





Nine

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News

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

ANZAC DAY 2015

9 RAR was well represented at Dawn Services and marches around South Australia again this year.

After a hectic early morning attending their local Dawn Services, a good number of 9 RAR veterans and next of kin assembled in Pulteney Street ready for the Adelaide march.

Once again reliable Jim and Lyn organized the 10 flags for our war dead and these were carried with dignity by NOK and veterans, while Simon was proud to be part of the Australian, New Zealand and Turkish Flag Party. We welcomed Phil Mason visiting from overseas and miraculously Bob managed to have everybody stepping off at the appointed time. It was a real honour to be marching on such an auspicious day, the Centenary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli, and the crowds were very appreciative.

The numbers at the Lion Hotel seemed less this year but good company was shared and the raffle raised over \$500 for funds. Thanks to the Lion Hotel, Patriti Wines, Jenny and other sponsors for generous donations and John for arranging the raffle. Michelle was thrilled to be the recipient of the "Long Tan" framed photograph (in lieu of a "re-draw"). We were privileged to have (the late) Bruno's cousin Beata who was holidaying from Germany, lunching with members of the Adamczyk family.

When John Schumann and Hugh McDonald called by with their guitars in hand, enroute to

performing at Adelaide Oval, we dared to hope that we were in for a real musical treat. What an honour it was when they gave us a private rendition of John's newly-released composition 'On Every Anzac Day'. To much applause and emotion, the trilogy of tunes was complete with 'Safe Behind the Wire' and the evocative 'I was only 19'.

It was a small thing to be able to do to register our gratitude for all the support that the 9 RAR family has extended us over the years."

Thank you Warren and Barb for organizing this musical duo.

WELFARE

Thank you to family, friends and professionals who care for our ill veterans. We particularly think of those from 9 RAR ranks who have recently joined the "passing parade".

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Warren Featherby recent joint recipient of the RGH Volunteer of the Year (see article in this newsletter).

PRIVATE GEORGE NAGLE KIA VIETNAM 6/1/1969

An Office of Australian War Graves plaque is to be placed on the grave of Pte George Nagle in St Patrick's Cemetery, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland. Brigadier Chris Appleton CSC (Ret'd), Director of OAWG is liaising with the family on this matter. The plaque will commemorate George's sacrifice for the Australian nation.

It may be of interest to George's friends in 9 RAR to know that before volunteering for the Australian Army, he served with the Irish Army in Cyprus and was awarded the United Nationals Peacekeepers Medal and the UN Cyprus medal.

To view the actual Burial Register page, go to www.clonmelgraveyards.com. The webmaster Eamonn has just emailed "I knew George's brothers, Willie and Paddy, but only have a vague memory of their eldest brother, George. I well remember, though, the shock that went through Clonmel, when we heard of his death in Vietnam".

David Stacey photo courtesy Gene Costa



ANZAC DAY IN MT GAMBIER MICK BAWDEN

9 RAR's Mick Bawden was honoured to be guest speaker at the main service in Mount Gambier. This service was well attended by several hundred who despite the rain, stayed for the duration of the ceremony.

ANZAC DAY IN CANBERRA - HAYDN INWOOD

Flight Sergeant Haydn Inwood and his family were special guests at this ceremony. Haydn represented the Royal Australian Air Force with a reading at the pre-Dawn Service and reports that "To stand in front of 120,000 people and read letters from Gallipoli as well as from Vietnam was very special. And to stand in front of the shrine and look down Anzac parade as the sun comes up was unforgettable. Also Dan Kerighan VC is a pretty nice bloke!"

For photos of the Dawn Service (including one of Haydn) go to www.awm.gov.au Anzac Day "photographs of Anzac Day ceremonies in Canberra" or

https://www.flickr.com/photos/australianwarmemorial/17072740850/in/set-72157651746619249

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES

In July 1969 D Company 9 RAR lost three men KIA in the black week 6 July to 12 July. This year we again conducted our annual commemorative services for LCPL Richard Abraham of 10 Platoon at Whyalla on 6 July followed by the service for CPL Bruno Adamczyk at Centennial Park.

Adrian Craig



Men of D Company with Richard Abraham's younger brother Peter. L to R: Adrian Craig (Platoon Commander 10 Platoon), Peter Abraham, Daniel Grimes (10 Platoon and Coy HQ) and Peter 'Noddy' Cliff (12 Platoon).

ANZAC DAY



ADELAIDE 2015







Where did you get that tie Teagee?



The march goes the other way fellows!



Bravo Company leading the way??



Follow me, I'll get you there.

Don't look behind or you will see how we once looked.



Our front line troops!

