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Upcoming Social Events

- Annual Reunion - Friday 15 November 2013
- St Barbara's Day Church Service - Sun 1 Dec 2013
- Anzac Lunch - Sun 13 April 2014
- ANZAC Day - Fri 25 April 2014
- Reserve Forces Day – Sun 6 July 2014

*New Committee 2013/2014
(Elected 31 July 2013)*

- President: CAPT S.Flower
- Vice Presidents: J.Nash and A.McCallum
- Secretary: J.G. Balfour OAM
- Treasurer: S.Fulcher
- Committee: WO1 K.S.Aiston
C.S.Bowen
K.Cochran
T.J.Gwilym
D.McVay
R.C.M.Toplis
- Regimental Rep: CAPT S.Flower
- Patron: K.J.Flanagan
- Hon Solicitor: LTCOL G.Barter
- Hon Auditor: W.J.Neill

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NATIONAL GUNNER DINNER
SAT 23 AUGUST 2014

CALOUNDRA, QLD

Enquiries/Bookings – contact JB – 0418.412354

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The President's Report

First, let me say thanks to the members of the association who saw fit to elect me to serve as your President again this year. It is an honour to work with the committee on behalf of the members to keep the legacy of 7 Field Regiment alive.

The 2012/13 year saw huge changes in the Regiment and some of these changes have been reflected within our association. For those who may be living under a rock, 2012 saw the disestablishment of 7 Field Regiment and the formation of 7 Light Battery under command of 2/17 Battalion, RNSWR. While the new Battery is commanded by an Infantry CO, the members of the battery remain badged gunners and continue to wear the white lanyard with pride.

Due to these changes, it became apparent that the association needed to change as well in order to reflect the new Battery structure. With the Regiment being disestablished, the committee took the view that eventually the association would cease to exist unless membership was opened up to those gunners serving with 7 Light Battery. Consequently, the committee recommended changes to the constitution to allow this to occur. These changes were accepted by the members at the AGM and we are pleased to report that the association can continue to grow with new young gunners.

The ANZAC day lunch continues to grow with a record attendance this year. I would encourage all members to put this in their diaries for 2014 and catch up with old comrades in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

Let me also encourage all members of the association to join us for the ANZAC day march next year. We made a good presence at the 2013 march and our turn out was a reflection of our pride as gunners, Australian soldiers and members of 7 Field. Those who are unable to march are always welcome to the post march reunion held at the Rugby Club for lunch and a beer or two.

The 2012 Annual reunion, held at Chatswood RSL, was also a great success with our guest speaker, BDR Shane Fender, giving a very informative presentation on his time serving as a gunner on operations in the Solomon Islands. The 2013 reunion is shaping up to be just as interesting and the committee are arranging for information on the new 81mm mortar equipment to be available. Book now...

Ten members were able to attend the Annual Gunner Dinner at Parramatta RSL in August. The current Commanding Officer of 2/17 Battalion who, now he commands gunners, showed his support by attending also. The dinner was cut short by a medical emergency but was enjoyed by all nonetheless.

To round off - I would like to thank all the members of the committee for once again spending their time in the service of the members of the association and in preserving the legacy of our Regiment. I look forward to seeing you all at the 2013 reunion.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Secretary, WO1 John Balfour retired from the Army in December 2012 after 48 years service. He was presented with the 2nd Federation Star (45 years) by the Chief of Army in 2011.

On Australia Day 2013, John was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to Defence Force Veterans, in particular as a member of the RSL NSW ANZAC Day Executive Committee & as Secretary of the 7th Field Regiment RAA Association.

Steve Flower



Gunner Dinner – Aug 2013



Members and guests at the 2013 Anzac Luncheon.

LIGHT ARTILLERY – THE TRANSITION

**Article by WO1 Shaun Graham
Master Gunner, Joint Fires Cell
HQ 2nd Division**

2012 saw the Reserve RAA undergoing a Unit Establishment Review that would result in the disestablishment of the remaining three RAA Reserve Regiments and the amalgamation of several Btys in order to accommodate new equipment and integrate into Infantry Battalions under “Plan Beersheba”.

The endstate of the changes resulted in six Lt Btys embedded into six Infantry Battalions evenly distributed among the six Reserve Brigades. Although the Btys are embedded into an Infantry Battalion they maintain RAA naming conventions in line with the former Reserve Regiments and they will maintain Bty status against that of a Coy.

