



# "Sitrep, Over!"



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## UPCOMING DATES

### RSARA Luncheon

28th October

Royal Hotel, Kent Town  
**Special Guest Speaker**  
Brigadier Tim Hanna AM

### Christmas BBQ

15th December

Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge  
**Free bus provided from**  
Keswick Barracks

The final part of Darryl Kellys story of **Gunner Robert Buie** will be told in the November edition of "Sitrep, Over!"

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## UNITS OF THE ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT

Part 3

*Compiled by Alan Hook*

### 27<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment - continued

The Queen's and Regimental Colours were presented to the Battalion by His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Cedric Bastyan KCMG, KCVO, DBE, CB, Governor of South Australia at the Adelaide Oval on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1968 in a very impressive ceremony. Much of the credit for the success of the parade must be given to the Adjutant, Captain H. E. N. Martens.

In 1968, the Battalion was organized as follows:

Bn HQ – Hampstead Barracks

CO. LTCOL I. D. Kennedy ED. 2IC. Major C. W. Brown.

Adjutant Captain H. E. N. Martens. RSM. WO1 I. R. Chalson

Admin Company – Hampstead Barracks.

OC. Major D. O. Ellis ED.

Support Company – Hampstead Barracks

OC. Major J. L. Kerr ED.

A Company – Alberton Depot

OC. Major D. K. Field ED.

B Company - Hampstead Barracks.

OC. Captain G. Paltridge ED.

C Company – Port Pirie Depot, Whyalla Depot, Pt Augusta Depot.

OC. Captain J. R. Trennery

D Company – Clare Depot, Kadina Depot.

OC. Major D. T. Tilbrook ED.

The planning of the Colours parade provided an opportunity for the ex-service associations and the unit to work together, and close relationships were established.

In July 1969 Battalion HQ, Support Coy, Administration Coy and B Coy were transferred to the new 27 RSAR Training Depot at Smithfield, which was formally opened on the 21 September 1969 by BRIG O. D. Jackson DSO, OBE, the Commander Central Command.

On 1 July 1970 LTCOL E. H. Barnard-Brown ED, assumed command of the Battalion, commanding it for the next three years. During this time the unit flew to the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra, Queensland for one of its annual training camps and adopted the Battalion Group concept for its training.

LTCOL D. Creten ED, followed as the next Commanding Officer on 1 July 1973, commanding the Battalion until June 1975.

In June 1975, as a result of an Army re-organization, 27 RSAR was amalgamated with 10 RSAR, and metropolitan officers and men moved from the Smithfield Depot to Torrens Training Depot.

Concludes next month



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## Meet Mark Donaldson VC

The City of Marion Library Service has an upcoming Meet the Author event which may be of interest to members of the RSARA Association Inc - **Mark Donaldson, VC**, *The Crossroad*.

**Meet the Author - Mark Donaldson, VC**



*When Mark Donaldson was awarded the Victoria Cross in 2009, he was the first Australian to receive our highest award for bravery since Keith Payne's medal in 1969. Mark showed extraordinary courage when he rescued an Afghani interpreter under heavy fire during an ambush in Afghanistan. Something about Mark's modesty and quiet determination struck a chord with the Australian public, because in 2010 he was voted Young Australian of the Year.*

*Mark's journey to that crucial decision in Afghanistan, where he chose to risk his own life to save another's, is almost as extraordinary as the act itself. He was a rebellious child and teenager, even before the death of his father - a Vietnam veteran - when Mark was in his mid-teens. A few years later, Mark's mother was murdered, although her body has never been found. From teenage rebellion to the stark realities of combat in the mountains and valleys of Afghanistan, Mark's book, *The Crossroad*, is the frank and compelling story of a man turning his destiny around by sheer determination and strength of mind.*

**When:** Wednesday 13th November, 7.30pm - 8.30pm (followed by book signing)

**Where:** Marion Cultural Centre - Domain Theatre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park

**Cost:** FREE

**Bookings essential** - please phone **8375 6785** or email [libraryevents@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:libraryevents@marion.sa.gov.au)

## Special Guest Speaker for RSARA October Lunch

Special Guest Speaker at the October 25th RSARA Lunch will be Brigadier Tim Hanna AM, State President of Returned & Services League (SA).

