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The Youth of Today is our Future – Grab it and Build on it

From time to time I think we are all disappointed in what we see as unacceptable and poor behavior by a very small percentage of young people in Australia and it would be imprudent and unfair to classify all of our youth poorly based on that rat bag element.

Through my many years as a player, administrator and coach in the word of rugby I have been privileged to work very closely with young athletes in some cases from when they first came to a club as a six year old, to the senior ranks, where now some of my old charges are married, with their children getting involved in the game at that very young level.

Young people, who through the values and example of their parents are reveling in the physical and mental demands of sport not because it is expected of the parents, because generally young people like to compete and win. But more importantly it's the capability to pick yourself up after losing and getting up for the next match and challenge which is so important in character building at this young age.

Life is a challenge and if a young person is not challenged at this young age how will they cope into maturity?

This exposure through rugby has been able to provide me with a wonderful insight into young people following them through their rugby careers and then later life as family people and solid and dependable members of society.

It gives me great confidence in the youth of today and now that I have pulled back from any hands on rugby activities, I have for the last ten years been invited to speak to the Infantry Battalions of The Royal Australian Regiment and the School of Infantry on all sorts of

subjects but principally on the establishment and history of the first Reconnaissance Platoon in 1966 which is now on the order of battle of every Infantry Battalion.

To be in a lecture theatre with a bunch of enthusiastic, determined young people who are keen for the challenge gives me a real buzz. An example of the quality of these young people was related to me by the Shuttle Bus driver who drove me to the airport from the School of Infantry to Newcastle airport early Friday morning.

He too has very much confidence in the young people of today as displayed by a bus load of Infantry Corps trainees that he was driving up to the School from Sydney, when right in front of the bus a young P Plate motor cyclist lost control and hit the side railing of the motorway at over 110kms per hour which instantly precipitated a 20-ton bus all wheel brake lock down

avoiding the rider but bits of motor bike passing under the bus.

Thankfully avoiding the bike rider, the bus on skidding to a stop, young trainees immediately alighted from the bus administering CPR, slowing and directing traffic but sadly the young cyclist had been killed on impact.

Young people without any prompting rushing into an emergency

you would almost expect of any other young Australian because that's what we do but what in particular touched me with this story which was both sad and encouraging was that the students noticed that the driver also a young 30-year-old Daniel, was visibly very upset and suffering from some PTSD.



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The President of the RARA Michael von Berg and Committee Members wish Members and their families a happy Festive Season and a fulfilling and healthy New Year and look forward to seeing them again in 2018.

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After the police and ambulance officers took charge the bus completed its journey and dropped the students off at the Infantry Centre and in normal circumstances you would think that would be the end of it except perhaps some discussions in the digger's mess hall, but that was not the end of it.

The leadership group of this young bunch of diggers rang the driver almost every day for three weeks to see how he was going because they could all see how distressed he was after that accident and near miss and the bus nearly driving over the deceased.

In Daniel's words "they cared more for me than my own boss". That for Daniel and me is a very powerful message where these strong A type individuals showing a sincere caring side that you would not normally expect, but there is the evidence.

Young people who may now be soldiers but like my old rugby players when they are no longer engaged in soldiering, will be strong members of our society. Yes I get frustrated with the ratbags and can probably at times relate to them myself because in part have been there with them as a young person but through hindsight and looking at the young people of today with perhaps old and wiser eyes but still a juvenile at heart as we all are I have nothing but confidence in the youth of today trying to make their way in a world and I suggest much tougher than ours when it comes to information overload.

Our young people of today need good parental values, able to be better evaluated, understood and further developed; an appreciation of life and all that it brings and most importantly a focus and enjoyment in whatever they choose to do, hopefully through good mentorship and leadership which sport and service life can bring.



Lt Lewis Trainee of Merit, Advanced Recon Award, School of Infantry 2017, with CO School of Infantry Lt Col Scott Morris and Michael von Berg.

Not everyone is suited to sport and service life but there are so many other areas of interest and expertise where young people can similarly be encouraged and motivated be it music, art, trade, medicine or tap dancing and all important volunteer work which so many young people are devoting their spare time to today.

Let's all grab on to this raw energy, intelligence and enthusiasm and build on it and encourage our young people as much as we can. That old advertising sage Leo Burnett had a wonderful saying that I often relate to young people. "Reach for the stars. You may not reach a star but you won't come up with a handful of crap!" How true, how true, not just for young people but for us all!

- Michael von Berg MC OAM



RARA Club Manager Greg Dwiar (above) and Vice President Rod Graham (right) planted around 50 crosses on the lawns near the Adelaide War Memorial as part of the preparations for the November 11 Remembrance Day commemorations.



FROM THE COMMAND POST

Now we have secured our building through a generous benefactor with us holding it in trust we are able to plan our future because the thought of being evicted, the trauma and the associated dramas was going to be very difficult for us, our committee and the membership.

The building is not just a besser block tin shed. It is our spiritual home made all the more spiritual through the consecrated memorial wall dedicated some years back by the next of kin, comrades and friends of the deceased of the Regiment very special to us here in SA.

Not only has it saved our bacon but contributed to the approval of the deed of company arrangement (DOCA) enabling the RSL to keep trading and avoid liquidation which was paramount.

We can now plan for the future and that must involve all of the Battalion Associations hopefully now we have our residency in place and things more settled we can embark on this exercise in the New Year.

Succession must be a big part of that and we can only prosecute that in encouraging younger ex-members of our Regiment to step up, but this is hard when so many of our young people are still in the process of setting themselves up post Regimental service, keeping down a job, raising a young family and all of the attendant parental responsibilities, most of our young people just don't have the time, but encourage we must no matter how long it takes.

Without this influx of new blood we are done and dusted and we have all worked too hard to see this all go, not just as a place for camaraderie and good cheer but the incredible work so many do in the veterans and general community at large which is harder to harness and execute without good people or a physical home.

I am confident we will get there with all getting out there and shoulder tapping and approaching suitable individuals in the short term who may have an interest in the long term.

Entries for 2018 Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize close May 2018

See: <http://anzaccentenary.sa.gov.au/competitions/the-premiers-anzac-spirit-school-prize>

The Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize provides the opportunity for 14 students and two teachers to attend a fully-funded 14-day study tour to Vietnam during October 2018.

The competition is open to all students in South Australia studying year 9 or 10 in 2018.

How to enter

Using a range of sources, students must complete an assignment about the Anzac Spirit of Australian servicemen and women who served during World War. Five copies of the assignment need to be submitted with a Student

Entry & Declaration Form. Teacher applications must be submitted with student entries.

Only five entries from a school can be submitted via the school competition. The expectation is that each school will determine the five entries to be forwarded for judging by the Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize judging panel. All entries forwarded must be accompanied by the attached Student Entry and Declaration form.

Entries close 5pm on Friday, 18 May 2018.

Details: The Anzac Spirit School Prize competition information.

In conclusion I would like to once again give a plug to the RSL Virtual War Memorial and encourage all of you if you're not already on there to get yourself on it while you still have all of your marbles.

