NAGLE, TIPPERARY, IRELAND.**



The plaque for George was presented at a ceremony at the home of the Australian Ambassador in Dublin by Brigadier Bill Sowry from London.

We had a very relaxed and pleasant lunch with the Ambassador and her husband.

Col. Burke from Irish Defence Forces also attended.

We are making arrangements to have plaque installed on the grave. We much appreciate your help and assistance on this project.



In photo from left

Helen, sons Andrew and George,  
Brigadier Sowry and Ambassador Ruth Adler.

*Willie Nagle*

*The official commemoration for Private George Nagle, KIA, South Vietnam 6 January 1969, is in Wall 46, Row B, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne. Ed.*

**INWOOD FAMILY**, as featured on TWITTER, 10/3/2016,  
from the Australian War Memorial

This morning the medal group of Private Reginald Roy Inwood VC were loaned to the Australian War Memorial.



Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial receiving the medal group



**FROM LYN & JIM FISHER**  
Tiger (Bob) Torrens was in Adelaide recently from Brisbane, and we have been socialising with Trevor and Jeanette Scarman and Tiger.  
*Photographed with Peter Varricchio at the Italian club,*

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION ADELAIDE NOVEMBER 2107

Organisation for the 2017 reunion is well advanced. Once the ANZAC period activities have passed the Adelaide Reunion Committee (ARC) will meet to start pulling loose ends together. Following that meeting a “package” will be made available to all members of the

9 RAR family via “snail mail” in the first instance with details of activities and how to register.

The RAR principle will apply to the reunion – Remembrance, Affordability, Reflection.

### ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY

Following on from past year’s escapes (weekend get-a-ways) discussion was held at the last general meeting of the Association regarding this year’s destination and timing.

So far, since we have been escaping, trips have included visits to Penola, Wallaroo, Cowell, Berri, Mt Gambier and Seymour.

Normally held in May (a month when we have no other 9 RAR activities) this year we have moved the date back to September due to the

number of members who will be away or recovering from medical procedures etc.

The suggested destination at this stage is Peterborough with a couple of 9 RAR desperados in Tex & Slats living there. Another option is to take the train (or drive if you prefer) to Broken Hill where Strawbs lives.

Planning for the “escape” will be finalised at our next meeting in June in time for the next edition of Nine News in August.

### THE RSL VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL

[rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/](http://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/)

Heard about it, don’t know much about, want to know more about?

Mick Mummery has organised for Dogs Kearny and the team from RSL Virtual Memorial to attend our meeting 2 June at 1400 hours to explain and demonstrate how you can put up

information you would like to include. The item below is an extract from the RSL Virtual War Memorial Website.

### Tributes of Honour

Between 2002 and 2005, Will and Jacqui Clough of Riverton in the Clare Valley traveled SA and the NT and recorded more than 1700 memorials and honour boards containing the names of 48,000 service and in some cases civilian personnel.

The result was *Tributes of Honour*. It is a monumental body of work and an amazing community record. South Australia and the Northern Territory owe Will and Jacqui a debt of gratitude. The RSL Virtual War Memorial will honour their work and take it to another level accessing a range of data sources and inviting contributions by family members and the public.

It is probably appropriate we learn how to “upload data” onto the site.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p><b>January</b> Graveside Gatherings 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> As per Honour Roll</p>	<p><b>February</b> Meeting First Thursday Graveside Gathering 14<sup>th</sup> (L Cpl P A Chant) Hat Dich Service 19<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>March</b> Graveside Gathering 5<sup>th</sup> (Pte G J Scales)</p>
<p><b>April</b> Meeting First Thursday ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>May</b></p>	<p><b>June</b> Meeting First Thursday</p>
<p><b>July</b> Graveside Gatherings 6<sup>th</sup> (L Cpl R J Abraham) 12<sup>th</sup> Cpl B A J Adamczyk</p>	<p><b>August</b> Meeting First Thursday Long Tan Day 18<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veteran's Day 20<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>September</b> Country Retreat (R&amp;R) TBA</p>
<p><b>October</b> Meeting First Thursday</p>	<p><b>November</b> AGM &amp; Dinner 12<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>December</b> Meeting First Thursday</p>

## 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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