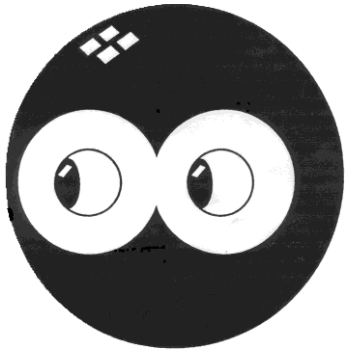




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LAST POST

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.”

**John Peter Huigens (A) Coy Malaysia
John Alexander Norris (D) and (A) Coy Vietnam**

‘WE CAN NEVER FORGET’



President Report

It was an honour for me to be nominated and selected as your incoming National President. I thank the NSW committee for their support in the nomination. Initially I would like to congratulate Arthur Koo for his leadership over the past 2 years. Also his working committee for all their efforts in such a successful 2023 Melbourne conference.

The feedback from the conference has been excellent.

The NSW working committee has already started the planning stage for Sydney 2025.

The committee comprises of Ron O'Connor, Kevin Sullivan, Dave Pankhurst, Mick and Carol Carter and Ray Richardson.

The committee visited Bankstown RSL and Bankstown Sports Clubs on Tuesday 13/6/23. We met up with representatives from both clubs and the meetings were very successful.

Ron and Kevin are very involved in the early planning stages. They both have exceptional organisational skills which will add value to the Sydney 2025 Conference. As our planning develops, we will keep all members informed.

8RAR association is fortunate to have a high standard of members who sit on the executive and who hold other important roles. The dedication of these members will see 8RAR survive in the years to come.

Once again thank you for all your support.

Secretaey / Assistant Secretary



Assistant Secretary's Report

On behalf of Des Evans (National Secretary) and myself, I want to thank the 2023 Reunion Committee headed by Arthur Koo and his band of merry Women and Men, that worked feverishly making the functions the success they were.

None of these functions would have happened without the unyielding direct support of the lovely ladies that 'pitched-in' to help man doors, give directions, working away behind the scenes, making a success the functions were. I especially want to thank Karlene

Tomlin for her input. This beautiful lady worked non-stop for which we are indebted to her, thank you Karlene.

On ANZAC Day, we were led by Major General Adrian Clunies-Ross, our staunch leader and a great man. Thank you again Sir! It is your exalted leadership with Keith O'Neil is what made 8RAR what it is today.

The Melbourne weather was exemplary. The ANZAC Day March was something I'll never forget, with the children's smiling faces greeting us along the way. I sometimes 'break ranks' & go over and give them a 'hi-5' which makes both their & my day.

We then retired to the Schooner Olympics at the Coopers Inn as arranged. Many a tale spread, and a Pipe Band played a few 'ditties' for us.

Lunch with Ann Marie & Des Evans was first rate. Good company always.

A strange thing happened at the Gala Dinner, Someone spilt red wine over Des Evans and to clean him up poured white wine over the red wine to remove the stain. Something new learnt. I'd rather drink it!

Congratulations to Jim Stopford for being awarded the Indirect Support Award, who gave a nice acceptance speech. Good onya Jimmy!

Our new President Ray Richardson was installed. He couldn't attend Melbourne and I voiced his best wishes to everyone We welcome Ray and Suzanne to the fold and look forward to working with them towards the 2025 Reunion at Bankstown Sportsman Club.

On ANZAC Day 2023, before marching-off, I spoke with many of you regarding a shortfall in monies collected. This shortfall occurred due to the fact that when Arthur Koo asked for hands-up at Tweed Heads (2020), there were approximately 300 said they would go to Melbourne.

This put Arthur in a position where eventually he had to give a guarantee. Unfortunately, he chose that promised 300. Well, only 192 turned up. This has left Arthur 'out-of-pocket' a substantial amount personally. Not any one of us should have to carry the burden and so, as I voiced before the March, certain fund-raising programs will be arranged soon and advertised in the coming 8Balls. More on this subject in the future but preliminary ideas have been vaunted already.

On a brighter note, it was fantastic to see my mate Frank Balcombe from Malaysia, 55 years ago (circa 1968 Sydney Bar). Hasn't changed a bit. I still got a bar bill there! Also, the other Evans – (Good Evans) Laurie and Christine.

At the combined Meet & Greet Company Functions, the AGM was held. Before vacating the chair, Arthur welcomed Major General Adrian Clunies – Ross for gracing us with his attendance. Arthur also thanked his many friends for their support in his 3 year Presidency. All positions were thrown open.

The Electoral Officer took the chair.

Result of election:

New President Ray Richardson
Vice President Ted Forward
Treasurer / Membership Officer John Weatherley
Secretary Des Evans
Asst Sec Tom Lyons
Editor Kevin Sullivan
Webmaster Jim Stopford
Memorabilia Officer Kym McDougall.

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WA Doug Wendt
ACT Tony Sillcock

Thank you for standing again and welcome the 2 newbies.

Ted Forward and I have been investigating a new Conferencing Platform – Google Meet. This is how we will complete meetings as it is cost effective. Talking of costs, our biggest cost is the 8Ball. You have heard me many times that we must change over to your 8Ball being sent to you by email. I realize many of you are not ‘IT Savvy’ and do not have email addresses. That’s ok but your daughters and sons or grandchildren DO HAVE email addresses. You can get your 8Ball through them. All you have to do is ask them to email me at asstsec8rar@gmail.com and I will gladly arrange to send your 8Ball to you through them. This may seem trivial but it is a very important way of which your Association can save money and keep functioning.

Ted Forward took the Chair and completed the Special Future Directions Meeting straight after the AGM. He outlined what the FD Cttee had been working on and the recommendations to be put to the National Executive.

Tom Lyons gave an outline of the survey and stated the poor numbers of respondents being 100/660 members. Not good enough! When next asked for your view, please respond, this is the only way we know if we are doing ‘it’ right!

As we are entering the ‘Over-The-Hill-Gang’ age, make sure you ring a mate every now and then just to say ‘hello’. It makes a world of difference to them and will lift you too.