Tim entered the Royal Military College in 1977 graduating in 1980 into the Royal Australian Corps of Transport. And served in a range of regimental and instructional appointments in Puckapunyal, Melbourne and Townsville before deploying to the Middle East as a military observer with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. During this posting, Tim was appointed as the Senior Liaison Officer on the Golan Heights throughout the first Gulf War.



Brigadier Tim Hanna AM  
President of RSL (SA)

On his return to Australia, Tim was posted to Sydney where he completed a number of staff appointments with the Army and Navy as well as attending the Royal Australian Navy Staff College.

Tim left the Regular Army in 1999 and settled in Adelaide. After a short break from military service Tim resumed in the Army Reserve in January 2001. In December 2010 Tim transferred to the Standby Reserve and became RSL State President on 7 July 2012.

Brigadier Hanna will talk about his military career, his role as President of the RSL (SA) and his plans for the future of that organisation.

Members (and Non Members) wishing to attend this lunch at the Royal Hotel, North Tce Kent Town at midday, are urged to contact Norm Rathmann on 0448 460 884 not later than Friday 11th October to reserve their seat. **NOTE:- The luncheon will be held upstairs in the**

**Functions Room and a full Bar Service will be provided in that location.**



## **"In The Steps Of Heroes" ANZAC Centenary Tour Phil Brookes**

Hi David

I mentioned in a previous email that I was organising a tour to France to coincide with the Centenary of ANZAC in 2015. There has been strong interest in this tour and, given that interest, the tour will go ahead if there is a minimum of 16 participants. I've attached the tour flyer for your information, which your members might be interested in. *France at Leisure* - [www.franceatleisure.com](http://www.franceatleisure.com) - the leading Australian tour operator for French travel, is my agent. The company is located in Brisbane and owned by Christian Blondeau, a charming Frenchman of course. (See Page 10)

I experienced the ANZAC Day ceremony at Villers-Bretonneux in 2011. For all of us it was an experience never to be forgotten, the ceremony, together with hospitality of the locals, was exceptional. Importantly, there is the personal connection, as we had relatives who had fought and died in this *war to end all wars* and I'm sure many of you would also have WW1 links to France and Belgium. Wandering through the rows of headstones focuses the mind on the terrible price paid, particularly by the Australians, to secure freedom. This price is not forgotten by the locals. If any Association members plan to join the tour, I will ensure that we visit locations that reflect the sacrifice by South Australian units, Celtic Wood will be a must. In fact, I would like the tour to focus on the South Australian sacrifice.



Cross originally in France, now in the Adelaide War Memorial, to honour 50th Bn Australian soldiers who died in Villers-Bretonneux

The cost of the tour includes our personal battlefield guide, Kieran McCarthy. Kieran has a legal practice in Brisbane, however, his love is military history and his encyclopaedic knowledge of the Australian contribution in WW1 will enthral you and bring to life those exceptional Australians and their battles. I met Kieran during our 2011 tour to France and was impressed.

Accommodation over the ANZAC period is at a premium and, from past experience, needs to be booked at least 12 months in advance. For the ANZAC Centenary this has been pushed out to nearly two years. Christian has managed to secure accommodation in Peronne – another town with a strong Australian connection - 40 km from Villers-Bretonneux. Our tour will also include the moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres. This town was flattened during WW1 and completely rebuilt. It's a beautiful spot, particularly the town square, where you can relax and watch the passing parade while imbibing some exquisite Belgium beer. Paris of course is a given; both Kieran and I know the *City of Light* well, so can guide our group in the right direction. Kieran has chosen a couple of cosy restaurants for our welcome and farewell dinners. We also travel to Normandy, one of the most beautiful areas of France. Many of us would feel at home in Honfleur; wine and food *magnifique*. Of course we

visit the D Day beaches and the Normandy US cemetery, a magnificent and moving memorial. Before returning to Paris we visit Mont Saint-Michel and the spectacular Gothic abbey completed in 1523.

