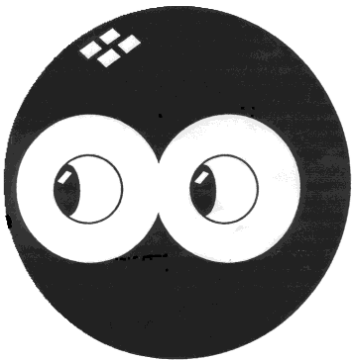




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### LAST POST

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."

**Robert (Bob) Victor Whiley SP Coy Vietnam**

**Lewis (Lew) John Pattle (D) Coy Vietnam**

**Denis "Red" Brennan (D) Coy Vietnam**

**Gregory Reginald "Reg" Hansen**

**Kevin Duncan Stockley**

**Wilfred "Wilf" Hedley Malaysia**

**'WE CAN NEVER FORGET'**

## Membership renewal is now due \$20.00 annually

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### *President Report*

By the time you commence reading this edition of our Behind The Eight Ball magazine, there will be less than three months for you to registrar for our 2023 Melbourne Reunion and Anzac Day March. Over the past twelve months I have provided ongoing information about the planning of the reunion and the specific functions that will now be part of the program, but I am also aware that the full details may have only been received by full financial members, and/or members for which we hold their email addresses. So given this issue is going to be distributed to both non-financial members as well as those for whom we have no email address, at the back of this edition of Behind the Eight Ball, you will also find enclosed the following attachments, although apologies for those for whom this information is repetitive or for those who have already registered.

1. **REUNION REGISTRATION FORM:** A form needs to be completed for each individual member, partner, or guest. Also note that with our visit to the **Shrine of Remembrance**, although a FREE function, an indication of your attendance would be much appreciated, as we are planning to have the **Salvation Army serve light refreshments**, so it will be helpful to know how many members, partners & guests will be attending. Furthermore, irrespective of whether you are attending Phillip Island and the **National Vietnam Veterans Museum (NVVM) or otherwise, can you please indicate your accommodation location**, as per the three options provided.

**This is mainly to help plan how many buses are needed to take participants from the Crown Plaza to the Shrine, as those staying in the Melbourne CBD or thereabouts, may find it easier to take the public tram.**

2. **REUNION AGENDA:** This consists of three pages, and it is highly recommended you bring along **your own copies to the reunion**, and will save 8RAR the expense of printing hundreds of extra pages. Your own Agenda copies will be

important for your own referencing, so you can keep track of the agenda program.

**3 PREVIOUS PRESIDENT REPORT – UPDATE ON ACCOMMODATION & ANZAC DAY MARCH.** This report was previously issued to Members during December 2022, but was only distributed to members for whom we had their email addresses, as a Booking Link with the Crown Plaza was provided so a reservation could be made electronically. However, with the hardcopy you can still refer to the booking options & contact the Crown Plaza directly.

Furthermore, be mindful that by Googling – Hotels in the Melbourne CBD, you will be able to get an extensive list of accommodation options.

The other main item of that report is a detailed description of the **Anzac Day March**, which is a total of 1.7 kilometres, but the initial 3 sections totally 1.4 kms, are very flat. **And in recent times many veterans' pull-out once they reach the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), a distance of only 900 metres.**

4. **SHRINE of REMEMBRANCE:** In the final attachment I have again included a picture of the Shrine of Remembrance, and highlighted your personal invitation to take part in our 8RAR private Last Post / Commemorative Service and thereafter participate in historical battalion/company photographs. An illustration of the Shrines forecourt is included to give you an insight of how the parade will be conducted.

In closing, I now believe I have provided all the information you require about our forthcoming reunion, and I am encouraged by the 130 registrations we have already received, but this is still well short of the 400 plus participants who attended the last reunion on the Gold Coast. So, I am very keen to have further registrations submitted, as 8RAR can be the “stand-out” battalion on Anzac Day.

Finally, I seek your indulgence in one final matter. Soon after been appointed your National President about 3 years ago, I received an email from one of our members, which included a video of a search of a VC tunnel complex, and it showed a “hospital ward” with a pallet of new medical supplies, with a label denoting: Proudly Sponsored by M..... Student Union. I have since lost this original email, and because I was a student there, I would like to take this issue up with the Dean, and would

very much appreciate if that member could resend the original email / video clip.

This is my penultimate Presidents Report, and I trust all concerned will have a worthy Long Hai Commemoration & get together, and hopefully give each other encouragement to attend the 2023 Melbourne Reunion & Anzac Day March. Until the next edition of Behind the Eight Ball.

Kind Regards,

**Arthur Koo**



*Vice President*

**FUTURE DIRECTION OF 8 BATTALION, THE  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT  
ASSOCIATION Inc.**

Recently, the National Committee created a Sub-Committee to examine and make recommendations to ensure the Association is able to continue to meet the requirements set out in the Constitution that governs our day-to-day operations.

The Sub-Committee comprises of

Ted Forward	Chair
Tom Lyons	Secretary
Kevin Sullivan	Committee
Klaus Scheuerman	Committee
Bruce Lankford	Committee
Jim Stopford	Committee

The Sub-Committee recognized that Finances are an important factor in the successful operation of the Association.

Two issues were highlighted and after in-depth examination the Sub-Committee developed and submitted recommendations to the National Committee for consideration.

At the Committee meeting on Tuesday 17 January, the National Committee received the recommendations and voted to implement changes to two aspects of the Battalion Association finances.

Firstly, the payment of \$50.00 to the Legacy club nearest the home of a deceased member is to cease immediately. As the age of our membership increases, the number of donations will unfortunately increase. This will take money from the Association that should be used to take care of our members, in line with the Constitution. By ceasing this donation, the money

remains with the Association and can be used to benefit our members.