Let me tell you Geoff, don't call your boat Secret Men's Business or you'll never be able to sail it under the Hindmarsh Island Bridge.

Tell me Doc what's this rash that comes and goes?



God help us, were you ever 19?







HUEY MUSEUM, PORT PIRIE RSL

President Haydn Madigan (9RAR) proudly reports that attendances have greatly increased since the museum upgrade. A random selection of statistics shows the number of visitors as:

February, 2014	83
June, 2014	180
August, 2014	843
April, 2015	2,152

There has also been a marked increase in donations

Well done to Haydn and team - "The chopper effect" is significant!

Port Pirie RSL Anzac Day photos can be viewed at portpiriersl.org.au



9 RAR SA 'ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY'

During the last week in May a small group made their way to Mt Gambier for a few days R & R. Enroute some called in to the Bravest of the Brave exhibition at Penola-Coonawarra RSL. This travelling exhibition, opened by 9 RAR's Michael Bawden, was part of the local Arts Festival and told the story of South Australians Arthur Blackburn, Phillip Davey, Roy Inwood, Jorgen Jensen, John Leak, Arthur Sullivan, Lawrence Weathers and James Park Woods who were awarded the Victoria Cross in the First World War.

On Monday afternoon the group assembled at the Mt Gambier War Memorial to pay tribute to local Vietnam War Dead. Michael Bawden recounted a short history of these young men.

Lieutenant Anthony Austin Casadio, Helicopter Flight (RAN), aged 22, KIA 21/8/1968. Buried Carinya Gardens, Mt Gambier. Lieutenant Casadio was born in Port Lincoln SA.

Private John Rogers, 2 RAR, aged 23, KIA 10/2/1968. Buried Carinya Gardens, Mt Gambier. Private Rogers was born in Mt Gambier SA.

Sapper David John Steen, 1 Field Squadron, aged 21, KIA 18/2/1968. Buried Penola, SA. Sapper Steen was born in the Falkland Islands.

Prior to dinner at the Mt Gambier RSL members appreciated time in the museum. Tuesday's BBQ and community parks and garden care with Mick and Mardi at Nelson was a congenial gathering.

These country "escapes" are a great opportunity for the core group to spend relaxing time together and with those who are not able to attend regular meetings in Adelaide.

Thanks to all for making the effort to participate.

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Mount Gambier War Memorial



Gallipoli 100 years - Robe

"THE LAST EVER" CONCERT FOR VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, ADELAIDE CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(source: vvaa-sa.asn.au)

8.30 am Gunfire breakfast, Torrens

Parade Ground

10.40 am March from the National War

Memorial on the corner of Kintore Avenue and North

Terrace.

approx. 11.30 am Concert.



COMBINED REGIMENTS BATTLE OF LONG TAN COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE BEATTY STREET, LINDEN PARK

1100 hours on Tuesday 18th August, 2015. Hosted by the RAR Association, the service will be held inside the clubroom, followed by a light lunch.

Current and ex-service members are requested to wear decorations and medals.

Questions on the service and lunch should be addressed to the Ceremonial Officer RAR Assoc. SA, Adrian Craig on 82634784 or as.craig9rar@bigpond.com

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Denise Schumann** who was awarded an OAM in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. Denise and John support 9 RAR SA in many ways and we appreciate that in their very busy lives they make time for some of our activities.

Denise's nomination mentions her many achievements as a passionate and leading history expert in South Australia. This includes history projects in many locations in South Australia such as - Norwood, Payneham, St Peters, Charles Sturt Museum at Grange, Goolwa, Gawler, Waite Agricultural Research Institute and Brompton. Denise uses radio and t.v. media intelligently to educate people about their local community

"Mrs Schumann's passionate commitment to the promotion of South Australian history has helped many people gain a deeper cultural and historical understanding of their local community as well as contributing to our urban landscape in a culturally enhancing and educative manner." To **Michael Baron von Berg MC,** President of the Royal Australian Regiment Association South Australia, who was also recently awarded the OAM, "for service to rugby union, particularly in South Australia".

THE VIETNAM VETERANS DAY SERVICE AT THE REPAT CHAPEL

1100 hours on Tuesday 18th August, 2015. The guest speaker will be our own Warwick (Arch) Archer

The service will be followed by a light lunch in the SPF Hall.

As a matter of interest HE The Governor Hieu Van Le AO has kindly accepted our invitation to attend the service.

For those who are not aware it will be Judith Fuller's last official function at The Repat due to her retirement.

If you are free please come and support Arch and The Repat.