You have the ability to tell your story of your military service, with photographs, maps, letters, commendations or whatever else you may have, which tells your story in perpetuity. When you are gone, there is not much information on a grave stone and less so on a cremation brass plaque in a rose garden so I ask you to please participate for your descendants.

You deserve that recognition and once you get into it, very user friendly and amazing what you are able to do. Even I as a technical troglodyte am able to navigate my way around and if I can do it so can you.

If not get your grand kids to help you. The website address is <https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/> and suggest you go in and punch in some names that you know to see if they are in there, be it ancestors or someone who you served with.

In conclusion it's been a tough year, much which we could have done without but the Infantry soldier is resourceful, resilient and resolute and that has been proven to all. We could not have done it without the support of so many of the committee and the membership but in particular the ladies in our lives and for that we are all extremely thankful. On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year. I have a very positive feeling that 2018 is going to be a ripper year so lets all be positive and work towards that.

Duty First.

- Michael von Berg MC OAM





Combined session at Third Water

The last of three treks run in Queensland and South Australia was conducted at Moolooloo station from 23 to 29 September. This trek catered separately for 17 male and 7 female participants.

This year proved to be quite expensive in travel costs as those who made up the participant group came from country areas all over Australia and as those who reside in regional areas are aware, the costs to use regional airlines are almost prohibitive. Nonetheless, the foundation's intent is to embrace veterans from all areas in our endeavour to assist them and their families adjust to the rigours of stress illness regardless of the costs.

This year the weather was kind and the standard format which has produced such outstanding outcomes was maintained with minimal change.

Both civilian and military expertise was used to convey the messages.

I am extremely fortunate to have access to a number of staff who I would simply rate as "out of the box". The way in which they are able to convey the message, provide role models and give sage advice is amazing.

I know this as I have the advantage of reading the trekkers' journals which are completed progressively during the week.

These make up the qualitative evidence which together with the quantitative data provides the Foundation with the independent evidence of our success. To that end I thank Flinders University for their on-going support in this area and research of our methods. The trek was most successful, and I believe this will be confirmed by the independent evidence.

The Foundation has a requirement to continue to raise funds to continue delivery. This applies particularly in SA where the support base is spread over many small contributors which top up the few larger donors and our own fund raising.

The board is working hard in this area and is attempting to meet the restrictions imposed by DVA which I hope will allow the Foundation to qualify for financial assistance to continue our fine work.

Moose Dunlop OAM
Chairman

Horses not the only winners

The Melbourne Cup Day lunch at the RAR clubrooms on November 7 saw a good crowd of 30 people enjoying the day. They got into the atmosphere as the ladies paraded their fashions. The mini sweeps on races 4, 5 and 6 with major sweep on the cup saw Membership Officer Carol van der Peet (pictured right) drew 1st and 2nd placegetters and collected \$135 while Jim Litchfield won \$30 with the 3rd place .



Royal Australian Regiment Association SA
CHRISTMAS DINNER
Friday December 15 from 5pm
Menu: Prawns and other seafood
Cold collation of meats with fresh salads
Christmas pudding with brandy custard and ice cream.
Cost \$5 per person subsidised from our kitchen funds.
RSVP Club Manager Greg Dwiar
0412 644 749 or
email rar01@internode.on.net

Grand Final tradition continues

Celebrating the last Saturday in September for the AFL Grand Final has been an annual event at the RAR for many years. For those members who wished to enjoy the atmosphere without being at the MCG it was, of course, a day all the Crows fans would like to forget and Richmond will forever remember.

A small band of Crows fans were on hand to witness what should have been a formality, while solitary Richmond member, Ken Duthie, was confidently giving his team support. Plenty of good natured banter was given and received throughout the afternoon and at the final siren Ken came out on top.



Former Tigers (5RAR) Spike & Kara enjoy the victory with loyal Tiger supporter Ken (centre).



What has happened to our warrior ethics?

I am getting increasingly concerned and disappointed in the foul language, hostile vitriol, playing the man and the woman, instead of the ball with what I see and read on social media. <http://rarnational.org.au/happened-warrior-ethics/>

In normal circumstances I would simply ignore this nasty and focused attack on the employees of the Department of Veteran Affairs but when it not only reflects on them but the many ex-members of the veteran community who are working with DVA trying to make a difference for the greater good,

I find this behaviour and the language directed towards a female employee of the Department abhorrent and cowardly and not what is expected of the warrior class.

Free speech is a given and the airing of complaints is a right when deserving but unfortunately so much of the vitriol is misinformed and incorrect and it would pay for some of these very brave "keyboard warriors" to take a look at themselves and, through the access that they all have, seek the truth on some of these areas of complaint.

Everything in life is subject to review and DVA is no different to any other enterprise and is currently going through the most extensive review ever executed in the history of the Department.

There will be major and very beneficial outcomes but one must be cognizant of the fact that DVA is in principal governed by legislation and we have all been on their case to review that confusing and at times destructive



legislation and that is happening.

But perhaps for some not fast enough and that is understandable, but a legislation fix is somewhat complicated and in that regard we just need to be patient.

I appreciate there may be valid reasons why some people are hostile towards DVA but cowardly conduct behind a keyboard, hurling profanities and the foulest language at individuals working

within the department is in my view non-productive, gutless and most importantly a slight on all veterans which is unfair and unwarranted, because there are so many out there who are trying to make a difference either inside the tent or outside in their everyday lives.

If those guilty of this behavior consider themselves such a hot shot and champion of veterans issues, get inside the tent and present your arguments in a professional and acceptable manner. I am sure you will be listened to but your argument must be based on fact, not emotions.

All I can say to the mud and rock slingers, vent your anger certainly where warranted, but play the ball, not the man or woman. None of them deserve that. It's totally against our warrior ethics!

Michael von Berg MC OAM
Chairman and National President RAR Corporation

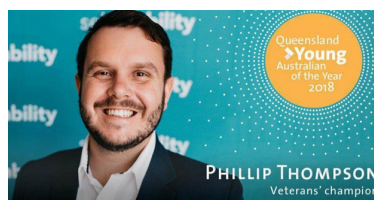
RARA Director Queensland Young Australian of the Year

An announcement to support the theory that we have some wonderful young people doing a great job in the community at large as indicated in my article "The Youth of Today is our Future".

Early in November Phil Thompson, 29, was named Queensland Young Australian of the Year which is a great recognition for all of the hands on-work he does for the veteran community in the Townsville region and at national level where he is a member of so many young veterans committees, most importantly a Director of The Royal Australian Regiment Corporation.

Phil is an important part of our corporate succession plan where as a young wounded 1 RAR digger he brings a contemporary and fresh view to what is workable for young veterans.

Most importantly Phil's appointment to the board of the RARC as an ex-digger is clear evidence in our organisation's ethos: you leave your ego and rank outside the door, focusing on what skill sets you bring to the table. We are thrilled for Phil and his family and now that Phil is in the finals for national recognition one can only quote from that jolly,



rounded, ex-Queensland Wallaby prop "go you good thing go!"

