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7 FD REGT RAA ASSOCIATION

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for electing me to this position at the AGM. Hopefully the next 12 months will be fairly active for the Committee & members and we will notify you all of our new projects that we will be working on shortly.

Unfortunately Brian Heckenberg, our Immediate Past President, has endured some medical problems over the past 12 months and we all wish Brian a speedy recovery and hope to see him at Association activities again soon.

Well done again to our Secretary, John Balfour who continues to pull together all the Association matters whilst still managing the RBA Conference Centre at Kirribilli and performing the duties of Formation Recruiting Officer at HQ 8 Brigade at Dundas in his spare time.

Thank you to the members of the previous Committee who will no longer be serving in that capacity, in particular Alec Burke who has been a Committee member for many years and also to John Stanford and Peter Truelove for their assistance.

I am pleased to announce that the Committee has appointed Major Laurie Hindmarsh ED to the position of Patron and we look forward to his attendance at Association activities in his new role.

Good to see the Association Banner on parade on ANZAC Day and Reserve Forces Day and thanks to the regular group of members who continue to support these occasions. We would love to see more members attending next year.

Members – Once again we have a major change in respect of the Annual Reunion. This year we have returned to a FRIDAY NIGHT which we believe is more popular with most members, BUT the event will be held at DUNDAS VALLEY RUGBY UNION CLUB. We would welcome any feedback.

I am also pleased to announce that COLONEL Don Tait, RAA Colonel Commandant, has accepted our invitation to attend the Reunion and will talk on matters currently affecting the Regimental Committee.

Best Wishes.

John Fairless  
Colonel  
President

## FROM THE COLONEL'S DUGOUT

As I write this article for Yandoo for 2003, 22 members of the Regiment's "High Readiness" troop are preparing to leave for Exercise CROC 03 where they will reinforce the RDF (Rapid Deployment Force) Regiment, 4 Field Regiment.

This is the culmination of major training activities for this year, and together with the remainder of 8 Brigade's Force Protection Company Group (FPCG) forms the only commitment from 2 Div to the ADF's major exercise this year.

Our soldiers have been able to do this through thorough professional training and the completion of all their courses for rank and trade, plus compliance with the readiness requirements of the Army through AIRN. I have every confidence that they will all perform very well and be exposed to considerably more shooting and deployment than would otherwise have been possible given the unit's meagre resource allocation.

This type of reinforcement is of great interest to others outside our immediate Brigade environment, should pave the way for future activities of this type, and will prove that fully qualified RAA Reserve soldiers are every bit as competent as their full time counterparts.

Our last field firing activity for the year will occur in October and will involve cooperation between 12/16 Hunter River Lancers (APC) and the Regiment. Our FO's and parties will be mounted in APCs and will accompany 12/16 troops in their live fire battle runs. In addition both units will conduct direct firing practices together. Something a little different and which should prove to be an enjoyable finale to the unit's live firing activities for the year.

The past two years have been challenging for the Regiment with restrictions on all classes of resources and the impact especially of ammo problems. Despite the constraints and limitations imposed on us, I firmly believe we have achieved a great deal in the period.

Recognising that 2 Div is really in the business of providing trained individuals and limited collective capability (through resource limitations, particularly ammunition), it is interesting to note that the unit has been the leading provider of training for RAA personnel in the Division. The following table shows the extent of training provided by the unit, not only to our own soldiers and those of other 2 Div RAA units, but also to 1 and 4 Fd Regt personnel.

**7 FD REGT Course Training Schedule**  
**Feb 02 – Jul 03**

<b>Month/ Year</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>No of Students attended</b>	<b>7 FD REGT students</b>
Feb 02	Advanced GNR	16	9
Feb – Jun 02	Non-Continuous Advanced OPCP	3	3
Jul 02	OPCP Module 1	2	1
Jul 02	OPCP Module 2	9	9
Jul 02	GNR GD 1 Module 1 All Corps Soldier Training	23	16
Jul 02	GNR GD 1 Module 3 Gun Course	24	16
Jul 02	Specialist Combat Communicators Course	12	12
Jul 02	ROBC Module 1	5	4
Nov 02	GNR GD 1 Mod 3 Gun Cse	6	6
Feb 03	GNR GD 1 Module 1 All Corps Soldier Training	16	14
Feb 03	GNR GD 1 Module 2 Communicators Course	24	14
May-Aug 03	Non-Continuous Detachment Commander	3	3
Jul 03	ROBC Module 1	12	6
Jul 03	Specialist Combat Communicators Course	33	13
Jul 03	Detachment Commanders Course	7	5



