



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

On Anzac Day Mick Mummery returned the Presidency to me and he resumed his role as Vice President. I cannot thank Mick enough for so willingly taking on the responsibilities in January at short notice.

Special thanks to Adrian Craig for taking responsibility for the smooth running of the graveside gatherings. The most recent of these were held on 6 July at Whyalla for L/Cpl R J Abraham and 12 July at Centennial Park for Cpl B A J Adamczyk.

Well deserved **congratulations** to recent OAM recipient and President of Pt Pirie RSL, 9 RAR's own Haydn Madigan. It is appropriate that Haydn's inspirational contribution to the Pt Pirie RSL and community has been acknowledged. Haydn is well supported in his many projects by Laraine.

For more extensive reports including Anzac Day, the Repatriation to Australia from Terendak and thanks to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott, 9 RAR Reunion 2017, Long Tan 50th Anniversary and Vietnam Veterans Day, see separate items in this newsletter.

Details of the 2017 Reunion are in Bob Plummer's article. For creating the website and for countless hours of research in planning the affordable programme, we thank Bob. I urge all 9 RAR veterans to register early for this significant reunion.

David Stacey

OPENING OF ANZAC CENTENARY MEMORIAL WALK, ADELAIDE - 23 April 2016

Tobruk Veteran and friend of 9 RAR, 98 year old Bill Corey opened this new walk on Kintore Avenue. The walk links the Australian National War Memorial on North Terrace to the Torrens Parade Ground. A must for visitors to see.



Bill Corey at the opening of Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk.

Photo: Matt Loxton, The Advertiser

ANZAC DAY 2016

Patron Laurie Lewis led 9 RAR, Bob Plummer attempted to keep the troops in order and as is the custom, the ten flags for the SA Vietnam War dead from 9 RAR took pride of place. It was great to see 9 RAR members from Canberra, city and country SA participating.

Although unable to march, Mick Mummery and David Stacey were warmly welcomed at the Anzac Day Lunch at the Lion Hotel. The families and guests who attended appreciated, as always, the excellent facilities and friendly staff at the Lion.

Thanks to the Dixon family and John Schumann who offered raffle prizes for the 2017 Reunion.



'Feathers' and 'Burgo' reminiscing about the 2013 Vietnam trip.



'Blue' Dixon with Cousin Steve and Jacob.



Laurie Lewis, Brian Daly, David Stacey.



'Strawbs' and 'Tex'

REPATRIATION TO AUSTRALIA FROM TERENDAK MILITARY CEMETERY, MALAYSIA, AND KLANJI CEMETERY, SINGAPORE

"In May 2015, the former Prime Minister, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, announced an offer of repatriation to the families of 35 Australian service personnel and dependants in the Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia and to the one other Australian serviceman who died in the Vietnam War and who is interred in the Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore .

.... More than 30 families have accepted the offer of repatriation.

... Where families have elected not to take up the offer of repatriation, their relatives' graves will be maintained in perpetuity as is the standard for all Australian war dead in military and war cemeteries around the world."

Media release by Hon. Dan Tehan MP Minister for Veterans' Affairs 17 April 2016
minister.dva.gov.au

On 2 June 2016, at RAAF Base Richmond, the Governor-General, the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), as Commander-in-Chief and Chief Mourner, and Lady Cosgrove attended a Repatriation Ceremony and Memorial Service for 33 Australians repatriated from Terendak Military Cemetery, Malaysia, and Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.
www.gg.gov.au

This very moving service was attended by family and guests and televised nationally.

The next day on 3 June, along with dignitaries and families, a number of members of 9 RAR attended the re-interment of 2788583 Private Gary Alex Archer who died of (Vietnam War) injuries in Japan on 4 February 1969, aged 22, and seven others in the Sydney War Cemetery, Rookwood.

The Department of Veterans Affairs advises that all costs associated with the repatriation and reburial of the 33 Australians who were returned home were met by the Australian Government.



Richmond Air Base



Home at last



Row of loved ones.

Grave of Gary Archer closest to the front



Bernie Fitzpatrick, Bill Morris, Terry Moore, Ian Lygo and Ted Bennett.

RESPONSE FROM GARY ARCHER'S SISTER, LYN VOUROS,

The 2nd and 3rd of June 2016 will never be forgotten. What memorable and emotion filled days they were.