After enlisting in the Australian Army in 2006 at the age of 17, Phillip Thompson was deployed to East Timor and later Afghanistan. While on a dismounted patrol in 2009, Phil was wounded when an improvised

explosive device detonated just a metre away. The incident left Phil with an array of medical conditions – including hearing loss and tinnitus, post-traumatic stress disorder, major depressive disorder and a traumatic brain injury – all of which have changed Phil's life dramatically. Since recovering from his injuries, Phillip has advocated for veterans' employment, health and wellbeing, which has seen him appointed to national and government boards on mental health, self-harm and suicide. He has competed at the Invictus Games in London and coached at Orlando in 2016. Phil also volunteers his time to listen to his fellow veterans, and has saved countless lives. Phil shares his story and his life experiences to empower other injured and ill ex-servicemen to have meaningful employment and community engagement.

BILLIARD TABLE MOVES TO 7RAR

Our billiard table has found a new home in the dry canteen area of 7 Battalion at Edinburgh, a much need recreation piece for the diggers and Officers. The table was dismantled, then repolished to make it scratch and mark free before being transported to the base, and set up inside of the lecture rooms.



Slate being shipped out, each piece of slate weighs around 240kg.



Last leg of the table being tightened in position.



Pieces of slate carefully positioned on the table, it is a 4 man lift.



The cloth has been fitted, finally the cushions and pockets reassembled.



And before you know it the troupes are trying it out to make sure it is all level and playable.

Many thanks to Spike, Rod, Chris and the RAR Association SA from all at 7RAR Edinburgh.

Missing in Action Service Saturday 14 October 2017

The annual service to remember the 43 Australians Missing in Action during the Korean War was held in bright sunshine at the Korean War Memorial, Hindmarsh on Saturday 14 October 2017.

The service is arranged and conducted by the Korean & South East Asia Forces Association of Australia, Inc SA Branch lead by President John Jarrett. John has been president for a number of years and he and his wife Shirley have made a number of visits to Korea under Korean and Australian government arrangements. John had served in the Australian Ancillary Unit in Korea in three periods during 1953 and 1954.

His Excellency The Hon Hieu Van Le AC the Governor of South Australia graced the service, laid a wreath and posed for photographs with a number of the guests after the service.

Of particular importance was the attendance of Mick and Lyn Smith. They had travelled down from Queensland to visit family in Melbourne and Tasmania and then to attend the service here in Adelaide for the first time. Lyn was a sister in law to 1/1641 Pte William Rudolf Kunkel who was serving in 1RAR when he was reported missing after an engagement with the Chinese forces.

Mrs Merle Sharp has been a regular attendee since the memorial was first unveiled in 2013. Mrs Sharp is the sister of 033843 Pilot Officer Kenneth Dudley Smith RAAF 77 Squadron who was shot down over North Korea in his Gloster Meteor jet fighter on 8 July 1952. The Master of Ceremonies was Colonel Peter Scott DSO who also laid a tribute on behalf of 1RAR Association in South Australia. Tributes were also laid on behalf of 2RAR by Lt Colonel Patrick Forbes MC ED and for 3RAR Bob Whelan President 3RAR Association in South Australia. Tributes were also laid by the City of

Charles Stuart Mayor Angela Evans and Assistant Police Commissioner Linda Fellows and other invited guests. Reverend Moon and Chaplain Margaret Clarke assisted in the service while the Catafalque Party and flag bearers were provided by cadets of 2/25 Battalion Legion of Frontiersmen Australian Command. The service was

well attended by the Korean community in South Australia. The photo at left shows relatives of two MIAs with the Governor. L to R: Mick and Lyn Smith, The Governor, Mrs Sharp and John Jarrett with the memorial with tributes in the centre.



Of the 43 MIAs three were from

1RAR, two from 2RAR, 17 from 3RAR and one from RHU who was lost at sea en route to Australia. Of the remaining twenty 18 were from RAAF 77 Squadron and two from RAN Fleet Air Arm-805 Squadron. Attending from the Royal Australian Regiment were From left: Lt Col Patrick Forbes MC ED 2RAR, Colonel Peter Scott DSO, Colonel Don Beard AM RFD DSO and Bob Whelan all three from 3RAR.

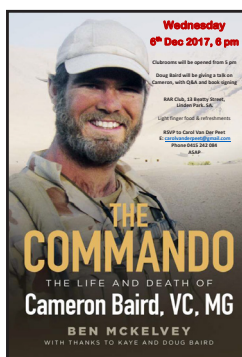


Lunch was provided courtesy of the

Charles Stuart Council at the Henley and Grange RSL club room.

Peter Scott

- 1 Confirmed by 1RAR War Diary dated 17 November 1952.
- 2 "Sergeant (Pilot) Kenneth Dudley, Smith, - 77 Squadron, aircraft Meteor, lost 08/07/1952, shown by O'Neill as crashed as a result of ground fire while leading a rocket attack against enemy positions, also shows his rank as Pilot Officer. Armed recce CT1982-CU3834-CU2336. Over CU4007 was observed to hit side of hill and burst into flame after pulling out of dive. Awarded the US Air Medal". From Ian Saunders by email dated 16 October 2017.



The RARA SA will host the launch of the book "The Commando" on Wednesday 6 December at 6pm at the clubrooms, 13 Beatty Street, Linden Park.

Cameron's father, Doug, will speak about on his son's life before and during his Army career with Q&A and book signings.

Special forces commando Cameron Baird died as he lived — at the front, giving it his all. In 2013, Cam led his platoon into a Taliban stronghold and was mortally wounded, his bravery recognised when he was posthumously awarded the 100th Victoria Cross. But, as a new book by Ben McKelvey reveals, that battle was one of only scores of missions he led during his time in Afghanistan, including a raid into the country's most violent province, Helmand. The club will be opened from 5pm with the book launch at 6pm, with light finger food and refreshments available.

Although the RSVP date has past if interested contact Club Manager Greg Dwiar on 0412 644 749.

ORDER OF THE DAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

Second Battalion (Amphibious), the Royal Australian Regiment Association

Today (October 15) marks the occasion on which 2 RAR transitions from being a light infantry battalion in the 3rd Brigade to a specialised pre-landing force of the Amphibious Task Group and part of the 1st Division.

Raised as the 66th Battalion on the 16th of October 1945, renamed the 2nd Battalion on the 23rd of November 1948 and then becoming one of the foundation units of the RAR on the 31st of March 1949, the black Battalion is one of Australia's finest units, serving with distinction in Japan, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Cambodia, Somalia, Rwanda, East Timor, Solomon Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Since its inception, 2 RAR has carried a well-earned reputation for outstanding performance in the field and the relentless pursuit of excellence, regardless of the task.

Through your actions in support of the amphibious trial and from what you have shown that you are capable of in 2017, you have enhanced the reputation of a Battalion that is second to none.

As we embark on the journey towards delivering a world class pre-landing force (PLF) capability for our nation, the impressive reputation of 2 RAR will endure.

The successful conclusion of the amphibious trial is a critical milestone and it is important to recognise the significant contributions of all of the 1300 soldiers and officers who have been posted to 2 RAR during the trial. I thank you for your efforts.

Regardless of whether you are staying or leaving 2 RAR (Amphib), you can all hold your heads high in the knowledge that you have played a valuable role in delivering a strategically significant and credible amphibious capability for your nation.