Secondly, and perhaps a more difficult decision was the distribution of the Behind the 8 Ball. At present, the 8 Ball is published quarterly. The printing and postage associated with such distribution is substantial. The edition published in January is currently sent to all known members, either by email or via Australia Post. The costs over the last 2 years for the printing and postage of the 8 Ball have been in excess of \$9,693.00. Income in the way of subscriptions for 2022 was \$6,105.00. This does not leave a great deal of money for the running of the Association and meeting the requirements of our Constitution. Distribution of the 8 Ball amounts to a considerable expense for our Association. A large number of recipients of the 8 Ball receive their copy via email, reducing the costs considerably.

The National Committee has determined that it is essential to reduce these costs. To achieve this, from March 2023, the Behind the 8 Ball publication will be forwarded to all members who have provided email addresses and to all financial members. Un-financial members who have been un-financial for no more than two years and who have not provided an email address will also still receive a posted copy. However, once they become un-financial for more than two years that copy will not be sent. Should a member choose to either become financial, or provide an email address, they will again receive all editions of the 8 Ball.

The committee expressed the wish that all members, both financial and un-financial, would assess their situation and if possible, provide an email address for use when receiving the 8 Ball and other communications from the Association.

The Future Directions Sub-Committee is continuing its deliberations and hopes to present further recommendations to the Special General Meeting at the 2023 Reunion in Melbourne.

Ted Forward

Chair

Future Directions Sub-Committee.

*Secretaey / Assistant Secretary*

On behalf of Secretary Des Evans, a Happy New Year to you all.

I hope the festive season was good to you and your respective families.

Spending quality time with family is what it is all about.

To business, it is heartening to hear NSW is holding our 2025 Reunion. I look forward to working with the NSW Reunion Sub Committee and pledge my full support if I am still in my job. The AGM will resolve that so, I urge you to take the effort of attending and have YOUR say.

As the Assistant Secretary, I formally give notice of the 8RARA 2023 AGM to be held at the Beer Deluxe Hotel, Federation Square in the 'Hop' Bar and Garden. Assemble at 10:30hrs for a 11:00hr 'kick-off' on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 and the address is:  
FEDERATION SQUARE, FLINDERS STREET  
MELBOURNE, VIC 3000 PH: (03) 9810 0093.

At this 2023 AGM, all Executive and Committee members positions will be thrown open and nominations for positions taken from the floor and a ballot held if required.

Written nominations (with a seconder) may be received from receipt of this Notice of AGM herewith. You must be a member of 8RARA and financial to vote. Those written nominations are to be lodged with the Asst Sec 7 working days before the AGM.

Straight after the conclusion of the AGM, a Special Future Directions Meeting will take place immediately after the AGM. The results of the National Survey are to be discussed and agreed upon with input sought from those members attending and eligible to vote. There will be no other general business received and any further general business can be tabled at the following general meeting as notified by the in-coming Exec Committee.

By now you would have read the arrangement for the 2023 Melbourne Reunion. Arrangements are well underway with functions at various venues. I need to highlight a few things for the Melbourne Reunion.

1. If you haven't completed your Registration Form, please do so asap so we can plan for numbers attending. This is very difficult to arrange and can adversely affect your Association financially.

2. We need you to fill-out a Registration Form, **one for EACH person attending**. We need this so; we know who is with who and arrange seating accordingly. Make sure you put the member's name in the reference part of the EFT payment advise slip. i.e.; Debbie Maddern visitor Tom Lyons member. When there are different names, it is confusing when we do not know the 8RAR Member they are aligned with. Make sure the Member's name is mentioned on both the EFT slip and the Registration Form.

A Registration Form is within this 8Ball publication. Do it now!

Also, a SURVEY is included in this 8Ball. For those that have returned it to me, I thank you.

For those that have not completed it yet, I ask you to please do so NOW. The outcome of this Survey will be discussed at a Special Meeting to be convened straight after the AGM and your views are canvassed to help your Executive Committee come to definitive forward planning regarding 8RARA's Future Directions. All members are welcome to this Special Meeting after the AGM. Come along and have your say. Don't attack the bar straight after the AGM, stay for the Future Directions Special Meeting.

It is imperative we have your latest up-to-date contact details including current email addresses so you can get your 8Ball Newsletters electronically. This saves a packet with postage and helps us 'keep track' of you. If you don't have an email address, ask a family member that DOES and ask them if you can use their email to get your 8Ball through them! Get someone (IT savvy) to show you how to attend the committee meeting by Zoom so, you know what is going on. Get Zoom registered and let me know so I can get you invited into the Zoom meetings, as a visitor/member, when they are held.

#### **ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

At the end of the main ANZAC DAY MARCH, for those that wish, we are meeting back at the Cooper's Inn near the corner of Exhibition and Little Lonsdale Streets where tall stories, fond reminiscences, outright lies will prevail. Schooner Olympics will be entered into, I'm going for "Gold". XXXX drinkers beware of VB poisoning!

Come on! Come to Melbourne. This may be the last time some of us will ever be able to make it. We are all getting long in the tooth so, get off your bum and be there. You never know, you grumpy old bastard, you just might like it! Your web-footed Victorian mates will welcome you Cane Toads, Cockroaches, Sand Gropers and 'others'.

Tom Lyons, Assistant Secretary. (A Cockroach – get in anywhere!)

#### *Queensland*



#### **8/9 RAR Snippets**

In recent years the battalion has rekindled 'Blood Week', where both Enoggera based Infantry battalions battle for sporting dominance. 8/9 RAR managed to defeat 6 RAR for a second year in a row in a fiercely contested Rugby match played in drenching rain in which the power of the Ram prevailed. Well done 8/9 RAR.