Gary Archer was the third eldest in a family of ten children; he was a loved brother and son. He spent his childhood in Peakhurst NSW, attended Peakhurst West Primary School and Narwee Boys High School. After completing high school he procured himself a Trade Boot Maker apprenticeship at Rigby and Fletcher shoe factory at Peakhurst. Gary left home when he was seventeen years old and carved out a new life for himself. He completed his apprenticeship, he owned a horse that he loved, went hunting, camping and fishing with his mates, made his own apple cider and tried his hand at brewing beer. He did many things young men of that era enjoyed. Gary and I were very close, he was a much loved and wonderful brother.

On behalf of the Archer family I would like to thank the never-ending list of all the great people and 9 RAR who had input into achieving a great outcome.

Special thanks to

- Eric Pope whom I would be lost without. What a wonderful contribution you have made Eric, especially having the 9th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment sash made, that will be kept for generations to come along with Gary's flag, and for the never ending communication with every one (and you never gave up).
- Others such as Bob Shrewing, Doug McGrath, Barney Bigwood, David Cronin.
- Those at the Office of Australian War Graves, Brigadier Chris Appleton, Barry Hampson, John McKinnon, Estelle Musprat, Kim Gibbons, Padre Jim Cosgrove and the list goes on.
- Also special thanks to The Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove for his attendance.

I do apologise to the people not mentioned but I will never forget all the support given so freely. Gary would be so proud of his mates. He would not think he deserved all the fuss.

What a wonderful outcome and our brother is now at peace in Australian soil in Sydney where he was longing to return.



Lyn Vorous and Terry Moore



Doug McGrath, Lyn Vorous, Eric Pope and Terry Moore.

RE-INTERMENT CEREMONY, CENTENNIAL PARK

Vice President Michael Mummery represented 9 RAR SA at the re-interment services for 43593 WO II MP Hanley MM KIA South Vietnam 20 February 1967 aged 31, and 39510 Second Lieutenant AD Jellie KIA 3 December 1969 South Vietnam aged 22, at the War Cemetery in Centennial Park.

Please note that the shape of the top of the headstones for WO Hanley and Lt Jellie, is different to the others in the War Cemetery. The Manager of the Adelaide OAWG explained that this is because the Vietnam conflict was not a Commonwealth war.

Those who have seen the graves of Vietnam War dead in the Perth War Cemetery and the Woden Cemetery, Canberra, will be aware of inconsistencies in headstone material and shape.



WO2 MP Hanley MM n.b. different shape top corners of headstone



Perth War Cemetery adjacent to the Karrakatta Public Cemetery, Pte BC Beilken.

9 RAR's Pte L.H. McPherson is buried in the general section of Karrakatta Cemetery



The War Cemetery at Centennial Park was re-opened for the burials of Vietnam war dead from Terendak, WO2 MP Hanley MM and 2nd Lt AD Jellie

