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News

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FROM THE PRESIDENT (based on Anzac Day Message 2019)

Men of 9 Battalion 1969, patron Warren Featherby, ladies, gentlemen and families,

50 years ago, we were on our tour of duty in South Vietnam.

By Anzac Day, 1969, our war dead numbers had already reached 18 out of the final tally of 35.

Eighteen families had buried their young warriors - 10 of those funerals in South Australia.

We have continued to commemorate our war dead, with the final two graveside gatherings for 2019 in July. Warwick Archer, along with Jim and Lyn Fisher, recently took part in the commemoration for Pte Lyall McPherson in Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth. Lyall carried the gun in 5 Platoon B Company.

I also attended The Battle of Hat Dich 50th Anniversary commemorations at RAR Burnside on 19 February organized by Manager - Ceremonial Adrian Craig. Representatives of the three battalions involved (1 RAR, 4 RAR and 9 RAR) were privileged to be the first to place wreaths.

To the surviving men of 9 RAR - make the time to thank your families for their support and patience during the last 50 plus years.

All of us were damaged by the experiences of war.

Many have contributed to society through challenging careers and community organizations.

Most of our parents have passed away but siblings, spouses, partners, children and grandchildren have added to the tapestry of our lives. Surprisingly to us blokes, many of the young fillies of 1969 are still around today. Thanks girls!

Today we marched under a new banner. This lighter and easier to handle banner was organized by Adrian Craig and donated by Geoff Boettcher. Thank you gentlemen, and to those who carried banners and flags today.



Again, thanks to Michael Mummery for arranging today's venue and the sponsorship of The Lion Hotel. The Jerningham Room has been our meeting place for many Anzac Days and is a popular venue.

(Who remembers the RAR Association lunches and chook raffles at Norwood RSL, The Lord Melbourne, pub in Gouger Street, and The Queen's Head Hotel, North Adelaide?)

Not present today are 9 RAR MO Dr Bruce Perks who led the 9 RAR group in Sydney this morning and Warwick Archer who is attending a special service in UK - we wish them well.

Time is taking its inevitable toll on our marching ranks and we are delighted to see our 'hospital herd' here at lunch.

Ladies and gentlemen, please enjoy the day with your friends and families and appreciate each other's company.



Postscript -

Considering the number of veterans who were sporting new hip and knee joints, well done to the 20 or so who marched in the 9 RAR group on Anzac Day in Adelaide. Some of our regular attendees apologised because of distance, health and holidays.

Approximately 65 veterans, families and inductees Simon and Bruce (with Madeleine and Andrew), enjoyed lunch and good company at The Lion Hotel in North Adelaide.

For those who do not have commitments to their own RSL clubs or with other groups, the Jerningham Room is an ideal venue. The meal deal is very reasonable considering the 15% public holiday surcharge. We look forward to a good attendance in 2020.

Anzac Day can be a difficult day for many and I appreciate the turn-out of 9 RAR veterans to community commemorations, dawn services and marches around the state. Thanks to the 9 RAR members who were active in the country organizing and attending community events for Anzac Day.

At Langhorne Creek netball courts prior to their annual Anzac Day match against Strathalbyn, a brief service took place. Later in the day ex-servicemen and women were once again honoured by the Langhorne Creek and Strathalbyn Football Clubs. They were paraded around the oval on the back of twin cab utes in the 'cavalcade of veterans' preceding the 'A' grade match.



It was very impressive to see both teams lined up on the Langhorne Creek oval where the Australian flag was flying at half-mast. President Cate Goodall of Strathalbyn RSL conducted the short remembrance ceremony assisted by vocalists and bugler. The estimated crowd of 2,000, was respectfully silent during this service.

For the record, Langhorne Creek won!

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Photos courtesy Lyn Fisher

Goolwa RSL Centenary

President Bob Plummer (9 RAR) reported that the Goolwa Sub-Branch turned 100 on 29 March 2019 and celebrated the occasion with a Dinner at Signal Point Gallery, overlooking the River Murray.

130 attended the function in the company of the Governor for SA His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Le, along with state & federal MP's, representatives from RSL SA State branch and local Councillors.

