



# 7<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RAA Restructure Newsletter No 1



For the 7 Fd Regt Association

16 Nov 12

You will all be aware that the Regiment is now well under way into its restructure and will come under command of 2<sup>nd</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> Bn RNSWR on 1 Jan 13.

7 Fd Regt will be disestablished from the Army's ORBAT on 1 Jan 13 and will be reduced in size to a Light Battery (Lt Bty) equipped with the 81 mm Mortar. Together with the Mortars our Joint Fire Teams (FOs) and Joint Fires Effects Coordination Centre (FSCC or BC's party) will produce the Joint Fires Effect for the 8 BDE Battle Group.

The Lt Bty will retain the 7<sup>th</sup>, and will be called 7<sup>th</sup> Light Battery RAA, 2<sup>nd</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Bn RNSWR. It will have three troops and a BHQ. The Troops will be 113 Lt Tp based in Adamstown, 25 Lt Tp base with BHQ in Erina, and 28 Lt Tp based in Dee Why.

## The new Bty ORBAT

Each troop consists of a Mortar Section, a Joint Fire Team and an element of the BHQ.

The new Command appointments are:

- BC – CAPT S Flower
- BK- CAPT I Armstrong
- BSM – WO2 A Cartwright
- JFT COMD – CAPT I Jeong
- JFT COMD – CAPT L Burman
- JFT COMD – LT T Egan
- MLO/TRG OFFR – LT S Gallagher
- MLO/TRG OFFR – LT T Mitchell
- MLO/TRG OFFR – LT D Gold



## The Last Firing of the Guns

We fired our last Artillery rounds during EX BROODSEINDE on 17 Jun 12 and most of the Regiment have completed their Mortar courses and are ready to embrace a new challenge under the Plan BEERSHEBA.

Our restructure is part of Plan BEERSHEBA which aims to bring the ARes BDEs in line with the ARA BDEs. It will also place a greater operational emphasis on the ARes which must be good for us.



## Firing the Salute from North Head

The Battery will still be required to fire the traditional salutes and will use the HAMEL Gun until the end of 2013 for this task.



## First Bty Mortar Firing

We will continue to wear our white lanyards and the Gunners Badge with pride and will preserve our lineage, heritage, customs and traditions into the future.

This is not the end but a new beginning

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