#### **Change of 8/9 RAR Commanding Officers**

The Queensland branch of our association farewelled outgoing CO 8/9 RAR, Lt Col John Ecclestone and welcomed incoming CO, Lt Col Ben Watson and RSM WO1 Corey Dickson as our guests at our Christmas luncheon at the Gaythorne RSL Club on 8 December, 2022.

We thank Lt COL John Ecclestone for the Battalion's support over the last two years and wish him well and good soldiering in his new posting.

### **Pipes and Drums 8/9 Battalion**

Some time ago I was made aware that the 8/9 RAR Pipes and Drums (P&Ds) were fundraising to aid in outfitting members of the P&Ds. I was aware that the 8/9 RAR and 9 RAR associations had donated about \$2400 each, to help kit out two Bagpipers of the 8/9 RAR (P&D). The P&Ds are not officially recognised by Army, so public funding (Defence) is a no go. Over the years 8/9 RAR have provided our association with a considerable ceremonial and other support. As our QLD state funds are in a healthy state the committee approved a donation of \$2400 to aid 8/9 RAR P&Ds in their endeavors.

Chad Sherrin will attend the Battalion's Long Hai Day on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> February to lay a wreath on behalf of the Association and later present a cheque for \$2400 to the CO8/9 RAR Lt Col Ben Watson.

### **Queensland Committee Meeting**

Our most recent meeting was held at the Gaythorne RSL on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022. Our previous committee meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, preceding the Christmas function at the Hornets Football Club. Our previous state AGMs were held in February 2019 and February 2021. Covid, inclement weather and a national reunion are given as reasons for not holding the various meetings as had been the custom. Group Nine decisions were made to ensure that the executive members were confirmed in their positions to enable the Queensland Association to continue the business of the Association.

The main agenda item for the November meeting was to canvas views about the future directions of the Association. An in-depth discussion was held and the outcomes communicated to the national executive by our president.

### **Membership**

Members are reminded that membership dues for the coming period are due on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### **RIP**

Lew Pattle 11/11/2022

Denis Brennan 02/01/2023

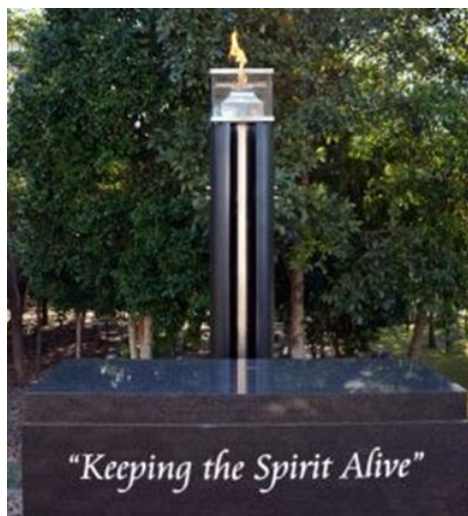
Kevin Stockley 06/01/2023

Gregory Reginald Hansen OAM 12/01/2023

The Association extends its condolences to Patricia Pattle and Christine Brennan and their respective families. Our condolences also to the Stockley and Hansen families.

### **Health**

We wish Eroll Weatherall, Allan Inall, Mal Black and Gerry Woodrow all the best. All of us given our age are likely to be experiencing some level of ailments. It is inevitable. Remember the RAR thought, "Keeping the Spirit Alive."



### **Future and history of the Association.**

The Queensland Committee has made a contribution to the National executive relating to the future of the Association.

In this context Ken Falvey is undertaking some research about a number of historical aspects of the Association. These aspects include the various publications of the 8 Ball in Malaysia, Vietnam and Australia, any publications of the to and from trips of the HMAS Sydney, the beginning of the Association, Long Hai Day commemorations, Reunion and the In Direct Support Award.

If you have already undertaken the same work, Ken would be interested in accessing that work.

If you have samples, personal experience, recollections or anything that may assist in this project please contact Ken on, [thefalveys@bigpond.com](mailto:thefalveys@bigpond.com) with information about what you have available.

### **Christmas Function**

Our Christmas function was held at the Gaythorne RSL and was well attended. The 8/9 Battalion RAR was represented by Lt Col. John Eccleston, incoming CO Lt Col Ben Watson and the RSM Corey Dickson. Those in attendance included: Gary and Shell Craig, Leonie McNaught, Val Picton, John Weatherley, Ken and Sue Falvey, Klaus and Lynda Scheuermann, Kath Kruse, Tricia Healy, Ron Goodall, Trevor and Sandra Pond, Bruce and Rhonda Mison, John Mison, Eroll Weatherall, Val Owen, Don Gordon, Mal and Carol Black, Darryl and Judy Backwell, Erle and Judy Williamson, Steve Hart, Brian and Cindee Black, Col and Sue Fedrick, Ron and Majorie Goward and Ray Raines.

It was great to see our regular faces and enjoy the company of all.

In particular, it was also great to see some old faces that we don't see that often including those who have lost partners or members of family.



John Eccleston, Klaus Scheuermann, Ken Falvey and Ben Watson.



Gary Craig, Shell Craig, Leone McNaught, Sue Fedrick, Col Fedrick, Kath Krause and Tricia Healy.



Ruth Mateer, Judy Backwell and John Weatherley



Trevor Pond, Val Picton, Mal Black, Carol Black, Marjorie Goward, Sandra Pond, Ron Goward.



Cindee Black, Steve Hart, Brian Black, Ron Goodall and Ray Raines.

