



Nine

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News

The Newsletter of the 9 RAR Association SA Family

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9 RAR SA ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2012

In 2012 we kept the promise made by Warren Featherby and Michael Mummery to our NOK and attended the graves of our SA war dead conducting a brief service to honour their sacrifice. On the anniversary of their death in 2013 we will repeat the covenant.

Two services were conducted to commemorate Battalion service and both ably managed by Adrian Craig. These were Hat Dich, an operation carried out by the Australian Task Force in 1968-69 in which 9 RAR participated and the placing on the Pathway of Honour of a memorial to the 43rd Battalion to honour their role in WWI. Both well attended.

ANZAC day in Adelaide was well attended and Bob Plummer with his duties at Goolwa in the morning was still able to attend the march. Thank you to Michael Mummery for organising the Old Lion Hotel.

Another major project, that 9 RAR has committed itself to, is having the graves and the crematoria sites of all our post WWII War dead leases registered as perpetual. To this end we have been partially successful with the cooperation of Brigadier Chris Appleton from Australian War Graves committed to renewing all the graves of our war dead as the leases expire. It is still a work in progress.

During this process a request was made by the Australian War Graves for the names and addresses of any living NOK so War Graves could contact them for a photo of their war dead which will be sent to Washington in the USA for the Memorial to the Australian war dead from the Vietnam conflict. This request was completed for many of the SA war dead, collated and sent to Canberra by Jan Stacey and 9 RAR thanks her very much.

After the service for Rick Abraham at Whyalla the group took the opportunity to have a few days at Cowell fishing and relaxing.

Lastly I wish to thank the team that made this organisation work in 2012. Laurie Lewis our Patron; Bob Plummer, Secretary; Adrian Craig, Treasurer; Michael Mummery, Vice President and fund raiser; Gene Costa, Vice President; Lyn Fisher, welfare; Jim Fisher, keeper of the Flags; Warren Featherby, special projects and especially Sue and Max Grund with help from John England for publishing the Magazine.

There is a strong support team including Jeff and Jenny Howe, Vicky Plummer, Barb Featherby, Keith and Judy Wright, Les and Marg Maynard, Jan Stacey, Tony Hudson, Dick Pomeroy, Ann Jarrad, Di Lewis, Jenny Mummery, Pauline Costa, Charlie and Frances Seychelles, Betty Plummer and Haydn and Laraine Madigan to name a few.

Our thanks go to the RAR Association for the use of their clubrooms.

What I have observed and is often unseen is the visiting done by our members to others of our 9 RAR families. This is the soul of our veterans' club.

The Sydney 9 RAR reunion was well attended by South Australians.

9 RAR SA Inc has committed itself to running the 2017 fifty year National Reunion. Even though it is 5 years hence it is a project that will require all our skill and resources to complete. The next Reunion will be in Victoria in 2015 and Doug McGrath has been re-elected as the National President.

David Stacey

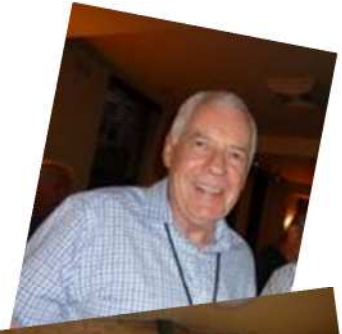


President David Stacey and the 9 RAR Association SA Committee wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year

THE SYDNEY 2012 REUNION



THE MEET & GREET



THE DINNER



The 3 "M's"
Michelle, Margaret & Morgan





THE SERVICE



THE GARDEN PARTY



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at 1200 hours on Thursday 6th December 2012
in the RAR Clubrooms, Linden Park



In Attendance (38)



Paul & Marg Berk, Bill Corey, Gene & Pauline Costa, Adrian & Sandra Craig, Warren & Barb Featherby, Jim & Lyn Fisher, Bryan & Jan Henderson, Leith Holder, Jeff & Jenny Howe, Tony Hudson, Anne Jarrad, Simon Kelly, Laurie Lewis, Haydn & Laraine Madigan, Michelle Matthews, Derek & Kay O'Reilly, Fred Pfitzner, Bob Plummer, Betty Plummer, Dick & Helen Pomeroy, Charlie & Frances Seychell, David & Jan Stacey, Peter & Anna Varricchio, Keith & Judy Wright.