Tom Lyons
Asst Sec 8RAR

Queensland



Anzac Day 2023

Compared to last year the Brisbane march was held in very favourable weather. With many of our brethren in Melbourne for the reunion our numbers were at the lower end of the scale this year. Participants in the march and/or the get together at Johnny Ringos, the post march venue, included:

Ken Falvey, Chad Sherrin, John Mison, Tim Everett, Val Picton, John Picton, Mark Lauder, Noah Lauder, Darryl Backwell, Lyle Ackworth, Errol Weatherall, Alan Corliss and John Weatherley.

Our special thanks to 8/9 RAR who provided the banner party for the march.



Mark Lauder, Chad Sherrin, Val Picton, Errol Weatherall, Ken Falvey, Darryl Backwell and Lyle Ackworth.



Corporal Glenn Nash and the 8/9 Battalion RAR banner party.



Mark Lauder, Val Picton and Noah Lauder.



Tim Everett, Errol Weatherall, Darryl Backwell, Chad Sherrin, Ken Falvey, John Weatherley, Val Picton and John Picton at the post march venue Johnny Ringo's.



Ruth Mateer and Tom Burton - taken at their Anzac Day Service, 24th April, 2023, at Wesley Aged Care Sinnamon Park, Brisbane.

The Vietnam Veterans' Vigil

2023 marks 60 years since the arrival of the Australian Army Training team (AATTV) in South Vietnam (SVN), on the 3 August 1962, and 50 years since the withdrawal of combat troops in 1972.

In this year of commemoration, a Vietnam Veterans' Vigil is planned for 3rd August to give Vietnam Veterans

and the Australian people the opportunity to participate in a Service of Remembrance at every grave or commemorative plaque site across the nation.

We have four such grave sites in Queensland and services have been arranged for each site. As a tribute to the sacrifices of our mates we would like to see maximum attendance from our Queensland members at these services.

Locations of each site and service is as follows:

Phil Goody Monto Cemetery (New), 12959 Gladstone-Monto Road Monto Qld 4630: Church of England Section: 4 Sub section: Sector: Plot: Row: Grave: 160

Bill Hoban Mt Gravatt Cemetery & Crematorium, 620 Mains Road MacGregor QLD 4109 Australia Area: Lawn Section: ANZAC 2 Sub section: Sector: Plot: Row: Grave: 242.

Jim Barrett Mt Gravatt Cemetery & Crematorium, 620 Mains Road MacGregor QLD 4109 Australia Area: Lawn Section: ANZAC 2 Sub section: Sector: Plot: Row: Grave: 263

Timo Pesonen Queensland Garden of Remembrance - Graham Road Bridgeman Downs Qld 4035 Australia Area: Wall 3 Wall: 3 Row: A Panel:

The services are to be held simultaneously across the country. Attendees are asked to assemble at each gravesite at 1030 hrs, Thursday, 3rd August for the service beginning at 1100 hrs. Family members are welcome to attend.

So that we can coordinate attendance at each gravesite would you please contact the service coordinator (*see below*) to advise your preferred gravesite and how many people will be with you.

Service coordinators for the graveside services are:

- Timo Pesonen – Chad Sherrin 0416 192 303
- Phil Goody – Del Murphy (Val Picton's sister) 0407 124 305
- Bill Hoban & Jim Barrett – two people have volunteered on the VVV website but their names are unknown. We assume they might be 8 RAR people – if this is you, please advise Chad Sherrin, 0416 192 303. In the meantime, any other people wanting to be at Bill and Jim's gravesite, please advise Chad.

Timo Pesonen – Can You Help?

While Timo's official Commemorative Plaque is located at Bridgeman Downs, his actual gravesite is in the Mt Isa Cemetery.

If anyone is 'grey-nomading' through Mt Isa between now and August we would like to get a photo of his gravesite. If you can help, please phone/email Chad Sherrin (0416 192 303 – chadawn@bigpond.com) for further details

The Brook - do you remember!

Who remembers the Brook Hotel when we were based at Enoggera?



The Brook Hotel was built in 1967 and was a regular after-hours watering hole for many 8 RAR and other soldiers.

However, the more adventurous of you might remember slipping away for 'a few' during working hours, particularly on a sports afternoon! The MPs were on to this, but the bar staff were alert to their arrival, quickly ushering the errant drinkers over the bar and out the back door for a quick escape!

Though sometimes the management was not so friendly. On one occasion one of our members was playing the piano beautifully for the enjoyment of many. To our dismay he was soon told to desist.

Well those days are distant memories, and so is the old Brook Hotel. The old hotel has been demolished and a new one built in its stead, close to the Brookside Shopping Centre.

Brookside was built in 1971 and out of interest it is situated in Bell's Paddock, which was the site where several Queensland units of the AIF were based and trained during World War 1.

The new hotel is upmarket, with sports bar, bistro, indoor and outdoor dining areas, and the inevitable 'pokies'.

This is the new Brook Hotel and the entrance to the Sports Bar.



And this is the modern outdoor entertaining area.



The new hotel has only recently opened and the Queensland Branch plans to hold this year's Battalion Birthday celebrations at The Brook, for old times' sake.

Battalion Birthday – Brisbane

We have a change of venue for this year's Battalion Birthday celebrations – the new Brook Hotel, 167 Osborne Rd, Mitchelton.

Many of you will have memories of The Brook from the early days of the battalion. The old hotel has been pulled down and a modern facility has recently opened, close to Brookside Shopping Centre.

Let's celebrate the birthday of the Grey Eight by '*wetting the head*' of the new Brook Hotel, in memory of old times.

The Brook is a five-minute walk from Mitchelton Rail Station, and the nearby Brookside Shopping Centre has a major bus interchange, so there is no need to bring your car.

When: Tuesday, 8th August, 1200hrs

We'll meet for lunch (you can view the menu at <https://www.brookhotel.com.au/menus>) and we will toast the Battalion at 1300hrs.

We will be holding a meeting at 1100hrs, prior to the lunch. All are welcome to attend to have your say on future activities for our Association.

