



Nine News

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Anzac Day 2017

Many of our members attended Dawn Services, Anzac Day marches, football matches and other commemorations in local communities. 9 RAR was very well represented around the state and I thank you for taking part in these events.

This year I was very pleased to be well enough to lead 9 RAR SA in the Adelaide march. Proudly carrying the 9 RAR banner were Haydn Inwood and James Stacey, sons of Vietnam veterans. The march was well supported by many of our families and an enthusiastic crowd.

In previous years Jim and Lyn Fisher have always ensured that the flags, banners and frogs are ready for the flag bearers but as they were unable to attend this Anzac Day, the flags and frogs were transported most efficiently in the RAR (SA) van.

Lunch at the Lion Hotel was a reunion of old comrades and Michael Mummery's fundraising efforts were much appreciated. Again we thank

the Lion Hotel for their generous lunch and drink pricing.

Our bi-monthly meetings are held at the RAR (SA) Clubrooms at Burnside and we look forward to our continued use of the clubrooms. The RAR has always been accommodating in allowing us to hold meetings at these premises and it must be said that we have appreciated their generosity.

Matters arising from our meetings including the National Reunion in November, graveside gatherings, and preparation of wills and Advance Care Directives are mentioned below. Considering the difficult and uncertain circumstances of a number of the 9 RAR family, the effort, enthusiasm and commitment to the reunion is commendable. I look forward to welcoming all to the Reunion and spending time with those from my Platoon.

David Stacey



Nice helmet, but who is the dork underneath it?

GRAVESIDE GATHERINGS

Thanks to those who attended and Adrian Craig who arranged these events in remembrance of L Cpl RJ Abraham (Whyalla, 6 July) and Cpl BAJ Adamczyk (Centennial Park, 12 July).



Morgan & Michelle

WHO ARE THESE BOYS?

If you are one the “boys” in the photo or you know any of them, please let the editor know. Apparently there is a warrant out for their arrest on malicious damages charges.



PLANNING AHEAD

Veterans -

- **Have you made a will since you were posted overseas last Century?**
- **Do you have a current will?**
- **Read on about making a will and completing an Advance Care Directive**

MAKING A WILL

Making a valid will is the only way you can be sure your property is distributed according to your wishes after your death.

There is no legal requirement that a solicitor must prepare a will, but using a legal professional will ensure your will is legal and reduce the possibility of it being contested.

If you don't have a legal will, South Australian laws will determine how your property or 'estate' will be divided.

Executors

An executor of a will is the person or organisation responsible for carrying out the wishes of the deceased as instructed in their will. Being an executor may involve any or all of the following duties:

- making funeral arrangements
- applying for a certified copy of the death certificate
- applying for probate (the process of proving and registering in the Supreme Court the last will of a deceased person)
- attending to all financial matters, including funeral expenses, legal costs, distributing assets and settling any outstanding debts.

Assistance with wills

The following services are available to prepare wills and provide assistance:

- **Public Trustee** - can prepare wills and act as executor. If you choose to appoint the Public Trustee to prepare your will and/or administer your estate, no charges are incurred until after death
- **Legal Services Commission** - provides free information and legal advice on wills, including information about contesting a will
- **Law Society of South Australia** - provides a referral service for solicitors who can prepare a will and do home visits
- **Council of the Ageing South Australia** (COTA SA) - a solicitor is available to provide free advice on general legal matters, including simple wills. Fees are charged for preparation of wills (lower price for members)
- The Salvation Army provides a free 18-page booklet regarding will preparation, **Your Will, Your Family**.



Advance Care Directive DIY Kit

Make your future health
and life choices known

This
revised
version is
effective as of
12 May
2016



This do-it-yourself Kit contains:

- 2 x Advance Care Directive tear out Form Packages
- General Information
- Step-by-Step Guide and example statements
- Information for Witnesses, Substitute Decision-Makers and Interpreters
- Example Form



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ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVE

At some point in your life, there may come a time when you may be unable to make your own decisions.

It could be because

- of a sudden accident or serious mental health episode
- of dementia or similar condition
- of a sudden serious stroke
- you are unconscious or in a coma

If this happened, how would you want decisions to be made for you about your health care, living arrangements and other personal matters?

