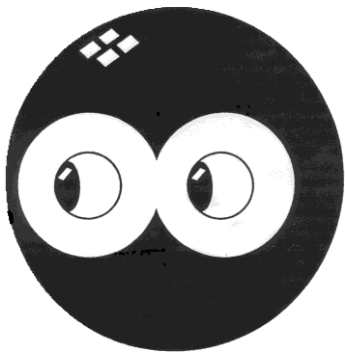




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LAST POST

Rest ye, oh Warrior, you'll battle no more no longer to live the horrors of war your duty was done, with honour and pride'
farewell! Oh brother, until we march by your side.

"Well done thou good and faithful friend."

Neil Jeffrey (Snowy) Whybrow Malaysia

Ross Kenny (C) Coy Vietnam

Steve Robinson Spt Coy Vietnam

Stuart (Stu) James Yow Yeh (D) Coy Malaysia and Vietnam

Desmond (Des) Arthur Milde (B) Coy Vietnam

Jeffrey (Jeff) James Smith (Spt Coy) Vietnam

Wayne Douglas Goninon Malaysia

Alan Hale (B) Coy Malaysia and (Spt Coy) Vietnam

Kevin James Barry (C) Coy Vietnam

'WE CAN NEVER FORGET'



President Report



Secretary's Report

This is my first report now that I am back in the Chair since the beginning of July this year after having 'hung up' my pen in February 2019!

It's been quite a ride and the busiest I've been in this position for a long time and it feels like I am back at full time work! However, we have a formidable team on the Management Committee and we all cooperate with each other and get things done in a professional way!

You are all quite aware what has kept us busy which, in my opinion, is a complete waste of time and energy and all I can say is that we hope that life will get back to 'normal' soon, both personal and business as it has had an effect on the mental health of most of your committee and that was what astounded me when I came back as we are all volunteers with age and PTSD against us trying to do our best with shared knowledge of our Association's workings!

In spite of this, I am pleased to be back serving this great Grey Eighth Association and look forward to less stressful and happier times!

Duty First, Paul (Wombat) Gallagher

Queensland



It has been quiet in terms of activities since the last 8 Ball, but we have been busy preparing for the presentation of the new 8 RAR Colours and the opening of the 8/9 RAR Historical Collection on the first weekend in November. More on that later.

For Vietnam Veterans' Day this year a small group of eight of us gathered for the dedication of unit plaques at the Canungra Vietnam Memorial. The

Memorial is quite spectacular, and I will expand on it later in this edition.

Those who travelled to Canungra for the dedication were Ron and Marjorie Goward, with their grandson Christian; John and Cathy Weatherley; Paul Simson; Bob and Vicky Crosthwaite; and Chad Sherrin.



Front Row: Marjorie Goward, Cathy Weatherley, John Weatherley.

Rear: Vicky Crosthwaite, Bob Crosthwaite, Chad Sherrin, Paul Simson, Ron Goward.

In September another group gathered at the newly renovated Gaythorne RSL Club for the special general meeting to accept our Association's new constitution. We made it a social occasion with most getting together for lunch prior to the meeting, and some relaxing drinks following the meeting.

Those attending included Kym and Lyn McDougall, Paul and Vera Gallagher, Ken and Sue Falvey, Tanky and Linda Scheuermann, Ron and Marjorie Goward, Trevor and Sandra Pond, Phil and Diane Hay, Tom Elliott, Eric Donges, Len Thompson, Darryl and Judy Backwell, Julian Shaw and Chad Sherrin.

As we prepare for the presentation of the new 8 RAR Colours and the opening of the 8/9 RAR Historical Collection, it is very pleasing to report we have almost 80 people registered to attend each event, and this includes a number of children and grandchildren of our veterans. There will be a full report on both activities in the next edition of 8 Ball.

Sick Parade

On a more sombre note, I have to report that Jim Powell and Russ Wisemann are both recovering from some fairly major cancer surgery. We wish them both well and hope the surgery is 100% successful.

Tank and Linda Scheuermann are both in the wars right now; Linda having had a melanoma removed from her

leg and Tank is undergoing a seemingly never-ending round of medical tests. Our best wishes to you both.

And finally, our old mate Errol Weatherall, in true 'digger spirit, is continuing to fight the good fight, assisted by his mate, and sunray-minor, Des Evans.

Christmas Party



The Queensland Christmas Party is to be held at the Gaythorne RSL Club on Tuesday 3rd December. The party is open to all our Queensland members and their families, and any other Grey-Eighters who may be visiting Brisbane at that time.

The CO 8/9 RAR, Lieutenant-Colonel Ben Watson, and RSM, WO1 Adrian Ross will be amongst the invited guests.

For catering planning, please RSVP to Tank Scheuermann kscheuer56@gmail.com by 28th November.

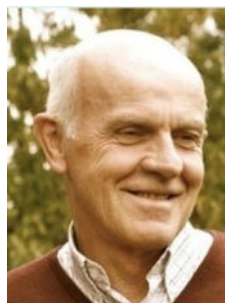
ANZAC DAY 2024

An outstanding response to our state president Chad's appeal for members to attend the Brisbane City march and luncheon this year. Murmurings of needing to brigade with other battalions to make up numbers were a thing of the past when the Grey 8 stepped off in George Street Brisbane with other regimental associations. We had 35 members in our group and numerous children and grandchildren but sadly a lot of other battalion associations were very short on numbers. Our banner was proudly carried by Darryl Backwell and Matthew Lauder. In a show of unity with 8RAR, serving members of 8/9 RAR were requested to march in civvies in support of ourselves and other battalion associations, yet another example of the support from 8/9 RAR to those who served their country before them. Commanding Officer Lt Col Ben Watson was on deployment and unable to attend but a huge number of young soldiers came along and marched in a show of support. Following the march members and families gathered at the Stock Exchange hotel for lunch where many tall stories were told and photos from 1969/70 displayed. Sincere thanks to the Lauder family for their generosity in making sure that members were well cared for with food and drinks at the start of the function. There were so many in attendance at the march/luncheon I fear we may have missed someone and apologies upfront if this is the case. Attending were: Lyle Acworth, Darryl Backwell, George Buckley, Rob Cathcart, Ash Cooper, David Corliss, Isaac Corliss, Margaret Corliss, Gary Craig, Shel Craig, Des Evans, Ken Falvey, Don Gordon, Steve Hart and family, Ian Johnstone, Ross Lambert, Brad Lauder, Matthew Lauder, Kym McDougall, Maisie McDougall, Ben McDougall, Joe McGillon, Bruce Mison, Val Picton, Trevor Pond, Sandra Pond, Jim Powell, Ray Raines, Blue Roberts, Kevin Saxon, Julian Shaw, Paul Simson, Bronco Smith, Wayne Thomas, Errol Weatherall, Erle Williamson, Judy Williamson.





Victoria



Firstly, an apology. Your writer has been overseas for almost two months and is still not quite over the jetlag, having arrived back four days ago. Not to mention the wretched computer which went belly-up days before leaving Australia, with everything escaping into cyber space, and so necessitated a new ‘Mother board’, whatever that it. So, while the update will not be a Nil Return, it will be pretty light on. ‘Sorry ‘bout that’ as was often heard in days of yore in South Vietnam. Which reminds me, does anyone else have a copy of Ken Melvin’s book of the same name? It contains cartoons, limericks and other diversions of GI Vietnam – yes, it is American. I purchased my copy just before RTA with a view to giving it to a long-lost girlfriend. A very funny book. For example, from its glossary: *Di Di!* Get lost or bug out. *Choi Oi.* An expression of surprise. May be either good or bad, like when you find a cold cobra or a warm body in your bed. *Nuoc Mam.* A seasoning sauce used by the locals to season everything – not too nice. And finally, *Ao Dai.* A delightful, graceful Vietnamese costume almost always filled with a delectable and graceful Vietnamese girl.