See you there for a reminisce on old times at The Brook!

Seen at another Brisbane watering hole!



Errol Weatherall, Noel Herbert, Paul Simpson and Blue Roberts at lunch in the Ferny Grove Tavern during a recent trip to Bris Vegas by Blue.

Presentation of the 8 RAR Colours

8/9 RAR carries on the traditions of both 8 and 9 RAR; as part of this the Battalion is the custodian of the Colours of those two battalions.

This year is 8/9 RAR's 50th birthday and as part of those celebrations the Battalion is to be presented with the new King's and Regimental Colours. This is obviously a significant event for our Association and all ex-members of 8 RAR are invited to attend as guests at the Presentation of Colours Parade.

8/9 RAR has also inherited our title of 'Brisbane's Own' so the parade is being planned as a public event in Brisbane City itself on Saturday, 28th October. It will be a day of pomp and ceremony at its best! Details of the day are as follows:

- 0830 – 'Freedom of Entry Parade' – exercising its right of Freedom of Entry to the City of Brisbane, the Battalion will march from Adelaide St to Queen St Mall where they will be challenged by the Lord Mayor.
- 0900 – 'Presentation of Colours Parade' – this is a ceremony steeped in tradition and will be held in King George Square, outside the Brisbane City Hall. The parade is of approximately 90 minutes duration and seating will be provided for 8 RAR and 8/9 RAR guests.
- Depending on numbers attending, the Queensland Branch 8 RARA will arrange a post-event function in the city centre. Details to follow separately.
- Dress for the event should be jacket and tie, with medals.

To assist 8/9 RAR with planning for the event we need to know firm numbers as soon as possible. If you will be attending, please advise Chad Sherrin (SMS 0416 192 303 – or email chadawn@bigpond.com) ASAP.

It is with great sadness that I advise the passing of Joy Rankine, Major David Rankine's wife. Joy passed away peacefully in her sleep at 0500 this morning. While David was the 'father' to all of his C Coy men, Joy was certainly the 'mother', with both of them showing a personal and genuine interest and concern for all the members of their C Coy family, for all of their lives – they will both be sadly missed but fondly remembered.

Our condolences are with Susan, Lynda and Peter, David and Joy's children.

I need to also inform you that our stalwart member Carol Black passed away on Monday afternoon the 19 June. While she had a long-term illness the passing was sudden and unexpected.

Carol was a long-standing contributor to the well-being of the 8 RAR Battalion and the 8 RAR Association. She was an army wife of many years to Mal Black.

Mal was our first 8 Ball editor back in 1988. Carol was his able assistant and supporter and both were awarded the 'In Direct Support Award' in 1995. The

engraving on the award, "For always being on call to help a mate," is a very fitting statement to both Carol and Mal.

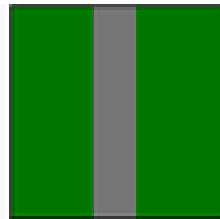


RIP Carol Black in happier times.

On behalf of the Association, I wish to pass on our condolences to Mal and sons David and Shane and their respective families, and our prayers are with Mal. Mal was recently entered into a facility as his dementia has increased to a point which requires a higher level of care.

Regards
Chad

8/9 RAR Corner



8/9 RAR News

2023 is a busy year for 8/9 RAR as they prepare to take on the mantle of our nation's crisis response team at the end of this year. Here is a glimpse of their activities in the past months.

8/9 RAR – Battle Group Ram's training year to date

8/9 RAR has started the year strongly with a diverse array of activities being conducted across the Battalion. Importantly, the Battalion has adjusted its nomenclature to become Battlegroup Ram henceforth. This is to signify a shift to operational focus, as we welcome our supporting elements from across the Brigade, including engineers, gunners, medical support and even the Military Police! Each company has already achieved success across the board, shaping and enhancing Battle Group Ram's capabilities. Here is a short report on each of the combat teams' activities.

C COY

C Coy has spent the last month enhancing their capability through the conduct of air-mobile operations, this saw CT-C (Combat Team Charlie) establish a relationship with C Squadron, 5th Aviation and the Chinook airframe. Prior to conducting flights at both day and night, CT-C completed Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET) at Lavarack Barracks.

CT-C then deployed to Tully Training Area to conduct a Regional War-Fighter Exercise where the focus shifted to operations in close terrain. Beginning with individual and section skills in the jungle, culminating with True Grit, a multi-discipline endurance event involving a pack march, an obstacle course, a bayonet assault course and a stores carry. True Grit underpinned the cohesion generated in each section through the hardships of operating in a jungle environment. It undoubtedly gave each participant a memory slide of what high stress operations can look like and how to cope with those pressures.



Support COY

Support Coy has conducted specialist training and certification activities over the month of March. These include sniper biannual shoots, DFSW gun lines and anti-armour stalks; reconnaissance full mission profiles, signal detachment step-ups, tactical traces and mortar live fire activities. Support Coy has also been integrating with high echelons at 7th BDE to enhance interoperability. Some key events have included multiple Javelin engagements from DFSW platoon, the conduct of a recon and sniper raid and sigs conducting mesh network limitation tests. Overall lots of time on the tools has made support ready to provide their specialist capability to BG ram.



D COY- Duke of Gloucester Cup Squad

“DoG Squad” have had a running start to the year, providing support to A COY and C COY during exercise RAM SHOT. Standard Operating Procedure development were the foundational elements focused on during this period as well as fatigued combat shooting. Lead up training back at Battalion has seen the boys enhance and refine their skills before stepping on Exercise DOG CRAWL. This exercise focuses on selective tactical tasks that have tested the boys’ thinking and their adaptability in ambiguous scenarios. DoG Squad has developed a strong culture of professional competitive drive, with their training plan setting them up for DoG Cup success in August.



In all, the start of 2023 has been busy and challenging but extremely rewarding. The team at BG Ram is now focused on the 7 BDE war fighter exercise where we will be training alongside our Fijian and Kiwi brothers and sisters, then rolling straight into Exercise Talisman Sabre. Here, our rigorous training to date will set us in good stead to deliver some excellent results and, maybe a little fun along the way.