Our accommodation for the tour is:

- Paris Duquesne Hotel [www.hotel-dequesne-eiffel.paris.com](http://www.hotel-dequesne-eiffel.paris.com) For those who know Paris, this hotel is perfectly located and only a short walk from *Invalides*, the Eiffel Tower and the Champs Elysees.
- Peronne Ibis Hotel
- Ypres Novotel
- Honfleur Novotel
- Bayeux Novotel
- Dinard Novotel

*Regards to all RSARA members*

*Phil Brookes*

For further details of this exciting tour, contact Phil Brookes on [brookes1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brookes1@bigpond.net.au) or 0418 719 166





## The ANZAC On The Wall

## Final Chapter

And he would go and find her when she wandered old and weak  
And always softly say "yes dear - John will be home next week."  
Then when she died Bluey moved on, to Queensland some did say  
I tried to find out where he went, but don't know to this day



And Kathy never wed - a lonely spinster some found odd  
She wouldn't set foot in a church - she'd turned her back on God  
John's mother left no will I learned on my detective trail  
This explains my photo's journey, that clearance sale

So I continued digging cause I wanted to know more  
I found John's name with thousands in the records of the war  
His last ride proved his courage - a ride you will acclaim  
The Light Horse Charge at Beersheba of everlasting fame

That last day in October back in 1917  
At 4pm our brave boys fell - that sad fact I did glean  
That's when John's life was sacrificed, the record's crystal clear  
But 4pm in Beersheba is midnight over here.....

So as John's gallant spirit rose to cross the great divide,  
were lightning bolts back home a signal from the other side?  
Is that why Billy bolted and went racing as in pain?  
Because he'd never feel his master on his back again?  
Was it coincidental? same time - same day - same date?  
Some proof of numerology, or just a quirk of fate?  
I think it's more than that, you know, as I've heard wiser men,  
Acknowledge there are many things that go beyond our ken

Where craggy peaks guard secrets neath dark skies torn asunder  
Where hoof beats are companions to the rolling waves of thunder  
Where lightning cracks like 303's and ricochets again  
Where howling moaning gusts of wind sound just like dying men  
Some Mountain cattlemen have sworn on lonely alpine track  
They've glimpsed a huge black stallion - Light Horseman on his back.

Yes Sceptics say, it's swirling clouds just forming apparitions  
Oh no, my friend you cant dismiss all this as superstition  
The desert of Beersheba - or windswept Aussie range  
John Stuart rides forever there - Now I don't find that strange.

Now some gaze at this photo, and they often question me  
And I tell them a small white lie, and say he's family.  
"You must be proud of him." they say - I tell them, one and all,  
That's why he takes the pride of place - my ANZAC on the Wall.



**Editors Note:-** In 2004 my wife and I were visiting friends in a small village called Hebden Bridge in northern England. Looking around inside a small antique shop, in a dark, dusty corner I spied a lone Rising Sun badge amongst some military buttons. It was of WW 1 vintage and made of brass with the original clips and staple on the back. It had a price of £10 on it, and when my wife asked if I was going to buy it, I said no! It was once issued to an Australian soldier, who would have worn it with pride on his uniform during his overseas service. How it came to be in this shop was unknown, and even the owner could shed no light on it's origins. I decided that if I bought the badge, the village would have no further connection with this piece of Australian heritage. I left the badge where I found it. It may still be there!

David Laing - Editor



## Help these people and become extremely rich.....blah blah blah blah

At least 3 times a week I receive emails from unknown people, (usually widows of multi millionaires living in Sierra Leone, Cote Di Ore or Nigeria) offering to share untold wealth with me. The emails always start the same, offering a prayer to myself and my family, and stating how they need to remove \$US250,000,000,000,000 from their country before it is misappropriated by their corrupt government. The senders go on to ask for my Full Name, Address, Email Address and other personal details known only to my wife, my priest and my proctologist! The latest request goes like this.....