With time flashing by mention must be made of our annual birthday bash at Frankston RSL on 4th August 2024. Another grand occasion it was too. Then there was Vietnam Veterans’ Day at the Shrine with Alan Holland standing tall and proud with our banner.

Local news? Not much is to hand. Geoff Ravenscroft is in *The land of the long white cloud* or Aoteroa as the Maori call it. Snowy Morgan has just clocked up another year in north Queensland. Dennis

Moss is on the road ...somewhere. Warragul was mentioned recently. Neil Smith gave an address at the Frankston RSL for Vietnam Veterans' Day after being inveigled to do so by Bill Westhead.

For your diary. Remembrance Day 11th November is upon us once again. There are lots of services about the place, but the big one is at the Shrine of Remembrance of course. It will be especially big this year as it is the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Shrine. It will be held at the Second World War Memorial Forecourt between 1030 and 1130.

Make it a date to be at the East Doncaster RSL Sunday 24th November 2024 for our luncheon and the *Christmas Break-up*. The RSL hosts for the occasion will be Vietnam veteran Dennis and his wife Martha Clarke. The word is we will be feted and receive an extremely good deal too.

Wayne Maschette is 'our man' at the National Vietnam Veterans' Museum, Phillip Island, and is wrangling the upgrade of a section in the museum devoted to 8 RAR. Wayne has asked that we include the following piece – a Sitrep on the project. Thanks for that Wayne, and especially for your continuing efforts but, it ain't over yet folks, so please lend your support:

Update for 8RAR exhibition at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum

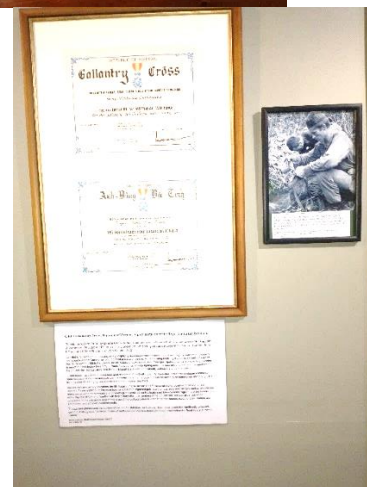
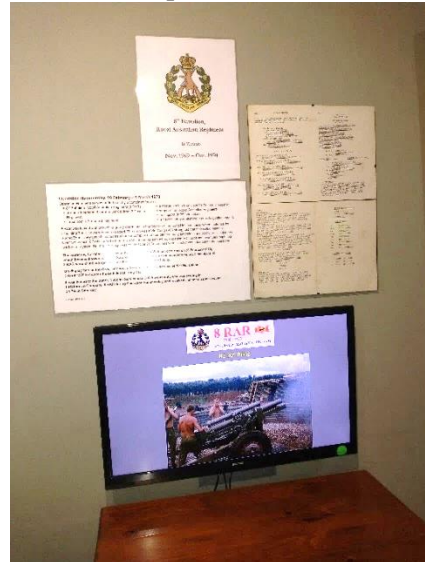
Over the last 10 years or so, I have been to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum numerous times and have been bitterly disappointed by the 2 black and white photos and 1 coloured photo that represented OUR Battalion. In my mind not good enough for those who served in our Battalion in Vietnam 1969/1970. Interestingly, about 3 years ago I met for coffee with Dennis Moss, the Victorian representative for the 8RAR association. Dring that time Dennis mentioned that the 8RAR exhibition at the NVVM was "below par". As my work career required information skills of transferring information to those who did not have it, I decided to use those skills to upgrade the 8RAR exhibition to an electronic and information rich environment. I am pleased to send you the updated information as photos.

I consider it very important that this upgrade to a digital experience was enhanced by the collaboration of the following people. Neil Smith voice-overs for every operation, Jim Brown, John Kupsch, Ian Loany and myself for the majority of the photos used for the display. Arthur Koo for the Cross of Gallantry citation. I also donated the display cabinet and personal effects such as my kitbag and letters I wrote to my sister whilst in Vietnam. Numerous other 8RAR people sent me one-off memorabilia which will be rotated through the display cabinet.

Whilst I have mentioned a few major contributors, my sincere thanks to all of those 8RAR people who sent information, personal stories and much

more which will now be part of the Information Rotation in the cabinet.

Of special note in this update is the Roll of Honour being designed and created by Fred Manno. I have been privileged to have been provided with the various stages of the construction. Thanks Fred it will be such a unique addition to OUR BATTLION's display. As always, if you have some personal items which you think portraits the time in Vietnam then please contact me and I will assist you in the donation process. Attached are photos of the current display.





Thanks again Wayne and to wrap up. Some would recall that a few issues ago you were enlightened as to the usefulness of the common garden slug in detecting Mustard Gas and as a result the creatures were employed in World War One to save unknown numbers from the insidious weapon. Yet another chapter in the history of Mustard Gas can now be revealed. In late 1943 the Germans bombed the Allied port of Bari, Italy where a US ship was carrying 2000 Mustard Gas filled bombs in case the Germans engaged in gas warfare. The ship, named the SS *John Harvey*, was badly damaged with a great many survivors being dreadfully afflicted by exposure to the Mustard Gas. Happily, however, the effects on these men led directly to the discovery of chemotherapy as a treatment for cancer. Did Australia have Mustard Gas in World War Two? It is not for your correspondent to say but in 12 years of Explosive Ordnance Disposal work, the evil weapon was certainly found in Australia and the Solomon Islands.

Cheers,
Neil SMITH

ACT/Monaro



Very little to report from the ACT as we wait for the warmer weather and the return of our travelling members.

I will be shortly putting out an invite for a Christmas gathering to get back in touch.

I have also reminded our members to book in for the reunion next year.

Best wishes to all.
Tony Sillcock

South Australia



Sadly, we report the sudden passing of Des Milde, B Coy Vietnam, on 26th September 2024. Des was a much-loved member of the 8 RAR(SA) Association, who, despite not enjoying the best of health in recent years, attended Association functions with his partner Jan whenever he could.



Des's funeral service was held on 8th October at McLaren Vale Institute Hall. A strong turnout of 8 RAR members, who acted as pall bearers, was indicative of the esteem and affection in which Des was held: Paul (P.J. Roberts), John Kelly, Ted and Adrienne Forward, Adrian Coles, Dennis and Deirdre Broadbent, Gavin and Judy Power, Graham and Lorraine Harris. Coles, Dennis and Deirdre Broadbent, Gavin and Judy Power, Graham and Lorraine Harris.

The burial service was conducted at Yankalilla Cemetery. Des's burial was followed by a gathering of Association Members at the Yankalilla Hotel.

The Birkenhead Tavern will host our annual Christmas Lunch on Friday, 29th November at midday. The Tavern, situated on the banks of the Port River, and overlooking the Port Adelaide Historic Dockyard, is a great location for our lunch which is always well-attended. The occasion will serve as a fitting climax to another successful year for the 8 RAR (SA) Association.



Western Australia



This year for the 8th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment Association I don't think I'm allowed to use the shortened version 8 RAR (oh bugger I broke the new rules),

So, we gathered at Anzac house (or does fizzly want me to use Australian and New Zealand Army Corps house). A motley crew turned up on the day best dressed to the dapper Jack Kupsch and his Observer Bev, Gordon Gillam, Dennis & Sue McGuinness, Garry Murdoch & Pam, Llyod & Marilyn Montefiore, Terry Scanlan, Doug & Antionette Wendt, Kath (Dickie Bligh's partner, thus ends the well-dressed attendees at least those I can remember oh yes and me of course. Then the late Wayne (Yogi) Gibson after 1500 hours when everybody was about to exit and he was looking very important with his briefcase and dressed in a suit and tie (bulging with importance). Nah it was just a very snug fitting suit. Well, the company was good as always and so was the food and I got to tell them the ghost story, see below.