You can be proud of your service in 2 RAR and of what this unit has achieved. You will always be part of the 2 RAR family and welcome at Samichon Lines.

The transition of 2 RAR is a unique and exciting opportunity. Leaner and more agile, 2 RAR (Amphib) will be a specialist amphibious support unit, with specialist



roles requiring specialist equipment and expertise. We will become the Army's conventional force experts at amphibious reconnaissance and surveillance, small boat operations, battle space shaping, riverine operations, deep ground reconnaissance and limited scale raids in support of a joint force.

We are forging new ground and we will drive the PLF capability forward to ensure that 2 RAR (Amphib) becomes the premier conventional amphibious and land reconnaissance unit in the world.

The culture, professionalism and excellence in foundation warfighting skills that have been the hallmark of 2 RAR since 1945 will not change.

These strengths have allowed 2 RAR to make an effective contribution to the amphibious trial and these same attributes will be the foundation stone on which 2 RAR (Amphib) builds a world class PLF capability.

At the same time, we will remain ready to switch our focus and to once again function as one of Army's most capable Infantry Battalions.

Your agility and professionalism, underpinned by outstanding leadership at all levels, will enable this flexibility.

2 RAR's transition and the generation of a new capability will not be without its challenges. That's OK. We'll confront these challenges head on, find a solution and then move on without fuss. That is the 2 RAR way.

We are the quiet professionals. Composed, fit, adaptable and humble men and women who let our actions speak louder than our words and who can be relied upon to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

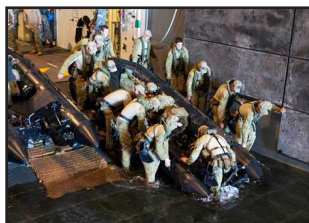
These qualities will enable us to rise to meet any challenge. I am proud to serve as CO 2 RAR (Amphib) and of what we have achieved in 2017.

It will be a privilege to continue serving alongside you as we take the next step in the very proud history of a unit that will always be, second to no one.

Doug Pashley

Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding Officer Second Battalion (Amphibious),
The Royal Australian Regiment 15 October 2017



Above: 2RAR Small Boat Platoon prepares for a beach insertion from the well dock of HMAS Canberra during Sea Series.



** Above from left: 2RAR embark on one of HMAS Canberra's Landing Craft at Cowley Beach, North Queensland, during Exercise Sea Raider . * 2RAR Amphibious Ready Element gather in the hangar on board HMS Canberra as the ship prepares to sail for Exercise Sea Explorer.*



** HMAS Canberra landing craft with Bushmaster and 2RAR personnel.*



Right: 2RAR Amphibious Ready Element gather in the hangar on board HMAS Canberra as the ship prepares to sail for Exercise Sea Explorer.



What has happened to truth, opinion and debate in today's hateful society?

Why has society and the forces that from it become a self-serving regime of deceit, hypocrisy and belligerence?

Australian veterans have been waging a silent, very private war, that far exceeds the length of any conflict this nation has been involved in.

The psychological torment of veterans being in a society of great disturbance, confusion, and uncertainty must create inner turmoil and for those suffering with their inner demons at times suicide ideation.

Suffering a permanent physical injury and mental disability from my service with the ADF, has allowed me first-hand knowledge in to the dark world of the human psyche.

The centre of our emotions, thoughts and behaviour and how this controls our response to the environment around us.

If we veterans came back to a society that was a close, cohesive, supporting society, we could get over trauma more quickly. Instead we are coming back into society that is so bitterly divided politically and socially almost and enemy of the state, trying to undermine the security and welfare of their own country.

It's just getting worse. And veterans know that any platoon that treated itself that way would never survive. This is the country we signed a blank cheque for and were willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for.

No wonder we are depressed. No wonder we are scared. No wonder we are committing suicide and self-harm.

The problem is not us, the veterans, the problem is our society and values which are being eroded on a daily basis.

Not all have served in combat roles, not all were deployed, and not all veterans were traumatized overseas but have re-entered society to discover we are dangerously alienated and depressed. Why are we so psychologically disturbed?

While serving in the ADF, the experience of the tribal closeness in our units is paramount. We ate, slept and did tasks and missions together.

Trusting each other with our lives. After leaving the ADF, we give that all up and come back to a society which has probably produced one of the highest rates of suicide and depression and anxiety and loneliness in human history. A modern society that is hard on everybody.

Society then tries its best to categorise us. PTSD, Depression, Anxiety. But for a lot of veterans, maybe it's not trauma. Certainly, soldiers, sailors and airmen are traumatised and the ones who are have to be treated for that.

But to a lot of us maybe the psychological torment is actually a kind of alienation. Maybe we have the wrong word for some of it, and changing our understanding, would help a little bit. "PADFAD" Post Australian Defence Force Alienation Disorder.



A Veteran who suffered permanent physical and psychological disability from my service with the ADF, I have now founded the Positive Health Positive Healing Counselling Service. It's An Acknowledgment of Life, Pride, Respect & Service.

I am the South Australian Manager for the "Warrior's Return Australia" specialising in assisting Veterans from the ADF who suffer from mental torment caused by their service and an advocate for the prevention of Veteran Suicide in our Society.

I am the South Australian Manager for "Computers 4 Veterans and First Responders of Australia" specialising in providing low or no cost computer systems to disadvantaged Veterans and first responders.

My Goal

To assist veterans from the ADF who suffer from mental torment caused by their service and to guide them in the understanding that they cannot live in the past, the future has not yet arrived and to live in the here and now.

I am an Advocate for Mental Health and the Prevention of Veteran Suicide in our Society.

To challenge the misconceptions and stigma associated with Mental Health and to ensure that Veterans and Veterans families can ask for help without fear of discrimination

Even just calling it that for some people would allow us to stop imagining a trauma that didn't really happen in order to explain a feeling that really is happening; And in fact, is an extremely dangerous feeling.

That alienation, depression, rejection and inner turmoil can, and has led to suicide. We, the veterans are in danger.

Can this tragic suicide and self-harm of veterans be reduced and more lives saved? Yes, it can but society as a whole needs to look more positively in being able to save itself from societal conflicts for the benefit of all but most importantly to unite and help our veterans who have served and protected the strategic interests of this country

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FOCUS ON 2017 REGIMENT DINNER



From left: Colonel Peter Scott, DSO, gave the toast to the regiment followed by a short history of the regiment at the beginning of the dinner; Karen Abel became the focal point in this head table shot; while her husband, Colin, equally smartly dressed, sits in contemplative fashion away from his frequent kitchen duties.



Centre: RAR Association Minute Secretary Lynn Graham takes centre stage. Above: Ken and Ruth McHugh.

Menu

Entre
 Slow cooked pork belly with pork crackle, creamed parsnip & cider glaze
 Freshly baked bread rolls & butter
Main Course
 Slow roasted premium South Australian beef, roasted beets, caramelized onions & red wine sauce
 Roasted roulade of chicken, stuffed with fresh herbs, onions and wild mushroom & jus gras
 Served with sides of creamed potatoes and seasonal winter vegetables
Dessert
 Soft centered chocolate fondant with fresh cream & poached berries

Above left: Heather Dwiar

Right: Barb Dixon with Ruth.