**FROM MRS YEETY BAYARMAA**

*Greetings Dearest Beloved*

*I was married to late Dr Bayramaa Altangerel, gold & diamond exportation) in Burkina Faso, West Africa, where we live all our Lives for Thirty-two years before he died in the year 2004. But is quite unfortunately, He died after a Cardiac Arteries Operation that lasted only for four days. (That's one hell of a long operation)*



*Since his death I decided not to re-marry, (really? See photo!) I deposited all the sum of \$5.8million dollars with a Bank in Ouagadougou- Burkina Faso, (It's a real place. I looked it up!) where we spend our life together in Burkina Faso. (You said that before!)*

*Presently, this money is still in their custody, and the management just wrote me as the Legitimate beneficiary to come forward to receive the money after keeping it for so long or rather issue a letter of authorization to somebody to receive it on my behalf since I cannot come over as a result of my illness, or they get it confiscated.*

*Presently, I'm with my laptop in a hospital (of course you take your laptop everywhere! Who doesn't??) where I have been undergoing treatment. I have since lost my ability to do anything myself (except use your laptop, I see?) and my doctors have told me that I have only 3 month to live. ("Swi-i-i-ng low, sweet chari-i-ot!!")*

*Now that i am about to end the race like this, without any family members and no child. It is my last wish to see that this money is invested, but you will assure me that you will take 50% of the money and give 50% to the orphanages home in your country for my heart to rest. (Of course I will! I'm gonna build a pub, right next to an orphanage!)*

*I want your good humanitarian, to also use this money to fund churches, orphanages and widows around. I must let you know that this was a very hard decision, but I had to take a bold step towards this issue because I have no further option. I hope you will help see my last wishes come true. ("What's that sound I hear there Lord? Comin for to carry m-e-e-e home!" Swi-i-i-ng low, etc, etc!!)*

*As soon as I receive your reply I shall give you the contact of the Bank. I will also issue you a letter of authority which will prove that you are the new beneficiary of my funds, and the documents concerning the deposit. Please assure me that you will act accordingly as I stated herein. Hope to hear from you soonest. I am waiting your response.*

*Yours Sick Sister in Christ,*

*Mrs. Yety Bayarmaa.* (Spelt differently than at the start of the email! She must be suffering, poor dear!)

So there you have it folks! Mrs Bayarmaa is only one of about 10,000 extremely rich widows from "over there" who wish me to become extremely wealthy, even though they have never met, or heard of me before!!

Sometimes I reply, just for the heck of it, and tell them how nice it is that they wish to make me rich. Other times I tell them I'm from INTERPOL and I'm parked outside their hotel room in Africa, about to raid them. I wonder how many of them actually race to the window to check "me" out?

But most times the emails go straight to my Junk Mail Folder, where they sit until I need a laugh!

If you're reading this newsletter via the internet, then you will most likely have been targeted as well! If you haven't, let me know and I'll pass on the emails to you!

Unfortunately some gullible folk in our society are losing their life savings to these cockroaches, so I guess the "widows" eventually make a living out of it! We see it every month on "A Current Affair" and "Today Tonight," where someone, usually elderly has decided to help these rock spiders out, and it always ends in heartache and suffering, but not in Africa!

**YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

*David Laing* - Future Pub Owner.





## RSARA attends 10/27 Bn Range Practice



On Sunday 22nd September 15 RSAR Association (Metro) members participated in a 10/27 Battalion Range Practice at the Murray Bridge Training Area, at the invitation of 10/27 Bn CO LTCOL Graham Goodwin. The members were transported by Army bus from Keswick Barracks and were lucky enough to fire a few rounds with the F88 Steyr Assault Rifle. Members spoke with serving soldiers and compared the differences over the years of service. After at Keswick Barracks the Association supplied and prepared a BBQ lunch for the Battalion, freeing up the soldiers to clean and return their equipment.



RSARA members line up for the obligatory group photo prior to the practice.  
Picture taken by Associate Member Taryn Beames.