Christmas Get Together.

We will gather at a good drinking hole in Como again that being the Como Hotel from 1100 hours on Wednesday December 4th, there will be free beer and food supplied by Jack K to celebrate his engagement but only for those who arrive on a Unicycle.

Now The Ghost Story I Know This To Be True Because I Was There.

So were Chris McKay, Mick Watson, Colin Bridge, Wally Williams & soon to be manacled Jack Kupsch. We had arrived at a venue in Tweed Heads that

was an old basketball stadium with a 10,000-seat capacity. About 8,000 of which were yanks as it was Jay Leno who was doing the entertainment talk & TV show which was being recorded. After all was almost at an end Jay (as we will call him from now) said "Ladies & Gentlemen tonight I want to do something completely different". "I want to know if there is anybody in the audience that's ever seen a ghost"? all in his Yankee accent and about 50% of the audience raised their hands as you can well imagine to thunderous applause. Then he says after five minutes more applause "now ladies and gentlemen I want to take that one step further and I would like to know if anybody has ever spoken to a ghost if so please stand up?" about a dozen people stand up and you can imagine the whistles, yells and 11 minutes of loud cheering & clapping etc. after he motions everyone to sit all is quiet & he says "now ladies & gentlemen I want to take that 1 step further turn the lights right down and bring me a spotlight please". He gets the spotlight and then says "ladies & gentlemen I am going to take that 1 step further. Has anybody ever had sex with a ghost?" Then he shines the spotlight around the audience and nothing. So, he again says "ladies & gentlemen I'll ask that question one more time IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE THAT HAS EVER SEX WITH A GHOST"? He takes the spotlight again & this time shines it around the audience the other way from right to left and when he is nearly all the way round, he sees a guy furiously pumping his are up and down flat out & "says okay buddy come on down". The guy has a hell of a time getting down high fiving everyone they are cheering; he's getting slaps on the back just takes him 20 minutes to get down all the way from the top & after being told by Jay several times "please let the man through" He is finally face to face with Jay who says "now let me ask you your name buddy". That is when we realised it was Abbo we could see properly so we all yelled out "Go Abbo. Abbo say s" my name is Ian Abbott". "Now Ian are you known by any other name"? "He says yes Abbo my nick name". Jay asks if he can call him Abbo and get approval. Abbo was smiling and waving to the crowd because he realises this is his 15 seconds of fame being televised around the world. "So Abbo, what's it like to have sex with a ghost"? Abbo's eyes close and shut a couple of times and he takes a step or two back and says "say that again jay"? then Jay repeats the question "Abbo what is it really like to have sex with a ghost"? Abbo steps back and says "ah shit G G G G G ghost I thought you said GOAT".

So the good people is the only time that we, Chris McKay, Mick Watson, Colin Bridge, Wally Williams, Jack Kupsch, Abbo & myself had ever met anyone famous, except for Chris McKay who had met

Bryan Brown, Linda Ronstadt & Rhea Perlman. They were covered in previous real life true stories.

New South Wales



The NSW branch held our Birthday and AGM at the Royal Exhibition Hotel Central. Our turn out was low in numbers.

The following were elected.

President Mick Carter, Vice President Kevin Sullivan, Secretary Ron O'Connor, Treasurer Carol Carter, Committee Ray Richardson, Dave Pankhurst, Rod Cleggitt .Bob Long.

Stuart Yow Yeh passed away in August and a memorial Service was held at Eastern Suburbs memorial Park. The service was a very good one and well attended with a good number of 8 RAR personnel.



Ray Richardson, Barry Darr, Tom Lyons, Mick Carter, Ron O'Connor and Peter Thorpe

Numbers for the 2025 reunion are getting bigger by the day and hopefully we will get a good few more. We went to Bankstown Sports Club where the reunion is being held for Vietnam Veterans Day and I was very impressed with the club,

Remembrance Day Monday 11th November

We will be attending the service at the Epping Club starting at 11-00 am. Hopefully we will get good numbers attending as we have in past years.

Christmas Drinks

We will be holding a meeting at the Epping club on the 4th December followed by Christmas drinks at around 11-00am, all very welcome.

Welfare Report.

None I know off at the present time.

Regards Mick Carter

Last Post



Ross Stephen Kenny



28 July 1948 – 21 January 2024

We were advised by Graeme Watts that Ross passed away at his home on Sunday 21 January and his funeral was held on Thursday 25 January at Warragul

Ross (Possum) Kenny served with 8 RAR from 17th Nov 1969 to 28th March 1970 (NS) and many other sections of the Army from 29th March 1970 to 30th January 1979, rising to the rank of Warrant Officer Two.

Ross served with me at the West Gippsland Veterans Welfare Centre in Drouin Vic, as a Pension Officer (now advocate) from 1999 to 2002.

Regards

Graeme Watts, Chairman WGVWC

Member of 8RAR Association, 3793651



Stephen "Robbo" Hunter Robinson



17 Jun 1948 – 30 August 2024

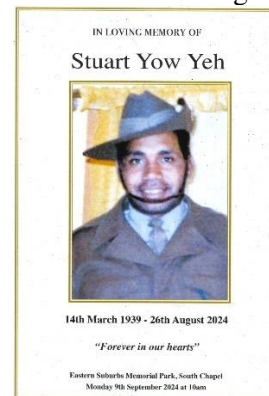
Robbo's funeral was held on the 6 September at Mt. Martha Victoria, the family asked that in lieu of flowers please donate to the Cancer Council of Victoria. Dennis Moss represented the battalion and presented the family with the association sash.



Stuart "Stu" James Yow Yeh



14 March 1939 – 28 August 2024



Stu passed away at his home on Wednesday 28 August. His funeral was held at The Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, on Monday the 9 September at 10.00 am.

It was always a pleasure to catch up with Stu every ANZAC Day and Battalion Birthday. In later years Stu found it difficult to March so would be waiting at the Royal Exhibition Hotel Central with that big smile and we would enjoy several Toohey Old Beers. Some years back he lost his long-time partner Sue, they met when Stu was on his last posting at Randwick and she was working in the mess, she told me that he was a real gentleman and when he was Duty Sargeant and came time to close the mess he always helped and was different to the others doing that same duty.

I will never forget the expression on Mick Carter's face when he asked Stu where he was born and Stu said Sand Hills Queensland, Stu seeing Mick's expression of horror said it's a town you silly bugger.

Stu did two tours of duty in Vietnam first tour with 1 RAR 27 May 1965 to 11 June 1966 from there he was posted to 8 RAR and went to Malaysia with the battalion and then his second tour with 8 RAR. He was an outstanding section leader in 12 Platoon and highly respected by all who served with him.

I unfortunately only got as far as the Sydney Harbour Bridge on Stu's funeral day and was caught up in major road works on the bridge and did not make the funeral.

Lest We Forget
Sully



Neil Jeffrey (Snowy) Whybrow

8 April 1945 – 6 August 2022

David Brooks and Brian (Parriott) Leslie have advised that Snowy passed away on the 6 August 2022 at Launceston General Hospital. David had spoken to Snowy in April 2022 and he had indicated an interest in attending Melbourne for ANZAC Day. Parrott had been trying to get in touch with Snowy for some time and had only recently found out of his passing. Unfortunately, Snowy kept to himself and was not a financial member of the association.