IN APPRECIATION

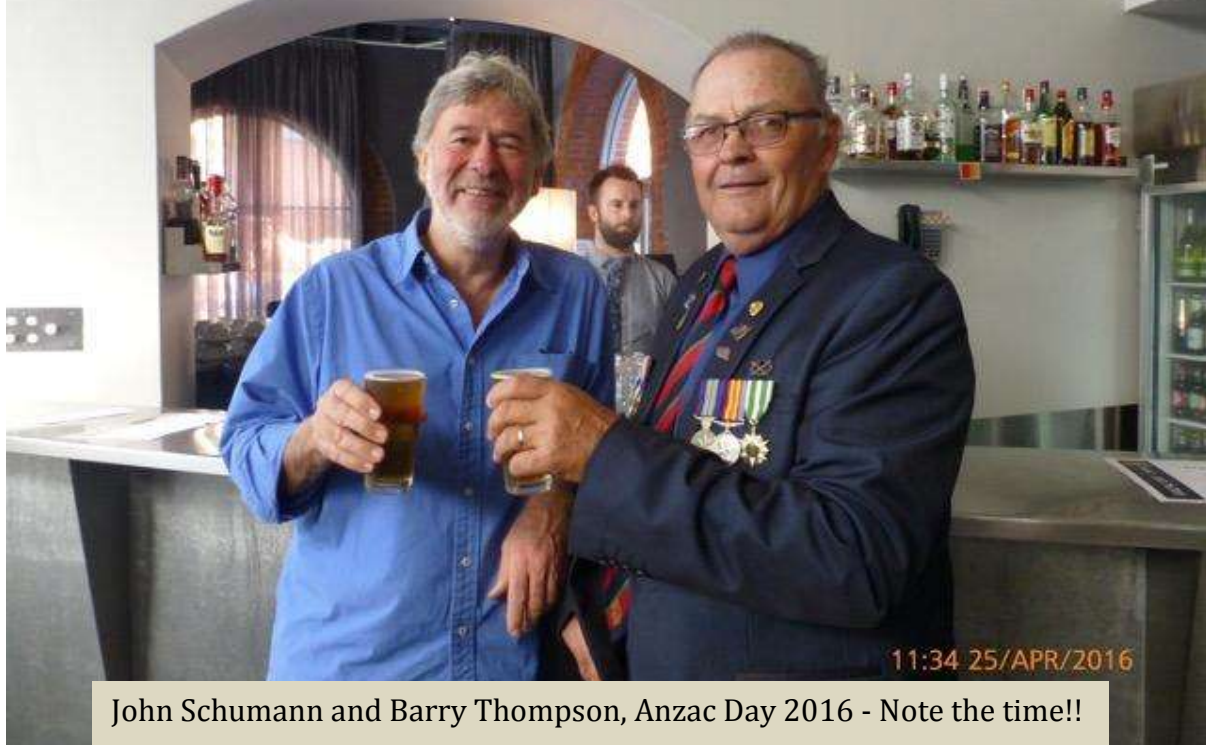
Recently Strathalbyn locals David & Jan Stacey and Norm Goodall DFC (No. 9 Squadron), attended an "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" event sponsored by Jamie Briggs (MP for Mayo at that time).

Special guest was former Prime Minister John Howard OM AC. Norm and David asked that their thanks for the repatriation from Terendak and Singapore be passed to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

"I was only 19" JOHN SCHUMANN AND MIKE STOREN

thanks to Lyn Fisher for this link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwFDncl_i0U&feature=youtu.be



John Schumann and Barry Thompson, Anzac Day 2016 - Note the time!!

THE SEARCH FOR NEXT OF KIN CONTINUES - www.dva.gov.au

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is still advertising the search for photographs and next of kin as part of the project for the Vietnam Veterans' Education Centre in Washington DC.

In Nine News April 2014 there was an appeal for photographs of 7 and location of 52 next of kin of Australia's Vietnam War dead. In April 2016 1 photograph is still being sought as well as 38 next of kin.

NOK information and photographs have been supplied for all of 9 RAR war dead but unfortunately NOK for two burials at Centennial Park are still unknown.

- 4720852 Spr Martinus Jacobus M Schuit (Catholic Section)

- 4718911 Pte William Malcolm Thomas, 3 RAR (Derrick Gardens)

Plaques on the Schuit family grave state:

"4720852 17th Construction Unit, Martinus Jacobus Maria Schuit, dearly loved son of Johannes and Elizabeth. Loved brother of Hanny, John, Harry, Joe, Bert, Louis and Hans. Born in Holland 15.9.1947, Killed in Vietnam 22.10.1970.

"Till we meet again" on the private grave of Spr Schuit

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The plaque on Private Thomas' grave states:

4718911 Private W.M. Thomas 3 Battalion Royal Australia Regiment 26th May 1968 age 21. Killed in Vietnam. Loving memories of my only son, never to be forgotten. Mum & Julie

Please contact us or DVA if you are able to help with photographs or the search for Next of Kin, particularly for those buried in South Australia.