Part of his welcome included the following:

We are unable to determine whether in fact we are the third oldest Sub-Branch in South Australia, however that matters little as we know and many others do also that we are the "finest".

This became the "theme" for the night; however, we were able to establish Goolwa is the third oldest Sub-Branch in South Australia behind Gawler & Waikerie and slightly before Cowell.



Local historian notes that out of a Goolwa population of approx. 650 130 men enlisted for WWI. It is not inconceivable to believe that the whole adult male population enlisted.



9 RAR well represented by "Mum" with the Governor and Lyndon Teague Esq & Pam

100 years of Cowell RSL

Sue Grund reports that the Cowell RSL Centenary will be celebrated with a dinner on 18 May 2019. Those attending will include 9 RAR's Max Grund and Rob McFarlane.

Round table at Macclesfield RSL.

Bob Plummer, President of Goolwa RSL and 9 RAR Secretary/Treasurer, was invited to take part in the meeting arranged by Rebekha Sharkie MP and attended by Veterans Affairs Minister Darren Chester and Liz Cosson AM, CSC, Secretary and CEO of DVA. David Stacey, member of Strathalbyn RSL and 9 RAR President, attended the morning tea and appreciated the opportunity to speak with Ms Cosson.



David Stacey & Liz Cosson
(photo courtesy David Stacey)

Anzac Day Harefield UK - 25 April 2019

This year Diane and I decided to make Harefield UK our destination for Anzac Day 2019. Our plan was to travel to London on the new Qantas direct Dreamliner service from Perth. This almost came off until 10 minutes before catching the taxi to the airport Qantas rang and asked if we could take the next day's flight via Singapore as they had to offload some passengers due to forecast strong headwinds. As a sweetener they threw in Business Class Singapore to London, access to the Business Lounge and \$400 USD each, an offer too good to refuse. It did however turn a 17 hour flight into almost 30 hours with a very long layover in Singapore.

We arrived London on the afternoon of the 19th and stayed at the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel in Lambeth, a 4-star hotel located as short distance from central London. We were joined later that day by fellow travellers from the Brighton SLSC, Robert and Robyn Parsons. We spent four days touring London in bright sunshine and were hosted by a good friend of mine, Bob Darby, ex 3rd Para's Falkland Island campaign 1982. On the 24th we picked up our hire car from Uxbridge and drove a short 10 miles to the village of Harefield on the outskirts of London.

Harefield's association with Anzac goes back to 1914 when in November of that year a wealthy Australian couple, Mr and Mrs Charles Billyard-Leake offered a manor his family owned, Harefield Park House, to the Australian government to be used as a hospital for the duration plus six months. This was accepted and the property became the No. 1 Australian Auxiliary hospital in December 1914 as the only purely Australian hospital in England. It was proposed it would accommodate 60 patients in winter and 150 in summer. The first patients arrived in June 1915; these would have come from the Gallipoli campaign. The operation expanded with additional services including artificial limb and eye wards. By October 1916 the hospital had been expanded to accommodate 960 patients housed in Nissan huts.

An estimated 50,000 Australian soldiers passed through Harefield, 111 lie buried in the cemetery of St. Mary's Church including an Australian staff nurse, R. Dickinson, who died of influenza. Some of the soldiers appear to have also succumbed to influenza which was epidemic at the time. When burials occurred, the coffins were lowered into the ground under a Union Jack from the local school, and the children would lay locally picked flowers on the graves. The

local residents took the recuperating soldiers under their wing and arranged picnics, outings, sports and social events.

Regular Anzac Day services have been held in Harefield since 1921. In the local Junior school is an 'Anzac Alley' with displays and art works arranged by the children and teachers, dedicated to the memory of the Anzacs. The current hospital is a significant heart treatment and research facility and has an Anzac Room with displays of the original hospital.

We were given a comprehensive tour of the school and hospital by Rowena Scott, a former teacher at the Junior School, and very much still involved; and a church warden. Later we visited the cemetery just outside town and the Vicar, Reverend Martin Davies gave us a tour of the Church where there is also an Anzac recess. The whole town is involved and there are Anzac Day banners displayed on the street lamp poles in the main street.

