



9 RAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 14 NOVEMBER 2017 THANK YOU

Dear Key Players,

I normally send a Thank You in email format to the Key Players of the commemorative services I conduct (six or more per year) and as well as thanking all of the Key Players I tend to single out three or four individuals or groups for special mention.

I started on the draft of the Thank You on Tuesday afternoon and tried to single out those three or four individuals or groups for special mention but I found it impossible to do so.

So let me thank you all for making the Service the success that it was. That includes the high profile key players out in front for all to see to the OIC Car Parking and the ladies giving out the Service Booklets. Without all those cogs in the wheel meshing together correctly the Service would not have been successful.

However a small number of individuals or organizations require a special thank you. They are:

- The Australian Defence Forces. They provided:
 - The Venue with the ANZAC Memorial, flag pole, parade ground, car parking, toilets, chairs, lectern, electrical power and an extreme weather venue in case it was even hotter than it was. Most of this was coordinated by the RSM Ceremonial, Joint Operations Support Staff SA/NT WO1Greg Barron OAM.
 - The Catafalque Party, Band including Bugler, Chaplain and Equipment Display; all from one of my old units; 10th/27nd Battalion, The Royal South Australian Regiment.
- Catherine Lambert and The Terrace Singers especially for their version of the 9 RAR 'Quick March Pass Me By'.
- The flag bearers of the flags of our dead comrades who did a dignified job of bringing forward the flags without a rehearsal. Another reason why I believe in the KISS principle.
- The Minister for Veterans Affairs, South Australia and his staff at Veterans SA for the provision of a generous grant which funded most of the Service.
- The un-sung hero of the day; Parade Marshal Bruce Sutherland who had the task of lining up about 250 veterans, mainly with disabilities and not feeling very well after a long dinner the night before and with little sleep before the March On.

If I do not see you before; please have a safe and great Festive Season.

Kind regards,

Adrian Craig

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