SERVICEMEN WITH PHOTOGRAPH NOT YET LOCATED							
	CHRISTIAN NAMES	SURNAME	DATE OF DEATH	SERVICE NO	RANK	UNIT	CAUSE OF DEATH
1	Gilbert John	HARTNEY	27 January 1971	34854	WO2	RAEME	Illness
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	CHRISTIAN NAMES	SURNAME	DATE OF DEATH	SERVICE NO	RANK	UNIT	CAUSE OF DEATH
1	Norman George	ALLEN	10 November 1967	2784699	PTE	7 RAR	Killed in Action
2	John	BAIN	12 July 1970	16667	SGT	AACC	Motor Vehicle Accident
3	John Albert	BOND	25 April 1969	21977	WO2	AATTV (RAAC)	Killed in Action
4	Robert	BUCHAN	11 December 1969	55613	PTE	6 RAR	Killed in Action
5	Thomas William	CHECKLEY	5 August 1966	311534	GNR	RAA	Accident
6	Ronald Edward	COXON	13 January 1966	38012	LCPL	1 RAR	Killed in Action
7	Walter Johnston	DAVISON	27 January 1968	311546	PTE	8 FD AMB	Killed in Action
8	Kenneth Allan	DUFFY	8 March 1970	1735143	PTE	6 RAR	Killed in Action
9	Paul	EVANS	8 October 1968	1732701	PTE	1 RAR	Killed in Action
10	Barry Edmond	FALLON	10 November 1967	216906	PTE	7 RAR	Killed in Action
11	John Gerald	GREENE	8 December 1969	2791447	SPR	1 FDSQN	Killed in Action
12	Edward Anthony	GRILLS	12 February 1966	215418	PTE	1 RAR	Drowned
13	Gilbert John	HARTNEY	27 January 1971	34854	WO2	RAEME	Illness
14	Ronald David	HEWITT	21 June 1972	A118817	LAC	RAAF	Illness
15	William Joseph	HOBAN, BEM	28 February 1970	15400	SGT	8 RAR	Killed in Action
16	Peter Joseph	JACKSON	15 June 1969	2789790	PTE	5 RAR	Killed in Action
17	James Kelly	KERR	13 May 1969	218508	TPR	1 ARMD REGT	Killed in Action
18	Ian William	KINGSTON	3 September 1969	1734754	PTE	6 RAR	Killed in Action
19	Peter Raymond	KNIGHT	15 December 1970	A318937	LAC	RAAF	Accident
20	Errol John	LEE	11 May 1969	235328	LT	5 RAR	Killed in Action

21	Barry Arthur	LOGAN	28 March 1967	38324	SIG	552 SIG TP	Killed in Action
22	Geoffrey Francis	MATHEWS	9 February 1968	5714739	PTE	3 RAR	Died of Wounds
23	John Leslie	MORGAN	1 June 1970	3795756	PTE	2 AOD	Motor Vehicle Accident
24	Dayle William	MORRISON	26 January 1968	1732186	PTE	2 RAR	Killed in Action
25	Dennis William	NEAL	29 May 1970	1735386	PTE	2 RAR	Killed in Action
26	Timo Eska Antero	PESONEN	28 February 1970	7154	PTE	8 RAR	Killed in Action
27	Maxwell Lachlan	RHODES	19 September 1971	2796378	PTE	4 RAR	Killed in Action
28	Neil Thomas	RICHARDSO	27 August 1970	218697	LCPL	7 RAR	Killed in Action
29	James	RUDDY	30 May 1967	214360	SGT	AFV DET 55 AESS	Illness
30	Martinus Jacobus M	SCHUIT	22 October 1970	4720852	SPR	17 CONST SQN	Injuries
31	Donald Matthew	STAHL	29 October 1968	21934 (NX164568)	CPL	RAE	Unknown
32	John George	STEVENS	23 January 1970	313122	PTE	5 RAR	Accident
33	Alan	TALBOT	1 February 1971	3797623	PTE	7 RAR	Killed in Action
34	William Malcolm	THOMAS	26 May 1968	4718911	PTE	3 RAR	Killed in Action
35	Desmond John	TULLY	29 May 1970	2792375	PTE	2 RAR	Killed in Action
36	Kevin Ronald	WILSON	16 February 1968	3411951	PTE	2 RAR	Killed in Action
37	Ivan Alfred	WOOLLEY	11 December 1969	A118435	LAC	RAAF	Injuries
38	Jeffrey Thomas	WORLE	28 May 1968	3790789	PTE	3 RAR	Killed in Action



TURKISH CONNECTIONS - Warren Featherby

On a recent trip to Istanbul I was able to catch up with some of our Turkish friends.

In the photograph are Mark and Helen Galpin, Barb and myself. Also Kemal Turker and Gunes Abaci.