Anzac Day commences at 9:30 am with a procession of Junior School children who carry locally picked wild flowers from the town to the cemetery, to lay by the headstones. The kids really get into the spirit of this and Rev. Davies gave an address explaining the significance of their involvement.

The main Anzac Day proceedings commence with a church service at 1500. The service is very formal and starts with the choir and congregation singing the Australian, New Zealand and British National Anthems. This was followed by readings, hymns and guest addresses.

Attendees included an Australian Wing Commander, Commissioner of

Commonwealth War Graves, Lord Mayor of Uxbridge, Australian diplomats, the Secretary of the Gallipoli Association Sarah Kellam, Granddaughter of William Symons, who was an Australian soldier awarded a VC for an action at Lone Pine; and local distinguished guests. The service proceeded to the cemetery with the Ode, Last Post and Rouse, followed by laying of wreaths at the central obelisk. A girl, Heidi, who is the official bugler to the Canadian High Commission, was superb. The whole service took at least one and a half hours and was conducted with great dignity and respect.

At all times we were shown great friendship and hospitality. Harefield is planning a special Anzac Day in 2021 to commemorate 100 years since the first service.

Adelaide has a special connection with Harefield in that the original Harefield Union flag was presented to Adelaide High School in recognition of support from that school for the war effort. The flag was restored in the 2000's and is displayed in the foyer of the school. I had the opportunity to take a letter from Adelaide High to Harefield where it was presented to their school at the Anzac Day service.

For us it was a memorable experience that we will remember always and have a special place in our hearts for the good folk of Harefield who are making a very significant contribution to the Spirit of Anzac and carrying that tradition on to future generations.

Warwick Archer
2019

Thank you, Warwick, for this wonderful piece. Of local interest was L/Cpl C Smith's grave with tribute from his wife Myra A Smith of Strathalbyn. Research shows that L/Cpl Smith married Myra Annie Natt in 1916 two months after he enlisted and 10 days before embarkation. He died 31 December 1918 age 32 and was buried in Harefield Cemetery UK. Myra re-married in 1925, had three children and is buried in the Murray Bridge Cemetery.

Warwick also reports that Falklands veteran Bob Darby (see photo) has been in touch with a cousin of David John Steen who was KIA Vietnam. National serviceman Sapper David John Steen was born in the Falkland Islands, and is buried in the Penola Cemetery, South Australia. Ed.

Photos courtesy of Warwick Archer



Warwick at L/Cpl C Smith's grave



Bob Darby with Warwick



Warwick & Di Archer with Robyn & Robert Parsons (all Brighton SLSC)



CWGC Harefield (St Mary's) Churchyard



St Mary's Church Harefield UK

<p>Lance Corporal SMITH, CLEMENT Service Number 4627 Died 31/12/1918 Age 32 5th Field Coy. Australian Engineers Son of James Stewart Smith and Jessie Jane Smith; husband of Myra A Smith, of Strathalbyn, South Australia Born at Mintaro, South Australia.</p>	
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Anzac Day in Bullecourt, France

Hervé and Marie Gustin from The Somme region - friends of James and Rachael Stacey - have kindly sent photographs from Bullecourt, France.

These photos brought back poignant memories of the 9 RAR 'Spirit of Gallipoli' trip to Gallipoli and France in 2007.

Following the 3 pm service in the Bullecourt town square attendees marched to the Digger Memorial on the outskirts of town for the concluding service. (france.embassy.gov.au)



Kathy Penman & the Mayor of Bullecourt Jules Laude (he was awarded an AM in Nov 2013)
[photo courtesy Kathy Penman]



Photo above and at the right, taken by Jan Stacey 9 RAR tour 2007

Other photos courtesy of Hervé Gustin

HMAS Sydney - on this day

On this day, 20 November 1968, HMAS Sydney (III) was in Vung Tau, Vietnam, having transported 500 personnel from 9RAR as part of Operation TRUDGE ONE. No troops were embarked for the return passage.
 source:tweet from
 RoyalAustralianNavy@Australian_Navy



**Graveside gatherings
 South Australia and Western Australia**

South Australia

Late 2018 to late 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of 9 RAR's Tour of South Vietnam (20 November 1968 to 28 November 1969 plus travelling time before and after).