Hoi!

RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH 139 – COMBAT TEAM ALPHA

Combat Team-Alpha (CT-A) “Alpha Wolves” were honoured with representing Battle Group Ram (8/9 RAR) on Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) 139 in the South East Asia (SEA) region over the period 26 Feb – 26 May 23.

RCB has always been the jewel in Army’s International Engagement Crown. However, given the current geopolitical climate, competing domestic operations, and the pyrrhic challenge of conducting un-interrupted training in today’s modern Army, RCB is increasingly a prized deployment. RCB provide the opportunity for the Alpha Wolves to improve their lethality through conducting jungle and urban training in our primary operating environment. It also afforded the CT the ability to conduct cultural emersion activities, represent the ADF on ANZAC day duties, and rehearse projecting a force within the SEA region.

RCB 139 comprised of 114 persons from 8/9 RAR, 1 REGT, 2 HB, 10 FSB, 1 MP BN, APSU SQ, 1 INT BN, 7 CSSB, 6 ESR & 2 CDO. While most RCBs are composite sub-units from non-Infantry Corps, RCB 139 was unique as it was one of the few rotations in recent years able to deploy with a RAR sub-unit as its nucleus, and it had over 15 months to prepare for deployment. Consequently, the level of training it conducted focused on mastering the basics, enhancing the survivability of the PLs in the Jungle and urban operating environment, and improving the CTs marksmanship through live fire ranges and force on force activities. Key milestones that RCB 139 achieved during its deployment included;

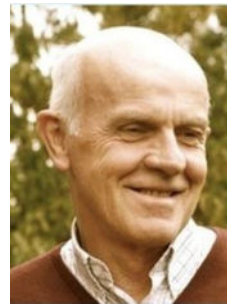
1. conducting cultural emersion training so soldiers could improve their understanding of the primary operating environment and enjoy the experiences it had to offer;
2. Close Combat shooting, Section and Platoon Live fire attacks and HE practices;
3. Section and Platoon jungle training in Pulada, Gurun and Sik;
4. a battle field history tour in Singapore and a series of TEWTs to improve the tactical acumen of junior commanders;
5. Urban Section and Platoon training in multiple locations throughout the region; and
6. ANZAC Day representational duties in Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Sandakan, Singapore and Hell Fire Pass in Thailand.

RCB provided CT-A the unique opportunity to experience Asia, bond as a team, focus on the basics without distractions, and prepare for the future. CT-A fought hard to represent the RAR well through restoring the 5/7 RAR memorial in Camp Burma to honour our fallen brethren. We also increased the amount of ammunition allocated to rotations, so future sub-units can conduct more live fire practices in line with Army’s new shooting continuum. We expanded the opportunities

of local leave so soldiers could better experience the local culture and enjoy themselves; and we validated Hangar 51 on RMAF-Butterworth to be used as a facility to conduct force-on-force urban training with non-lethal ammunition.

Upon RCB 139 returning to Australia, the soldiers of CT-A integrated back in BG RAM, shared stories and experiences with their mates and families, and undertook some well-deserved leave. The Alpha Wolves are grateful for the opportunity to represent BG Ram in Malaysia and look forward to the coming months as we prepare to become the nation’s crisis response team.

Victoria



Welcome to the June 2023 update from the Victorian Branch, where all are immersed in the joys of the winter doldrums. Still forefront in the minds of folk in Victoria is the recent National Reunion. In short it was a raging success although numbers could have been stronger – but that is so often the case these days with our aging population of Vietnam era veterans. Still, Arthur Koo and a small team from Victoria plus a brace of volunteers pulled it together in a timely and competent manner. From reception to the finale of the Melbourne ANZAC Day March all involved enjoyed the reunion. Of course, the National Reunion Commemoration Service at Melbourne’s iconic Shrine of Remembrance was a highlight and one dear to the heart of your reporter. If you were not there, you missed something truly unique and unlikely to ever occur again – a full blown parade of 8 RAR veterans of yesteryear. Likewise, the visit to the National Vietnam Veterans’ Museum under the leadership of Wayne Maschette was another special achievement, and one which cannot be emulated elsewhere. A little further explanation is warranted:

A formidable group of Reunion attendees gathered at the lower end of the Shrine Forecourt about 1000 hours on Friday 22nd April 2023. Those less mobile, plus families and friends congregated in front of the World War Two Memorial and the Eternal Flame, with the imposing Shrine to the left and a view of Melbourne city to the right. An idyllic scene. At 1052 the parade Stepped-Off under command of acting RSM for the occasion, former Assault Pioneer Allan Small, AFSM. The parade was led by the internationally acclaimed Tobruk Memorial Pipes and Drums whose performance could not fail to cause the blood to race. The banner party consisting of Alan Holland and Ralph Miller were next, followed by the marchers assembled in company groups.

The March leaders were Major General Adrian Clunies Ross, AO, MBE, Mr Arthur Koo and Lieutenant Colonel Adrian Lombardo, Shrine Life Governor.

With drill movements and precision reminiscent of five decades ago, the parade proceeded proudly up the incline and responded smartly with an Eyes Right then Front at the Eternal Flame. Still under the expert control of Allan Small the parade was then wheeled, positioned, dressed and halted facing the Eternal Flame, all the while accompanied by commentary from Lieutenant Colonel Neil Smith, AM as Master of Ceremonies. Adrian Lombardo provided an official Shrine welcome after which Colonel Smith instructed Mr Small to Fall Out the parade the members of which then joined other spectators, many of whom were seated to enjoy the remainder of the Service. Following a welcome from National President Arthur Koo and commemorative address from Neil Smith, friend of the RAR The Rev Dr Richard Wilson, himself an 'old Digger', led prayers during a spiritual interlude. This was the segue for Grant Coultman-Smith, OAM, VA, BJ, JP to recite a moving rendition of the poem *Sleep* penned by a Vietnam veteran. A former B Company hand, Grant was regular army and later a long serving Victorian police officer who was decorated for his bravery. The most moving part of the Service was next.