Snow or Barnie to his nonmilitary mates served with the battalion in Malaysia and lived at Invermay, Launceston Tasmania. A celebration of his life was held at the Hotel Tasmania, Saloon Bar Charles Street Launceston on the 18 August 2022



Jeffrey (Jeff) James Smith

14 August 1946 – 27 September 2024



Warwick Lewis advised us that Jeff passed away from a stroke on Friday morning the 27 September. Jeff served in Support Coy during our tour of duty in Vietnam.

I am advised that over 300 people attended JJ's send-off among them were members of the Vietnam Veteran Bike Club, ex Aslt Pl mates Denis McNab, Peter Wood, Peter Cousins and other local 8 RAR mates. Warwick Lewis presented Robin with the v8 RAR Association Sash

RSL Tribute – Jeffrey James Smith

Manning Great Lakes Memorial Garden Chapel Pampoola Road, Taree Wednesday 9th October 2024 Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen My name is Brian Willey. As President of the Wingham RSL sub-Branch, it is a privilege and honour to be invited by the family of Jeffrey James SMITH to conduct this Tribute Service in his remembrance. He was known to his family, friends, and the community he served as Jeff. We are here today to farewell Jeff with the dignity and respect he deserves. Jeff was born in 1946 and enlisted in the Australian Citizen Military Force on 1 October 1961 as a 15-year-old. His first posting was to the 2nd Royal New South Wales Regiment, where he trained and served for six years. In July 1967, just before his 21st birthday, he transferred to the Regular Army Reserve as a National Serviceman and was posted to the number 3 Training Battalion. In December of that year, now a 21-year-old, he transferred to the Australian Regular Army and was posted to the 8th Royal Australian Regiment (8RAR). The mascot for 8RAR is a RAM, so his Battalion was known fondly as the RAM Battalion. Jeff's operational service took him to Singapore and Malaya for a year, from March 1968 to April 1969. In November of that year, he was sent to Vietnam, where he served for 2 207 days until June 1970. Jeff was an infantry soldier with specialist skills as an Assault Pioneer and a Rifleman. His service in the Vietnam War involved operations in some of the toughest terrain and conditions in the world. The bond between infantrymen with combat experience

is like no other in the world, and Jeff would have made lifelong friendships with his fellow warriors.

Jeff's honours and awards include: • The Australian Active Service Medal 1945 -1975 with clasp Vietnam (this medal recognises the service of Australian Defence Force personnel and certain other persons in prescribed warlike operations after World War II and before February 1975. This includes service in South Vietnam between 24 December 1962 and 27 January 1973). • The Vietnam Medal (this is a joint Australian and New Zealand campaign medal awarded for service in the Vietnam War during the period 29 May 1964 to 27 January 1973 • The Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 (this medal recognises service in peacekeeping or non-warlike operations in the 30 years following World War II and before February 1975). • The Australian Defence Medal (an Australian military decoration that recognises current and former Australian Defence Force personnel who completed an initial enlistment period or four years of service. It recognises the qualifying and efficient service of current and former Australian Defence Force Regular and Reserve personnel, including National Servicemen who have served since 1945). • The Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal (is a commemorative medal awarded to recognise Australians who completed their obligation under the two National Service schemes that had operated in Australia between 1951 and 1972). • The Vietnamese Campaign Medal (a South Vietnamese military campaign medal awarded to Australian military personnel for service in South Vietnam from 31 July 1962 to 28 March 1973. The requirements for the award were: at least 181 days service, either continuous or aggregated unless killed on active service; or wounded in action (including psychological injury) and evacuated or captured and later released or escaped. • Returned from Active Service Badge (The purpose of the Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB) is to recognise Australian Defence Force members who have returned from active or warlike service during military campaigns in operational areas. Jeff was a long-term member of Wingham RSL sub-Branch before his recent move to Harrington where he transferred to Harrington-Crowdy Head sub-Branch. Jeff always had a keen interest in helping fellow veterans and enjoyed the camaraderie that came with keeping in touch with his ex-army mates. He was a Vice President at one point in his membership. He participated in constructing a temporary wooden cenotaph and helped organise the Anzac Cemetery Services when they first started some fifteen years ago. Jeff's presence and contribution at our meetings will be sorely missed. Jeff's hour has come for rest; this poppy, an emblem of sacrifice, the symbol of a life offered in the service of one's country, is a link between our comrades and us who remain. We place it here in Remembrance. • Jeff's family have asked that other RSL members, veterans, and members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club wishing to place a poppy on the casket as an act of Tribute and farewell to

please do so after the service. I now invite fellow warrior, veteran, and sub-Branch member Mick Downs to recite the Ode. The Ode will be followed by the sounding of the LAST POST, a few moments of SILENCE and then REVEILLE. Reveille and Last Post are two of several bugles calls in a military tradition that mark the phases of the day. Reveille signalled the start of a soldier's day; the Last Post signalled its end. Today, the Last Post will indicate that Jeff has gone to his final rest, and Reveille marks an awakening in a better world for those who have passed. The Ode of Remembrance has been recited to commemorate wartime service since 1921. It is the fourth stanza of Laurence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen," which was published in 1914. • "Would everyone please stand if you are able." • "Mick, please come to the lectern to recite the Ode" They went with songs to the battle; they were young, straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted They fell with the faces to the foe. They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM LEST WE FORGET THE LAST POST



Desmond (Des) Arthur Milde



13 October 1947 – 26 September 2024

Ted Forward advised that Des ex-B Company Vietnam passed away this morning (26 September 2024). Des has not enjoyed the best of health over the last few years, but still attended functions when he could.



Wayne Douglas Goninon



Wayne's wife Dillys Advised us that Wayne passed away peacefully at home on 21 September 2024 after suffering with heart failure for the last 9 years. His funeral is to be held this Thursday, 3 October in Burnie, Tasmania.



Alan Edward Hale



5 August 1949 – 29 September 2024



Alan passed away on the 29 September after suffering a stroke a week earlier he had dementia for the past 5 years.

He was a regular soldier who served in SP Coy Vietnam and also served in Singapore. Dennis Lines represented the association and presented the family with the association sash.



Kevin James Barry

14 June 1950 – 6 October 2024

Keve served in 7 Platoon C Coy. In Vietnam he was a great supporter for Robert Cross and Ted Chitham in the early days when 8/9 RAR Association was raised.

He had been fighting emphysema, respiratory infections and cancer for some time.

His funeral will be held on the 23 October at Centenary Memorial Cemetery and Gardens Sumner, Brisbane.

More details regarding Kev's service and funeral will be reported in the next 8 Ball.



Items of interest.



Albert Jacka V.C.M.C. and Bar. By Laurie Evans



About 10 yrs ago a friend of mine asked if I would like to read the book "Hard Jacka", author "Michael Lawrimsky".

I was vaguely aware of Albert Jacka as he was born in Winchelsea Victoria, which is only 40 kms west of my home town of Geelong.

At the conclusion of reading the book, it mentioned that on the anniversary of his death, 17th January 1932, there is a ceremony at St Kilda Cemetery not the nearest Sunday to that date.

Albert Jack settled in Melbourne after the war and served as Mayor of St Kilda till his death, aged 39 years. I mentioned to my mate Rob Roder, who gave me the book, that I was keen to go to Melbourne and attend

the ceremony. Little did we know it was the catalyst for what was to follow:

Coming home I said to Rob that I couldn't believe there was nothing to honour "Jacka" in his birthplace of Winchelsea.

When you consider he was awarded the first Victoria Cross of WW1. In fact, he could have been awarded three Victoria Crosses, but he had a tendency to place his feelings, or should I say air his opinions not too gently, which General Cosgrove believes have cost him.