During the Tour the Battalion lost 35 men.

In January and early February, we conducted seven 50th Anniversary Commemorative Services related to Operation Goodwood.

At Centennial Park on 5 January for Jeffrey Duroux, on 7 January for Allan Graham, on 19 January John Cock and Harold Musicka and 14 February for Peter Chant.

At the Murray Bridge Cemetery on 18 January for Reginald Phillips.

At the Ardrossan Cemetery on 20 January for Bruce Plane.

On 5 March 2019 we conducted a commemorative service at Centennial Park for Grantley Scales killed on Operation Federal.



For J Duroux

Photos courtesy
 Jan Stacey

For A Graham

Michael Mummery &
 Frank Lampard at
 J Duroux's service



For P Chant

Photos courtesy
 Lyn Fisher



For H Musicka

For J Cock





For B Plane

For G Scales

In July we will be conducting commemorative services for Richard Abraham at the Whyalla Cemetery (6 July) and Bruno Adamczyk in the Catholic Section of Centennial Park (12 July). Both were killed on Operation Matthew.

Adrian Craig
RAR Manager, Ceremonial

Western Australia

contributed by Kevin Trent, 9 RAR WA

The Western Australian Branch of the 9RAR Association has held two graveside commemorations to acknowledge our West Australians who died on active Service with the Battalion in Vietnam.

The Services were held on the day that the men were killed, 50 years ago.

The first Service, in the Bunbury War Cemetery, was to commemorate 55431 Pte Arnold Sykes who died on 19 January 1969. He was serving with 2 Platoon A Company during Operation Goodwood while engaging with the enemy in the Hat Dich area.

Arnold was born in Yorkshire on 8 April 1943 and migrated to Western Australia in 1952 with his family.

Arnold's sister, Wendy Edwards, attended the service along with Doug Farmer, Ennio Tavani, Kevin Trent, Frank Clayton, Ron Tait, Dave Guthrie, Rod Menhennett, Kevin Maguire and Phil Warren.



While those present laid a poppy on the grave and Wendy laid a sheaf of flowers the gathering listened to 'Mothers, Daughters, Wives'. Branch President Ennio Tavani lead the reading of the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi, with those present reading alternate lines. The prayer was taken from the Dawn Ceremony of Remembrance at the Australian Vietnam Forces National Memorial on 3rd October 1992. He also read the Ode after the Last Post was played and followed with the Rouse, before all joined in singing the National Anthem.

After the Service we all adjourned to the Rose Hotel for a counter lunch before heading for home.



The second Service, similar to the first, was held on Friday 12 April at the Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth, to commemorate the life of 5715701 Pte Lyall Hugh McPherson who died of wounds during Operation Overlander with 5 Pl B Coy in South Vietnam on 12 April 1969, seven days before his 22nd birthday.

Lyall was born in Northam Western Australia on 19 April 1947. He was called up and entered the Australian Army in the 12th National Service Intake. Like other West Australians he underwent

Recruit Training at 2RTB Puckapunyal before being posted to the Ninth Battalion who were preparing for service in South Vietnam.

Julie Marshall, Lyall's sister, laid a sheaf of flowers before her brother, Gary McPherson joined by many of Lyall's relatives, laid poppies on his grave. They were joined by many former members of 9RAR, pausing to remember Lyall. Due to a technical fault the recorded version of 'Mothers, Daughters, Wives' was not played but Warwick Archer, visiting WA along with Jim and Lyn Fisher, saved the day when he played the Last Post and Rouse on his mobile phone.

After the Service many adjourned to the coffee shop at the gates to the Cemetery for a coffee and conversation.



Trove newspaper articles 9 RAR in 1969

Canberra Times
Mon 20 Jan 1969, page 3

Australian soldiers die

An Australian soldier was killed accidentally during operations in Bien Hoa province, Vietnam, on Friday, Army headquarters announced in Canberra yesterday.

Headquarters announced also that an Australian soldier died on Saturday in the 1st Australian Field Hospital, Vung Tau, from wounds received earlier that day during a contact with the enemy in Bien Hoa province.

Two soldiers were slightly wounded.