Kemal is now a Dr Professor in the Medical Science faculty of the Koc University in Istanbul, still single and enjoying life.

Gunes Abaci, "Sunny", is one of the five Turkish War Veterans that we brought to Australia in 2005. Sunny is still well and residing in Istanbul. Sunny attended the funeral of Ali Uygun in 2011 and was able to pass on our condolences to Ali's widow Muazez.

We were able to enjoy an evening meal with each other at a restaurant on the Bosphorus,

near to the Dolmabache Palace. Both men send best wishes to all their Australian 9 RAR friends. During the meal we were able to get the tour leader of 2005, Omer Tascioglu, on the phone, he also sends his best wishes and reminds us that he and his team of 2005 will never forget their visit and the friends they made in Australia.

Gunes came to dinner armed with all the photos that he had taken during his stay with us in 2005 and also with head scarves that his wife had specially made for Barb and Helen. Her handiwork included embroidering the 2005 Spirit of Gallipoli logo into each head scarf.

Kemal sends special wishes to his 9 RAR Harem from Canberra 2005, you know who you are.



Friends meet up in Turkey
Gunes Abaci with Kemal Turker, Barb & Warren Featherby, Mark & Helen Galpin



LONG TAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 18 AUGUST 2016

On Thursday 18 August 2016 a combined commemorative service for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and Vietnam Veterans Day will be held at the Vietnam War Memorial on the northern side of the Torrens Training Depot parade ground.

The service will be a combined RAR Association SA and RSL SA service in nature.

In a change from the recent past there will be no concert after the commemorative service nor a march down from the Adelaide CBD to the parade ground. In fact Vietnam Veterans Day will be conducted on the promulgated date of 18 August rather than on the nearest Sunday

to the 18th as it has in the past in South Australia.

The commemorative service will commence at 11.00 am and should be about one hour in duration. Food and drinks will be on sale after the service.

As a mark of respect to the war dead of the Vietnam War those attending are requested to wear decoration and medals.

The RAR point of contact is Adrian Craig, Ceremonial Manager; 8263 4784 and as.craig9rar@bigpond.com

Adrian Craig, Ceremonial

LAKE BREEZE PICNIC

from 11.30 am Sunday 30 October, 2016

Lake Breeze Winery, Step Road, Langhorne Creek

"always a fabulous day on the lawns at Lake Breeze".

Join Stacey's eclectic group for a spectacular day. BYO chairs. Lunch available for purchase.

RSVP appreciated for table bookings Jan/David Stacey 0438809372.

www.lakebreeze.com.au



MARCH AND COMMEMORATION SERVICE IN MURRAY BRIDGE FOR THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN

The Vice President of Murray Bridge RSL, David Laing, advises that they are conducting a street march and commemoration service in Murray Bridge on Saturday 20 August to pay homage to those 18 soldiers who died during the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966.

The march is open to all former and current serving personnel (not just Vietnam veterans) and the service is open to everyone in the community.

Anyone in the RAR family is invited to participate on the day.

The March will commence at Diamond Park (corner Adelaide Rd and Mannum Rd) at 1000 hrs and proceed to the Murray Bridge Town Hall, a distance of about 300 metres.

At 1015 hrs a Commemoration Service will be held at the Town Hall, lasting approximately 50 minutes.

After that all are welcome to gather at the Murray Bridge RSL for drinks and nibbles.

Special guest is Brigadier Tim Hanna AM RFD, State President RSL SA/NT.

Any questions can be directed to David Laing on 0407 791 822 or davidlaing49@bigpond.com



At Murray Bridge - 10/27th Battalion band performing 'Mekong' by Robert W. Smith, dedicated to those who served in Vietnam.
A very powerful presentation.



Concert at Murray Bridge by the Band of 10th/27th Battalion.
David Stacey, Betty Stanley, Lyn & Jim Fisher and musicians



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RSL VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL

Sharyn Roberts, General Manager of the RSL Virtual War Memorial, and Bob Kearney (who was recently awarded an OAM), attended the June general meeting and presented a workshop on the project. They encouraged the contribution of photographs, scans and stories about living and deceased service personnel.

The RSL Virtual War Memorial (VWM) is an outstanding digital memorial, purpose built to preserve the stories of the personal experiences and records of all those who have served the nation in times of conflict. After logging in to the website anyone can contribute to the story of a family member or loved one.