I believe all of us in our travels have come across towns and cities, all over Australia telling us the town is the birthplace of prominent people or events, but nothing Winchelsea for the man who General Cosgrove describes as "The Bravest of the Brave".

So, with a bit of 'bee in my bonnet' and again quite surprised I decided to find out 'why not?'

A call to the local historical society told me they had a photo of Jacka V.C. in their hall, same story from the local R.S.L. They both told of 'A Rock' on the road side of the property of the Jacka family farm, just a few miles from Winchelsea. So, Rob and I decided to find this rock, but believe me it didn't jump out at us. In fact, it took several trips before we eventually discovered 'the rock' covered in long grass and lots of weeds. We found attached a plaque which was very nice but a little sad to think this was all there was to recognise this great Australian. It was time to rectify this situation.

We teed up a meeting with one of the seven local members we felt could have some influence. State wide there was an election looming, so we thought they would all like something positive to focus on and all of them were very keen on the idea of something to honour this great Australian.

January 2014 was the time things started to get rolling with the initial letter to Sara Henderson MP and the beautiful Cairns honouring not only Albert Jacka but all local residents who served in all conflicts including a local man who served with 8 R.A.R. Bob Clark. Stand in a beautifully maintained rose garden, All proudly in the Main St of Winchelsea on the Princess Highway.

The Memorial Opening took place on Sunday 21st August 2022.

'The Rock'

On all our visits to Winchelsea, we would also visit 'The Rock'. On every occasion my mate Rob would say 'it needs a bloody flag' so it can be seen. We had visions of digging a hole and sticking some sort of pole and bingo job done.

My second son Brad assures me that if you're going to do it, then DO IT PROPERLY! He grabbed the bull by the horns. Starting with an old A.F.L. goal post, aluminium he buffed to look like brand new. A son in law of the lady who now owns the old Jacka farm excavated the hole. Brad sourced two galvanised stays to hold the pole along with some very substantial hardware, nuts, bolts etc. Precision drilling in the stays by a firm of engineers, friends of Brads and of course we needed

concrete. No problem, when I contacted the chap who owned the plant, about a 40 km trip, and to all of these people when they found out the reason not one of them wanted any payment. We estimated conservatively about \$2000 worth of materials. We had a small ceremony with the raising of the flag 108 yrs after his actions at Gallipoli.

Our ceremony took place on the 19th May 2023.

Footnote:

The flag was supplied by Sen Sara Henderson and as a matter of interest if anybody wishes to obtain a flag, it's simply a matter of contacting your local member. Free of charge.



Thank you, Laurie, and congratulations for sharing this excellent tribute you have been involved in to honouring a brave and wonderful Australian.

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation (CGWPUC)

The National committee has been involved during the year in dealing with the impact on 8 RAR Vietnam veterans of the decision of the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal decision to extend eligibility for the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit

Citation (CGWPUC) to all Australian personnel who served in the campaign. We are very lucky to have Tony Silcock our ACT Branch President do a submission to the Chief of Army on your behalf and a brief report by him follows:

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM UNIT CITATION

In 1970 8 RAR was presented with the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation (CGWPUC) to recognise exceptional operational performance and contribution to the community during the 1969-70 tour of duty of the unit.

For many years individuals and organisations have tried without success to have eligibility for this award extended as happened with US forces.

In Feb 2022, the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (DHAAT) issued a report of their review of the award and decided that it would be granted to all who served during the Vietnam campaign. This decision has not been well received by veteran members of 8 RAR who see that what was originally awarded to their battalion as a distinctive recognition of exceptional service has now effectively been reduced in status to just another campaign embellishment. Also, 8/9 RAR, the custodian of 8 RAR history and tradition no longer displays the distinctive recognition granted to their forebears.

The committee considered options to redress this perhaps unintentional consequence of the DHAAT decision. While there are considered to be issues with the conduct of the review, an appeal against a decision by DHAAT is not possible. The only option available was to apply for 8 RAR to be granted an Australian award of equivalent status to that of the original CGWPUC, this being the Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC).

An application to Chief of Army to have the MUC awarded to 8 RAR was submitted in April this year. In June a response was received from Army rejecting our application on the grounds that a policy established in 2021 prohibited retrospective granting of unit awards for service before 1991, the date the unit awards were established.

We were well aware of this policy and were very deliberate in our explanation that our application was not for retrospective recognition, but to seek redress for a detrimental decision made by the DHAAT in 2022. Army did not acknowledge this fact in its response.

We believe that the issue of retrospectivity was not adequately addressed and are now preparing a request for Chief of Army to reconsider the decision advised in June. We are seeking the support of the RAR Association (National) for our request and we may also seek a comment from the DHAAT acknowledging that their decision to extend eligibility for the CGWPUC has had unforeseen consequences that have caused significant concern to veterans who have proudly worn a distinctive award for over 50 years.

We are not able to give any indication of an outcome or a timeframe for resolution at this stage. We are making every effort to resolve what we know is a matter of concern to the veteran members.

8/9 RAR Historical Collection

Military history, importantly unit history, helps keep the memory alive of those who came before: preserving their actions and inspiring today's soldiers, giving them pride in their profession.

Appreciation of a unit's history is an important part of being a soldier. Unit morale is enhanced when the individual soldiers of a unit come to realise that they are part of a larger entity with a record of respected accomplishments.

In this knowledge CO 8/9 RAR, LTCOL Ben Watson, has pressed for the establishment of the 8/9 RAR Historical Collection - to preserve the history, customs and traditions of the three units linked as 'Brisbane's Own' – 8 RAR, 9 RAR and 8/9 RAR.

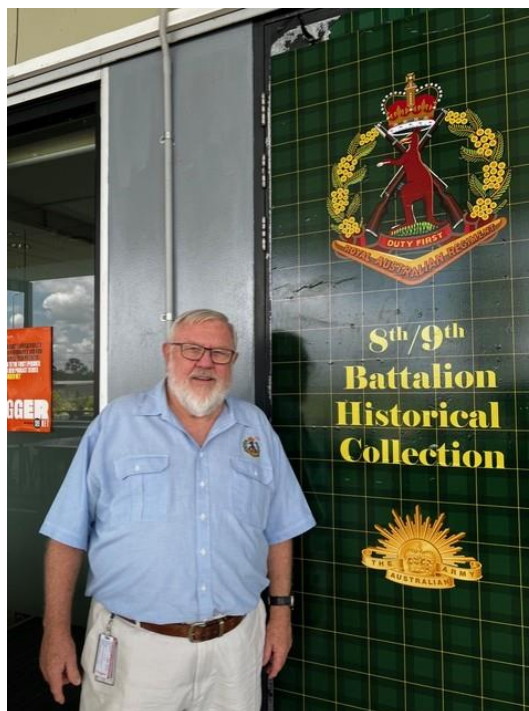
The Collection is in two parts. In the Ram's Retreat the display is aimed at *'the life and times'* of a Digger, designed to compare and contrast, for today's soldiers, how we their forebears lived, worked and fought, in Malaysia, Vietnam, and the many unit deployments, operational and other, since.

The second part of the Collection is research oriented, containing unit records, maps, photographs and books relating to the history of the three units. This will be housed in the 'Historical Precinct' of Gallipoli Barracks, being developed by the Army History Unit.

The 'Historical Precinct' is a representative collection of original buildings from the Enoggera Army Barracks, which was established in 1908 and has served the Army since that time.

The Collection is to be available to be viewed by all current and former members and families of 8, 9 and 8/9 RAR, and will form an important part in the induction of new soldiers to 8/9 RAR.

The Historical Collection will be officially opened on 3rd November this year, as part of 8/9 RAR's 51st birthday celebrations.