Two other Australians were injured in action in Bien Hoa province on Saturday when an armoured personnel carrier detonated an enemy mine.

Accidentally killed was Corporal Ronald Arthur Harris, 26, married, of Balga, Western Australia, a member of 2nd Squadron, Special Air Service Regiment. His wife was notified in Malaya, where she is staying with friends.

The soldier who died of wounds was Private Reginald Arthur Phillips, 21, single, national serviceman, of Murray Bridge, South Australia, a member of 9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

Remained on duty.

Wounded in the same action in which Private Phillips lost his life were: Private John Edward Brewer, 22, single, national serviceman, of La Perouse, NSW, and Private Geoff Shaw, 23, single of Alice Springs.

Both are members of 9 RAR and both remained on duty.

The other injured men are: Warrant-Officer Roy Frederick Hughes, 41, married of Puckapunyal, Victoria, a member of A Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Royal Australian Armoured Corps, and Trooper Leslie Barry Bright, 21, single, of Melville, Western Australia, also of A Squadron.

Both are in very satisfactory condition.

The Canberra Times
Tue 21 Jan 1969 page 3

Casualty list

Those killed in action in Phuoc Tuy Province were:

- Sergeant John Raymond Cock, 29, married, of Smithfield Plains, South Australia.
- Private Arnold Sykes, 25, single, of Burekup, Western Australia.
- Private Robert Macdonald Key, 21, single, of Ferntree Gully, Victoria.
- Private Peter Charles Smith, 24, national serviceman, married of Punchbowl, NSW.

The Canberra Times
Mon 14 Apr 1969 page 1

Two killed in Vietnam actions

Two Australian soldiers were killed and six were wounded in South Vietnam on Friday and Saturday, Army Headquarters in Canberra announced yesterday. Private Lyall Hugh McPherson, national serviceman, 21, single, of Belmont, WA, was killed when elements of the 9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, met an enemy force in the Bien Hoa Province on Saturday.

Wounded in the same action was Private Robert George Fitts, national serviceman, 22, single, of Broken Hill, NSW. He is in a very satisfactory condition in the First Australian Field Hospital at Vung Tau.

Private Alexander Remeljej, national serviceman, 21, single, of Rostrevor, South Australia, was killed in an enemy attack on an Australian company location in Phuoc Tuy Province on

Friday.

Wounded were Private Ian David Williamson, national serviceman, 22, single, of North Parramatta, NSW, who is in a serious condition, and Lance-Corporal Peter Robert Gold, national serviceman, 21, single, of Marino, South Australia, whose condition is satisfactory, and Corporal Humphrey Michael Gregory, 24, single, of Highgate Hill, Queensland, who remained on duty.

The four casualties on Friday were from the 5th Battalion, RAR.

Source: trove.nla.gov.au

Quilts of Valour

'Quilts of Valour' @QuiltsValourAus presented three quilts, handmade with love and caring, to Vietnam veterans Don Shields (9RAR), Tony French (RAASC) and Jim Fisher (9RAR) at the Plympton Glenelg RSL on 2 January 2019. Geoff Williams ex 9RAR was given his quilt before Christmas.

Source: Lyn Fisher and Plympton-Glenelg RSL



Quilts of Valour to D Shields, A French & J Fisher
photo courtesy Lyn Fisher

Vale - Lieutenant Colonel Ivan Clark

Our fellow Royal Australian Regiment warrior, Ivan Clark, OC 5 Platoon, B Company, and Duntroon class of '67, passed away on Monday 21st January 2019 after a long and brave battle with cancer.

Ivan graduated from the Royal Military College (Class of 1967) into RA Inf and was posted to the newly raised 9th Battalion RAR for deployment to Vietnam, as 5 Platoon Commander B Company. In that role he was a successful, effective and inspirational leader. He resigned as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1986 to commence a management career.

During his military career Ivan served: in Vietnam (1968-69) as a Platoon commander and in Australia as a Company commander; was a JTC Battle Wing Training instructor; was Australia's Exchange Instructor at the United States School of Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia USA; attended the Australian Staff College at Queenscliff and was a staff officer on various Headquarters and the Australian Joint Warfare Establishment RAAF Williamstown.