The Lt Btys are organised as follows:

2/10 Lt Bty - 5/6 Royal Victoria Regiment – 4 Bde
- from 2/10 Fd Regt

3 Lt Bty – 11/28 Royal Western Australia Regiment
– 13 Bde – from 7 Fd Bty

5/11 Lt Bty – 25/49 Royal Queensland Regiment
– 11 Bde – from 13 & 41 Fd Btys

6/13 Lt Bty – 10/27 Royal South Australia Regiment
– 9 Bde – from 16 & 48 Fd Btys

7 Lt Bty – 2/17 Royal New South Wales Regiment
– 8 Bde – from 7 Fd Regt

23 Lt Bty – 4/3 Royal New South Wales Regiment
– 5 Bde – from 23 Fd Regt

The final manning for the Btys is undergoing analysis and should be confirmed within the next 18 months. The proposed manning sees the Mortar Line commanded by a Mortar Line Officer and Mortar Line Sergeant, ably assisted by a BDR and GNR Signaller. The Line is equipped with six 81mm Mortars divided into three two tube sections. Each section has a three man command post and two mortar detachments each of three soldiers and is commanded by a BDR.

The “sharp end” of the Lt Btys will vary according to location. The proposed organisation will be two or three Joint Fires Teams (JFTs) and a Joint Fires and Effects Coordination Centre (JFECC). These organisations equate to the old FO Party and BCs Party respectively. This is the component of the Lt Bty that is subject to Army’s review to ensure the capability provided is relevant and capable.

The final piece in the new manning puzzle is the establishment of a Bty Standards Cell which will be responsible for the conduct of courses within the unit and to assist the ARA Staff with field training.

In addition HQ 2 Division raised a Joint Fires Cell to assist the Lt Btys with training and provide technical oversight for the Lt Btys. The Cell is commanded by LTCOL Warwick Young, former CO of 23 Fd Regt and is ably assisted by MAJ Stuart Seabrook and his small ARA Team.

7 Light Battery Key Postings 2013

CO 2/17 RNSWR	LTCOL Steve Brumby
BC	CAPT Steve Flower
IG	CAPT Brett Sprague *
BK	CAPT Marcus Jones
BSM	WO2 Andrew Cartwright
SMIG	WO2 Nigel Murphy *
25 Tp Comd	CAPT Il-Kwon Jeong
28 Tp Comd	Lt Dustin Gold
113 Tp Comd	BDR Kurt Greenwood
Tech Standards SGT	SGT Justin Atchison

* ARA

PLAN BEERSHEBA

Plan BEERSHEBA is Army's plan for the current phase of the Adaptive Army Campaign.

Under Plan BEERSHEBA, the Army Reserve will consist of six brigade-sized formations within the 2nd Division with units, sub-units, teams & individuals integrated within Army's Combat Support and Combat Service Support Brigades. The 2nd Division formations will be paired, with each pair aligned to, and on the same Force Generation Cycle as its partnered full-time Multi-Role Combat Brigade.

Each Multi-role Combat Brigade will be supported by two Reserve Brigades from 2nd Division. This will see the Reserves assume an even greater focus on stability operations.

In each "Ready" year, the paired Army Reserve formation will be required to produce a battalion-sized group which may be used in its entirety or as a "capability brick" by the 'Ready' Multi-role Combat Brigade commander for operational deployments or in a major exercise.

In order to fulfil the enduring annual Army reserve capability requirements, the generic structure of the 2nd Division formations developed for Plan BEERSHEBA include a Royal Australian Artillery mortar capability under command of an Infantry Battalion, the re-rolling of all Army Reserve Royal Australian Armoured Corps units to the production of Bushmaster crews, and the embedding of the Brigade Operational Supply Company within each Combat Services Support Battalion (CSSB).

Source: 2 Div website

PROJECT LAND 121: NEW MEDIUM AND HEAVY TRUCKS

Army has announced a new contract with Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia to replace the extant fleet of Unimogs, Macks, Fleetliners & S-Liners with new state-of-the-art medium & heavy trucks.

The new trucks will have 8x8 and 4x4 configurations and will have common layouts for ease of driver training. All vehicles will be diesel powered & air-conditioned with automatic transmissions and all-wheel drive. Many of the trucks will have integrated

armour offering occupant protection against small arms fire & mine blasts. All trucks will have mounts for weapon systems.

Cargo carrying variants will have self-loading systems and electronic indicators of load weight and distribution. More than 3000 variant modules have been ordered for bulk fuel, water storage, Q Store vehicles & workshops. Other modules will include combat engineer stores such as bridging equipment.

The spacious cabs will accommodate the Land 200 digital communications suite and personal weapons storage. All heavy vehicles will be fitted with CB UHF radios as well.

The new trucks will be manufactured in Austria and fitted out in Brisbane. The roll-out to 1st Division Units will start in 2017 and extend through to 2019. 2nd Division Units will start receiving the trucks from 2020.