Representing 8 RAR, as curators for the 8 RAR collection, are Ron and Marjorie Goward. Ron and Marjorie are keen build on the history of 8 RAR and would love to hear from anyone with items from our history suitable for display. Items can be donated or placed on temporary loan.

If you have any items, from any period in our unit's history, that you think might be suitable, please contact Ron and Marjorie mnr@bigpond.net.au or 0417 553 821 to discuss how they can best be collected.

It is much better that these items be preserved in the Historical Collection for the benefit and interest of others, rather than risk them being thrown away as just some old rubbish.

At a meeting today with representatives of the 8RAR, 9RAR, 8/9 RAR and RAR Associations, Officers and senior NCO's of the Battalion gave their support to maintain the heritage of 8RAR and 9RAR, and will play a pivotal role in consolidating the many items currently spread around display spaces and storerooms within Gallipoli Barracks. They are also attempting to locate items which have been "lost" over time.

This is a plea to everyone: if you have "found" anything which was "lost", which could be added to the overall Collection, please contact Marjorie and Ron Goward, who are the first point of contact for 8RAR for this project

The Canungra Vietnam Memorial



The Jungle Training Centre (JTC) at Canungra was established in November 1942 to train troops for jungle combat in the South-West Pacific area during WW2.

The intensity of training was wound back with the end of the war, but in 1964 training was ramped up again as all battalions were rotated through as a part of their pre-deployment training for service in South Vietnam. At its peak JTC was training up to 10,000 soldiers annually.

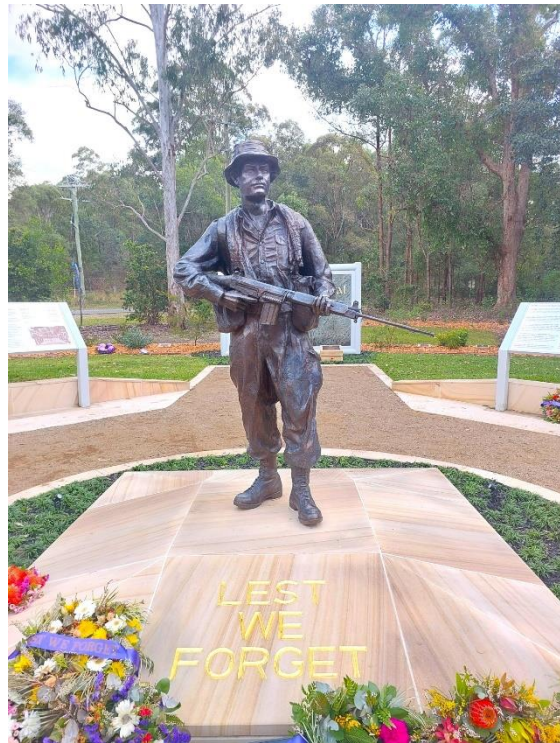
In recognition of this, some years back a memorial was constructed inside the barracks at JTC, however, security requirements meant that it was not readily accessible to the public.

Last year the memorial was moved to a grove of trees outside of the barracks, on Beechmont Road and, on Vietnam Veterans' Day this year, the move was complete, with the laying of plaques by the units who trained there during the Vietnam War.

The Memorial is constructed in the shape of the Long Tan Cross.



In the centre of the 'Cross' is a life-size bronze statue of a Vietnam digger,



surrounded by a series of storyboards describing the history of JTC; the Vietnam War; and the battles of Long Tan and Coral-Balmoral.



Arranged in an arc around the head of the cross are the unit plaques.



If you are in the Gold Coast area, a trip up to Canungra to view the Memorial is well worth your time. Set as it is amongst towering gums, which effectively 'cut-you-off' from everything else around, the solitude makes it a truly spiritual experience. You won't be disappointed.

Jungle Training Centre Action

No matter where and when you served in 8 RAR it is likely you spent some time at JTC Canungra learning jungle warfare techniques.

This collection of photos was taken by Bob Crosthwaite in 1967, as the Grey Eight prepared to deploy to Malaysia.

No matter when you went to JTC, his photos are likely to stir some memories, or *nightmares!*



The 'Bear Pit'



Barbed wire crawl – with mud!



Clearing Viet Cong tunnels



Ouch, my arms hurt!

National Reunion February 2025 Bankstown Sports Club Bankstown NSW.

Our reunion is now only 4 months away, you will find a list of those who have committed to attending on the New Web site. If you are attending please complete the attendance and payment form ASAP.

National Reunion 2025

Venue – Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade NSW [Phone: \(02\) 9722 9888](tel:0297229888)

All official activities will be held within the Bankstown Sports Club premises.

Accommodation is available in the Mercure Hotel attached to the Sports Club

Activities

Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Registration:

1. Timing – *Commencing at 1400 hours until 1700 hours*
2. Location – The Grand Hall Bankstown Sports Club
3. There will be memorabilia for sale in the Grand Hall during registrations.

Meet and Greet:

1. Timing – *Commencing at 1800 hours until 2100 hours*
2. Location - Area for Meet & Greet to be held in the Grand Hall (as for registrations)
3. Seating - *Random seating for 100 plus stand-up table areas will be available*
4. Catering – A selection of Canapes will be served - **price \$40/head**
The ante-room has a fully stocked bar at Club prices.

Thursday 27 February 2025

This is a free day

A. AGM – to be Chaired and conducted by the National Executive

1. Location – Again, in the Grand Hall
2. Timing - 1000 hrs start
3. Facilities – adequate seating will be available

B. Company functions

There are a number of separate areas within the Sports Club suitable for Company groups.

Bankstown RSL Club is also available if required and will be available to assist with catering for groups using its venue.

We expect Company organisers will advise on their preferences for each Company group.

1. *There is a brewery with large bar area in the Club and a range of other bars and eateries for in-house functions. There is a large outdoor area with bar and snacks.*
2. **The Sports Club has High Tea** which some ladies may be interested. A set selection of sandwiches, petit fours, and pastries, scone with preserve and cream, with a glass of Chandon Sparkling NV –
 - a. *Time - 1300 hours to 1500 ours (1:00 to 3:00 pm)*
 - b. *Cost - \$75/head*
 - c. *Location - In the charming “Greenfield Carriages” within the Sports Club*
3. *There is the Lady Banks rooftop lounge and bar the ladies may wish to use.*

C. General activities

1. *Visitors may wish to avail of senior’s public transport arrangements through Transport NSW and we encourage them to purchase an OPAL card.*
2. *Bankstown has a range of shopping options. There is a medical centre and pharmacy within the Sports Club premises.*
3. *Visitors may consider a trip into Sydney to the Hyde Park Memorial.*

Friday 28 February 2025

Long Hai Memorial Day.