Rest in Peace

source: The Royal Australian Regiment Association rarnational.org.au



From SA Welfare Officer Lyn Fisher

The late Malcolm 'Wally' Inwood's father Hurtle Inwood (nephew of Roy Inwood VC) died 1 January 2019 aged 96.

Carla Nottage advised that her husband Donald James Nottage OAM passed away in Queensland on 6 January 2019. He was Cpl vehicle mechanic and did the whole tour with 9RAR.

Message from Kevin Byrnes that his great friend former soldier Mike Kinsella passed away in December 2018.

Canberra Reunion

Just over six months out from the RTA reunion to be held in Canberra from November 27th – 29th responses indicate good numbers should attend.

To date 109 people have said yes they are coming, a further 64 have registered and some 136 have paid. With a further 35 who have said they may come; we could see a total of 344 attend.

The activities arranged for the reunion include:

- a "Meet & Greet" lunch at Thoroughbred Park on Wednesday 27th from 11:30 until "stumps".
- the "RTA Reunion" lunch at the Hotel Realm on Thursday 28th from 12 noon until 3:00pm.
- a "Commemorative Service" to be held in the RMC Chapel, Duntroon at 11:00 am on Friday 29th.
- A "Wreath Ceremony" at the National Vietnam Veteran's memorial following the Commemorative Service

Buses have been chartered to get members from the city to RMC and back.

Go to the [Reunion Webpage](#) for more detail or to book if you have not already done so.

Wendy Holman OAM

On 12 April the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), as Chancellor of the Order of Australia, and Lady Cosgrove, hosted an Investiture Ceremony for Order of Australia honours and bravery decorations at Government House, Canberra.

Wendy Holman OAM of Cummins was one of the recipients at the Investiture Ceremony and in the evening Wendy and Geoff were guests at the Investiture Dinner. Wendy says they were treated like royalty including overnight in the royal suite!

Congratulations Wendy and sincere thanks to you and Geoff (5 Platoon, B Coy) for service to the community.

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION Ms WENDY HOLMAN, Cummins SA 5631

For service to the community of Cummins.

- Councillor, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula, since 2010.

Cummins and District Enterprise Committee

- Founding member, since 1997.
- Chair.
- Secretary.
- Founder/Director, Cummins Community Bank Board of Management, since 2000.
- Director of the Board, Lower Eyre Health Services, 2003-2006.
- Chairperson, 2004-2006.
- Local Government Member, Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council, since 2010.

*Mrs Wendy Holman OAM
and Mr Geoff Holman at
Yarralumla 12 April 2019*

- Member, Cummins Health Focus Group, 2016.
- Director, Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation, 2010-2013.

Awards and recognition includes:

- Recipient, South Australian Citizen of the Year and South Australian Citizen for District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula, 2001.
- Recipient, Woman of Achievement Award, Zonta, 2015.

source:gg.gov.au



Sir Peter & Lady Lynne with Holman family – Wendy, Geoff, Jodi Mickan and Sacha Wilkinson



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 ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE
JOHN SCHUMANN & FRIENDS
 AUSTRALIAN SINGER, SONGWRITER AND
 GUITARIST
 WILL BE PERFORMING ON SATURDAY 1ST JUNE
 2019
 3 COURSE DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT - \$85.90
 PP



Bookings essential: 8536 4815 (mention Stacey/9RAR group)

**September general meeting -
 change of time and venue**

Please note that the September meeting will take place at 11 am at the Strathalbyn RSL (located in the football clubrooms, Strathalbyn oval) followed by lunch at a local venue. Details t.b.a. No change to the 6 June meeting - 1 pm at The Hub, Glenside.



March 2019 9 RAR SA general meeting at The Hub. Bob took part via computer.
 Photo courtesy Jan Stacey

Ashford's poppy tribute

Jenny Howe proudly showed the metal poppy sent to her from the UK to those at the last meeting. The beautiful poppy was one of 3,000 purchased and 'planted' in Ashford, Kent, on the 100th anniversary of the Armistice on 11 November last year. £4,950 was raised for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA).