### ***Lew Pattle Wake***

I wish to advise that there will be a group of Veterans, including 8RAR guys and Surf Club Members, who will be attending a gathering in Memory of our Late Great Mate, Lew Pattle who sadly passed away on 11 November 2022. The gathering is to be held upstairs at Mooloolaba Surf Club on Saturday 11 February 2023 commencing at 1.00pm. It is anticipated that family Members of Lew will be in attendance and your presence would be appreciated. Also, I would appreciate it if you could pass this information on to all who may be interested in attending this gathering. Len Thompson

### ***Long Hai Day 2023:***

The LHD commemoration will be held at the National Memorial Walk – Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, commencing around 9:30am. The day will include the AGM, the service, the toast and the social gathering.

### ***Brisbane ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2023:***

No definite Association commitments as yet. Look for a service in your own locality. Any info re Enoggera will be communicated closer to the date.

### ***Brisbane ANZAC Day 2023:***

The main body will most likely be in Melbourne. Those not attending the reunion are invited to join the Brisbane contingent or your local area march.

The order of march will be 2/4 RAR, 8/9 RAR, 5/7 RAR, 7 RAR, 8 RAR, 9 RAR, 1RAR, 2 RAR, 3 RAR, 4 RAR, 5 RAR and 6 RAR. Formation time and place will be circulated at a later date.

If there are sufficient numbers the post march get together will be held at Johnny Ringos – our previous location (Queen Street).

### ***Phil Hay:***

Congratulations to Phil who was awarded an OAM in the 2022 Queens Birthday Honours list  
***MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION Mr. Philip David HAY, Bracken Ridge QLD 4017 For service to veterans and their families.***

The OAM was presented to Phil in November 2022 at Government House by the Governor Her Excellency the Honourable Jeannette Young AC PSM.



Phil and Diane Hay



Bluey Boyle, Peter Buckney and Jeff Bridges

**From the funeral of Denis (Red) Brennan.**

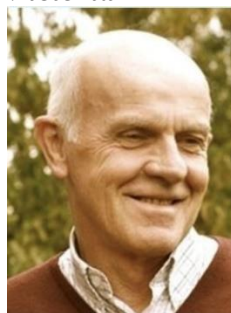


Eroll Weatherall, Narelle (Goody), Des Evans, Val Picton (Goody), Ken Falvey, Betty Clark (Goody), Del Murphy (Goody) and Kym McDougall.



Dave Goodall, Brian Partridge, Del Murphy (Goody), Eroll Weatherall, Paul Simson, Des Evans, Bronco Smith and Allan Fairbanks.

*Victoria*



Welcome to the Victorian Branch update for October 2022. While preparations for the 2023 National Reunion under Arthur Koo are not quite at fever pitch just yet, there is certainly stuff happening. Just as well, as there has been little else for a desperate reporter to record.

Unfortunately, your reporter couldn't make it to the Birthday Bash at Frankston RSL on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. He had some shallow excuse along the lines of being committed to hosting three gigs at The Shrine that day. In any event, intelligence to hand reveals that about 30 of our folks were present for the occasion. Dennis Moss and Cait stepped up to undertake roll duties on the day and counted Joe and Connie Azzopardi, Ralph Miller, Alan Holland, Bruce and Marilyn Lankford, Paul Fraser, Peter and Janet Fraser, Keith and Cathy Vines,

Ken Emmett, Wayne and Vera Maschette, Jane Andropof, Arthur Koo, Warren and Joy Gilliland and John and Cheryl Grant. Other news gleaned includes the fact that John Betts is spending a lot of time on his back – reluctantly too, as he has had some issues in that region of late. Good speed your recovery John. Sad news for many in Melbourne was the advice that Karl Romich had passed – your writer can personally attest to him being a great signaller and even better bloke. Others who had been in touch included Bill and Lyn Westhead, Michael Prendergast, Alan and Joyce Small, Jim and Dawn Brown and *Buzz* and Christine Kennedy.



Vietnam Veterans' Day in Melbourne was a success with the 8 RAR banner and quite a few of our Team present with a wreath laid by Graeme Agnew – looking very photogenic in the *Herald Sun* too. A rather special occasion too, as it recognized the 50-year anniversary of Australia's withdrawal from the conflict and boasted an attendance of 300 veterans supported by a crowd of 1000. The convener, Bob Elworthy, predicted that there would be smaller events in suburbs and regional areas in the future. Sadly, our State Government has apparently declared in its wisdom to withdraw further support for any future commemoration activities.

News about the traps then. Material is still being gathered on those men who died whilst serving with 8 RAR. The focus currently is on those who died post or prior to the unit's tour in South Vietnam. Men such as Dennis Moss and Wayne Maschette are close to the action at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island which is set to be the happy recipient of \$10m for a modernization project. We really need to pull our socks up though as the museum is desperately short of memorabilia from 8 RAR, and from all accounts the new regime down there has some pretty high standards. Geoff Ravenscroft has been in touch. He was in Menindee a couple of months ago and heading further into the 'bush' it seems. John and Hilary Cooper threw caution to the wind and took themselves off for another overseas jaunt in recent times, whereas all your writer and Sylvie could manage was four days in Portarlington. Fantastic spot and just perfect for us to sort out our coin collection. *Get a life* was heard from someone. Paul and Vera Gallagher are in fine form with a recent trip up north to visit favourite surfing spots of yesteryear. *Snowy* (Bill) Morgan way up north somewhere has been in touch and is busy renovating his 1927 Whippet sedan. Lucky man. Adrian Lombardo continues to make his presence felt at The Shrine of Remembrance as a Life Governor.

For National Servicemen and their supporters note that activities are hotting up for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the scheme in December 1972 – on the 7<sup>th</sup> actually. Geoff Parkes is the mover and shaker in Victoria and has gained approval for a ceremony at The Shrine on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 1300 hours. More info from Denis Smith on 0430978077. By coincidence your reporter is hosting a Last Post Service at The Shrine on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the theme of which is that same conscription scheme which started in 1964. If you haven't been to an LPS before, come along. It kicks off at 1640 hours.