Below: Pre-dinner drinks.



Gwenda Larkins and Di Fairhead



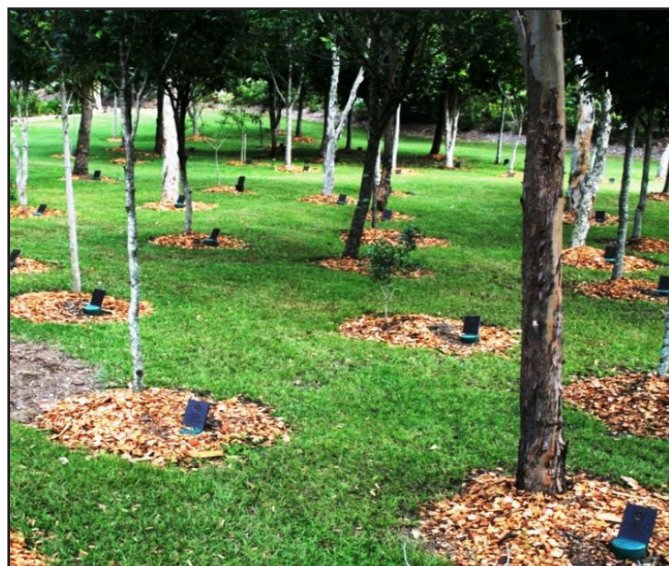
Club stalwarts Minute Secretary Lynn Graham and Club Manager Greg Dwiar.

Association Funds Support Renovation of National Memorial Walk

By Centurion

Building which was dedicated on Sunday 22 November 1998.

The Walk consists of an avenue 700 metres long flanked by more than 1000 native Australian trees and is divided into operational theatre areas, ie in order: Japan, Korea, Malaya, Malaysia, Sarawak, Vietnam, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peacekeepers. The Contemplation Building houses the Roll of Honour (left).



Most members would be aware of the quite magnificent memorial to The Regiment's fallen in Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of The Regiment's formation, The Royal Australian Regiment Association built the National Memorial Walk and Contemplation



At the base of selected trees is an individual plaque bearing the name and details of each of the 695 members of The Regiment who have died on overseas service (above).

Moving into the South Vietnam Section along the avenue from the Japan, Korea and Malaysian Sections (below), the Contemplation Building can be seen in the background.

This year the RAR Association (Queensland Branch) which is responsible to maintain the NMW, decided the Contemplation Building needed a new coat of paint and rendering and engaged a local contractor.

The cost of the painting, approximately \$8,700, was funded by the SA Branch using funds collected from donations received for A Duty Done. The two photographs below show the results, albeit on a dull day in Brisbane.

The shed on the left photograph is used by 'Dad's Army', a bunch of Volunteers who meet every Monday for gardening, etc. tasks.



Maryang San won 'not just because they were brave

Address for the 66th Anniversary of the Battle of Maryang San on 7 October 2017 by Colonel Peter Scott DSO

Today is the 66th anniversary of the Battle of Maryang San which was the second phase of The 1st Commonwealth Division's Operation Commando conducted over the period 2-8 October 1951.

The 7th October saw Tac HQ 3RAR on top of Hill 317 or Maryang San as it was later referred to by the Australian and Republic of Korea armies. C Company was also occupying hastily vacated Chinese weapon pits on Hill 317 and Feature 'SIERRA' with B Company preparing to assault the 'HINGE' some distance to the west along the skyline.

Last October I was very honoured to be a member of the official Australian mission to commemorate the 65th anniversaries of the Battles of Kapyong and Maryang San. On 26 October the mission attended a service at OP Tai Pong. This post, one of many along the Demilitarised Military Zone, was manned by the ROK armies' 28th Division.

The service at OP Tai Pong was very significant to the US and ROK Army in that General Vincent Keith Brooks, Commander of US Forces Korea, UN Command and ROK-US Combined Forces Korea, and a number of ROK army generals attended.

To view Maryang San for the first time in 65 years was really very emotional for me especially as I was honoured to be asked to give a short address during the service.

I reflected on what the battle means to the soldiers involved by reading comments by then Lt Jim Hughes commanding 4 Platoon. My article on the visit to OP Tai Pong is contained in the March 2017 Edition of 'In Touch'.

This service was one of two highlights of the mission for me, the other being a visit to the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea located in Busan.

I was able to pay my respects to the 21 soldiers of 3RAR who gave their lives that week who now lie at peace in the Australian section of the cemetery. One of the 21 was Darcy Eccles of B Company who was very badly wounded on October 7 and it was he who the unit strived ultimately successfully for a US Army helicopter evacuation. He tore off his bandages during the helicopter flight and he bled out before reaching hospital.

Today rather than discussing the COs tactics during the operation I want to select a few individuals and describe their actions during the battle.

William Josiah Rowlinson: Born in Manly, NSW, and enlisting on 28 July 1938 and served in the 1st Australian Parachute Battalion during WW2. He served in Korea

from 16 Dec 1950 until 1 May 1951 as a Cpl section commander in D Coy during the Battle of Kapyong. He was awarded the DCM.

His citation states in part "although wounded, displayed leadership of a very high order and outstanding courage".

He returned after convalescence to serve as Platoon Sergeant in 12 PI D Coy from 12 June 1951 until 13 December 1951 which included the Battle of Maryang San. He was awarded a Bar to the DCM for "again proving himself an outstanding, brave and intelligent soldier" when acting platoon commander during the assault on the ridge leading to Hill 317 and despite being wounded a second time, this time in the left leg, continued leading his platoon in several assaults to achieve the company objective.



Colonel Peter Scott DSO speaking at Op Tai Pong on 26 October 2016

James Burnett, Lance Corporal, born in Ayr, Queensland on 22 May 1922. He served during WW2 for four years as a Sapper in the 2/2 Australian Port Operating Company. He re-enlisted for Korea and served in 3RAR from 16 December 1950 and participated in both battles of Kapyong and Maryang San. During C Company's attack on Hill 355 on 3rd October 1951 Jim was observed "with a Bren gun approximately 25 yards in front of the remainder of 7 Platoon.

He was throwing grenades into enemy pits". Throughout this action Jim Burnett was under heavy mortar

fire, grenade and small arms fire.

Lance Corporal Burnett's act of bravery was far above the normal course of his duty and his aggressive action enabled him to gain the initiative and so dislodge a very strong and determined enemy". For his actions he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

John Kenneth Black was born in Chelsea, Victoria, on 15 June 1926. He served in the 26th Australian Infantry Battalion for two years during WW2. He sailed to Korea with 3RAR on 28 September 1950 and also served during both battles.

On the morning of 5th October, D Company 3RAR attacked the ridge leading to Hill 317. During the assault on the company's second objective, one of its platoons was launched on a right flank attack with 5 Section, commanded by Corporal Black, as the right leading section.