Warren Featherby

'DIGGERS TO VETERANS: RISK, RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY IN THE FIRST AIF'

Broadcast by Saturday Extra, ABC Radio National on 8th August, Geraldine Doogue interviewed Professor Janet McCalman about this project funded by the Australian Research Council.

What do we know about the lives of servicemen after the First World War?

How did their physical and mental health compare with civilians?

Did veterans recover from trauma and exposure to disease over time?

Did they tend to have large or small families?

Australia is a veritable treasure trove of information thanks to our service records, which are the focus of the first proper population study of the men who returned from the Great War.

Profess McCalman is looking for two groups of volunteers to research the lives of soldiers before, during and after the war - retired Doctors who can be called on as consultants and people able to use spreadsheets and are interested in genealogy to search websites such as Trove.

Podcast:

http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/saturdayextra/ww1-research-project/6680982

email janetsm@unimelb.edu.au

RGH JOINT VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR Warren Featherby OAM and Fred Purcell

"The winners of the 2015 Repat Volunteer of the year were recently announced. The awards recognise those who have demonstrated excellence in their field and have been outstanding achievers. They are role models for many. Due to the very high calibre of nominees two volunteers were joint winners of this year's award.

Warren Featherby OAM spends precious time each week with patients as part of the TPI Veterans Association hospital visits program and is a member of the Ward 17 Consumer and Carer Advisory Group (CCAG). Trust and respect are the powerful "calling cards" Warren takes on his rounds of Repat's wards. He works closely with the hospital to identify TPI members and Vietnam veterans in need of company, conversation and the knowledge that personal or family issues will be addressed by this trusted caller. His rounds also extend to other ex-servicemen and women who may have particular needs.

Warren brings empathy and confidentiality. Importantly, the people he meets get answers to their questions, and that is greatly appreciated. In many cases he is dealing with people who have suffered post-traumatic stress and depression from their service experience. He listens and works on their behalf with the hospital, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and sometimes their families to resolve the issues that may be worrying them. They may be matters of life or death – sometimes just making sure that end of life issues are addressed with respect and dignity – or they may be little, worrying things like checking on the well-being of loved ones.

Being a veteran himself, the people he visits in the hospital greet him as a mate and they greatly appreciate the fact that he is there to help. It is not just about talk. It is about genuine follow-up that at times help patients get back on their feet and have a meaningful life with real hope and optimism. Warren is described as a person who truly exemplifies the ethos of volunteering by giving his time, talents and enthusiasm so generously. He is reliable, loyal, conscientious and someone who will gladly report for duty at short notice if required, and put personal commitments aside to meet the needs of the Repat and its patients. He has a cheery disposition and has great ability to connect with people from all walks of life.

Warren's contribution goes way beyond that which one might expect and has had a significant impact on services for veterans and their families in South Australia."





9 RAR "volunteers" cooking up a storm at the Repat Staff Awards. "Where there is smoke there might be bacon!"

THE NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS MUSEUM, PHILLIP ISLAND

On one of coldest days this winter, we visited this extensive Museum. Tom Goode, ex 9 RAR and other volunteers at the Museum made us most welcome. The Museum is currently being prepared for national accreditation so is a hive of activity. The 9 RAR display is still under construction.

The highlights for me were:

- Sergeant Jeff Duroux's medal display in the "Australians that gave all" area
- the Sioux helicopter, the Cobra helicopter and the Huey helicopter, they brought back many memories.
- the model of the H.M.A.S. Sydney this reminded me of perceived threats to Australia's defence as we guarded the trucks on the flight deck in high seas when we crossed The Great Australian Bight enroute to Vietnam!

 the Wessex helicopter - I recalled this looking for Russian submarines as we crossed the Indian Ocean.

- the Centurion tank far larger than I could remember.
- the Mutt jeep (one was purchased from the Americans for "B" Company's personal use).

Of interest to South Australians in particular, was the Errol Noack display, alongside the National Service information, ballot and marble exhibition (with extracts from "A Nation at War" by Official Historian Peter Edwards).

Poppies from the Melbourne 5,000 poppies project were on short-term loan from the Shrine of Remembrance. They had been skillfully constructed with love from a variety of fabrics, knitted, crocheted and even created out of dyed sweat rags!

David Stacey



"ON EVERY ANZAC DAY"

9 RAR SA's inductee, singer-songwriter John Schumann OAM, unveiled his new single in National Reconciliation Week.

Commissioned by the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison AO (now retired) who said the song sought to highlight the valued contribution of Army's Indigenous service men and women. "On Every ANZAC Day is a commemorative song reflecting on the legacy of those Indigenous soldiers who served during the First World War." Produced by Hugh McDonald and launched on 18th April at the Australian War Memorial, many indigenous exservicemen and their families were very moved on hearing the song for the first time.