Bruce Lankford keeps his ear to the ground through the RAR Association and elsewhere. He reports with pleasure that younger folk are starting to materialize and will hopefully carry the baton for us older fellows as time passes. Just as well as membership is a low 45 or so at the moment. Representatives for three battalions in the Victorian Branch are now post-Vietnam men with veterans from the Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor

operations. Oh yes. Bruce confirms that the RAR Association HQ is now Kew RSL and there is a possibility that memorabilia might be displayed there as well for all periods and conflicts, not just Vietnam. Final point from Bruce is that a Regimental dinner is planned for late November.

Doubtless it is imprinted on the mind of every reader that our next luncheon is at the Waverley RSL, 161 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverly on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Maybe check it is in your diary just in case.

We are all well aware of 'our war' in South Vietnam. We may be vaguely aware that the area has been fought over for thousands of years including World War Two; then there was the successful campaign to rid the former Indo China of the French in the 1950s. However, some material crossed your writer's desk recently which highlighted the struggle in the area, and certainly around Saigon in the months following the cessation of World War Two hostilities on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1945. Immediately prior to that, the Japanese naturally had been fighting the British and French, but not so well known is that they were in cahoots with the Annamites – read forerunners of the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong. A British battalion report to hand states that in August 1945 *Vermin Bag No 1* successes tallied 50 *Japs* killed and 8 POW plus from *Vermin Bag No 2* there were 36 Annamites killed and 103 captured. Will it never stop.

Remember. Never share a weapon pit with someone braver than you and all your equipment is usually made by the lowest bidder.

Cheers,  
Neil Smith

### *ACT/Monaro*



Very best wishes to all for the coming year. May it be better for all than the past couple of years of viruses and extreme weather events.

The ACT group has just heard of the passing of our friend and colleague, Wilf Hedley. I have written some notes for the Last Post section, but simply say here that Wilf's pain has ended after a long and exhausting battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with Bern and the family on the passing of a good man.

We will miss Wilf when we gather for our Long Hai Day commemoration on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at Phil Richter's grave at Woden Cemetery at 11.00 am. We will remember those members of 8 RAR who gave their lives in service as well as Wilf and the other good friends and colleagues who are no longer with us to share in fellowship.

I look forward to seeing many of our group gather and also invite anyone visiting the ACT on that day to join

us. I am happy to provide details of the location to anyone interested.



### **Wilf and Bern Hedley – Long Hai Day 2021**

More details will come later on Anzac Day arrangements in the ACT this year. Many of you may be attending the Association reunion in Melbourne but I will put out information for activities here as I get them for those remaining in the Capital. I am back with the bands so I will be contributing to the music that is so important to make the occasion memorable for the veterans and the public. Nothing raises the spirits like ‘a rousing military air’.

Thinking about Wilf passing, I must also note the recent passing of Kev Stockley and his wife Joyce. Kev was CSM Support Company in Malaysia. I also served with him when he was RSM of 3TB at Singleton. He was a firm but fair man.

Tony Sillcock

### ***New South Wales***



On behalf of the NSW Branch, I would like to start my report by wishing all Greyeighters and their families the very best for the New Year. I am very much looking forward to this year’s Long Hai Day after last year’s cancellation due to Covid. Since the last 8Ball, Frank Petersen, Kevin Sullivan, Ron O’Connor, and Mick Carter represented the NSW Branch at the Remembrance Day service on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at Boronia Park Epping. This was hosted by the Epping Club and was very well attended by local council and local schools and cadets. The Service was once again run very well by the Epping Club and the wreath laying service was a standout. I laid a Wreath on behalf of 8RAR, and Ron O’Connor laid one on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans.

After the Service we were invited back to the Club for light refreshments and mingle with guests.

### **Vale**

The NSW Branch would like to send condolences to the family of Wilf Hedley he was such an

inspiration and his work with 8RAR will very much be missed.

### **Long Hai Day Tuesday 28th February 2023**

This very special day to be held at The Epping Club 45-47 Rawson St Epping. The Service will be held in Boronia Park at 11-00am. The service will include many children from local schools and the Lord Mayor of Parramatta Dona Davis.

During the Service we will be unveiling a Plaque in memory of Lieutenant Bernie Garland Killed In Action in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam on Wednesday 22nd April 1970, age 23 years. Lieutenant Garland was acting as a Forward Observer from 101st Field Battery supporting A Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment / New Zealand (ANZAC). Lieutenant Garland was taking part in ‘Operation Townsville’ in Phuoc Tuy Province, which was an operation against D445 Local Force Viet Cong Battalion. Lieutenant Garland was killed in action in the area of Nui Kho to South of Xuyen Moc, when an enemy mine detonated, killing him and wounding four soldiers. Lieutenant Garland died on the second last day of what was the last operation of 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment / New Zealand (ANZAC) in South Vietnam. Lieutenant Garland was to have returned to Australia on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1970. Lieutenant Garland grew up in Sydney, New South Wales and was educated at the Epping Boys High School. He entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon on 24th January 1964 and graduated with a Diploma of Military Studies on 12th December 1967.

David McDowell knew Bernie well and will give a tribute to him.

Bernie Garland was a pupil of Epping High School and his plaque will sit alongside Alan Ahearn 8 RAR and Harry White 6 RAR also students of Pupils from Epping High School who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Once the service concludes it will be back to the Epping Club for our Long Hai Luncheon. This very important event is well sponsored by the NSW Branch. The cost will be \$60-00 per person for a three course meal drinks on arrival and two bottles of wine per table with the luncheon. As usual we will be having a guest speaker during the luncheon.