As it approached the objective, 5 Section came under heavy enemy machine gun, 3.5 Bazooka and small arms fire. Corporal Black immediately urged his section on and the first trench line was captured. He was thrown to the ground by the explosion of an enemy anti-tank grenade. Despite this setback he continued the advance and was then wounded in the right arm rendering him defenceless. He continued to lead his section until the

but because they were smart also'

platoon objective was reached. Only when the feature was consolidated did he permit himself to be evacuated for badly needed medical attention. His example and leadership were an inspiration to his men. He did not return to the unit after his evacuation. For this action he was awarded the Military Medal inspiration to his men".

Thomas Gilroy Tunstall was born in Brisbane on 25th September 1923. He served for nearly six years in WW2 in the 20th Australian Field Ambulance. He then volunteered for Korean service and sailed with the unit on 28 September 1950. He was present as a member of the RAAMC in both battles of Kapyong and Maryang San.

Tunstall was a medical orderly in B Company during an intense 24-hour action on 7 October on The Hinge. During this action Tunstall displayed extreme heroism and devotion to duty in attending to and evacuating casualties. Half the company were either killed or wounded. He showed complete disregard for his own personal safety frequently treated the wounded on open ground in the face of withering enemy small arms, mortar and shell fire. Tunstall was awarded the Military Medal for his courage and heroism under intense enemy fire.

These four soldiers are just a few of the many in the unit who distinguished themselves during the week long battle. They all had WW2 experience and were participants during the Battles of Kapyong and

Maryang San (average age 28) in contrast to four very young platoon commanders (average age 22) who had graduated from the RMC Duntroon the previous December and joined the battalion during July/August 1951.

They were all decorated for their courage and leadership. Lt J C Hughes OC 4 PI on the Hinge, Lt M B Pears OC 7 PI for leadership while attacking Hills 355 and 317, Lt A T Pembroke OC 9 PI for leadership during his platoon's assault on the Knoll forward of Hill 317, all awarded the Military Cross and Lt B J Falvey OC 6 PI MID. Unfortunately time doesn't allow me to describe their actions.

The final word goes to Lt Col Frank Hassett, then CO 3RAR who was awarded an immediate DSO after the battle:

"Unquestionably, the soldiers won the Maryang San battle, not just because they were brave, but because they were smart also. They recognised that if they were to get 317 [Maryang San] at all, let alone without massive casualties, then they had to move quickly. This they did. There were no heroes' welcome home for these warriors. They left from Australia [in 1950 and 1951] as individuals or in small groups and returned the same way, unheralded and unsung. Somehow, it did not seem to matter. There was much quiet satisfaction just knowing that one had fought at Maryang San".

Family officially opens Jamie Larcombe Centre

On Thursday 5 October 2017 The Jamie Larcombe Centre was officially opened by Jamie's family, Steve, Tricia, Annmaree, April and Emily in front of a crowd of more than 300 spectators.

The opening was attended by the Minister for Health and Mental Health, Peter Malinauskas MLC, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, federal and state politicians and a large contingent of serving and ex-serving personnel and their families including former Chief of Defence Force Sir Angus Houston and Commander Forces Command Major General Gus McLachlan.

Also in attendance were staff from Ward 17, representative of the 69 staff who will soon transfer from Daw Park to the new facility to continue the marvellous work they have been doing at the Repat Hospital since 1963.

Reflecting on the Centre Steve and Tricia Larcombe said; "The Centre's design is both sophisticated and sensitive. The light and warmth throughout reflects the compassion and care that those who come here seeking assistance deserve. The design and construction teams have delivered a Centre that would make Jamie proud."

Minister Malinauskas said; "Veterans deserve health care that not only meets their needs but truly honours the sacrifices they and their families have made in serving our nation.

'I am proud that the South Australian Government is



Steve, Tricia, Annmaree, April and Emily Larcombe open The Jamie Larcombe Centre, flanked by Minister for Health and Mental Health, Peter Malinauskas MLC, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, and Leesa Vlahos.

committed to the health and wellbeing of serving and ex-serving members of our community. It is fitting that the loss of one of our bravest, Sapper Jamie Larcombe, should inspire the future care of those who serve".

Minister Hamilton-Smith added that "It has been my aim to ensure veterans and their families have access to the best healthcare available. The Jamie Larcombe Centre is a key step in that direction".

MARYANG SAN COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 7 OCTOBER 2017

On Saturday the 7th of October 2017 3 RAR SA conducted a very successful commemorative service to mark the 66th Anniversary of the Battle of Maryang San which was fought by 3 RAR 2-8 October 1951 before the protracted ceasefire negotiations of the Korean War began.

3 RAR lost 21 men killed during the Battle and these men are buried in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, Busan, the Republic of Korea. Photographs of their graves featured during the Service.

Key players during the Service were:

- Master of Ceremonies and the reading of the Roll of Honour, 3 RAR SA Vice President Jeff Barrett.
- Catafalque party and flag orderlies – Support Company 7 RAR.
- Chaplain – Chaplain Derek Croser 10/27 RSAR; with his first time supporting us.
- Commemorative Address – Colonel Peter Scott DSO who was the 3 RAR IO at Maryang SA.

- Reciting the poem The Memorial – Ken Duthie 3 RAR SA.
- Reciting The Ode – Neville Cooper 3 RAR SA
- Bugler – Musician Michael Bampton 10/27 RSAR; one of our regular performers.
- Choral – Catherine Lambert and the Terrace Singers.
- Piper – Des Ross.

The Commemorative Address covered the more personnel side of the War in Korea with acts of bravery by members of 3 RAR cited and was very well received.

In addition to Peter Scott, Maryang San and Kapyong veteran rifleman of 3 Platoon A Company Reginald 'Rocky' Anock also attended the Service.

After the Service a light lunch was served during which Rosemary Bilac performed singing beautifully.

Our thanks go to Veterans SA who provided most of the funding for the conduct of the Service and the light lunch.

- Adrian Craig, Ceremonial 3 RAR SA



Kapyong Veteran and RAR Assoc. SA Life Member Don Beard flanked by some of the catafalque party and flag orderlies from Support Company 7 RAR.



Ken Duthie recites the poem "The Memorial." To his left are Catafalque Party Commander Corporal Lachlan Dollard of Support Company 7 RAR and 3 RAR SA Vice President and Master of Ceremonies Jeff Barrett.



The choir; The Terrace Singers with leading singer Catherine Lambert and to her right the singer during the lunch Rosemary Bilac.



Maryang San and Kapyong Veteran Reg 'Rocky' Anock flanked by the Commander 9 Brigade Brigadier Mick Burgess to his right and Kapyong Veteran Don Beard to his left.



FORTY-SIX YEARS LATER: These members attended the service at the RAR (SA) HQ on 7 June 2017 to commemorate the 46th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Khanh in Vietnam on 7 June 1971. Back from left: Steve Hogan 5 PI, Cliff Fletcher 4 PI, Peter Hankel 4 PI, Trevor Lock 6 PI, Bob Whelan 6 PI, Jeff Barrett 5 PI, Richard Brown 6 PI, Bob Prideaux 6 PI, Bob Hammond 6 PI, Ray Quigg 5 PI, John Kelly 4 PI, Dennis Kilner 5 PI, and Des Thompson 3 Tp C Sqn. Front from left: Russell Campbell A Coy, Norm Goodall Bushranger 72, Peter Scott CO, Graham Kells 5 PI, and Paul Giles 3Tp C Sqn.

