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Re-Launch of Website

Thanks to BDR James Overell, our new Webmaster, and MAJ Carl Sarelius, our re-vamped and up-dated website was re-launched last October. It is still a "work-in-progress" so please be a little patient. It is being designed to provide easier contact and more regular up-dates.

9th Regiment Royal Australian Artillery

9 REGT RAA is now on establishment. It took some time for the powers that be to bring together the Reserve Sub-units – the Light Batteries – under Artillery control.

As previously mentioned, the REGT was formally raised on the 15th Jan 2018.

RHQ is at the Kogarah Multi-user Depot in Sydney.

The Commanding Officer is LTCOL Lachlan Searle.

The Regiment establishment is 2nd/10th, 3rd, 5th/11th, 6th/13th, 7th and 23rd Light Batteries.

2/10 LT BTY Australia Day Salute

The Salute was fired at The Shrine of Remembrance. The photograph below was submitted by CAPT Craig Batten.



RAA Luncheon 2018

When: 7 Mar 2018 **Time:** 1200 for 1230 hrs

Where: RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melb

Cost: \$70 **Dress:** Jacket and Tie

RSVP: 28 Feb to:

SSgt R W Morrell

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Flyer and Reply Form on the back page.

2017-2018 Committee

President/Membership: MAJ Neil Hamer RFD
Vice President: MAJ Mervyn Taggart RFD ED
Secretary: LT Sandra Hodgson
Assistant Secretary COL Jason Cooke
Treasurer/Webmaster: BDR James Overell
Assistant Treasurer/Memorabilia:
SSGT Reg Morrell

Honorary Member for Life

Congratulations to MAJ David Osborne.
David was awarded an Honorary Member for Life of the Royal Australian Artillery Association (Vic) for his role as a Member of the Committee and later Honorary Auditor.

Member in the Order of Australia (OAM)

Congratulations to MAJ Robert (Bob) Charles RFD (Retd).
Bob is not a member of RAA Assoc (Vic).
He was awarded for the many and various roles he served in the Geelong and surrounding districts.

Gunner Symposiums

It is intended that the Gunner Symposiums conducted at Sargood Barracks will continue this year.

The Symposiums are an event organised by the Association and 2/10 LT Bty.

The aims of the Symposiums are to inform both serving and retired members of the RAA about current and future developments.
(As a personal comment: Please explain the meaning of all abbreviations and acronyms used during the presentation. Us old fella's sometimes have a bit of a problem.)

Anzac Day and St Barbara's Day 2018

With the raising of 9 REGT and the new command structure which will be required, it is hoped that the Association in conjunction with 2/10 can again take control of the ANZAC Day Service and the St Barbara's Day activities at Sargood Barracks.

Other Items

Your input to this newsletter would be appreciated.
If any member has an article, report on an activity, photos of interest, or general comments please forward them to:

Newsletter Editor
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(Response so far has not been great)

As our Committee members are not getting any younger, and numbers are falling.

We require Committee members and/or volunteers to assist with the general administration of the Association.

If you think you can help in any way, please contact Neil Hamer.



RAA LUNCHEON



SERGEANT, VICTORIAN HORSE ARTILLERY 1890

Brigadier D. I. Perry OAM RFD ED in conjunction with the Royal Australian Artillery Association (Vic) cordially invite both serving and retired Gunners to the Annual Royal Australian Artillery Luncheon.

This is a great opportunity to catch up and renew friendships with other Gunners and especially to reunite those Gunners that we have not seen for a number of years.

The RAA Luncheon has been very successful over the past few years, so Gunners please bring along another Gunner to the Luncheon. WW2 Veterans are also welcome to attend at a reduced cost.

WHEN: Wednesday, 7th March 2018

TIME: 1200 for 1230 hours

WHERE: RACV Club, 501 Bourke St. Melbourne

COST: \$70.00 (2 Course meal which includes a complimentary drink)

DRESS: Jacket and tie

RSVP: 28th February 2018

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-----**Reply slip**-----

RANK..... NAME:.....

ADDRESS.....

Tel.No.....

Enclosed is a cheque for \$.....(payable to RAA Association)

Additional NameRank.....

Special dietary requirements

If possible, I wish to be seated near