RSAR Regimental Colonel MAJGEN  
Neil Wilson and CO 10/27 RSAR  
LTCOL Graham Goodwin at MUTA

I wish this old fella  
would stop shaking!



LCPL George explains the characteristics and safety  
aspects of the F88 Steyr to RSARA members.



Geez I'm nervous! I  
wonder if this  
bloke notices?

Rod Beames and coach prepare to take on the hordes!



RSARA members and the soldiers of  
10/27 Battalion listen to a speech by the  
CO LTCOL Graham Goodwin at the  
Murray Bridge Army Range.  
LTCOL Goodwin and MAJGEN Wilson  
also presented some long service  
awards and promotions to various  
members of the Battalion.





## RSARA - 10/27 Bn Range Practice



Lyndon Gaborit and WO2 Thomson discuss the finer aspects of the F88 Steyr.  
"Like this, Do That!"



Capt James Hill, ADJT 10/27 Bn, explains to RSARA members the inner workings of the Range Control Centre, where all firing sequences and scores are collated using computer technology. A far cry from days spent working behind the Butts!"



**PRO  
PATRIA  
AUSTRALIA**



New Associate Member Taryn Beames receiving the Safety Brief from her coach prior to firing the F88 Steyr



Member Ray Burton admires some of the Heavy Duty 7.62 mm Hardware in use by the Infantry of today.



From time to time it is said the task of President is too much for one man, as the continuous functions, briefings, committee meetings and public hearings is endless. The recent Range Practice at MUTA has shown, for the first time, how Rod Beames gets away with all the above.

Presenting, on the Left Rear Rank - Rodney Beames, and on the Right Rear Rank.....Rodney Beames!

**SPRUNG!!!**



## 10/27 BAND CONCERT

Help needed

The RSAR Association (Metro) and 10/27 RSAR Band will combine to host a cabaret-style concert at Building 34A at Keswick Barracks on Saturday 2nd November from 1900 hrs to 2300 hrs.



The Defence Force pays for training and equipment for the soldiers of the Regular Army and Army Reserve, but other items, like musical instruments are not covered by these budgets. It is therefore the responsibility of Band members to provide and maintain their own instruments and equipment to a greater extent than ever

before, and this is proving to be a great financial cost to the members. All proceeds of the cabaret will go to purchasing instruments and equipment for the Band, not provided by the Army.

As usual, we are asking for a small group of volunteers to assist with setting up of the venue on the Saturday, and to help with the cleaning and restoration of the venue on Sunday 10th November. (No heavy lifting required)

It is anticipated helpers will only be needed for 2 - 3 hours on Saturday 2nd from noon to about 2 p.m., and again for 2 - 3 hours on the Sunday from noon to around 2 p.m.

**Tickets available SOON!**

If you can help in this very worthy cause, you are asked to register your interest with the Secretary David Laing on 0407 791 822 or [davidlaing49@bigpond.com](mailto:davidlaing49@bigpond.com) before Friday 1st November.

## Better than a Flu Shot!

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all.

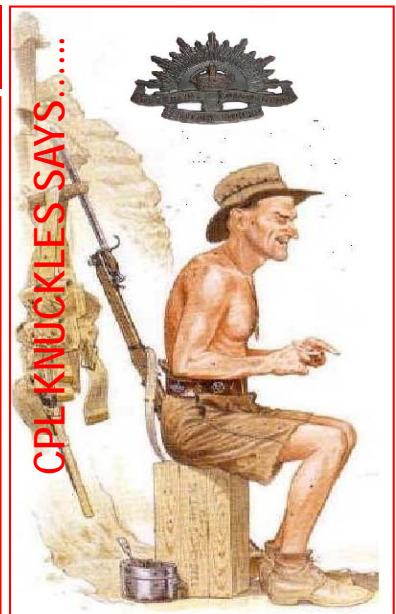
One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room.

She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea... as he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this? Pointing to the bowl. 'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said **"to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease."**

"And do you know, I haven't had the flu all winter!"