"All of us involved in this project - Lieutenant General David Morrison AO, the Australian War Memorial, my band the Vagabond Crew, Rob Hirst (Midnight Oil) and Shane Howard (Goanna) and the video production team at DigitalHed Media - all of us hope this song proves to be a small but definite step towards a true reconciliation," said John Schumann.

"One hundred years after the Gallipoli landings by the ANZACs, John Schumann has given our nation a great gift", Australian War Memorial Director, Dr Brendon Nelson, commented. "On Every Anzac Day is a musically powerful tribute to indigenous soldiers."

An accomplished songwriter, political activist, writer and public intellectual, John Schumann is rapidly gaining a reputation on the speaking circuit. Following on from his passion for the recognition and destigmatisation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the ADF, John is on the board of Trojan's Trek and also works with FIFO miners and remote construction workers in the mental health arena as a consultant to the Australasian Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health.

"On Every ANZAC Day" is available now via ABC Music and published by Universal Music Publishing Pty Ltd. It features on the album "Behind The Lines (Expanded Edition)".

On Every Anzac Day is available now on iTunes. Listen to 'On Every Anzac Day' and watch a special video tribute:

https://youtube/KE3PiObOxJQ

Proceeds from sales of these songs will be donated to Trojans Trek, a unique South Australian program to assist contemporary veterans adjust in dealing with mental health conditions after combat deployments.

On Every Anzac Day © John Schumann (Universal Music Publishing)

Ghosts and memories are loitering still in the corridors of time

There's sorrow, smoke and stories in the barracks of my mind

I'm with him still in the trenches, I can see his dark, brown eyes

and his courage gave me courage when I was sure we were going to die

I asked him once why he volunteered for that hellhole far away

To fight for someone else's king and the land they took away

He said "One invading mob's too many" and then he walked away

And I lost him in the crowds waving flags on the side of the road – like every Anzac Day.

From Murray Bridge and Mundrabilla from Naracoorte and Perth

First Australian station hands, there were shearers, gangers, clerks ...

And there was no black, there was no white, just a dirty khaki brown

And on our upturned slouch hat brims, we all wore the "Rising Sun"

Soldiers, brothers, all Australians, we had no time for race

When the bullets are whining past your head, you're all just shades of grey.

He kept his medals in their box in a drawer – he kept them well tucked them away

But he'd pull them out and put them on and put them back again – on every Anzac Day.

Armentières and Flanders, Tarin Kowt and Salamau-Lae

Amiens and Morotai, Long Tan, Dispersal Bay

Somalia, Crete and Kapyong, Iraq, and the Solomons

Passchendaele, Maprik and Tarakan – they were there – the first Australians.

And when the show was over and we made it back to Australia's shores

From Pozieres and Herleville Wood, Benghazi and Frémicourt

We drifted back into our lives, and we all tried to hide the scars

Of the tears and fears and terrors that still tracked us down the years

He tried to join the RSL but the bastards wouldn't let him in

They didn't see a soldier, just a first Australian. And I wonder what it was that we fought for and what it was we gave away

There's reconciliation still to come – on every Anzac Day.

So when the sun sets in the evening, when the dawn lights up the sky

We remember those first Australians, who joined and fought and died

from the missions, bush and station country, the towns and Torres Straits

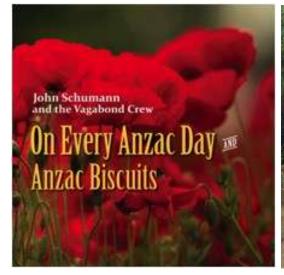
We remember the fighting First Australians – now – and on every Anzac Day.

In the words of Lt General David Morrison AO, Chief of Army, April 2015

"Indigenous Australians have a long and proud history in the service of our Nation. In our past that service was either denied or forgotten. In 2015, as we reflect on a Centenary of Service, we very appropriately should reflect on the courage and sacrifice of all those First Australians who "joined and fought and died".

"I Was Only 19" helped bring our Vietnam veterans home finally. In much the same way, "On Every Anzac Day" can help us all take another small step towards a true reconciliation.

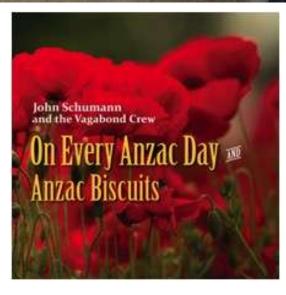
If we really are going to change our world, better we do it with a song than a gun."