People attending can pay by direct deposit to: using your name as reference: Commonwealth Bank of Australia Account Name 8RAR Association NSW Branch BSB No. 062612 Account No. 10088149, Or send a cheque to the Treasurer 8 RAR Association NSW 3/24 Bay St Coogee NSW 2034 My details are Home 96657981 Mob 0432500632 or by email [cartercm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cartercm@optusnet.com.au) or [mickcarter87@gmail.com](mailto:mickcarter87@gmail.com).

As Long Hai Day is on a Tuesday this year, we would like to have attendance numbers by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Best Regards Mick Carter

## ***South Australia***



Happy New Year to all SA Members. There is not a great deal to report since the last edition of Behind the 8 Ball. 25 November saw a number of 8 RAR members gather at the Birkenhead Tavern. As usual, we enjoyed our meals and the shared comradery made a good day even better.



Please try to come to our next function, your attendance will make the day better.

Long Hai Day, 28 February 2023 will see a small memorial service at the Pathway of Honour. I will not be in South Australia for this event, but will make arrangements for the service for those of you who wish to attend. Lunch is also on the agenda should there be enough support.

Similarly, ANZAC DAY. I will be in Melbourne for the Battalion Reunion. Those who intend to join the ANZAC March in Adelaide should contact me prior to ANZAC DAY to enable arrangements to be made for the Banner and Lunch.

Just a reminder. If possible, your attendance at the National Reunion in Melbourne would make the event more successful. There is a list of reunion attendees on the Battalion Website. Have a look; there may be some mates that you may want to catch up with.

Stay healthy.

Ted Forward

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## ***Western Australia***



Oakover a winery in Middle Swan Wednesday December 7th, 2022. We had a great day at the venue was excellent and layout relaxing, however being mid-week, the food left a bit to be desired. We are getting a few less numbers every year which is being felt all over I expect as age does weary us and ill health for some either prevents or makes attendance difficult.

We were entertained by John Larkin with stories from the past and John's political views. They are always food for thought and a good laugh as they (politicians) are dumped on from great heights no matter what party is in at the time. Oh, others who were there Gail Larkin of course, Duncan and Lyz Warren, Trevor and Anne Holtom, Doug and Antionette Wendt, Terry and Megan Scanlan, Jim and Phoebe Burton, Dennis and Sue McGuinness, Gordon and Chris Gillam, Jack Kupsch as well as Dawn and myself. So, we will do it again next year, this time somewhere different.

### **Long Hai Day.**

28<sup>th</sup> of February is once again on us a time to reflect and remember those who did not make back to this wonderful country with us and to remember our wounded comrades too. We will meet as always at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Kings Park at 0800 (a time we pick) because the heat is always intense that time of year. We will again see if we can get Dave Scott (bugler) to do last post and we will not have Jim and David Burton to do a song for this year.

### **Not Well.**

I know everybody has been following trying (or trying to follow) Dickie Bligh's journey. What I can tell is Dick is very unwell and has been in palliative care since just before New Year and it has been very difficult for anyone to get information about his condition, but it is serious. Dick has been a great mate and good friend to all who have known him and always been a real gentleman. I have always been chided by my wife saying why can't you dress like Dick; I just say I don't have that many suits or dress shirts as we all know he was always impeccably dressed. So, all we can wish for now is a peaceful end for a bloke everybody loved we will miss him.

Also, we still have Jim Balk on the sick list, but he is doing well and maintains a great outlook and sense of humour through it all also a man with a lot of stories (most of them are true I am sure) haha. I have always known it is not the size of the dog in the fight, it the size

of the fight in the dog that counts. Both these guys have got plenty of fight and plenty to fight!

### Spider John & I / We Have Something In-Common!

You might come to understand; Why I'm old and bent and devil spent and runnin' out of time; **(I am now as we all are)** When I long ago held a royal flush in my hand. Oh, I was a supermarket fool, I was a roll-the-bank, a Stool pigeon, robbing my hometown **(I didn't do that bit)** I thought I'd lost the blues, yes, I thought I'd paid my dues; I thought I'd found the life to suit my style; But here I sit ol' Spider John The robber man; Long, tall and handsome Yes, ol' Spider John with the loaded hand Taking ransom.

Ah well it's a good Jimmy Buffett song anyhow from those many concerts I went to long ago in Atlanta Georgia. His are all good songs when you sit and listen.

Cheers Dennis

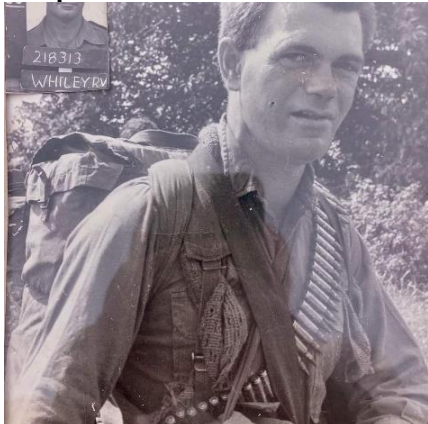
### Last Post



**Robert Victor Whiley**



**13 September 1937 – 25 October 2022**



Robert (Whiley Bob) Victor Whiley passed away on 25 Oct 22 aged 85. He was cremated and a Memorial Service held at Staplyton on 3 Nov 22. Bob served with Pioneer Platoon in SVN and lived in Windaroo. He has not been involved with the association for quite some time.



**Louis (Lew) John Pattle**



**21 May 1948 – 11 November 2022**



Lew was a member of the Citizen Military Forces from 05<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> September 1967. As a National Serviceman he started training on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1968 and then served with 8 RAR from 09<sup>th</sup> December 1968 to the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1970. He served with 11 platoon Delta Company.