A complementary contract has also been awarded to Haulmark Australia for the supply of about 1700 medium & heavy trailers which will increase the current trailer-to-vehicle ratio from 20% to 70%.

Source: Army News August 2013

Reserve Forces Day



Reserve Forces Day Parade, 2013

New Members

The Association welcomes the following new members;

(LTCOL) Stephen BRUMBY

(GNR) Callum LAWSON

(SGT) Anthony DICK

(CPL) Susan WORSLEY

We hope to see you all at the Annual Reunion in November.

Items for Sale from the Association

Association Badge \$10

Association Tie \$25 + \$5 postage

Order now – send payment to
PO Box 206 FRENCHS FOREST 2086

These will also be available to purchase at the reunion.

Internet Banking



Payments for the **Reunion and Membership fees** can be made to:

**BSB No 062 – 272
Account No 1001 3543**

Don't forget to include your name

Association Website Update

Don't forget to periodically look at our website at:

<http://www.7fd-regt-raa-association.com/>

Please also see this new Website:

<http://australianartilleryassociation.com>

Annual Reunion 2013

The Annual Reunion is to be held at Chatswood RSL on **Friday, 15th November**. Cost for dinner, wines & port is only \$50

Our guest speaker will be MAJ Stuart Seabrook
SO2 Joint Fires Cell, HQ 2nd Division

26th Anniversary Reunion 16 Nov 2012

For your information, the following attended the Annual Reunion in November 2012 at Chatswood RSL:

Bill AMOR, John BALFOUR, David BLOW, Chris BOWEN, Charles BREWER, Alex BRINCAT, Paul BROAD, Michael CARODUS, Kathy COCHRAN, John FAIRLESS, Kevin FLANAGAN, Steve FLOWER, Sharon FULCHER, Jack GWILYM, Neil HAWKINS, Rod HEYS, Ian JAMES, Bruce JOHNSTON, John KEEFE, David LEEK, Andrew McCALLUM, Don McVAY, David MOYSEY, James NASH, Peter PEDERSEN, Bob RICHARDSON, Pat SENGOS, Max SHADAY, John STANFORD, Kevin SULLIVAN, Laurie TAYLOR, Danny TOPLIS, Peter TREBILCO, Trevor WILLIAMS.

LTCOL Grant PALMER, WO1 Paddy McGARRY, BDR Shane FENDER, GNR Tristram JOHNSON.



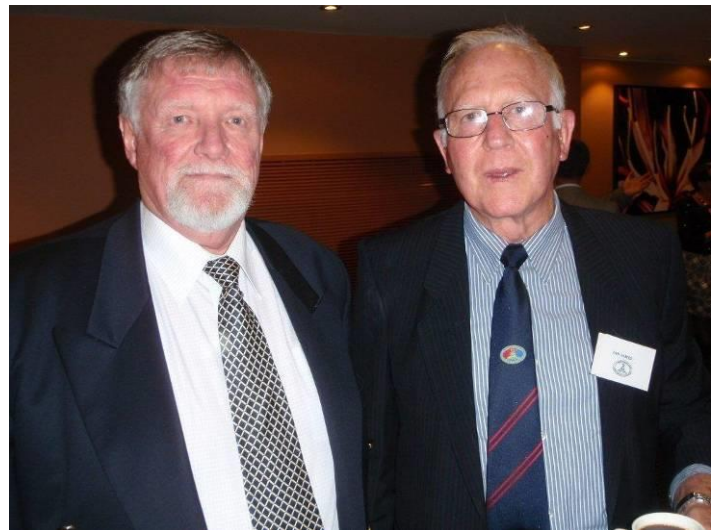
Bruce Johnston and John Keefe



David Blow, Trevor Williams, David Leek,
Kevin Sullivan and Peter Pederson



Charles Brewer with Lt Col Grant Palmer



Rod Heys and Ian James



Alex Brincat and John Fairless



Sharon Fulcher and Kathy Cochran

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Soldier's Award 2012



Patron Kevin Flanagan presenting Gnr Tristram Johnson (113 Fd Bty) the 2012 Soldier's Award with Capt Steve Flower looking on

ANZAC DAY 2013



Last Post



Dennis K SMITH – 2 September 2013 - Aged 66

Dennis was the younger of 2 brothers who joined 7 Field Regiment RAA.

Dennis enlisted twice in the Regiment. On 11 May 1965 he enlisted into Q Battery at Marrickville (later renamed 27 Field Battery). He discharged on 27 June 1973.

Dennis again enlisted on 17 April 1974 into 28 Field Battery at Willoughby. He discharged on 16 March 1977 from the 113 Field Battery Detachment at Willoughby as a Lance Bombardier.