Apologies (36)



I get more response in a nursing home.

Ivor Alexander, Anne Bonney, Peter Cliff, Graham Cogan, James Connon, Brendan & Lou Crowley, Leon Eddy, John England, David Everitt, Ted Flanagan, Alan Graham, Max & Sue Grund, Pat Kennedy, Wally Matthews, Les & Marg Maynard, Bill McDonald, Michael & Jenny Mummery, Allan Peglar, Bruce & Johanna Perks, Vicki Plummer, John & Denny Schumann, Don Shield, Bob Stainer, Jock Statton, Alan Stead, George Szczurko, Bob Teusner, Barry Thompson, Les Walker, Bob Whitford.

The ODE to the fallen

Bob Plummer

Minutes of previous AGM

12th November 2011 previously distributed were confirmed – Moved Lyn Fisher, 2nd Keith Wright, carried.

Treasurer's Report

Tabled and received - Moved Adrian Craig, 2nd Lyn Fisher, Carried

President's Report

David Stacey read his report which had been previously distributed.

Patron conducted elections and announced officers for 2012/13 (reference Constitution Clause 6.2c)

Laurie Lewis

Of the Executive only one position, that of one of the Vice Presidents held by Gene Costa, became vacant. Gene, being eligible, offered himself for re-election and in the absence of any other nomination was re-elected for a period of two years until 2014. Moved Adrian Craig, 2nd Warren Featherby, carried.

<u>EXECUTIVE</u>	<u>HELD BY</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
President	David Stacey	2013
Vice President	Michael Mummery	2013
Vice President	Gene Costa	2014
Secretary	Bob Plummer	2013
Treasurer	Adrian Craig	2013



The following people have been nominated for the positions listed below. Subject to the nominee accepting the nomination the following will hold the position until the next AGM.

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES

A Company
 B Company
 C Company
 D Company
 Admin Company
 Support Company

NOMINEE

Brendan Crowley
 David Stacey
 Michael Mummery
 Jeff Howe
 Jim Fisher
 Leo Macpanas

LIAISON OFFICERS

RSL
 RAR
 REPAT
 TPI

NOMINEE

Michael Mummery
 Adrian Craig
 Warren Featherby
 Leon Eddy

OTHER OFFICERS

Audio Visuals
 Ceremonial
 Custodian of the Banner & NOK Flags
 Fund Raising
 Master of Ceremonies
 Newsletter Editor
 Journalist
 Printing & Distribution
 Special Projects
 Welfare

NOMINEE

Jeff Howe
 Adrian Craig
 Jim Fisher
 Michael Mummery
 Bob Plummer
 Jan Stacey
 John England
 Bob Plummer
 Warren Featherby
 Lyn Fisher

Thank you to the retiring editors and producers of the magazine Sue and Max Grund, who have kept us well informed for many years. We also very much appreciate Peta's guidance and contribution. Ed.

Appointments

The following appointments were ratified.

Patron
 Auditor

Laurie Lewis
 Mark Turner CPA

Next Annual General Meeting

Saturday 16th November 2013 – RAR Clubrooms – Time TBA.

Meeting closed 1225 hours



Doesn't he ever shut up!

HAYDN'S HUEY



(The actual machine to be displayed)

Greetings

My name is Haydn Madigan and I am President of the Port Pirie RSL Sub Branch and a member of 9 RAR. I am pleased to announce that the Port Pirie RSL has been selected as the preferred recipient of one of the six Iroquois (Huey) helicopters allocated by the Minister of Defence Material. We have also been allocated two (2) M60 Machine guns to be attached to the Huey. As you would understand this is an expensive project as we will be housing the Huey in a purpose built building and it will be available to the public to sit in, touch and have photos taken with you inside. Part of our fundraising will be selling pavers to Veterans, Non Veterans and Businesses. The order forms are available by contacting me at haydnm@westnet.com.au .