On discharge from the Army, he had a career in finance until retirement to the Sunshine Coast, where he spent some years as a volunteer Radio Officer for Surf Lifesaving Qld, at Mooloolaba. Lew had ill Health for some years, passing away on Remembrance Day, 11.11.2022. He leaves behind his wife, a son and daughter, and five grandchildren.



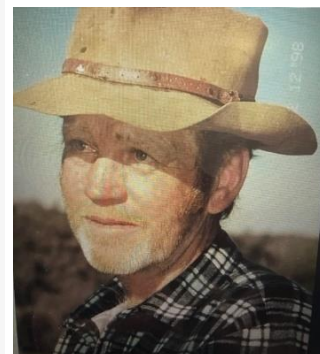
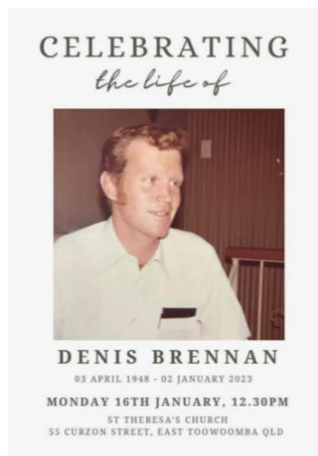
Lew, Wilf and Ginger at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Canberra.



**Denis "Red" Brennan**



**3 April 1948 – 2 January 2022**



Red sadly lost his battle with cancer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 at Roma Hospital. Denis was a 14<sup>th</sup> intake National Serviceman who served with 11 platoon Delta Company.

His funeral was held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the St Theresa's Parish Centre, East Toowoomba followed by a Burial at the Garden of Remembrance Cemetery.

A wake after the service was held at the Blue Mountain Hotel.

Jack Bridges, Des Evans, Eroll Weatherall, Peter Buckney, Bronco Smith, Jim Wilby (2RAR), Brian Partridge, Rob Cathcart and Allan Fairbanks, Paul Simson, Kym McDougall, Dave Goodall, Ken Falvey Allan Fairbanks, Bluey Boyle. My apologies to those ex-servicemen who I have missed. There were quite a number in attendance.

#### **EULOGY - Denis Brennan**

I'd like to begin by thanking everyone for coming to celebrate Denis' life. Denis sadly passed away on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 after a brief but fierce battle with cancer. My name is Andrew Scott and Denis came into my life many years ago when we were much younger.

< Please add how you know Denis if you would be comfortable >

Most will know him as Red; some will know him as Blue or Rusty, some may not have known his name was Denis. Denis was a cheeky, larrikin who always loved a beer, and boy was he lucky. Luck seemed to follow him around; just prior to going to the Vietnam war he won

\$30,000 on the Gold Lotto and the luck continued, if he bought a ticket in a meat tray at the pub; he won it. If there was a lucky door prize, it was his. His secret, always **buy3** tickets...

Denis was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1948 in Chinchilla. He was the first child of Kevin (*deceased*) & Doreen. His sisters and brothers are Darcy, Donna & Glenda. His childhood was filled with free range farm life, music, laughter and he wasn't scared of hard work.

Denis finished his schooling as a boarder at Downlands in Toowoomba in 1963. He returned to the family farm in Wandoan to help out before heading to Brisbane to commence training with Elders. He spent most of his early career at Elders as a stock agent in various locations all over Queensland including Beaudesert, Injune, Winton, Blackall. He even dabbled in real estate sales with Elders in Gympie. His love of a good chat and a beer made this job an easy task, it came natural to him.

In 1969 while up in Winton wrangling fly blown sheep, Denis was called up for service in the Vietnam war. He served in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Australian Army in the Vietnam war from November 1969 to July 1970. Denis returned from Vietnam forever changed, but with incredible friendships that have lasted a lifetime.



Two great mates Lew Pattles and Red Brennan

#### ***A Tribute***

1734820 Private Denis “Red” Brennan

Red was one of many 14<sup>th</sup>s National Service Intake reporting for duty on the 1st October 1968.

He did “rookie” training at Singleton NSW and as one of the lucky ones went on to complete Infantry Corps training there as well.

Red was then posted to join 8 RAR at Enoggera Army Base in Brisbane.

After a good six months of all levels of training we all departed on the aircraft carrier HMAS “Sydney” for a cruise spanning the period 17<sup>th</sup> November to the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1969 to Vung Tau Vietnam.

He carried the emotional scars from an ambush accident with him all his life as well as a few body scars from when 10 members of 11 Pl Delta Company were fired upon by three APCs transporting elements of Bravo Company along a fire trail in the Long Hai Hills.

He departed Vietnam on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1970 along with the remaining members of the 14th Intake courtesy of Qantas Airways from Saigon to Sydney to explore the Cross nightlife and the early opening down on the wharves.

Red returned from Vietnam forever changed, but with incredible friendships that have lasted a lifetime. In 1972 Denis met Chris and they were married in 1977. Finally in 1980 they settled down on their farm “Ellendale” in Roma. The farm of 1000 citrus trees and 10,000 grape vines kept them busy as they battled what mother nature continued to throw at them. They have 2 daughters: Shea & Peta and last year, Denis & Chris celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Denis loved sport, talking about it, watching it and playing it. Some of his favourites to play included tennis, golf, cricket and most recently lawn bowls. Much to the dismay of his competitors, he could still win with beer in hand.

Denis sadly passed away on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 after a brief but fierce battle with cancer. We put him to rest in Toowoomba on the 16<sup>th</sup> January following an emotional funeral service. There was a great turnout of his 8 RAR mates.