HUMOUR

- *Why is there a light in the fridge but not in the freezer ?*
- *If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests ?*
- *If electricity comes from electrons, what morality comes from morons ?*
- *Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets ?*

The Irish have solved their fuel problem – they imported 50 million tonnes of sand from the Arabs & now they going to drill for their own oil !!

LAWS OF NATURE

Law of Gravity: Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Variation Law: If you change lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are now in.

The Coffee Law: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance: If the clothes fit, they are ugly.

HUMOUR

I got invited to a party & was told to dress to kill. Apparently a turban, beard & backpack wasn't what they had in mind !!

Since the snow started, all my wife has done is look through the window. If it gets any worse I will have to let her in.

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive to WD40

SENIORS' TEXTING CODES

<i>ATD</i>	<i>At the Doctor's</i>
<i>BFF</i>	<i>Best Friend's Funeral</i>
<i>FWIW</i>	<i>Forgot where I was</i>
<i>TOT</i>	<i>Texting on toilet</i>
<i>WAITT</i>	<i>Who am I talking to</i>

Members List OCT 2013

AISTON	Karen	📞
AMOR	William	📞
ARMSTRONG	Brett	📞
ATTARD	Andrew	📞
BAGSTER	Mark	
BALDWIN	Murray	📞
BALFOUR	Steven	📞
BARNETT	Michael	📞
BARROW	Gilbert	
BASTOCK	Fred	
BATEMAN	Ray	📞
BAYNIE	John	📞
BEETON	John	📞
BIBBY	Vic	
BIGNOLD	Peter	📞
BLINKHORNE	Gordon	📞
BLOW	David	📞
BORROWMAN	Gregory	📞
BOWEN	Chris	
BRENNAN	Brian	📞

BRENNAN	Raymond	📞
BREWER	Charles	📞
BRINCAT	Alex	
BROAD	Paul	📞
BROADHEAD	Ken	📞
BROWN	Jeffrey	📞
BRUMBY	Stephen	📞
BURKE	Leo	
BUZACOTT	David	
CARLSSON	Jim	
CARRODUS	Michael	📞
CARSTENS	John	
CASHMORE	John	📞
CHAD	Allan	
CHANDLER	Stewart	📞
CHASEBERRY	Joseph	📞
CHETWYND	Rodney	📞
CHRISTIE	Carl	
CLARK	David	📞
CLARK	Neville	
CLIFF	Kevin	📞
CLIFTON	Alfred	📞
COCHRAN	Kathryn	📞
COCHRANE	John	
COLE	Mick	
COLLINS	Don	
COLLINS	Peter	📞
CONDON	Schon	📞
COPPARD	Doug	
CREEK	Jenny	📞
CROWE	Michael	📞
CROZIER	Kel	📞
CUNNEEN	Stephen	📞
DICK	Anthony	📞
DONNELLY	Suzanne	📞
DONOHUE	Tom	📞
DOWN	Patrick	📞
DROVER	Angus	📞
DWYER	Peter	📞
EAGLETON	Harold	📞
EDWARDS	Hugh	
EHRLER	Louis	📞
ELDERTON	Frederick	
FAIRFIELD	Peter	📞
FAIRLESS	John	📞
FELSTEAD	Edward	
FENDER	Shane	📞
FENTON	Stuart	
FINCH	Lachlan	📞
FITZPATRICK	Roy	

FLIPPENCE	Addie	🔴
FLOWER	Stephen	🔴
FOX	Harry	
FRANCIS	Clayton	🔴
FRAZER	Ian	🔴
FRIDOLFSSON	Peter	🔴
FRY	Gary	🔴
FULCHER	Sharon	🔴
GATES	Graham	
GILKINSON	Lance	
GILLESPIE	Rod	🔴
GLADEN	Noel	
GRESLEY	Wal	🔴
GROUSE	Richard	🔴
GWILYM	Jack	🔴
HAMER	Colin	
HANSFORD	Jes	🔴
HARGREAVES	Thomas	
HARROWER	David	
HARRISON	Allan	🔴
HAVARD	Richard	
HAWKINS	Neil	🔴
HAWKE	Phillip	
HAWLEY	Ted	
HAWTHORNE	Laurie	🔴
HAYLEN	Ian	
HEMSLEY	Mark	
HEYS	Rodney	
HOBSON	Stuart	
HOEY	Ian	🔴
HOGAN	Chris	🔴
HORSELL	Drew	🔴
HUNGERFORD	Bruce	
IRELAND	John	
IZARD	Michael	
JACKSON	Neville	🔴
JAMES	Ian	🔴
JARMAN	David	🔴
JEFFRESON	Edward	
JOHNSON	Bruce	
JOHNSTON	Warwick	🔴
JONES	Marcus	🔴
JONES	Michael	🔴
JONES	Ronald	
KARIKS	Andi	🔴
KEEFE	John	🔴
KEEN	Ken	
KELLY	Walter	🔴
KIMBERLEY	David	🔴
KIRKWOOD	John	🔴