On Every Anzac Day © John Schumann (Universal Music Publishing)

On Every Anzac Day is available now on iTunes. Listen to 'On Every Anzac Day' and watch a special video tribute: https://voutube/KE3Pi0b0xI0



9 RAR TOUR BOOK REPRINT - news from Dan Penman, 9 RAR Queensland.

The following information pertains to some changes on the postage and sale price of the 9 RAR Tour Book Reprint.

Postage: Due to recent increases in the postage rates, we have had to look at the overall postage and handling costs for the book. The following postage rates now apply for distribution of the books in out of Brisbane.

Brisbane Area: 1 or 2 books \$12 Other Areas: (incl interstate) 1 book \$16 Other Areas: (incl interstate) 2 books \$19

Sale Price of Book: The introductory sale price of \$60.00 will remain as is until after the Melbourne Reunion in November 2015. The books will be on sale at that price at the Reunion for members to purchase and take away with them.

After the 16 November 2015 the sale price will increase. The books will then be offered to various book stores and outlets.

FINAL REMINDER

9 RAR National

48th Anniversary Reunion and Commemoration

Melbourne

13-15 November 2015

NATIONAL 9 RAR REUNION, MELBOURNE, 13th-15th NOVEMBER. AUCTION -

HUEY'S by Howard Steer, Broken Hill artist

The web page has now been set up for the auction of this painting. The auction is open to all members of 9 RAR as well as all past and present members of the Australian Defence Forces.

Howard Steer has advised us that if the painting were sold from his studio in Broken Hill, the asking price would be \$5,500. If this painting were to be sold by a private gallery the price would be increased by another 40%.

The painting measures 1200 x 1000, so it will need a reasonable sized wall to accommodate this work.

The lowest price that can be bid is \$1.00, there is no maximum.

The auction is LIVE NOW and will END at 3 pm 31 October 2015. The auction web page is:



TURKISH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Sunday, 18 October 2015 - 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Join the Turkish Community in South Australia to celebrate their rich culture, history and heritage at the Migration Museum, 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide.

http://migrationmuseum.com.au/events/2015/turkishcommunity-celebration-0



WW1 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TRIBUTE, STRATHALBYN

Many thanks to those from 9 RAR SA who assisted with or participated in this community event in Strathalbyn Uniting Church on 31st May, 2015.

The committee from the Strathalbyn Uniting Church feels that great respect has been paid to those enlistees who were born in this district. and the many who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Highlights in Strathalbyn were:

- The attendance of the Governor of SA Hon. Hieu Van Le AO and Mrs Lan Le, veterans and next of kin (including daughters of Boer War veterans).
- Music from Alexandrina Singers and the Strathalbyn and District Concert Band.
- Strathalbyn RSL President Cate Goodall interviewing Jenny Way and her daughter Jacqui about Gallipoli 2015. Jenny's father Clifford Schrader was in the original landing party and later served on the Western Front before returning home to Australia.
- Poppy wreaths with names of men and women who enlisted and were born in Strathalbyn and district towns

localities. There was a separate wreath for all of those war dead named on local monuments and rolls of honour in Memorial Gardens, town halls, schools and churches.

- Poetry reading from Meg Schabrell. "Another White Feather".
- A short play written by members of the Strathalbyn Youth Theatre and based on the life and service of David Stacey's Uncle Pte Eardley Clark who was KIA near Merris in France. He left a wife and 5 children under 10. The young people said they learned more about WW1 from their involvement and research than they ever had at school!
- A special high point was that for the first time ever, one of our congregation wore his late father's medals. These included a Military Medal won during the operations at Villers-Bretonneux on 25/25th April, 1918.

Please let us know how your community is commemorating the Centenary of Anzac.

His Excellency and Jan Stacey





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February March **January** Meeting First Thursday Commemorative Service 5th **Commemorative Services** 5th, 7th, 18th, 19th, 20th Commemorative Service 14th (Pte G I Scales) As per Honour Roll (L Cpl P A Chant) Hat Dich Service 19th **April** May **June** Meeting First Thursday Meeting First Thursday Country Retreat (R&R) ANZAC Day 25th **TBA** September **Iulv August Commemorative Services** Meeting First Thursday 6th & 12th Vietnam Veteran's Day 16th Long Tan Day 18th October **November December** Meeting First Thursday Melbourne Reunion 13th - 16th AGM & Lunch 3rd

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 Pte R A Phillips L Cpl P A Chant 14 Feb Centennial Park 18 Jan Murray Bridge 19 Jan Centennial Park Sgt J R Cock Pte B J Plane 20 Jan Ardrossan Sgt I M Duroux 5 Jan Centennial Park Pte G I Scales 5 Mar Centennial Park

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