A Shrine Guard detachment wearing uniforms similar to the Light Horse of yesteryear Took Post, armed with .303-inch rifles. Then followed the most solemn part of the Service with Adrian Lombardo reading the list of 8 RAR men fallen while serving in Malaysia, South Vietnam, Australia and elsewhere. With the pipers from the Rats of Tobruk band providing an appropriate musical accompaniment a number of wreaths were laid. Wreath layers were General Clunies-Ross, Arthur Koo with his partner and Reunion treasurer Karlene Tomlin looking on proudly and Dennis Moss representing the Victorian Branch. For a change in gender, Dell Murphy and Marcia who were friends/family members of Private Philip Goody laid a wreath and finally Sylvie Smith, placed a wreath on behalf of the wives and loved ones of those who had passed. Continuing with the gravity of this phase of the service, Ted Forward stepped up to the dais to recite *The Ode* followed by the bugle call *Last Post*, and a period of silence broken by Ted with the words *Lest We forget*. Next there was the *Rouse* and *National Anthem*. That completed, Neil Smith could then close the proceedings with thanks to all concerned and instructions on how to have the official photographs taken with, at first, all assembled on the lower steps of the Shrine, then by company groups. Despite fears that it would be a matter of herding cats, the assembled group applied themselves sensibly and quickly to the task as evidenced by the photographic results which are to be seen on the 8 RAR website. From there on out, it was more music from the band and much chatter over a welcome cup of tea and sandwiches provided by the Salvation Army. In short, it was an outstanding event for the Reunion. Time and

space precludes a detailed description of other activities associated with the reunion. Rest assured however, there were none with a harsh word over the program.

At this point it would be appropriate to thank Arthur Koo for his service as President on two counts. Firstly, for his efforts to the Association Nationally and secondly for his crafting of a most successful National Reunion in Melbourne. It was a great effort Arthur and we thank you. You have been quiet since ANZAC Day but the word is you are getting in lots of hiking. Keep it up. You have left big shoes for the new president, Ray Richardson. Thanks, are also extended to Arthur and his team from all Victorian Branch members.

Moving right along. An enthusiastic group braved the elements on Sunday 25th June 2023 for the Branch luncheon at the Ringwood RSL. Present were Dennis and Cait Moss, Neil and Sylvie Smith, Jane Andropof, Jim and Dawn Brown, Sian Stevens, Alan Holland, Ralph Miller, Jim and Paula Corcoran, Peter Fraser, Paul and Janet Fraser, Lyn and Bill Westhead, John Cooper and Julie Agnew. Apologies were received from John Betts, Allan and Joyce Small, Warren and Joy Gilliland, Geoff Ravenscroft, John Onrust who is chasing the sun in Queensland and Ken Emmett who is said to be in Scotland or Queensland but we are not too sure which. Finally, Grant and Tina Coultman-Smith who had planned on being present had to bow out at the last minute. Grant by the way is heavily involved with the Blue-Ribbon Foundation and is also working on an Honour Roll of Victorian Police personnel who had been National Servicemen. If you can help – please do so.

Some of the gossip and updates gained during the luncheon follow. John Cooper is off to England in August with Hillary on yet another family-oriented trip. Bon voyage! John was good enough to raise the profile of the Vietnam Veterans Vigil at the luncheon on 25th June. Not heard about it? Well jump on Google and call it up. We need help to ensure the VVV initiative succeeds. Long story short – it is about remembering our fallen from the war in South Vietnam which for Australia, started about 60 years ago in August 1962 with the arrival of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam and finished with the withdrawal of Australian troops just over 50 years ago in 1972. The plan is to hold a Service of Remembrance at every grave or commemorative plaque in Australia and overseas on 3rd August 2023 starting with a Dawn Service at the Canberra Vietnam Memorial then other services throughout Australia, Malaysia and elsewhere at 1100 hours local time. Suggested templates and information for the prepared Services of Remembrance can be viewed on the VVV site. Here in Victoria, we need volunteers to conduct the services for our chaps buried in Victoria – don't be worried about what has to be done. It is all on the VVV site. Just volunteer and be there. It will come together and we can help. Specifically, volunteers are needed for the graves or commemoration sites for Larry MacLennan at Keilor Cemetery; Barry Monday at

Springvale Botanical Cemetery; Stephen O'Dal Springvale Cemetery; Daryl Poulson at Springvale Cemetery and Victor Wagstaff at Maryborough Cemetery. If you think you can help out with remembering these men, please let Dennis Moss or Neil Smith know so it can be coordinated. With the help of John Cooper other 8 RAR fallen have been allocated volunteers in other states. **Again, we need some Victorians to step up.**

Other local news? David and Pam Brooks have been in touch. Paul and Vera Gallagher too – and congratulations to Paul and his team for a successful Long Hai function in Bendigo for the B Company lads. Looking at the diary again. The popular Frankston RSL is the venue for the next Branch luncheon on Sunday 6th August 2023. Hopefully we will have some feedback from the Vietnam Veterans Vigil held three days earlier, on that occasion. Later in August Neil and Sylvie Smith are swanning off to London once again – not content with a visit in March/April last. They will still be undertaking research in London but at Sylvie's suggestion, nay, insistence the trip will include a side excursion to Croatia.

Bruce Lankford is another who is off to the United Kingdom shortly. Bruce and Marilyn could not make it to the Ringwood RSL luncheon due to a bout of Covid in the household. So, yes, Covid still abounds. Happily, your reporter missed out on contracting the illness on ANZAC Day after spending far too long in Cooper's Hotel after the March with several of The Mob, a number of whom came down with the bug over the next day or two. You can be lucky. Once again, your reporter was in a long meeting in a cafe, seriously a fair dinkum meeting, with two other chaps a day or two later and they also were similarly affected although your reporter escaped unscathed. Covid has also affected the Agnew household recently, and others as well. So do beware. Other news? Bruce also flagged the possibility of a funding shortfall for Victoria's Vietnam Veterans' Day in August. Nothing heard officially yet. In his role of unofficial photographer, Bruce might meet his match as Julie Agnew has presented your reporter with massive number of photographs taken during the reunion. If you are missing out on a desired subject, Julie probably has it.