## MURPHY'S LAW OF COMBAT OPERATIONS

- Incoming fire always has right of way
- Try to look unimportant – they might be low on ammunition
- Teamwork is essential – it gives them someone else to shoot at
- Don't look conspicuous – it draws fire
- Never draw fire – it irritates everyone around you
- The only thing more accurate than enemy fire is friendly incoming fire
- No battle plan survives contact with the enemy
- If your attack is going very well, it's an ambush
- Never share your foxhole with anyone braver than you
- When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy
- Make it tough for the enemy to get in and you won't be able to get out
- If you're short on everything but the enemy, you're in a combat zone
- The enemy only attacks on two occasions – when you are ready and when you are not
- When in doubt, empty your magazine
- Your weapon was made by the lowest bidder
- The easy way is always mined (usually by friendly forces)
- In combat it only rains twice – all day & all night
- If it's stupid and it works – it ain't stupid



**Patron Colonel John Fairless with Most Improved Soldier 2002, GNR Clinton Wong (28 BTY) and Runners-up GNR Byron Littlewood (113 BTY) & PTE Gabrielle Marjoram (28 BTY).**

**ANNUAL REUNION – NOVEMBER 2002**

**David Leek**



**Dene Nelson**



**Graham Black**





**LTCOL John Wilson**

**Doug Coppard**

**Harry Taylor**

**ANNUAL REUNION NOVEMBER 2002**

**John Stanford**

**Bob Corbett**

**Noel McCarthy**







**Jes Hansford**



**Stuart Staziker**



**Jim Nash**

**ANNUAL REUNION NOVEMBER 2002**

**Peter Truelove**

**Phil Power**

**Peter McGrath**





**Alec Burke**

**Fred Bastock**

**Kevin Flanagan**

**7 FIELD REGIMENT BIRTHDAY DINNER – DEE WHY- MARCH 2003**

**Glenn Milham**

**Jack Gwilym**

**John Balfour**





# 2002 Reserve Forces Day Parade

# BEST BANNER PARTY


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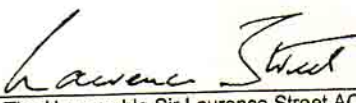
Reserve Forces Day Council

to

**7 Field Regiment RAA Association**

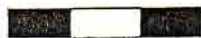
For being judged the best Banner Party taking part in  
the Reserve Forces Day Parade 7 July 2002.

  
Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC  
Governor of New South Wales  
Patron New South Wales Reserve Forces Day Council

  
The Honourable Sir Lawrence Street AC KCMG QC  
National & New South Wales Chairman  
Reserve Forces Day Council

# AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEN AMENDMENT TO AWARDS

## New ribbon system



### NEVER LEFT AUSTRALIA RIBBON

Celebrates 25 years service without a passport stamp



### MY WIFE'S UNCLE KNEW SOMEBODY WHO SERVED IN WW2 RIBBON



### DAD IS A GPCAPT RIBBON

Stripes denote Dad's scutal rank



### GPL / SQNLDR FOR LIFE RIBBON

☺ device worn on captain's ribbon only to denote the extra pay incentives



### ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FIELD RIBBON

☹ device denotes an additional 5 year tour



### CLOSE FRIEND OF THE CAREER MANAGER RIBBON

👉 Palm tree device for each really cushy posting



### AIRMAN OF THE MOMENT RIBBON

I camel I saw! What the heck.



### EVERYBODY WENT TO TIMOR / BOUGAINVILLE EXCEPT ME RIBBON

Numeral denotes number of years you have been asking for overseas posting



### MY UNCLE SPENT WW2 HIDING IN A SMALL CAVE NEAR DARTMOUTH RIBBON



### AIRHQ / CANBERRA RIBBON

☠ Skull device for each life sucking 3 year period spent in HQ



### DUI AND STILL IN THE RAAF RIBBON

⚖ Device denotes number of convictions



### I'M NOT MOVING! RIBBON

🏠 House device denotes each successful threat of release if posted



### GOT MY LAST BOSS PROMOTED RIBBON

Numeral denotes number of superiors promoted by your hard work who have already forgotten your name



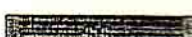
### DRINKING BUDDY'S COMMENDATION RIBBON

⚔ device denotes consecutive awards



### NEVER SERVED WITH THE U.K. RIBBON

Globe device added for each additional tour weaseled out of



### GOT DIVORCED AGAIN RIBBON

\$ device for each divorce



### BEEN TO DFCE RIBBON

Gold Lock device for those who served at Holsworthy



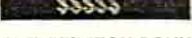
### NEVER BEEN IN THE FIELD RIBBON

☺ device denotes an additional 5 year tour



### EIGHT TO FOUR RIBBON

Shows up for work, does the minimum requirement of work and goes home



### ATC RETENTION BONUS RIBBON

Took the money and ran, then came back



### NEVER EARNED A RIBBON RIBBON

### TEMPORARY DUTY IN THE U.S.A. RIBBONS

Entire set of ribbons so senior personnel won't look like complete losers standing next to U.S.A.F. junior personnel.