More importantly, who would you want making these decisions for you?

An Advance Care Directive makes it easy for others to know what your wishes are when you are unable to make these decisions yourself. It also gives you peace of mind to know that your wishes will be known and can be respected, if others need to make decisions for you.

What is the Advance Care Directive?

An Advance Care Directive empowers you to make clear legal arrangements for your future health care, end of life, preferred living arrangements and other personal matters.

It replaces Enduring Powers of Guardianship, Medical Powers of Attorney and Anticipatory Directions with a single Advance Care Directive Form.

An Advance Care Directive allows you to:

- write down your wishes, preferences and instructions for your future health care, end of life, living arrangements, personal matters and/or
- appoint one or more Substitute Decision-Makers to make these decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so in the future.

To make an Advance Care Directive consult with your solicitor or purchase a DIY kit for \$5.00 from Services SA.

www.advancedirectives.sa.gov.au

COMBINED ESO COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN
AND VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

At the invitation of The Royal Australian Regiment Association

11 am

Torrens Parade Ground

18 August 2017

Parking will be available on TPG.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY

contributed by Warren Featherby

On Friday 12 May 2017, I was invited to a service in The Repat Chapel as a part of International Nurses Day. The format was a very short speech by the Director of Nursing. This was followed by brief bios by a small number of nurses which included their commitment to The Repat since 1942.

This was followed by a candle lighting ceremony where I lit individual candles for half of the nurses in the Chapel. Once they had returned to their seats they were asked to stand and recite the pledge.

International Nurses Day 2017

RGH Nurses Pledge

I will strive with all of my heart and in the Repat spirit to continue to be an open, kind, honest and committed professional nurse.

I believe that delivering high quality healthcare is essential, but let us also reach beyond diagnosis and labels but remember that entrusted into my care is a person with all the loves, hates, fears and uniqueness that are an integral part of being human.

Let me not grow too comfortable in my knowledge, but actively seek out new opportunities to continue to learn and be better. I believe that being a nurse requires continuous

growth and I will strive to promote this spirit of enquiry in others as well.

I dedicate myself to promoting and enhancing the profession of nursing and to nurturing the generations of nurses yet to come.

Together we will support each other to ensure that we don't lose our culture, as we are the culture, and each of us has been touched by being part of the Repat, its unique and special history, and passionate commitment to nurse in the way that we would want to be nursed ourselves.



CAN YOU HELP?

Looking to i.d. any in this photograph for the friend of a family member. All are believed to be in 4 RAR and from Tasmania. Please contact The Editor.

SIGNIFICANT SEVENTIES

Many from 9 RAR have celebrated 70th birthdays recently. Best wishes to all including Bob Plummer whose big day was shared with his family and the 9 RAR family on 12 July, following Bruno's graveside gathering.



Nice hat, but who is the dork underneath it?

50TH ANNIVERSARY (ADELAIDE) REUNION

As we enter the final 3 months lead up to the reunion there are now just the finishing touches to be done.

Some 500 members have booked in for the dinner on Monday 13 November at the Hilton. The dinner will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 1800 hours with a 3 course meal starting at 1900 hours. Beverages will be available throughout the night until 2300 hours and are included in the meal price.

John Schumann is putting on a concert during the dinner and his backing band will provide background music during the evening.

We are organising a marquee and seating for the Service at Keswick Army barracks on the Tuesday 14 November.

Some 344 members are travelling to Lake Breeze Winery by coach or own means for the casual "picnic" to wind up the formal part of the reunion on Wednesday 15 November.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASS'N SA

If you are not already a member, have you considered joining the RARA (SA), after all we do meet in their clubrooms and the 9RARSA Association is a part of the Regiment.

The following is from the "Infantryman August" reprinted with permission.

Membership Report - July 2017

Although I have been your Membership Officer for the past couple of years, I am still finding it a steep learning curve. Through phone calls, emails and postal reminders we have a number members who failed to renew their membership during the 2016-2017 financial year, as well as a from the previous year.

Unfortunately, aging and illness is catching up with some Members who felt they didn't want to renew. As such, I am now calling on you to continue to support your club, by renewing your Membership. At 1 July 2017, as many as 99 Members will become unfinancial, although some have already renewed their Membership since then.