Photo courtesy Jan Stacey



Rod Nankervis, Dennis Sigston
 (President Kingston RSL) & Jim Fisher
 Photo courtesy Lyn Fisher

Portraits at The Hub

'Only the Conflict is Different'

A photographic project of South Australian veterans from Vietnam to Afghanistan.

Personal portraits available, free, at the The Jamie Larcombe Centre Partnership Hub, Eucalyptus Lane, Glenside. James Fitzroy is the photographer and he is usually available on Wednesdays 9 am - 2.30 pm.

Portraits take around 10 minutes, and James will supply to you on email. The portrait is ideal for uploading onto your page on the Virtual War Memorial.

Please book through Justin Brown at the Hub on JLCPartnershipHub@sa.gov.au or 0418 264 886

James will also create your profile on the Virtual War Memorial Australia if you would like him to.

Spread the word on this important project and do it for your family.



“ Only the Conflict is different”

A Photographic project of
South Australian Veterans
from
Vietnam to Afghanistan

Recording the images and stories of those who served their country.
In co operation with the Partnership Hub Jamie Larcombe Center

Wednesdays 9am-2.30pm
or
Group sessions arranged at Local RSL Sub Branches

Contact James Fitzroy or Justin Brown
james@jamesfitzroyphotography.net
Justin.Brown2@sa.gov.au

James Fitzroy
PHOTOGRAPHER

Vietnam Veterans' Education Centre, Washington

Search for Next of Kin and photographs for Vietnam Veterans' Education Centre in Washington DC

Further to articles in April 2014 and August 2016 editions appealing for NOK and photographs to complete the collection of Australia's Vietnam war dead, it seems that the project has not proceeded as planned.

The following is currently showing on the dva.gov.au website:

Vietnam Veterans' Education Centre

A Vietnam War Interpretive Centre: The Education Center at the Wall.

Also known as the Vietnam Veterans Education Centre, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) *Education Center at the Wall* (the Centre) was to be a cutting-edge interpretive centre established on the National Mall in Washington DC, telling the military, social and political story of the Vietnam War through images, film, and audio.

The Centre was to be built on the land opposite the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (the Wall). In September 2018, VVMF have announced that the board is directing staff to now focus on online resources, hand-held technology, education staff, mobile exhibits and partnerships to teach visitors about the Vietnam War and honour those whose names appear on the Memorial. For further details, please refer to the VVMF media release.

The VVMF will continue integrating its education outreach with its other

ongoing programs, including physical maintenance of the Memorial, annual ceremonies, The *Wall That Heals* mobile exhibit, *In Memory* program, and meeting groups and individuals at The Wall. Visit the VVMF website to learn more.

The Australian Government contributed US\$3.3 million to the project, and will consult with the VVMF to determine how best we may support their new direction.

The Perimeter

The Perimeter, in the infantry is a circle of men.

It is a section, platoon or company.

One half is on guard, staying vigilant, watching for the enemy, while the other half rests, sleeps or carries on with life as it is.

They are more than just men; they are a brotherhood in uniform.

They share their plans, dreams and hopes with each other.

In hard times they share their sadness, fears and pain.

They face the enemy together, some like brothers, others like father and sons and always as true friends.

They find a spirit in each other that binds them to one another in a bond that lasts forever.

As time passes, they will leave the service and each other.

They will travel many different paths of life, some to prosper well and others not so well.

Somewhere in life's travels these men find themselves lost in the world, confused, dazed, scared, unhappy and searching for something; something they are not even sure exists.

Letters to loved ones or parents

They are not soldiers anymore; they are called VETERANS.

Somehow, in their search they once again find others like themselves.

They find brothers of the past; brothers of the Perimeter; that circle of safety where someone else shares their pain, confusion and fear.

That Perimeter where that fear is eased and where there is less confusion.

They share each other's pain in stories. in tears and in silence.

Inside the Perimeter eye contact can say it all.

This Perimeter is a circle of life and a circle of death.

It is a circle of wounded warriors; with wounds of both flesh and spirit.

This Perimeter is a circle of iron that has never broken.

It is a circle of common duty that knows no colour, creed or religious ground.

The circle will last forever; through the best of times and the worst of times.

The Perimeter is a place warriors will always seek - even for eternity.