NOTE: Only to be worn in the U.S. as somebody here might complain we look too military.



## ANNUAL REUNION 2002

For your information, the following attended the Annual Reunion in November 2002:

John BALFOUR, Fred BASTOCK, Graham BLACK,  
Leo BRADLEY, Alec BURKE, Alf CLIFTON,  
Doug COPPARD, Bob CORBETT, John FAIRLESS,  
Max FALCONER, Kevin FLANAGAN, Gary FRY,  
Jack GWILYM, Ian HAYLEN, Neil HAWKINS,  
Jes HANSFORD, Laurie HINDMARSH, Bill KNIGHT,  
David LEEK, James NASH, Noel McCARTHY,  
Peter McGRATH, Don McVAY, Peter MENDEL,  
Dene NELSON, Bob OWENS, John POSENER,  
Phil POWER, Rusty RUSSELL, Maurie SAINSBURY,  
John STANFORD, Bill STARKE, Stuart STAZIKER,  
Danny TOPLIS, Peter TRUELOVE, Harry TAYLOR,  
Darcy WILLIAMS, LTCOL John WILSON,  
WO1 Robert THOMPSON, WO2 Darren DEEBLE.

### MOST PROFICIENT SOLDIER 7 FD REGT

The following is a list of winners for your information:

2001	BDR Daniel EVANS	113 FD BTY
2000	CPL Steven BALFOUR	HQ BTY
1999	GNR Henry LEE	HQ BTY
1998	GNR Gerard STAPLETON	28 FD BTY
1997	GNR Peter ROWORTH	113 FD BTY
1996	BDR Gus ELGERSMA	HQ BTY
1995	BDR Rod CHETWYND	28 FD BTY
1994	GNR Paul WHEATLEY	28 FD BTY
1993	GNR Richard ROBINSON	28 FD BTY
1992	GNR Richard SHUNWAH	HQ BTY
1991	GNR Anthony GASPARDIS	HQ BTY
1990	BDR David WHITE	28 FD BTY

Note: The new "Mike Banham Memorial Most Improved Soldier" Award commenced in 2002.



**7 FD REGT RAA ASSOCIATION**  
**2003/04 COMMITTEE**

**7th Field Regiment RAA**  
**Key Postings - 2003**

President	COL J.A.L.Fairless RFD	CO	LTCOL J.V.Wilson RFD
Vice- Presidents	K.E.Flanagan	2IC	MAJ S.Nicholson
	D.Leek	OPSO	Vacant
Secretary	WO1 J.G.Balfour	ADJT	Capt A.Keogh*
Treasurer	F.J.Bastock RFD	RSM	WO1 R.Thompson *
Committee	WO2 K.S.Aiston	CC	SGT W.Piggott*
	M.L.Falconer MBE	QM	SGT S.Mason*
	G.J.Fry	BC HQ	Vacant
	T.J.Gwilym	BSM HQ	WO2 G.Ryan *
	D.J.McClelland	OC TST	CAPT Y.S.Lee
	D.B.McVay	ASM	WO2 L.Vella
	J.A.Nash	BC 28	Vacant
	WO2 S.W.Noakes	BK 28	CAPT W.Young
	P.Sengos	BSM 28	WO2 G.Applewhite
	R.C.M.Toplis	SMIG 28	WO2 K.Hall *
Immediate Past President	B.J.Heckenberg	BC/BK 113	Vacant
Patron	MAJ L.P.Hindmarsh ED	BSM 113	WO2 P.Linsley
Hon Solicitor	J.A.Nelson	SMIG 113	WO2 D.Deeble *
Hon. Auditor	W.J.Neill	* ARA	