Some might be aware that John James, President of the RAR Association here in Victoria has fallen seriously ill in recent times and had to be 'medevaced' from a cruise ship off South America. We wish him well. Bruce Lankford reports that the RARA has been quiet of late and little has been heard of them since the ANZAC Day March where the ranks of the RAR were very much swelled by 8 RAR marching proudly behind a small RARA HQ group led by Vice President Peter Fraser.

Don't forget the National Vietnam Veterans Museum and especially the area allocated to 8 RAR. Wayne Maschette has made huge inroads into the display and especially the video support for use during the

Reunion and beyond. Sadly, the 8 RAR section of the Museum is still sorely lacking and Wayne can't do everything. Only you can fix that. Another plug. Don't forget the final end of year function will be at the Glen Waverley RSL on 26th November 2023. Make sure it is in your diary.

Finally, who can remember the 8 RAR Unit Recognition Mark? Just as expected. No one. Well, commit this to memory then. It comprised a kangaroo to indicate Australia; *AMF* meaning Australian Military Forces; a unit serial number, being 1023 and finally unit identity colour bars being placed horizontally in the colours brown, blue and yellow. Check your old kitbag – you should see something similar.

Cheers,
Neil Smith

ACT/Monaro



Greetings from a chilly Canberra.

As is normal things are quiet for the next few months as people escape to warmer places and we all take care to avoid Covid, flu and any other winter bugs.

We have been advised of an initiative by the RSL to hold a Vietnam Veterans' Vigil on the graves of all those who died on service in South Vietnam on Thursday 3 August 2023. In brief, the proposed plan is to hold a Dawn Service of Remembrance in Canberra at the Vietnam Memorial and then at 1100 hold services at each gravesite, throughout Australia and overseas. A proposed order of service has been provided. **More details are available from the website www.vvv.org.au.**

Given the date is close to the battalion birthday I am suggesting that we gather for a ceremony at the grave of Phil Richter and 1100 and then have an early birthday lunch at the Woden Southern Cross Club. I will send out details to ACT members separately. Anyone visiting Canberra at that time are very welcome to join us. I can provide contact details to anyone interested.

Best wishes to all,
Tony Sillcock

New South Wales



ANZAC Day in Sydney turned out to be a very good one weatherwise and it went off well and on time.

We had a couple of army lads carry our Banner up front. Unfortunately, the turnout for the March was very poor and only eleven of us took part. I was most concerned as I had booked a room at the Royal Exhibition hotel for the get together afterwards for a minimum of thirty people. It was very pleasing that we had more than thirty attend as they had set a very nice room up for us. We put on some finger food which I must admit I was not the best at ordering, though it filled a gap. Unfortunately, Kevin Sullivan a stalwart and our magazine editor was unable to attend which was a great loss. One of the great pleasures of the day is that although Stu Yow Yeh who can no longer march, he always turns up for a drink at the pub afterwards. It is a pleasure to be in his company. Also, it was very good to see so many children of our 8RAR members attend. Those in Attendance that singed the attendance sheet are as follows. Grant Williams, Frank Petersen, Aimay Lin, John Higgins, Ron & Margaret O'Connor & Family, Belinda, Adam, Joshua, Olivia, Joel, Craig, Angie, Mark, Tiarka, Amelia, Ian & Ben Chambers, James Paschali, Worman McGrath, Mick & Carol Carter, Stuart Yow Yeh, Rick & Heather Wensly, Chris Kathlyn, Nathen, Ryan Evans, Ian & Ben Chambers.

8RAR 57th Birthday Sunday August the 6th 11-00 am

We will be holding our Birthday get together at The Royal Exhibition Hotel Surry Hills Central Station. I hope we can get a good turnout for the day. If we get enough numbers, I will run a Raffle. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Welfare report

John Rice is recovering well after a Heart Attack

Best Regards Mick Carter

South Australia



SA Association numbers this year were down a little, simply because some members were away the National Reunion in Melbourne.

ANZAC Day in Adelaide was an unseasonably warm day, with blue skies and bright sunshine, so raincoats and umbrellas were substituted for sunblock and sunglasses. Members responded to the big crowd of onlookers who took advantage of the fine weather to line the streets of Adelaide and cheered us on enthusiastically. After the march, members and their partners enjoyed a traditional ANZAC Day lunch at the Elephant and Castle Hotel in the city.

The Battalion Birthday lunch commemoration is to be held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel on the corner of

West Terrace and Gilbert Street Adelaide. I hope to see you there. Start time is 12.00 midday.

Please advise of your attendance to enable the numbers to be confirmed with the Hotel.



ANZAC Day

Simon Kleinig

Ted Forward

8rarsa@gmail.com.

Western Australia



Reunion Extraordinaire and Gala Dinner!

Melbourne 2023 was fantastic, very well organised, and the weather held up very well for us. Arthur Koo despite all the last-minute interruptions to what was planned was able to rectify all the problems like busses that were ordered, photographers that needed to be upgraded as we only had the RAR bloke to start with and had to end up getting the lady who does the shrine and from all reports the photos have turned out exceptional. (I am writing this on the 29th of April) so I haven't seen the pics yet but do need to write this ASAP as I may forget a few things. Every event on the calendar had food that was restaurant quality from the steak and Barramundi to the oysters, prawns, and caviar, I know not everybody likes raw oysters or caviar, but I do. I should also say that the Crowne Plaza was fantastic and located near to where most events were held. The entire evening will be long remembered by all. One of the highlights at the dinner was a slideshow put together by Wayne Machete of before and after shots or thin blokes in uniform and rounder blokes with grey hair, apologies to all who still look trim, taut, and terrific. This provided some great laughs for all even the four young people who were sitting on our table, two of them whose fathers had passed on and were there with their wives or girlfriends to honour their dads by attending. This is a legacy that

will be placed in the museum at Phillip Island to add to the piss poor recognition that 8 RAR has there now, three pissy 8 X 10 photographs. So, imagine long after we are gone your / our children, grandchildren, great, great grandchildren may pass that way and be delighted to see their forebears and get some great history without having to go to ancestry.com to look them up and will have even more pictures of you and what you looked like. It does not matter if your service with 8 RAR was only here in Australia in Malaya or in Vietnam just get some pictures of yourself in army uniform or a couple of you in civilian gear but most importantly one of yourself now. They are needed ASAP because we are all getting nearer to drawing terminal breath and if we don't get this done now WHEN? If not us WHO? One thing I will say I was surprised to see was that the West Australians weren't sitting on their arses or was 8 RAR predominantly a West Aussie Battalion.