The first is for individuals. The cost starts at \$65.00 for a paver measuring 230mm x 114mm x 40mm

The second is for Businesses and ESO's. You may want to purchase a larger one using your clubs logo.

The third is one specially designed for Veterans who paid the supreme sacrifice in Vietnam. This is a large paver measuring 300mm x 300mm x 40mm

We would appreciate if you could disseminate this information as widely as possible. Please advise if you would like extra copies of the order form and we will send them to you.

This fundraiser is open ended as we will place pavers on the floor of the building. We are making a path around the Huey in the shape of a horseshoe. This is to reflect the Long Hai Mountains, known as the horseshoe. Vietnam Veteran pavers will be placed within this horseshoe. We plan to hold the official opening on 18th August 2014, Vietnam Veterans Day.

9 RAR VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP TOUR 2013

In 2008 we conducted a very successful Friendship Tour to Vietnam for former members of 9 RAR, some sons and daughters of our members and a number of Next of Kin. The positive comments from those that accompanied us in 2008, and approaches that we have received since, have prompted us to organize another tour.

What we are proposing is a 15 day Friendship Tour, specifically tailored to those who served with 9 RAR and our Next of Kin, including partners and families, to take place in October, 2013. If you are the Next of Kin of one of our 35 men to be commemorated we are especially inviting your family to be represented on this journey to Vietnam.

Travel Plan

You will have the opportunity to see the sights and sounds of Hanoi, Hue, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, (Saigon), and then travel to what is now known as Baria Vung Tau Province. We will be staying in the port city of Vung Tau and travel from there to towns and places of interest in the Province. Your trip would include at least two visits, and a Commemorative Service, at Nui Dat, the home of the Australian Task Force during the war in Vietnam and a visit to the Long Tan Cross.

Itinerary

We propose to commence your journey in Hanoi then travel south via Hue and Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City. From Ho Chi Minh City we would travel down to Vung Tau and finally finish the tour in Ho Chi Minh City.

For those who have not travelled to Vietnam you will find that the people of Vietnam are very happy, industrious and welcoming of you.

We estimate that the cost of this tour would be approximately \$4,000 per person twin share, which would include all airmiles, taxes, accommodation, etc but these costs will vary according to the number of responses we receive. The cost will also include gratuities, bus transport, guides, interpreters, some meals and the cost of staging a commemorative service at Long Tan and Nui Dat.

We must add that 9 RAR Association (SA) will organize the tour for you, and we will be travelling with you, and will be paying the same price as all other travellers. Any benefit from group travel, and accommodation, will be spread across the entire tour group. I repeat, although 9 RAR Association (SA) will be the organizer we will all be sharing in any gratuities and we will all be paying the exact same price.

We are planning on concluding the tour with a Commemorative Service, hopefully on SAS Hill, (which is alongside what was once Luscombe Airstrip).

Planning has advanced to the point where we have selected a travel agent to organise the tour for us. Sufficient people have expressed interest to make this viable.

Should you be interested in accompanying us on this tour but would like to discuss it further please contact Warren Featherby on 8443 3434 or email Warren at featherby41@bigpond.com .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
5	1100	Service for J M Duroux, Derrick Gardens	7	1300	Committee Meeting, RAR Clubrooms
7	1100	Service for A W Graham, Stirling North	14	1100	Service for P A Chant, RSL Wall
18	1100	Service for R A Phillips, Murray Bridge	MARCH		
18	1200	Lunch with Phillips family Murray Bridge	5	1100	Service for G J Scales, Derrick Gardens
19	1100	Hat Dich Service, Pathway of Honour	APRIL		
19	1200	Lunch at RAR Clubrooms	4	1300	Committee Meeting, RAR Clubrooms
19	1330	Service for J R Cock, Derrick Gardens	25	0930	Anzac Day March
19	1400	Service for H R Musicka, RSL Wall	25	1200	Lunch at Old Lion, North Adelaide
20	1100	Service for B J Plane, Ardrossan	NOVEMBER 2017 50 th ANNIVERSARY REUNION IN ADELAIDE		
20	1200	Lunch in Ardrossan			

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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