*To me Missus.....*

Of course I love ya darling  
You're a bloody top-notch bird  
And when I say you're gorgeous  
I mean every single word

So ya bum is on the big side  
I don't mind a bit of flab  
It means that when I'm ready  
There's somethin' there to grab

So your belly isn't flat no more  
I tell ya, I don't care  
So long as when I cuddle ya  
I can get my arms round there

No bird who is your age  
Has nice round perky breasts  
They just gave in to gravity  
But I know ya did ya best

I'm tellin' ya the truth now  
I never tell ya lies  
I think it's very sexy  
That you've got dimples on ya thighs

I swear on me nanna's grave now  
The moment that we met  
I thought you was as good as  
I was ever gonna get

No matter what u look like  
I'll always love ya dear  
Now shut up while the footies' on  
And fetch another beer!

*Brings a lump to ya throat don't it!!*





**METRO MEMBERS**

Abareh, Wadi	SM
Adams, Aaron	SM
Apostolides, Chris	
Attenborough, Geoff	
Ayles, Jeff	
Baldwin, Bob	
Bates, Allan	
Beames, Rod	CoM
Bennet, Graham	
Bilsborow, Jason	SM
Blake, Sam	SM
Blondell, Mark	SM
Bourne, Colin	SM
Boath, Ian	
Boothroyd, Lincoln	SM
Boscence, Bob	
Bras, Riley	SM
Broadbent, Robert	SM
Brookes, Phil	
Brown, Bruce	
Brown, Harry	
Burton, Ray	
Carnachan, Ian	
Chittleborough, Jeff	
Clyne, Lachlan	SM
Cooke, Nat	CoM
Contibas, Nikolaus	SM
Cotton, Bob	
Dart, John	
Davey, John	
Davey, Trevor	
Davey, Jack	
Del Vecchio, Victor	
Demasi, Nathan	SM
Demosani, Tony	
Dubsky, Eddie	
Dunn, Peter	
Dunn, Bob	
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Durrant, Chris	
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Elliss, Scott	SM
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Ewens, Mimi	SM
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Genovese, John	
Gibson, Lindsay	
Giles, John	
Gill, Alan	
Gilmore, Graham	CoM

Gordon, Frank	
Guerin, Rob	
Hardy, Robert	SM
Harrison, John	
Hawking, Don	
Hawkins, Des	
Hogan, Mark	LM
Hook, Alan	LM
Hope, David	
Hudson, Rick	
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Jolly, David	
Jones, Brett	
Keenan, Alan	
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Klopf, Paul	CoM
Laing, David	LM CoM
Loveder, Peter	
Lockett, John	
Lampard, Ross	
Lee, Bob	
Lee, Pat	
Longstaff, Paul	
Main, Brian	
Marcus, Ray	
Martin, Bob	
Matchett, Bill	
Mau, Mark	
McCulloch, Don	
McLachlan, Joshua	SM
McMahon, Tyler	SM
McMullin, Jim	
Meissner, Terry	SM
Milde, Peter	SM
Mitchell, Barry	
Mitchell, David	
Morony, Frank	CoM
Moore, Jeffrey	
Moore, Terry	LM
Moschis, James	SM
Munro, Ron	
Oliver, Peter	
Orrock, Alan	CoM
Ockenden, Marc	
Oswald, John	
Pach, Chol	SM
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Pollard, Barry	
Phillips, Don	
Phillips, Trevor	
Payne, Bob	
Parslow, Howard	
Preece, Brian	

Ranger, Denis	
Rathmann, John	
Rathmann, Norm	CoM
Ramm, Hank	
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Rorie, Graham	SM
Rossetti, Lee	
Sage, Andrew	
Salamon, Peter	
#Sanders, Ashley	SM
Sanderson, Max	
Sands, Mike	
Sexton, Mark	SM
Sprigg, Rob	
Staker, Cameron	SM
Standing, Michael	
Strain, Doug	
Steer, Phil	
Stewart, Rob	
Stuart, Matthew	SM
Tiller, Garth	
Thomson, Jim	
Tolotta, Tarrant	SM
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Ullrich, Andreas	SM
Vella, Joe	
Wake, Stephen	
Waters, Ian	
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Wheeler, Chris	
Williams, Darrian	SM
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Gill, Maureen
Gilmour, Helen
Hawking, Lorraine
Hook, Phillipa
Hudson, Margaret
Jolly, Sandra