Fulfilled two ambitions on trip to Ireland

The two interests which fill Robert Whinnen's life - the Army and various aspects of hunting - were expanded when he holidayed in Ireland late in 2017.

He visited the grave of Private George Nagle and the world's oldest hawking club, the Irish Hawking Club.

Robert is seen at top right placing the Regimental flag he took with him on the private grave of 39565 Private George Nagle, 5 Platoon, B Coy, 9 Battalion RAR, who was killed in action during Operation Goodwood in Vietnam 6 January 1969 aged 23 years.

He is buried in St Patrick's Cemetery, Clonmel, Tipperary, Ireland.

George is officially commemorated in the Victorian Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Wall 46, Row B. In the contact that George was killed five other members of his section were wounded; one of whom Died of Wounds the next day. Robert took the Regimental flag with him to lay on the grave.

Right: Robert is seen (left) with Club President Don Ryan; Vince Flannelly, IRSC coordinator bog access, FT judge, developer IRWS breed restoration; and Irish Red and White Setter Libby.



CEREMONIAL

The final ceremonial activity for 2017 was the 9 RAR 50th Anniversary Commemorative Service at Keswick Barrack on Tue 14 Nov 2017 commencing at 1100 hours. Both the Governor General and Governor of SA will be attended.

Most of the ADF support was provided by the local Army Reserve battalion; 10/27 RSAR.

2018

To reduce the workload on those involved in the conduct of commemorative services and principal guests the major commemorative services will be one for the Korean War and one for the Vietnam War as follows:

- **24 April 2018.** Kapyong Day at Linden Park conducted by 3 RAR SA and will involve the whole of the Korean War and include all three Services.
- **18 August 2018.** Long Tan Day at Linden Park conducted by the RAR Assoc. SA and will involve the whole Vietnam War and include the Army and the support provided by the other Services.

A commemorative service for the Afghanistan War is still being resolved by the VAC.

Unit associations are able to conduct their own services such as at the 3 RAR SA as part of their Long Khanh Reunion in early June 2018.

The VVF SA will be conducting a Coral/Balmoral Commemorative Service at TTD on 12 May 2018 and there will also be a National Service at the AWM in Canberra.

KORSEFA is likely to continue with its annual MIA Commemorative Service in October.



ANZAC DAY

Planning is continuing with some changes needed as a result of the tramline extensions along North Tce as far as East Tce and down King William Road as far as the Festival Plaza.

During February 2018 the RAR Association SA will be calling for unit association requirements for transport for disabled members during the March plus Unit Leaders and Guides particulars and contact details, venues of post-march social function venues and forecast numbers marching.

- **Adrian Craig, Ceremonial**

“Don’t forget me, Cobber”

A fundraising Luncheon was held on October 6 in the Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval by the RSL Virtual War Memorial. The host for the afternoon was Mike Smithson (channel 7) with guest presenters: Major General Stuart Smith AO DSC, Corporal Mark Donaldson VC, Professor Melanie Oppenheimer, Michael von Berg MC, OAM and Robert ‘Dogs’ Kearney OAM. More than 200 guests filled the auditorium to hear how the individual experiences of war had shaped our nation.

FROM THE BATTALIONS

3 RAR

3 RAR SA has had a busy year in 2017 and our last activity for the year is our Christmas/Battalion Birthday Party being held at Linden Park on Sunday 26 November.



Since September we have conducted our annual Maryang San Commemorative Service on 7 October followed by our Quiz Afternoon on 29 October. The latter was very successful with many attending who would not have done so if it had been at night time.

We continued to raise funds via sausage sizzles at Bunnings at both Kent Town and Windsor Gardens in 2017 with our last for the year being at the latter on 11 December. We have decided that we will not conduct the sausage sizzles in 2018.

Being very socially inclined we continue to conduct our monthly lunches at the Lord Melbourne Hotel plus the after service lunch on Maryang San Day and the Quiz Afternoon.

In 2018 we will continue with our quiz sessions; at this stage two in the year.

Many of our members will be travelling to the Coral/Balmoral 50th Anniversary in Canberra in May 2018 which will also be reunions for a number of companies.

In early June 2018 we will be conducting a Battle of Long Khanh Reunion which will include both social and commemorative activities.

- **Adrian Craig; 3 RAR SA Rep**

5/7 RAR

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the 5th/7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment Association Incorporated will be held on

Saturday, 9 December 2017 at 3pm.

Location: Grand Central Hotel, 270 Ann Street, near the Brisbane Central Station, Brisbane.

It should be noted that at the end of the AGM drinks will be taken followed by a casual dinner in the hotel.

A reunion is planned for 1900hrs.

Members meals will be subsidised by association funds. The price reduction will be advised at the AGM.

Details email : 57rarassociation@gmail.com



Jeffrey Barrett (left) and Ken Duthie (right) with Cpl Mark Donaldson VC at the lunch.

NEWS FROM THE BATTALIONS

8 RAR

The AGM and the Battalion birthday celebrations were held on 8 August 2017 at the Caledonian Hotel, North Adelaide. The AGM saw the existing Committee re-elected, with the addition of Kym Growden also joining the Committee. The Committee consists of:-

President Ted Forward
V/President Gavin Power
Treasurer Adrian Coles
Secretary Fred Manno

Committee members; Kym Growden, Graham Harris, Des Milde, Sylvan Elhay, Dennis Broadbent and John Kelly.

On 22 September, a small number of members and partners visited the South Australian Aviation Museum. All who were in attendance enjoyed the conducted tour of the aircraft on display. Another Hangar has recently been commissioned and the display enlarged as a result.



Douglas C-47B-35-DK Dakota A65-114



As can be seen, we were comfortable in the Dakota. Fortunately it was still on the ground.

The Christmas Lunch will again be held at the Birkenhead Tavern on Friday 1 December at 1200 hours. We hope to see many of you at the lunch. It is always an enjoyable occasion, good company and a good meal. Please let me know so we can advise the hotel of numbers.

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9 RAR

9 RAR was raised at Keswick Barrack on 13 November 1967 before moving to Woodside Camp when 3 RAR vacated the Camp and departed for South Vietnam on 16 December 1967.

Its main body departed from Outer Harbor on 9 November 1968 and the main body returned to Outer Harbor on 10 December 1969. The Battalion reformed in Enoggera Barracks in early 1970 and remained here until it was linked with 8 RAR in 1973. During its tour in South Vietnam the Battalion suffered 35 war dead. Post the Vietnam War the Battalion suffered another five fatalities. During the period 12 November and 15 November 9 RAR conducted its 50th Anniversary Reunion in Adelaide and surrounding areas with over 500 attending.

- On 11 November many attended the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service at the National War Memorial on North Terrace, Adelaide.

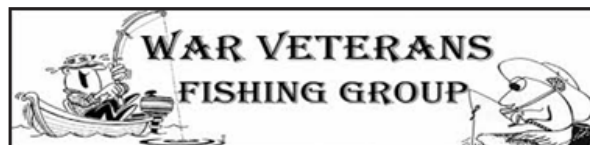
On 12 November company gatherings were conducted around Adelaide and at Goolwa.