**ANNUAL REUNION**

**Friday 14 November 2003 – Dundas Valley Rugby Union Football Club**

**BE THERE\*\*\*\*\*BE THERE\*\*\*\*\*BE THERE\*\*\*\*\*BE THERE**



## 7 FD REGT RAA ASSOCIATION

Members as at 1 October 2003

AISTON	Karen	FLANAGAN	Kevin	LEDWICH	Samuel	SMITH	Grahame
ATTARD	Andrew	FLIPPENCE	Addie	LEEK	David	SMITH	Roger
BAGSTER	Mark	FLOWER	Stephen	LEWIS	Brian	STANFORD	John
BAILEY	Norman	FOX	Harry	LINCOLN	David	STARKE	Bill
BALDWIN	Murray	FRAZER	Ian	LONGFELLOW	Virginia	STAZIKER	Stuart
BALFOUR	John	FRY	Gary	LORD	Dick	STEDMAN	James
BASTOCK	Fred	FULCHER	Sharon	LYLE	Stuart	STONE	Peter
BATEMAN	Ray	GABRIEL	Reginald	MARTIN	Graham	STRICKLAND	Kenn
BAYNIE	John	GATES	Graham	MAIN	Rick	SUNDERLAND	Ray
BIBBY	Vic	GATES	Patrick	MASON-JONES	Nicoll	TAYLOR	Harry
BLOW	David	GIFFNEY	Desmond	MEGGATT	Thomas	THORNTON	Stephen
BOWEN	Chris	GILKINSON	Lance	MENDL	Peter	TOPLIS	Denny
BRADLEY	Herb	GILL	Greg	MILHAM	Glenn	TRANter	Peter
BRADLEY	Leo	GLADEN	Noel	MILIC	Karl	TRENTIN	Mark
BRENNAN	Raymond	GLASLEY	Wal	MOONEY	Ronald	TRUelOVE	Peter
BREWER	Charles	GWILYM	Jack	MOORE	Dennis	WAGLAND	Ross
BRINCAT	Alex	HALL	Barry	MORGAN	Robert	WAGSTAFF	Graeme
BROADHEAD	Ken	HAMER	Colin	MOYSEY	David	WALKER	John
BRYANT	Kevin	HANSFORD	Jes	MOYSEY	Robert	WATSON	Alex
BURNETT	Jerry	HARGREAVES	Thomas	MUIR	Gayle	WHEATLEY	Marela
BURKE	Alec	HARLE	Charles	MUIR	Lawrence	WHEATLEY	Paul
BURKE	Leo	HARRISON	Allan	MUIR	Peter	WHITE	Dennis
BUZACOTT	David	HARROWER	David	McCLELLAND	David	WHITE	Peter
CARLSSON	Jim	HAYARD	Richard	McFAYDEN	Barry	WHITFIELD	Timothy
CARMENT	David	HAWKINS	Neil	McGRATH	Peter	WILLIAMS	Darcy
CARSTENS	John	HAYLEN	Ian	McKECHNIE	David	WILLIS	Kenneth
CASHMORE	John	HECKENBERG	Brian	MCLVAN	Russ	WILSON	John
CHAD	Allan	HILL	Robert	MCBEAN	Donald	WORBOYS	Simon
CHASELING	Brian	HINDMARSH	Laurie	NASH	James	WRIGHT	Colin
CHETWYND	Rodney	HOEY	Ian	NEALE	Geoffrey		
CHRISTIE	Carl	HOGAN	Christopher	NEILL	William		
CLARK	David	HOGGE	Richard	NELSON	Dene	<u>NEW MEMBERS SINCE</u>	
CLARK	Neville	HUGHES	Russell	NELSON	John	<u>JANUARY 2001</u>	
CLIFF	Kevin	HUNGERFORD	Bruce	NOAKES	Steven	BURKE	Leo
CLIFTON	Alfred	IRELAND	John	OWENS	Robert	CLARK	David
COASTER-GARTON	Max	JACKSON	Kim	PINNINGTON	Laidley	DOWN	Patrick
COCHRANE	John	JACKSON	Neville	POSENER	John	IZARD	Michael
COLE	Mick	JAMES	Ian	POWER	Brian	KNIGHT	William
COLLINS	Don	JEFFRESON	Edward	POWER	Phil	LEWIS	Brian
CONDON	Schon	JEFFRESON	Norman	PRIMROSE	Brian	MCCARTHY	Noel
COOTE	Glen	JOHNSTON	Warwick	RICHARDSON	Robert	MARTIN	Graham
COPPARD	Doug	JONES	Michael	ROBERTS	Bruce	MORRIS	Douglas
COX	Josephine	JONES	Ronald	ROBERTS	Paul	YEATES	Chris
CUNNEEN	Stephen	JORGENSEN	Kenneth	ROGAN	Robert		
DAVIDSON	Duncan	KARIKS	Andi	RULE	Donald		
DOHERTY	Carl	KEEFE	John	RUSSELL	Robert		
EAGLETON	Harold	KEEN	Kenneth	RUSSELL	Ross		
EDWARDS	Hugh	KIRKWOOD	John	SAINSBURY	Maurie	<u>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</u>	
ELDERTON	Frederick	KISS	Alex	SCOTT	Ian	CORBETT	Robert
ELSLEY	Graham	KOHLHAGEN	Paul	SEDGMAN	Evan	CROWE	John **
FAIRFIELD	Peter	KOHLHAGEN	Ross	SENGOS	Patrick	LEWIS-HUGHES	Ken **
FAIRLESS	John	KOINA	Jeffrey	SHUNWAH	Richard	** Deceased	
FAIRLEY	Jack	LANGFORD-BROWN	Ian	SMITH	Colin		
FALCONER	Max	LAURENCE	Michael				
FITZPATRICK	Roy						
FLANAGAN	Kenneth						