A. Long Hai Memorial Service:

1. Location – Again, in the Grand Hall
2. Form Up - Form up time - at 1030 – 1045 hours. Service to commence at 1100 hours
3. Logistics – Ample seating will be available
 - a. *Those wishing to lay a wreath are invited to do so.*

B. Long Hai Lunch – Agreed to a sit-down lunch Buffet lunch.

1. Location - Grand Ballroom
Pre- lunch drinks – 1200 hours following the Service in the Grand Hall
Enter Grand Ballroom at 1300 hours
Seating –10 pax/table
Menu @ \$70/head.
Entertainment provided by Sports Club

Access to the Bankstown Sports Club

1. *The Sports Club is a five-minute walk from Bankstown railway station.*
2. *Trains run from Sydney Airport to Bankstown*
3. *The Club is located at 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown*
4. *There is free parking within the Club. Parking ticket needs to be validated at the Club Reception or Hotel Reception.*
5. *Phone number for the Club is [\(02\) 9722 9888](tel:0297229888)*
6. *Email link for the Club is on the Club website*
7. *Club membership is currently free for life and comes with discounts for food and drink*
8. *Free parking is available in the Sports Club car park. Parking ticket needs to be validated at the Club Reception or Hotel Reception.*

Accommodation:

1. **Mercure Hotel**
2. *A 4-star hotel, with 213 rooms situated within Bankstown Sports Club. Guests have full access to the Sports Club facilities. Every room is fitted with casual seating, a desk, a flat-screen Smart TV, a private bathroom, microwave oven, bar fridge, free WiFi.*
Rooms were inspected and found to be of excellent quality and amenity.
The Hotel has provided a room rate schedule, which is attached. [Or book on-line with ACCOR Hotels or other booking sites.](#) Discounts are available for Accor members.
Rooms can include breakfast which is available in the Sports Club Main Restaurant
Coin operated laundry facilities are available on random floors in the Hotel
Mercure phone number is [\(02\) 8111 7100](tel:0281117100)
Mercure email HB975@accor.com
Free parking is available in the Sports Club car park. Parking ticket needs to be validated at the Club Reception or Hotel Reception.

Other Local Accommodation Options

1. **Rydges Bankstown** - 874 Hume Hwy, Bass Hill [02 8707 2800](tel:0287072800)
Located in Sydney's southwest business district, Rydges Bankstown features 115 deluxe rooms and 5 executive suites, a restaurant and bar next to the relaxing outdoor pool. It offers air-

conditioned rooms with a flat-screen TV. Free parking is available on site.

Each of the rooms feature the renowned Rydges Dream Bed and a state-of-the-art entertainment centre, which has USB ports for iPods and laptops. All rooms have a minibar, a work desk and tea and coffee making facilities.

After a day of meetings, relax on the sunny terrace or enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool. The hotel also offers a 24-hour front desk, dry cleaning and meeting facilities.

Rydges Hotel Bankstown is less than 15 minutes' drive from central Bankstown, Liverpool and Parramatta. Bankstown Airport is 15 minutes' drive away and Sydney International Airport is a 30-minute drive from the property.

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Eight74 Restaurant specialises in fresh, modern cuisine and offers views of the pool and the terrace. The Crown Lager Bar serves a range of ice-cold beverages and tasty snacks. **Estimated @ \$180/night.**

2. Nightcap at Hume Hotel – 510 Hume H'way, Yagoona [02 9709 6211](tel:0297096211)

A 3-star hotel, is a property situated near Bankstown. Guests can have a cocktail at the bar. At the hotel, every room is fitted with a desk and a flat-screen TV. Featuring a private bathroom, rooms at Nightcap at Hume Hotel also provide guests with free WiFi. Guest rooms will provide guests with a fridge. **Estimated @ \$125/night**

3. Nightcap at High Flyer Hotel – 25 Birch Street Condell Park [02 9791 9000](tel:0297919000)

High Flyer Hotel offers an on-site bar and bistro. All rooms are air-conditioned and feature a flat-screen TV with cable channels. Free on-site parking is available.

High Flyer Hotel is 3.6km from the Sports Club, 10 minutes' drive from Bankstown Golf Club and 20 minutes' drive from ANZ Stadium. Sydney City Centre is 40 minutes' drive away.

These renovated rooms offer a refrigerator and tea and coffee making facilities. There is work desk, and a private bathroom. Towels and linen are provided. Guests have access to laundry facilities. **Estimated @ \$180/night.**

4. Bankstown Motel 10 - 217 Hume Hwy, Greenacre [\(02\) 9642 7555](tel:0296427555)

Offers quiet accommodation, just 15 minutes' drive from Sydney Olympic Park. Each spacious room includes air conditioning, heating and free Wi-Fi access.

Facilities at Motel 10 include free on-site parking and luggage storage at reception.

All rooms feature tea/coffee making facilities, ironing facilities and a writing desk.

Bankstown Motel 10 is located on the Hume Highway in Greenacre, between the South West and Inner West of Sydney. Bankstown city centre is a 5-minute drive away. It is a 5-minute drive from the University of Sydney Cumberland Campus and located nearby the Enfield Yards in South Strathfield. **Estimated @ \$180/night.**

5. Bankstown Hotel

The Hotel has 23 rooms each with a desk, a flat-screen TV, a private bathroom, bed linen and towels. There is a bistro for meals. **Estimated @ \$120/night.**

6. The Palms Hotel – 167 Hume Highway Greenacre [\(02\) 9642 7300](tel:0296427300)

4.6km from the Sports Club, Palms Hotel offers accommodation with a restaurant, free private parking, a bar and a casino. The property is located 7.5 km from Bicentennial Park, 8.1 km from Sydney Showground and 8.6 km from Qudos Bank Arena. Free WiFi and an ATM are offered. The units in the motel are fitted with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. All guest rooms feature a private bathroom, free toiletries and bed linen. The nearest airport is Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport, 17 km from the accommodation. **Estimated @ \$190/night.**

7. Caravan parks

There are no nearby camping sites only villa accommodation.

a. Australian Community Villages - 713 Hume Highway, 2197 Bankstown,

Located just 5 km from Bankstown's main shopping complex, restaurants and cinema, Australian Community Villages offers free on-site parking and a spacious BBQ area. All accommodation has air conditioning and a TV.

b. Sheralee Tourist Caravan Park is the closest caravan park to Sydney CBD & Sydney Airport.

The park is a comfortable walking distance to Public Transport with a local bus stop a block away & Rockdale Train Station about a 15 min walk from the park, then a 17 min train ride to Sydney CBD. Only a 10 min drive to Sydney Airport.

The local area includes shopping centres with major stores Woolworths, Coles, Aldi, K-Mart & Bunnings, Botany Bay with its beautiful walks, bike trails & beach with a variety of cafes and restaurants. A visit to the Rockdale shopping hub provides a multicultural experience.

**CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE AND
PAYMENT REQUIRED**

**National Reunion 2025 - Sydney
REGISTRATION SHEET**

**Payments and booking confirmations required
by 31st January 2025**

**M & C Carter, 3/24 Bay Street, Coogee NSW 2034,
or Email: 8rar2025reunion@gmail.com**

Wednesday 26 February 2025 Meet and Greet.

I/We
(Full name(s) will be attending @ \$40.00/head

**Thursday 27 February 2025 Company function
10.00am.**

All functions will be at the Bankstown Sports Club
and other various venues which will be notified at a later
date.

I/ we,
(Full name(s) will be attending the company function.
Company served with(Coy)

Special Ladies High Tea

I,
(Full Name) will be attending the Special Ladies High
Tea. @ \$75/head

**Friday 28 February 2025 Long Hai Memorial Service
and Commemorative Lunch**

I / We,
(Full name(s) will be attending the Memorial Lunch @
\$70.00/head

PAYMENT

Payment can be made by bank deposit to:

8 RAR Association NSW Branch

Bank Account details: BSB: 062-230

Account Number: 11514435

**(Please ensure you put your name in the detail
section)**

Or by cash, postal order, or Cheque payable to "8 RAR
NSW" to the address above.

**Please do not deposit a cheque into this account!we
are charged \$5.00 for that privilege by the bank**

National Raffle

This issue of 8 Ball will include a book of tickets, those who
receive the 8 ball electronically will shortly receive an
envelope with their book of tickets. Your support will be
very appreciated. The raffle will be drawn on Long Hai
Day.