Just gaze out at our cemeteries; for out there on the outer edge, ever so vigilant, are those on the Perimeter.

submitted by Danny Duck, B Coy.

Reported to have been written by James R. Lawson. www.ivpa.net, Ed.



Commonwealth War Graves Commission

On Christmas Eve, in a tradition spanning back many years, thousands of candles were placed & lit at headstones in @CWGC cemeteries & plots in the Netherlands by members of the local community. This year saw over 300 Commission sites being lit up to honour those who lie in them.

source: tweet by @CWGC 26 December 2018



Office of Australian War Graves established 1 January 1975.

The Office is responsible for the maintenance of the graves of Australia's war dead in 78 countries around the world and in 76 war cemeteries within Australia.

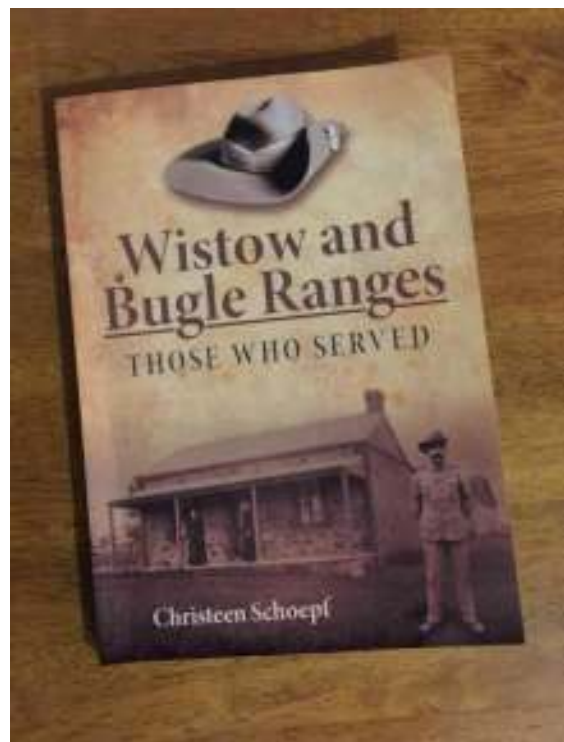
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Wistow small community with big hearts

An honour board was recently unveiled in the Wistow Community Hall naming those from the Wistow and Bugle Ranges area who served in The Boer War, WW1, WW2 and Vietnam.

'This honour board was crafted and donated by John Pfitzner 28 April 2019'.

The book Wistow and Bugle Ranges - THOSE WHO SERVED - was also launched.





Currency Creek and Merrilie

Soldiers' Memorial Garden Port Elliot



Keyneton Soldier Memorial Institute
photo courtesy Jan Stacey

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2019 Adelaide ANZAC Day March

Anzac (Day) football round

The Anzac round was played on 25-28 April and Michael Mummery was at the game between Port Adelaide and North Melbourne at the Adelaide Oval on 26 April. Michael noticed that the 'AFL Record' paid tribute to all of the footballers who played in their state competition, served their country and were killed on active service.

The only KIA listed for Vietnam was 9 RAR's own L/Cpl Peter Chant.

With kind permission of 'AFL Record' we share the story of South Australian football legend and decorated WW2 soldier Bob Quinn 'The Mighty Quinn' by Ben Collins.

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[Bob Quinn](#)



CALENDAR of events 2019

January Commemorative Services 5 th , 7 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th As per Honour Roll	February Commemorative Service 14 th (L Cpl P A Chant)	March Commemorative Service 5 th (Pte G J Scales) Meeting 7 th 1 pm
April ANZAC Day 25 th	May	June Meeting 6 th 1 pm
July Commemorative Services 6 th & 12 th As per Honour Roll	August Vietnam Veteran's Day 18 th B Company Gathering Sunshine Coast Qld 14 th - 18 th	September Meeting 5 th 11 am Strathalbyn RSL
October	November AGM / Lunch 13 th Reunion Canberra 27 th - 29 th	December Meeting 5 th 1 pm

HONOUR ROLL

L Cpl R J Abraham	6 Jul Whyalla	Cpl A W Graham	7 Jan Stirling North Cpl
Cpl B A J Adamczyk	12 Jul Centennial Park	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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