Peter Buckney and Dave Goodall  
Vale .... my mate "Red" ..... Dave Goodall



**Kevin Duncan Stockley**



**11 July 1931 – 6 January 2023**

Kevin enlisted on the 04/08/1949 and was discharged on the 13/04/1978. Over time he served with a number of units including 2RAR, 4 RAR, 6 RAR and AATTV. He was posted to 8 RAR from 23/03/1967 until 11/10/1969. During this period, he served as CSM Support Company Malaysia. Kevin's wife Joyce died the following day to him, on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.



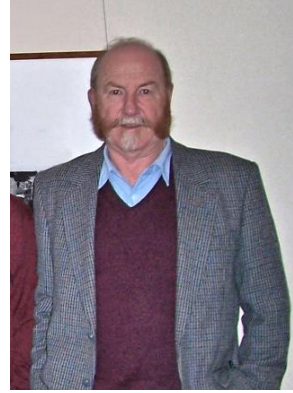
**Gregory Reginald Hansen OAM**  
**19 August 1948 -12 January 2023**



Greg passed away in the early hours of 12 Jan 23. He had a long and varied career with the Australian Army. Recruit training started on 19/09/1966 and was completed at 1 Recruit Training Battalion. In Vietnam he served with 1ARU, 1 RAR (including Coral/Balmoral) and 7 RAR. His association with 8 RAR commenced on the 27/09/1972 and then later with 8/9 RAR on the 24/11/1980 and then later again on 01/08/1994. His funeral was held at the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Holland Park Qld on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.



**Wilfred "Wilf" Hedley**



Wilf Hedley passed peacefully in Canberra on 13 January 2023. His passing marked the end of an incredible tale of courage and determination.

Four and a half years ago Wilf was diagnosed with advanced cancer and given a very limited life expectancy. Countless operations, endless rounds of chemo-therapy, hours of self-education on all aspects of his disease and treatment, and an intense will to survive saw Wilf continue his battle. The support of Bern and family and friends was a major factor in his determination to continue.

Wilf joined the Army as a National Serviceman. He qualified as an infantryman and was posted to 8 RAR and served with the unit in Malaysia. Like so many of his National Service peers he willingly accepted his Army obligation and blended seamlessly into the Regular Army. Wilf was a signaller in Support Company and enjoyed the experience of serving in the Commonwealth Brigade beside troops from Britain and New Zealand.

He left the Army on completion of his engagement but never lost his Army connections. He remembered his mates and all the events that happened during his service.

He was an outstanding member of the 8 RAR Association, serving for many years as the ACT representative of the National Committee and also served as President of the Association. In these roles he was an effective leader and manager, always prepared to express a well-considered view and always seeking the best way forward for the Association and the welfare of its members.

I valued his friendship and admired his enthusiasm and organizational skills. His recollection and understanding of people and events were invaluable in keeping a clear view of the way ahead and his passing is a great loss to the organisation.

His contribution over many years is greatly appreciated and we wish strength and comfort to family and friends.

Tony Sillcock



**James (Jim) Anthony Fitzsimon**  
5 Nov 1944 – 2 Oct 22



Sadly, Jim passed away on the 2 October 2022 he was listed on our nominal roll in supporting arms. Jim served with 7 RAR and the AATTV.

### *Items of interest*



G'day all,

I recently attended a committee meeting where the finances of the Association were discussed and I was surprised and shocked at the amount of our funds that were spent on the printing, addressing and posting of each copy of the 8 BALL, our valued newsletter that goes out to members regularly, and has done for many years. These costs are increasing yearly and remember, our membership fees haven't increased for many years. One of the reasons for the huge drain on OUR funds is that many members have not forwarded to Kevin Sullivan an EMAIL ADDRESS for posting. If you do not have an email address, I am sure that you wife/partner/son/daughter has one that you can submit and if need, be print off for your benefit. This is always accessible if you are travelling and Australia Post is a bit slow with hard copy items.

This will save a drain on Association funds that can for a more beneficial use for our members.

Please, for the Association seriously consider this, the photos in the online copy are a lot clearer and can be saved on your phone, tablet, iPad or laptop for later perusal.

The Editor, Sully, will be pleased to receive your email address and name on his email at:

[editor8rarassociation@gmail.com](mailto:editor8rarassociation@gmail.com)

Regards

Tex Weston

C Company

### **John Modlinski**

(Johnny Mod) a highly regarded soldier for C Company in 8 RAR's Vietnam tour died suddenly of a heart attack on 10 October 2022 after a day's work on his fruit property in Renmark at the age of 75.

John was a National Serviceman who did his recruit training at Puckapunyal in the 15<sup>th</sup> intake at the

beginning of 1969. He was recognised for officer training and declined but was chosen to train with 8RAR for their 69/70 tour.

Prior to the army he was an accountant but afterward turned to fruit growing with his two brothers Stan and Joe who also served in Vietnam. John also purchased his own block apart from the partnership with his brothers. He worked hard all his life and had no known complications relating to his heart which took his life suddenly without warning.

John was a typical Aussie who loved fishing, camping, messing around in tinnies on the Murray and had a round of friends he visited nearly every evening after work for a beer and bullshit. He liked life simple and did not succumb to a mobile phone until two weeks before his death.

While very conscientious during his service, afterward he developed a strong resentment toward anything relating to the Vietnam War. He did not get involved in anything relating, such as RSL, Vietnam Veteran's Association, ANZAC or the 8RAR Association. Regardless of this the SA Branch of the 8RAR Association presented his wife with a sash and certificate which was displayed at his funeral.

John is survived by his wife Rita and son Michael, daughter in-law and three grandchildren.



John Modlinski (left) with Colin Launa after being issued with army issue clothing at recruit training. All diggers can relate to this but the irony of it is that shorts like these are the fashion these days.

*Tony Hersey. (A) Coy*

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