- On 13 November the Battalion Birthday Dinner was conducted at the Hilton Hotel, Adelaide. The Governor General who was a platoon commander in 9 RAR and is our Patron attended.

- On November 14 a commemorative service was conducted at the ANZAC Memorial, Keswick Barracks. The Governor of South Australia Hieu Van Le AC was the official guest. See the link to the Channel 7 news item, <https://twitter.com/7newsadelaide/status/930314393916620800>
 - On November 15 a picnic was held at the Lake Breeze Winery Langhorne Creek. This was the official ending of the reunion.

Once the Reunion was finished some interstate members stayed for tours of various parts of South Australia.

- Adrian Craig, 9 RAR Rep



The last fishing trip arranged by the group was to Port Victoria in August to enjoy four days out on the water. Unfortunately the weather was against us again although we did manage to get out among the whiting on two and a half days, with strong south westerly winds keeping us on dry land the other times. When we were able to get out, all four boats managed to get their Whiting quota as well as Squid, Tommy Ruffs and Snook. In total more than 140 fish were caught and shared among the group. During October the group supported DVA with Veterans' Health Week by holding a weekend of fishing on the river Murray at Punyalroo Cabin Park. Using the RAR vehicle we picked up five veterans from the Repat Ward 17 program to enjoy a relaxing day on the Murray among fellow veterans and help with their social inclusions and wellbeing, and a family-type barbecue lunch before they returned to the Repat later in the afternoon. Information about the War Veterans Fishing Group can be obtained from Kevin Stone 8284 3974.

2018 Major Events Schedule - Update

When	What	Who	Catering
25 March – Sunday Noon till 4pm	Wine Tasting Afternoon	MB	Rob's Roasts will provide a selection of roasts and desserts. Wine tasting selection by President Mike von Berg. Food \$10 per person. Booked
24 April – Tuesday	Kapyong	AC	Club BBQ.
4 May - Friday	Greek Night	Tim Kara	Food \$10 per person Booked
23 June – Sat Night	Regimental Dinner	All	Hand Made Catering Booked
8 July – Sunday 11 am	AGM	JS	Sausage Sizzle.
18 August – Saturday	Long Tan Service	AC	As above.
12 October - Friday	Italian Night		Club barbecue
23 November - Friday	Regimental Birthday	MB	Cheryl's Cuisine will provide a Buffet and BBQ food -using our BBQ. Food \$10 per person, invited guests gratis. Booked
7 December - Friday	Xmas Show for Members	All	BBQ.

3RAR B Company 1980 Woodside Reunion a chance to reminisce

On Saturday November 27 the RARA clubrooms were the venue for a reunion dinner of 3RAR B Company Woodside 1980 era attended by platoon members and their wives and partners.

Doug Strain, a former Commander of 4 plt who lives in Adelaide, reached out to former members of B Company, many of whom had not seen each other since that time, for a get-together, reform friendships of years ago and reminisce of their exploits in and around the Woodside area.



Doug Stain (centre) addresses B Company attendees at the reunion dinner.

KOREAN VETERANS' DAY



60th Anniversary of the Armistice on July 27 at the Queensland Gold Coast

The remembrance ceremony for our Korean War Veterans was carried out by the RSL Surfers Paradise and supporting veteran and community groups with great dignity under sunny skies at our beautiful Memorial within Cascade Gardens (pictured).

General Mike Jeffery, our former Governor General, and distinguished War Correspondent Harry Gordon were the principal speakers. Their address each touched the hearts of all those present.

The response on behalf of the Korean Veterans and Communities was made by the President of the ROK KVAA Sydney, Young Shin Kim, who expressed thanks for Australia's participation.

Federal, State and Regional dignitaries were represented by JP Langbroek MP for Premier Campbell Newman and our Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate. Presidents of all principal RSLs and Veteran Organisations were present supported by the Korean Communities of Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

More than 300 visitors attended, principal of whom were our Korean War Veterans of both Nations from the Navy, Army and Airforce. It was a moving and touching ceremony for veterans' families and friends.

Later all veterans were entertained at the Surfers' Paradise RSL with a Celebration of Peace luncheon generously sponsored by the ROK GCKS and DVA (AQKV and 3RAR) Australia.

On behalf of the Memorial Committee and all our veterans we thank you for attending and honouring those who served so gallantly for Australia in support of the ROK and the United Nations.

Maurie Pears
For the Memorial Committee¹



This photograph was taken on 21 November 2017 immediately after the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Kyoung-la Woo (left), who came up from Canberra especially to present the Medal of Civil Merit to Maurie Pears (centre) at the Queensland War Memorial Cascade Gardens on the Gold Coast. Maurie's daughter Rowena is on Maurie's left.

Peter writes:

I was fortunate to attend this service along side my very special RMC mate, Brigadier Ivan (Lou) Brumfield CBE DSO and his wife ex Colonel of the WRAAC Mrs Dulcie Brumfield. Lou was a veteran of both Battles of Kapyong and Maryang San and became CO 1RAR on Australia's first deployed unit in Vietnam in 1965.

Maurie Pears lives on the Gold Coast and was the primary force in the planning and constructing the Queensland Korean War Memorial some two years earlier.

Maurie had graduated from the Royal Military College in December 1950 and was posted to 3RAR in July 1951 and became 7 Platoon Commander.

During 1 Commonwealth Division's Operation Commando in October 1951 he led his platoon, as part of C Company, firstly in capturing Hill 355 (Little Gibraltar) during Phase 1 then leading C Company to capture Hill 317 (Maryang San) in Phase 2. During this time he was wounded but remained on duty. For his courage and leadership during the battle he was awarded a Military Cross.

¹ Extract from Maurie Pear's email earlier in the year.

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MEAL & BAR ROSTER DEC '17 - APRIL '18

MEAL	BAR
DECEMBER	
B-B-Q and Salads	1 Kara
B-B-Q and Salads	8 Adrian Craig
RAR XMAS DINNER	15 Bob Whinnen
B-B-Q and Salads	22 Neil Nichols
XMAS BREAK	CLOSED
JANUARY	
CLUB RE OPENS	12
FAMILY FRIDAY	12 Bob Whinnen
B-B-Q and Salads	19 Kara
B-B-Q and Salads	26 Wheels
FEBRUARY	
B-B-Q and Salads	2 Spike
FAMILY FRIDAY	9 Bob Whinnen
B-B-Q and Salads	16 Chris Shannon
B-B-Q and Salads	23 Adrian Craig
MARCH	
B-B-Q and Salads	2 Neil Nichols
FAMILY FRIDAY	9 Bob Whinnen
B-B-Q and Salads	16 Kara
B-B-Q and Salads	23 Wheels
GOOD FRIDAY	30 CLOSED
APRIL	
B-B-Q and Salads	6 Adrian Craig
FAMILY FRIDAY	13 Bob Whinnen
B-B-Q and Salads	20 Chris Shannon
KAPYONG DAY	24 Spike
ANZAC DAY	25 CLOSED
B-B-Q and Salads	27 Wheels

April 2018 deadline first week in March

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