Please bear in mind privacy issues when submitting photographs and information about others. Ed.

RSL Virtual War Memorial (Australia)

www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au



Research has revealed that similar websites are available for those with New Zealand and Canadian connections. However, the Auckland Museum does not post records of living people "We are very keen to keep adding information about service people still living into Online Cenotaph. These records are clearly marked as a 'preliminary record' and only become bona fide Online Cenotaph records when we have confirmed the death of the individual".

Online Cenotaph- www.aucklandmuseum.com

The Canadian Virtual War Memorial (CVWM)- www.veterans.gc.ca

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.

Previously suggested destination of Peterborough and Broken Hill have been discarded with a preferred option being the Clare Valley (better wines there and besides our troops living in Peterborough and Broken Hill can do a bit of travelling as well).

Planning will be finalised at the August meeting and promoted by email shortly after.



Col Joye and Little Pattie
coming up next



ENTERTAINING THE TROOPS IN BORNEO, 1966 - Warren Featherby

Borneo, "Our Secret War", was a hard and gut busting experience for most of us Aussie Infantry Diggers and I spent 6 months there in 1966 with 4 RAR.

It was a 6 month Tour operating out of Sarawak in the northern western section of the island known as Borneo, now Kalimantan.

Morale was an evasive commodity borne out of the politics of this particular conflict. A conflict where soldiers were sent out on operational patrols and forced to leave their dog tags back at their company base. Where soldiers were instructed that no man, either side of the border, will be taken by the enemy, dead or alive.

I'll save you being bored with detail, and the limitations on what veterans of this conflict can say publicly, even to this day.

Maggie Wood

We were housed in rough Company Bases along the border with Kalimantan. Whilst back in these bases, and with the power of multi band radios, we were able to dial in early each morning to Radio Australia (Asia branch) and the hostess Maggie Wood.

We had no idea what the hostess looked like but she sounded like an Aussie and said all the right things for Aussie Diggers' ears. I recall that she would play two songs that would resonate with the troops, Ray Charles "Hit The Road Jack" and of course Nancy Sinatra – "These Boots Were Made For Walking". Little were we to know that we were to meet her in the flesh in July of 1966.

Maggie was due to visit A Company, currently in reserve at Old Bau, in the mid-afternoon of the 3 July, 1966. To ensure that his troops would be well behaved Major Kevin Cole ordered that the Company Bar be closed until 15 minutes before her arrival time. Plans of

mice and men! Unfortunately Maggie's arrival was delayed by two hours by which time the boys of A Company were "on fire" but, to her credit, it was said that Maggie handled the boys with great aplomb.

Her act mainly consisted of walking along a rough timber table in a white Mini Skirt and talking - did wonders for the high octane testosterone in the mess.

The previous day to Maggie's visit was 2 July and a sad day for the Battalion, and, our Assault Pioneer Platoon, when Corporal Peter West was killed. On the 3 July, 1966, Maggie made a direct broadcast to the Assault Pioneer Platoon over the Battalion radio net which was greatly appreciated by the troops.

Rather interestingly both B and D Company's reported in unit logs that as a result of Maggie's visit morale was high.

Maggie's visit was followed by a visit from the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Defence, The Hon Dennis Healey, it was reported that his visit did not have the same impact on morale as did Maggie's.

Col Joye and Little Pattie

In the August of 1966 we were advised that the Battalion was to be visited by an Aussie concert group and were later to find that the group was Col Joye, and the Joy Boys and Little Pattie. No great stage for the Aussies. Merely jump onto the rear of an Army truck or two and belt out a tune. Boy what a concert. I was lucky enough to be a part of A Company 4 RAR back at Bau for this concert.

As it turned out Col Joye and his touring party were en-route to Vietnam to entertain the troops at Nui Dat on the 18 August, 1966, and were performing at the very moment when the battle of Long Tan erupted.

Needless to say Col Joye and the group had a profound impact on my morale and that of my A Company mates. In 2012 I was lucky enough to meet Col Joye and thank him personally for

his contribution – I have never been lucky enough to meet Little Pattie.