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

1st Prize: \$1,000.00 Cash

2nd Prize: \$250.00 Cash












**3rd Prize: Royal Australian Regiment Vietnam Cold
Cast Bronze Figurine**



**Drawn: 28th February 2025 at Bankstown Sports Club.
Winners notified by phone.**

MEMORABILIA CATALOGUE

Enquiries to Kym McDougall Memorabilia Officer
memorabilia8rar@icloud.com

		<p>T Shirts. Great for travelling, the van, in the yard, in the gym. Cool micro mesh. Sizing chart below.</p>							<p>Window Sticker</p>			
Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL			<p>Drink Coolers.</p>		
Full Chest	105	110	Sold out		120	125	130					140
Length	69	75			76.5	78	79.5					82.5
			<p>8RAR peak cap. High Quality, with DUTY FIRST on back</p>							<p>Battalion Ties. With regimental logo and V111.</p>		
			<p>Key Ring/Dogtag, Regimental logo on front and areas of service on back</p>							<p>Infantry Combat Badge Large and Small</p>		
			<p>Lapel Badge Pin on lapel badge, V111 (8RAR)</p>							<p>Regimental Logo (Skippy Badge) Large and Small</p>		
			<p>Drink Coasters, set of 4. Clear acrylic coasters in a boxed set with Regimental logo, Citation and Duty First</p>							<p>Vietnamese Presidential Citation. Large only.</p>		

We also have small quantities and limited sizes of polo shirts, dress shirts plus beanies, flags, lapel badges. Enquire by email.

MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

FIRST NAME _____ SURNAME _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Item	Description	Price	Quantity Req.	Amount \$
T-Shirt	Casual design for relaxation, gym	\$35 each See sizing chart		\$
8RAR Cap (Grey)	One size fit all	\$30 each		\$
Dog Tag / Keyring	Dog tag design with regimental logo	\$10 each		\$
Coaster Set	Sets of four with regimental logo	\$18 set		\$
Label Badge	Pin on lapel Badge V111	\$10 Each		\$
Cooler	With 8RAR design	\$10 each		\$
Window Sticker	With 8RAR design	\$5 each		\$
Battalion Tie	With 8RAR design	\$35 each		\$
Infantry Combat Badge	LARGE	\$10 each		\$
Infantry Combat Badge	SMALL	\$10 each		\$
Reg. Logo (Skippy) Badge	LARGE	\$10 each		\$
Reg. Logo (Skippy) Badge	SMALL	\$10 each		\$
Citation	LARGE ONLY	\$10 each		\$
Postage		\$15 FLAT RATE		\$15
			TOTAL	

PAYMENT DETAILS

**PAYMENT WILL BE BY BANK TRANSFER TO 8 RAR ASSN INC. NAB. BSB 084283
ACCT 045098582 OR BY CHEQUE OR PLEASE COPY THIS ORDER AND EMAIL TO.**

treasurer8rarassn@hotmail.com

or post to: SECRETARY, PO Box 213 Scarborough. Qld. 4020

Enquiries? EMAIL Kym McDougall memorabilia8rar@icloud.com

THE 8th BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ABN: 12 157 362 866

PO Box 213 Scarborough Qld 4020

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Surname:

Given Names:

Home address: Street # Street name:

City/Suburb: State: Post Code:

Postal Address (If different to home address)

Street # & Name OR Post Office Box #.....

City/Suburb: State..... Post Code

Telephone: Home: ()..... Mobile: Work: ().....

E- Mail address:

Spouse/Partner Name:

Service Details: Service # Coy: Platoon/Unit:

Birthdate:/...../19..... . Date enlisted:/...../19..... . Date discharged:...../...../19..... .

Rank on Discharge: Served In: **Australia Malaysia Viet Nam Other**.....

(Circle all that apply)

I HEREBY APPLY TO JOIN / RENEW MEMBERSHIP OF THE 8th BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED AND AUTHORISE THE ASSOCIATION TO PRINT MY NAME IN ITS CORRESPONDENCE, NEWSLETTERS OR ANY PUBLICATION THAT THE ASSOCIATION MAY WISH TO PUBLISH FROM TIME TO TIME, PROVIDING THAT THE INFORMATION OR USE OF MY NAME IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH OR CONNECTED TO ANY DEFAMATORY PUBLICATION.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS A PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY AND THE AMOUNT OF COVER IS \$20MILLION.

Signature: Date: /..... /20.....

Annual Subs: \$20.00 for one (1) year OR \$100 for Five (5) Years \$.....

Donation (optional) \$.....

Total \$.....

Remember you can now pay your subs directly to the Association's bank account.

Account name: 8 RAR Association Inc Bank: National Australia Bank

Account Details: BSB No. 084-283 Account No. 045098582

Don't forget to put your name in the detail section on the Bank Deposit Slip

If you pay your subscriptions by direct deposit to the Association's Bank Account, please scan and e-mail this page to:-

The Treasurer treasurer8rarassn@hotmail.com OR Post to:-

The Secretary, PO Box 213 SCARBOROUGH QLD 4020



Wear it with Pride

This shirt is same high quality as those we produced for the 50th anniversary of Operation Hammersley at the 2020 Reunion. It is navy blue in colour with grey collar and sleeves. It has the regimental logo and citation on the left chest, Sydney Reunion 2025 and Duty First (not shown in sample) on the right chest, and on the right sleeve it has 8 RAR with the words Combat Battalion under.

This shirt will be a great way to commemorate the Sydney reunion.

The shirts must be pre-ordered and will not be for sale at the reunion

Questions? Kym McDougall. memorabilia8rar@icloud.com

Note: Size measurement below is armpit seam to armpit seam. It is true to size.

GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment ½ Chest (cm)	52	55	58	62	65	71	79

8RAR ASSN INC

NATIONAL REUNION 26 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025

COMMEMORATIVE POLO SHIRT

A NEW POLO SHIRT IS NOW AVAILABLE
COMMEMORATING THE SYDNEY NATIONAL REUNION



WEAR IT WITH PRIDE

HOW TO ORDER

ORDER YOUR SHIRT NOW FOR PICKUP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE REUNION AT THE REGISTRATION/MEET AND GREET VENUE.
TO AVOID HAVING EXCESS STOCK AFTER THE REUNION, SHIRTS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED USING THIS FORM AND **WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE REUNION.**

IF YOU AREN'T ATTENDING THE REUNION YOUR SHIRT WILL BE POSTED TO YOU AFTER 28 FEBRUARY. PLEASE INCLUDE \$10 POSTAGE

CUT OFF FOR ORDERS IS **10 January 2025**

ORDER DETAILS

FIRST NAME.....SURNAME.....

POSTAL ADDRESS.....
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PHONE.....EMAIL.....

I AM ATTENDING THE REUNION AND WISH TO ORDER A POLO SHIRT TO BE PICKED UP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE REUNION AT REGISTRATION.

I AM **NOT** ATTENDING THE REUNION AND WISH TO ORDER A POLO SHIRT TO BE POSTED TO ME AFTER 28 FEBRUARY

SIZE . SEE SIZING CHART BELOW.....QUANTITY.....
PLEASE CHOOSE CAREFULLY, WE ARE UNABLE TO OFFER SIZE EXCHANGES

PRICE \$58.90 EACH.

POSTAGE (ONLY IF NOT ATTENDING REUNION) \$10

PAYMENT DETAILS

PAYMENT WILL BE BY BANK TRANSFER TO 8RAR ASSN INC. NAB. BSB 084283. ACCT 045098582, OR BY CHEQUE. DO NOT SEND CASH.

PLEASE COPY THIS ORDER AND EMAIL TO treasurer8rarassn@hotmail.com
OR POST TO: LEN THOMPSON, TREASURER, PO Box 555, COTTON TREE QLD 4558,
QUESTIONS? EMAIL KYM MCDUGALL memorabilia8rar@icloud.com