As we are now sending the Infantryman Newsletter via electronic means, if you have a working email, or via post to those that don't, I will be including a Renewal Form with both for those who are due. I ask that you fill it in ASAP and send back either by post, via email with your details, or by electronic payment via online banking. If you do wish to pay via electronic banking, could you please provide your Membership Number and your name. I have included the banking details below:

Payment type – Please Circle Cash / Cheque / Visa / MasterCard/ Money Order/ Net Banking

Card No/...../...../.....

Name on Card

Card Expiry Date/.....

Internet Banking

Acc. Name... Royal Australian Regiment Assoc. (SA) Inc.

Bank - ANZ **BSB No** - 015 237 **Acc. No** - 484328191

Net Banking Please Provide Full Name & Membership No

After the last mailout, via electronic or mail, a number of returns were received, so if you change your email or home address please notify me.

If you need help with anything to do with your Membership, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Membership
Officer Carol
Van Der Peet

MEMORIES OF VIETNAM, 1968/69

courtesy the late Greg Thomas

- Jimmy Jellett in Vung Tau
- Entertaining the troops



Canberra Times ACT.

Friday 1 November 1968, page 10



<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article 136952752>

Canberra Times ACT.

Friday 13 December 1968, page 9

Anzacs in Vietnam wounded

Two 22-year-old soldiers, one from Launceston, Tasmania, and the other from Taralga, NSW, have been wounded in action in Vietnam.

They are Corporal John David Taylor, single, of Launceston, Tasmania, a member of A Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Royal Australian Armoured Corps, and Trooper David Garth Pirie, single, of Taralga, NSW, also of A Squadron.

Corporal Taylor received medium fragmentation and Trooper Pirie was slightly wounded. Both are in a satisfactory condition.

Sapper Christopher David Carrol, 20, single, of Here-taunga, New Zealand, a member of 1st Field Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers, was slightly wounded in Bien Hoa Province on Wednesday.

Australia's youngest infantry battalion, the 9th, had its baptism of fire on Tuesday night when it exchanged fire with the enemy during a cordon and search of the village of An Nhut, five miles south of the 1st Australian Task Force base at Nui Dat, Phuoc Tuy Province.

There were no Australian casualties. One Vietcong was killed.

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article 136960922>

Victor Red Cross

The August meeting of the Victor Harbour Red Cross branch was occupied with planning a programme of activities until the end of the year.

The first function will be a bridge and canasta afternoon on August 29.

Sewing members have prepared a parcel of 56 pairs of children's pyjamas for civilian relief in Vietnam. Recently Australian Red Cross made a second donation of \$10,000 for civilian relief in that war-torn country.

From Vung Tau hospital base, Vietnam, Red Cross field officer Carolyn Fitzpatrick, a South Australian, writes of the branch's parcels of home-made biscuits and cakes. They are greatly relished by the patients, who often write letters of thanks to the donors when names and addresses are enclosed.

VIETNAM PENFRIENDS

Whoa there, girls—ease up on that fan mail!

Girls by the hundred have been writing to the Australian Force, Vietnam, seeking soldier penfriends, and a big proportion of the girls are from South Australia.

Their interest is greatly appreciated by the Diggers, but the flood of mail has become too big to handle.

Letters seeking penfriends in Vietnam are passed on to Army chaplains, who try to find suitable correspondents among the troops. So many letters are banked up at the moment that the chaplains can't guarantee to place them all.

So, girls, if you're thinking of asking for a lonely Digger to write to, will you hold off for a couple of months? By then it is hoped the situation will have returned to normal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January Commemorative Services 5 th , 7 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th As per Honour Roll	February Meeting First Thursday Commemorative Service 14 th (L Cpl P A Chant) Hat Dich Service 19 th	March Commemorative Service 5 th (Pte G J Scales) Country Retreat (R&R)
April Meeting First Thursday ANZAC Day 25 th	May	June Meeting First Thursday
July Commemorative Services 6 th & 12 th	August Meeting First Thursday Vietnam Veteran's Day 18 th	September
October Meeting First Thursday	November Adelaide Reunion 12 th - 15 th	December AGM & Lunch TBA

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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