See the concert at
<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/F03783/>

9 RAR and RAR Inductees

In 2003 a decision was taken by members of 9 RAR SA to induct people into the 9 RAR Family who had made a significant contribution to the Veteran community in general and our Battalion in particular.

Inductees were our guest of honour at our annual dinner at which time the inductee was introduced and then presented with a Sweat Rag to recognize their service to the Veteran Community.

Why a sweat rag you ask. Well in a War Zone no Digger would be without their sweat rag. We could have presented the inductee with a bottle of Grange or such but to a Veteran our

sweat rag represents “our blood, our sweat and our tears”. Nothing comes closer to our hearts than this very personal symbol and thus a sweat rag is presented to our Inductees to welcome them to our family and express our gratitude.

The entertainers that we have inducted to the 9 RAR Family are;

2003 Pat Kennedy

2004 John Schumann

In 2008, Catherine Lambert and Nicki Horsell were inducted into the RAR Association.



Nicki Horsell, Catherine Lambert and Warren Featherby

RIVER OF HONOUR

DISCOVER MURRAY RIVER WAR TRAIL IN VICTORIA, NSW AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

For those out on the road.....



A TRAIL & GUIDE TO AUSTRALIA'S
MURRAY RIVER WAR
MUSEUMS, MEMORIALS
RSL'S AND POINTS OF INTEREST



FIELD OF POPPIES AT THE 2016 RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW, LONDON

Do you remember photos of the poppy display at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Philip Island, in the August 2015 newsletter?

This display was a section of the Anzac Day 2015 installation at Melbourne's Federation Square designed by Phillip Johnson in collaboration with the Creators of the 5000 Poppies Project, Lynn Berry and Margaret Knight. Lynn and Margaret set out to crochet 120 poppies to "plant" around 14/32nd Battalion's tree at the Shrine of Remembrance,

Melbourne, but with the assistance of at least 50,000 contributors from all over the world, well in excess of 250,000 poppies were hand crocheted and knitted for the much larger project.

Held alongside the River Thames in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, the breathtaking display of poppies at the Chelsea Flower Show was much admired by "The Royals" and visitors to the annual flower show.

see <https://5000poppies.wordpress.com/>

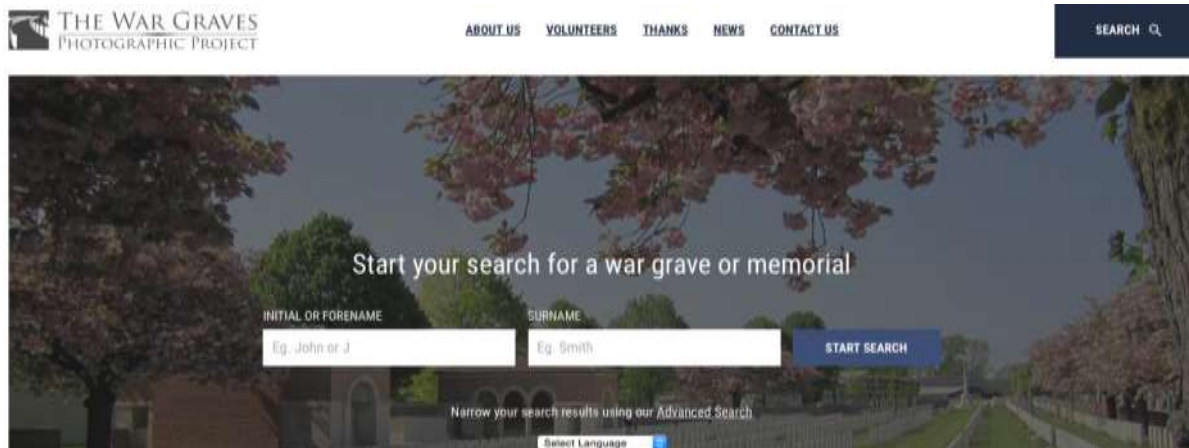
The Australian poppy project at Chelsea Flower Show. *source: Phillip Johnson Landscapes.*



THE WAR GRAVES PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT - UPDATED WEBSITE AND NOW ON FACEBOOK

Steve Rogers, ex serviceman (Royal Navy) of 32 years, co-ordinates TWGPP and has recently updated the project website - see twgpp.org, also <https://es-la.facebook.com/twgpp/> Previous newsletters have reported on the adventures of Jim Fisher, Terry McElligott, David and Jan Stacey, who with the assistance

of friends and relatives have travelled many km in Australia over the last few years photographing graves of Vietnam war dead. The new-look website is easy to negotiate and is particularly helpful for Australians searching the last resting place of serving forebears .