As a result of this great night. I rang a couple of my mates in NSW that night to tell them about the night and was saddened to hear that a few of them were so gutted that they went and purchased smoked oysters and sardines the next day that happened to be on special at Aldi, so they didn't feel left out. They sat there consuming their delicacies with tears in their eyes as they ate with the tears splashing into their cheap red wines and for some into their glasses of Ginger Beer in those BLUE HILLS. I feel for you my friend's maybe next time. Many thanks to those who booked but didn't make it but donated their money as a gesture of good will so we who were there didn't end up at the SOUP KITCHEN, thank you very much for your kind donations, thank you very, very, very much.

The Boxer

I had no idea Jack (from Sig platoon) had done a bit of boxing before he was conscripted into the army (otherwise I wouldn't have been so lippy to him) he apparently had 39 fights and only lost 41. There was a rumour going around that he fought Lionel Rose, could be true because Lionel was born in 1948. I can see it now Jack prancing around the ring and in round three the referee stops the fight and says to Jack "get that hamburger out of your mouth" and Jack mumbles a reply saying "ishh not a hamburger ishh my bottom bloody lip" and that friends and neighbours is how he got his new nickname CANVASBACK JACK. Name and identity of the person is secret for your protection and his. It is still held under the official secrets act but after further investigation on my part it seems he got the name wrong, and it was Lionel Roads he fought. After so many defeats it has led to a lifelong problem, he now goes for a nap at 2 PM every afternoon and always sleeps on his back, I call it his REMINISCING THERAPY. It's sort of a mixture of Yoga and meditation that takes him back to

being punched around the ring (no he isn't in the RAINBOW movement) it's so he can think about the stars he has seen & say to himself I should have dodged that one.

The Tasmanian Connection

When we were registering, we (Jim Balk and I) met a bloke from Tassie called farmer (nickname) not sure of his proper name and he told us a story that had us in stitches. Farmer being diabetic had problems with circulation like all diabetics. So, he was telling us that he was hospitalised and there was a problem with his toes and his big toe and the one next to it. Both had to be amputated and once done got a major infection, so he was placed in ICU in an induced coma and when he woke up ten days later, he had gone from 102 kilos to 75 or something. Jim and I at the same time said shit you must have had BIG F*****g toes and he and we were pissing ourselves laughing at poor old farmers toes going AWOL while he was in the hospital. So, then he proceeds to tell us that when he recovered, he went back to the doctor for repeated observation and when there on one visit asks the doc to cut off the other three toes and the doc refuses. He says, "I can't wear thongs anymore so they are useless to me", pulls out a letterman, opens the blade out and starts a motion like he is going to hack them off and there himself, the doc says, "you can't do that here". So, he says "ok well I'll go home and hack them off". At this stage he finally gets his way, and the doctor books him in for further surgery, so now he has a problem with two different sized feet. Next off he goes to get new boots and walks into the shoe store the young girl says, "how can I help you sir?" he says, "I need some new boots", to the young girl and of course she says, "what size?" He says for the left foot size ten and the right foot size seven". She of course says, "we can't or don't do that". WE Jim, farmer and I were in such fits of laughter all through this story I think I may have got tidbits wrong but it's all pretty bloody accurate. To help she gets the manager out and end of story he walks out with a pair of boots size ten. Does a bit of work around the farm or house (not sure if he still has the farm). Then later has to go back to the doc for a further check-up. Doc asks, "what have you been up to". Farmer tells him "I fell off the ladder two days ago". The doc in a bit of panic and concern for his health gives him the once over and finds nothing wrong, no scratches, bruises, or breaks. The doc, a little confused, then says, "how high was the ladder?" Farmer tells him "Two meters", doc what height did you fall from, and he says, "the second rung". What had happened is he used his good foot on the first rung and when he went one step higher his boot with no toes in it collapsed and sat up like a jack rabbits' ears at 90-degree angle and he had absolutely no purchase on the ladder so goes base over apex off the ladder or in the

Australian lingo arse over tit. Our ribs hurt the next day from laughing.

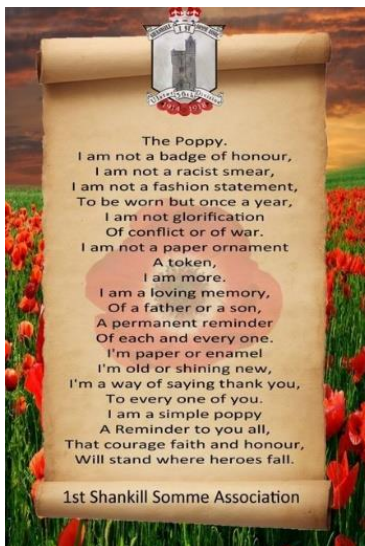
After Vietnam there was always two paths I have followed. 1. Don't take life too seriously because you are not getting alive! 2. I just want to LIVE till I DIE. So, enjoy your life have a laugh and see you in the next issue, I hope.

Battalion Birthday Tuesday August 8th.

I have booked a table for 16 people at The Karalee tavern 25 Preston Street Como mainly because it has good parking, and the women will probably like it and come along as well. So, I want everybody to let me know if you can make it and how many of you so I can adjust numbers. **Just for once let me know.**

JUST A HEADS UP FOR CHRISTMAS.

Although no venue has been decided upon yet for the Christmas get together, I just want to give you a date to enter in your diaries. Keep December 6th as the day.