KNIGHT	Stanley	🔴
KNIGHT	William	
KNOWLES	Howard	
KOHLHAGEN	Ross	🔴
KOHLHAGEN	Paul	🔴
KOINA	Jeffrey	🔴
LANGFORD-BROWN	Ian	
LAURENCE	Michael	🔴
LAWSON	Callum	🔴
LEEK	David	🔴
LEWIS	Brian	
LINCOLN	David	
LOCKMAN	Gary	🔴
LONGFELLOW	Virginia	🔴
LOWE	Margo	🔴
MAGYAR	Mick	🔴
MAIN	Rick	🔴
MARTIN	Graham	🔴
MASON-JONES	Nicoll	
McCALLUM	Andrew	🔴
McCARTHY	Noel	
McCLELLAND	David	🔴
McDONOUGH	Paul	🔴
McFAYDEN	Barry	🔴
McGARRY	David	🔴
McGLINN	Les	🔴
McGRATH	Peter	🔴
McKECHNIE	David	🔴
McLEAN	Russ	🔴
McMAHON	Peter	
McVAY	Donald	🔴
MEDWAY	Harold	
MEGGATT	Thomas	
MENDL	Peter	🔴
MILIC	Karl	
MILLAR	Anthony	🔴
MOORE	Jon	🔴
MOORE	Dennis	
MORIXBAUER	Karl	🔴
MORGAN	Robert	
MORRIS	Douglas	🔴
MOUNTJOY	Gregory	
MOYSEY	David	🔴
MOYSEY	Robert	
MUIR	Gayle	🔴
MUIR	Peter	🔴
MUIR	Lawrence	
NEWBERRY	Malcolm	🔴
NEWTON	Neville	🔴
NICHOLS	Grant	🔴

NOAKES	Steven	✉
OFFICER	David	
O'NEILL	Mark	✉
ORGOVANYI	Cornelius	✉
OWENS	Robert	✉
PALMER	Grant	✉
PEDERSEN	Peter	✉
PINNINGTON	Laidley	
POSENER	John	✉
POWER	Brian	
POWER	Phil	✉
PRIMROSE	Brian	
QUINTON	Graham	✉
RICHARDSON	Robert	✉
ROBERTS	Paul	
ROBINSON	Richard	✉
ROGAN	Robert	
ROHU	Sylvester	
ROWE	Warren	✉
ROWORTH	Douglas	✉
RULE	Donald	✉
RUSSELL	Rusty	
RUSSELL	Robert	✉
RYAN	Noel	✉
SAINSBURY	Maurie	✉
SCOTT	Ian	✉
SCHWEBEL	David	✉
SENGOS	Patrick	✉
SHADAY	Max	✉
SHANNON	John	✉
SHUNWAH	Richard	✉
SLATER	Peter	✉
SMITH	Colin	
SMITH	Grahame	✉
SMITH	Peter	✉
SMITH	Roger	
SOTTER	Vernon	✉
STANFORD	John	✉
STARKE	Bill	✉
STEDMAN	James	✉
STONE	Peter	✉
STRICKLAND	Kent	✉
SULLIVAN	Kevin	✉
SUNDERLAND	Ray	✉
TAYLOR	Harry	
TAYLOR	Lawrence	
THORNTON	Stephen	✉
TREBILCO	Peter	
WAGLAND	Ross	✉
WALLER	Robert	✉

WATSON	Alex	
WEBB	Ken	✉
WHEATLEY	Murelia	✉
WHITFIELD	Timothy	
WILLIAMS	Darcy	
WILLIAMS	Trevor	✉
WILLIS	Kenneth	
WILSON	John	✉
WORBOYS	Simon	✉
WORSLEY	Susan	✉
WRIGHT	Colin	✉
YEATES	Chris	
YOUNG	Warwick	✉

Honorary Life Members

BALFOUR	John	✉
CORBETT	Robert	✉
CROWE	John	Deceased
FALCONER	Max	✉
FLANAGAN	Kevin	✉
HECKENBERG	Brian	Deceased
HINDMARSH	Laurie	
LEWIS-HUGHES	KEN	Deceased
NASH	James	✉
NEILL	William	
TOPLIS	Danny	



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