WELCOME TO THE WAR GRAVES PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT

The original aim of **The War Graves Photographic Project** was to photograph every war grave, individual memorial, Ministry of Defence grave, and family memorial of serving military personnel from WWI to the present day. However, due to its popularity we have now extended our remit to cover all nationalities and military conflicts and make these available within a [searchable database](#).

This service has only been made possible through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, from all walks of life, who feel the need to Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and who realise the importance for families to see where their loved ones are laid to rest or commemorated. This emulates the CWGC ethos to 'Remember in Perpetuity'.

[READ MORE ABOUT US](#)[SEARCH OUR DATABASE](#)

COMMONWEALTH CASUALTIES

Until as recent as June 2016 TWGPP was working as joint venture with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and through their network of Commonwealth offices like the Office of Australian War Graves, Canadian Veterans Affairs and the New Zealand Ministry of Heritage and Culture we were able to assist in photographic requests. This service enabled families, scholars and researchers to obtain, via CWGC links or TWGPP website, a copy of the photograph of a grave or memorial which for many is impossible to visit due to the location.

[LEARN MORE](#)

CEMETERY LOCATION MAPS

Download our digital maps of cemeteries from around the world

[BROWSE LOCATIONS](#)

IMAGE GALLERY

Online gallery of images from our volunteers

[VIEW GALLERY](#)

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION ADELAIDE NOVEMBER 2107

A number of minor issues need to be tidied up at our August meeting, however the “nuts & bolts” of the 2017 50th Anniversary Reunion are in place.

A new web-site, paid for by grant funding from the State Government, will be launched once agreement has been reached on the final outstanding issues. This web site will allow 9 RAR members to update their own contact information and to make on-line bookings, including payments.

For those without email addresses information will be forwarded to them by snail mail.

The “official” reunion will begin on Monday 13th November 2017 with the Anniversary Dinner in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Adelaide preceded by a cocktail function in the adjoining Balcony Gallery.

On the following day we conduct our Service of Remembrance at the “birthplace of the Battalion” Keswick Barracks. Following the service, refreshments will be available for purchase and a tour of the Keswick Army Museum will be available.

On the Wednesday a “picnic” will take place at the Lake Breeze Winery in Langhorne Creek where food and beverages will be available for purchase. Musical entertainment will be provided during the afternoon. A coach will be available to transport people from Adelaide and return.

Unlike previous reunions we have combined the “Meet & Greet” and Dinner. We have also split the Service from the Picnic (BBQ) as one is a dress up function, the other a “dress down” affair.

Prior to the reunion we have arranged for an optional visit on the Saturday to the Pt Pirie RSL, home of the Huey” where we will join RSL members for the Remembrance Day service followed by refreshments and a tour of the RSL museum. A coach will be provided, however

some members may travel by car or in fact call in on their way to Adelaide if coming from that direction.

Optionally if Companies or Platoons want to organise their get-to-gethers on the Sunday we will assist them to put those in place.

A number of suggested post reunion “tours” will be promulgated for attendees to arrange themselves.

We will be organising a major raffle, auctions, sale of goods etc to raise funds and will be applying for grant funding which is available. The idea is to reduce the cost to each person attending significantly so that the cost of attending does not prevent them coming.

Apart from fund-raising and grant funding we have looked at the cost of catering for a meal, such as the BBQ lunch, as against organising food outlets to be onsite to provide a variety of food for purchase as chosen by the buyer. This way we don’t have to guess how many may turn up.

Essentially the only up front payment will be for the Dinner (which will include a 5 hour beverage package). Coach tickets and food purchase of ones choice are extra but people get to choose what they have.

We have now received the data-base used by the Victorian Association for the 2015 reunion which hopefully will assist us in making contact with as many as possible.

Once a few loose ends have been tidied up the Reunion will be officially launched by email and snail mail.

We have looked at the positives and negative from previous reunions and have worked to using the good, avoiding the bad and staying away from the ugly.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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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