Klopf, Josie
Laing, June
Lampard, Kay
Main, Raelene
Marcus, Yvonne
McCullagh, Anne
Mitchell, Roma
Phillips, Heather
Sanderson, Lorraine
Tregenza, Lyn

LM denotes **LIFE MEMBER**

SM denotes **SERVING ADF MEMBER**

# Denotes **NEW MEMBER**

**172 members as at 22/09/13**

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**VALE**



It is with sadness we advise of the death of Mollie Thomson, wife of Association Sergeant Major Jim Thomson on Thursday September 12th at the Modbury Hospital. Mollie passed away with Jim by her side after battling a long illness.

The funeral service was conducted at the Enfield Cemetery on Thursday 19th September and was attended by a large number of family, friends and RSAR Association members.

Our sincere condolences go to Jim and family in this trying time.

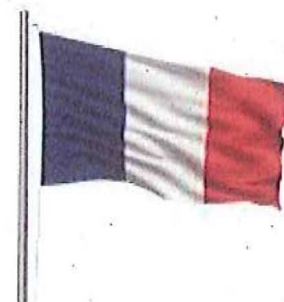
**RIP Mollie**





# In the steps of Heroes

Centenary of ANZAC  
Somme and Normandy Tour  
21 April–6 May 2015



*By Jove... Australians. There was no mistaking them. Their slouch hats told one at a glance but without them I should have known. They had a distinctive type of their own, which marked them out from all the different soldiers of ours along those roads of war... They had merry eyes (especially for the girls round the stalls)... Youth, keen as steel, with a flash in the eyes... with no respect for rank or caste unless it carried strength with it...*

War correspondent, Philip Gibbs description of the Australians in France.

It is the memory of these men that we will recognise *In the Steps of Heroes* tour to France and Belgium led by Philip Brookes and Kieran McCarthy. Kieran, an experienced battlefield guide, has an intimate knowledge of the Somme and has been leading tours to the battlefields of France, Belgium and Normandy for over five years. Phil, a Vietnam veteran has led many tours to Vietnam and China.

This 16 day tour retraces the steps of the Diggers who fought across the Somme and a later conflict in Normandy. Our aim is to provide you with the opportunity to seek out personal and family links of those men from an earlier generation or to simply embrace and reflect on the sacrifice of two World Wars, sacrifice that still resonates across Australia today.

Kieran will provide an expert and intimate commentary on the Somme and Normandy experience. The highlights of your tour will be the evocative, Centenary Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux.

We start our tour in Paris, which will tantalise your senses with the grandeur of its public buildings, cosy

cafes, chic shops and culinary delights, just as it did for the Diggers so many years ago.


From Paris we travel to our dugout in Peronne, 40km from Villers-Bretonneux. It is here we start retracing the steps of the 1st AIF in France and Belgium. Pozieres, Bullecourt, Mont St Quentin, Fromelles and Adelaide Cemetery, are just some of the places of interest we visit. Heading north to Ypres, we witness the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. From Ypres we travel to Normandy, the D Day beaches and beautiful cities of Honfleur, Bayeux and Avranches. We also explore the magnificent Benedictine abbey at Mont St Michel. We then return to Paris with a well-earned leave pass.

This fully escorted tour includes all breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners, international and internal travel and 4 star accommodation. The tour price, based on a minimum of 16 participants, is \$7,880.00 per person twin share. Single room supplement is \$1,300.00. The cost will reduce with a larger group to a maximum of 25 participants.

Tour price is inclusive of government taxes, airline fees and fuel surcharges valid as of 10 July 2013 and is subject to change or withdrawal without notice.

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Please contact Phil or Kieran as soon as possible if you are interested in joining this tour so that an *expression of interest* can be sent to you. Accommodation for the ANZAC Centenary in France is already heavily booked and will be impossible to obtain within the next few months.