All the best.
Dennis

Last Post

Bob Dangaard (17/03/2023)

(A tribute from Terry Clark)



Terry Clark presenting the 8 RAR sash to Bob Dangaard's family.

I first met Bob over 50 years ago. We trained together in Infantry training at Ingleburn in 1970. We were then posted to 8RAR in Vietnam where the Battalion was awarded the Cross of Gallantry in recognition for our service by the Vietnamese Government. Bob was then posted to 7RAR and later to 2 RAR. He returned to Australia with 2 RAR after his tour of duty. He was then posted to Lavarack Barracks in Townsville to continue his army service. We kept in touch with many reunions over the years with all our mates. Serving in Vietnam formed a bond and a second family that has never wavered over the years. Bob made many friends in the Army as he was very loyal and if you had a friend in Bob then you had a friend for life. Over the years Bob & Barbara would pack up their caravan and head up to Darwin where we were living, and we would catch up with them over a few quiet beers and a few tall tales. We always valued our time with them both. We moved to Cairns 8 years ago which gave us the opportunity to see them on a very regular basis. In fact, if we did not hear from each in more than 2-3 weeks, we would be on the phone to make sure the other was OK. As we all know Bob was in very popular demand with the RSL, TPI & many other organisations on Anzac Day, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day to play the bugle. Over a coffee one day I asked him his plans for Anzac Day. "Well," he said, "I start at 4am in North Cairns and then 6am in South Cairns and then 10am in Cairns, and a lady lost her husband so she wants me at 2pm for a remembrance party". Bob could never let anybody down. Now it is your time to rest.

Bob. Love you forever my friend. TJ



John Peter Huigens



John's son, Matt, phoned recently to advise John had died from complications following an operation. John served in Vietnam with 1 RAR on its first tour. He later joined 8 RAR, as a Lance Corporal in 3 Pl, A Coy, Malaysia.

John's wish was for no public funeral, but an 8 RAR sash was sent to his son for presentation to John's widow at a family memorial.



John Norris



(A tribute by Keith Sleeman)



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John joined the battalion on 3/12/69 and was posted as a section commander 12 Pl D Coy; then was transferred to 1 Pl A Coy following the Long Hai incident; RTA 25/04/70. He was instrumental, with Len Thompson, in seeking out and making contact with former members of the battalion, leading to the formation of the 8 RAR Association; he led some 30 plus tours taking veterans and families back to Vietnam, establishing a rapport with a number of our former enemies in D445 Battalion.



1993 – John Norris with Val Picton

A Further Tribute (Our Early Years)

John would be considered one of the major contributors to the first major reunion on Long Hai Day 1987 and the formation of the association in 1988.

“In 1971 a person on the Gold Coast (Ken Bromley; later continued by Peter Sweet)) organised a small Service at the Southport RSL Club, and that was held every year on the 28th February starting at 11.00. I found out about this in the early 1980’s and contacted a couple of blokes from 8 RAR to go to the Gold Coast. Maj. Gen. Mike Jeffery was then 1 Div Commander. I spoke with him and he provided an Army bus to take us to Southport RSL. We also marched up to the RSL as members of 8 RAR. Mike Jeffery, inspected us and asked me if I could organize a full re-union of 8 RAR members.”

(John Norris).

“John Norris is responsible for us getting together again. Over the past few years, using his copy of the Grey Eight book, telephone books, electoral rolls and a variety of other means, he has succeeded in contacting some 700 members. Using this information and a considerable amount of his own money, he almost single handedly organized last year’s reunion in Brisbane. Approximately three hundred participated in this reunion at Gallipoli Barracks.”

(Tony Jucha -inaugural president).

Since the Welcome Home parade in 1987 in Sydney, where 400 gathered, there has been a groundswell of enthusiasm to form ourselves into an association. The first meeting was held on the 26th March, 1988.

The founding committee was:

Tony Jucha (president), Julian Shaw (vice president) and Chad Sherrin (secretary). The committee members were Geoff Roberts, Errol Weatherall, Gordon Piper, Tom Burton, Peter Rumsey, John Norris and Tony Sullivan.

(Edition One, 8 Ball 1988)

The efforts of John Norris and Len Thompson led to the compilation of just over 700 members and contact with many of them.

“John Norris has done a wonderful job of preparing the nominal roll of all those who served in the battalion during the tour in Vietnam. He has spent many hours writing off letters to the Soldier Career Management Agency, New Zealand and elsewhere in a massive effort to track down the smallest details.”

(Bob Hall)

(in an update on his 8 RAR history project)

In a note to Ken Falvey in August 2019, John made the comment:

I have had a fantastic life - and am not afraid to kick the bucket. RIP

Items of interest.



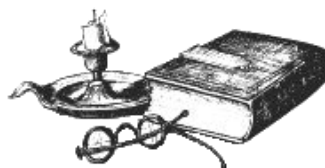
I just wanted to express my gratitude to all involved in the 8 RAR Reunion in Melbourne.

It is difficult to put into words how much it all meant and how special it was to be a part of. Thanks to Arthur Koo, Neil Smith and the rest of the team who put the events together.

From the first night of Registration to the last day, Anzac Day, there was nothing that could have been done better. The Commemoration Service on the Saturday before Anzac Day was extra special. It was sad that some people were missing through no fault of their own, but I am sure they were with us in spirit. It was a privilege to carry Phillip’s flag with his mates.



Thanks again to the great team for a wonderful Reunion.
Kind regards
Del Murphy



Editors Ramblings

Some members may be aware of the random emails purporting to come from myself and other national committee members over the past year. They are fishing scams asking for you to open a web site to view pictures or to buy an Apple gift card. PLEASE BE CAREFUL and take a good look at the email details. I now use the following email for 8 RAR matters in the hope of eliminating this problem for me.
Editor8rarassociation@gmail.com.



Bob, Peter Ubegang, Del and Peter Buckney

Reunion Melbourne

Thank you, Julie Agnew, for the following pictures



Sylvie Smith, placing a wreath on behalf of the wives and loved ones of those who had passed.





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