



SAMRA



Incorporating: 2nd/9th Australian Armoured
Regimental Group Association

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ABOUT SAMRA:

SAMRA became an incorporated body on the 13th July 1988. It has been the main point of contact for ex members of the Regiment, Corps and other interested military associations e.g. The RSL and the Federal body of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association.

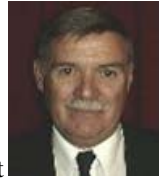
Objects

- a. To perpetuate the close bonds of comradeship, and esprit de corps created by past and present members of the Regiment and the Royal Australian Armoured Corps.
- b. To guard the good name and preserve the interests of the Regiment and Corps.
- c. To foster the interests of the Regiment by;
 - i. Providing assistance for Regimental activities outside the scope of normal entitlement from Army sources, and
 - ii. Encouraging those suitable to serve with the Regiment, to so serve.
- d. To assist in researching, recording, and preserving the history, traditions and customs of the Regiment and also its predecessor Regiments.

Presidents

Ron Hoey (1987 - 1989)
Chris Hill (1989 - 1991)
Clarrie Mitchell (1991 - 1993)
Glenys Litchfield (1993 - 1998)
Dave Griffiths (1998 - 2005)
Ron Teusner (2005 - Present)

President Ron Teusner



SAMRA members enjoyed another successful ANZAC Day with our largest public attendance at this years Light Horse ceremony. 2nd/9th AARGA has now passed the responsibility for the service to SAMRA. Special thanks must go to Peter Southam for the organisational support and to Bob Ireland for his assistance on the publicity side of the house, which contributed greatly to the increased awareness and the much larger attendance by members and the general public. Even though we had some members absent from this years march, the numbers were made up with some new faces in our ranks (Hans Piatek over from the little island, Tassie). We also had some very positive feedback from our 2nd/9th members in regards to the LH memorial service.



RESERVE FORCES DAY 12 AUGUST 2007:

Reserve Forces Day is on Sunday, 12th August due to the Governor General's inability to attend in July. This activity will be a major event with the 90th Anniversary of the battle of Gaza/Beersheba being the main focus. Plans include a parade on ANZAC Highway to Keswick Barracks, with 3rd/9th LH (SAMR) leading the parade. SAMRA members will form up on Greenhill Road (Opposite the northern entrance to the showgrounds) at 0930 hrs and march as an association behind vehicles from 3rd/9th LH (SAMR) to Keswick Barracks parade ground where the Tri-Service Guard and Associations will be reviewed by the Governor General. After the parade a free BBQ hosted by the National Serviceman's Association with bar facilities available from the OR's canteen. This is intended as a family day and we hope that a large number of SAMRA members and their families will take part on this special occasion. (See Social Calendar on page #2)

NOTE: Dress as per ANZAC Day, Beret, Collar/Tie, Jacket and dress trousers (no jeans please, as per the picture above).

SAMRA AGM – 15 August:

The AGM is not far away now on Wednesday, 15th August, 1900 for 1930 hrs I would urge members to make an effort to attend. Your Association has several items of business that need your support and interest, as well as being a great opportunity to catch up with other members you may not see very often. The general committee members' positions are up for election and I would ask members consider standing for a committee position by contacting the Secretary (David Mercer). **Dress is neat casual, jeans are ok but no runners please.**

In conclusion, sadly ANZAC Day saw the passing of Ted McMahon, RSM of 3rd/9th SAMR during 1963-67 period and later as QM in the early 70's. Another RSM WO1 Almond passed away only two days before. Our sympathies also go out to our Treasurer, Glenys Litchfield, whose father passed away the day before ANZAC Day.

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History of Regt

Social Calendar

[\(Social page on website\)](#)

- Sun 12 Aug – Reserve Forces Day at Keswick Barracks, a social function will be held after the march at Keswick. The FUP is on Greenhill Road, adjacent the entrance to the showgrounds, step off approx 1100 hrs, march along Greenhill Road, ANZAC Highway to Keswick. Dress as per ANZAC Day. It will be a family day with military displays from Units in Central Region.
- Wed 15 Aug – Annual General Meeting, Keswick Barracks Sgt's Mess, 1900 hrs.
- Fri 31 Aug – Black Hat function at the Naval & Military club, 1830 for 1900 hrs. Members only, dress jacket and tie.
- Wed 31 Oct – 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Gaza-Beersheba. Ceremony is to be held at the ALH Memorial, cnr North and East Tce's commencing at 1900 hrs.
- Sat 3 Nov – Public celebration of the Battle of Gaza-Beersheba. In the afternoon the Barossa LH, supported by Artillery will perform a LH re-enactment on Torrens Parade Ground, followed by a Mounted Ceremonial Parade of the Regiment's Guidon's (Trooping of the Colour).
That evening an all-ranks dinner is to be held at Torrens Training Depot.

TASTE TREK – ASPARAGUS

A Greek word meaning stalk or shoot, asparagus is a member of the lily family which also includes onions, leeks, and garlic. It is a power-packed food that can lay claim to being one of the most nutritionally balanced vegetables, as it provides many essential nutrients in significant quantities.

With no fat, little sodium, and few calories, asparagus is an excellent source of folic acid and vitamin C, and a good source of potassium, thiamine, vitamin B6, and dietary fibre.

Include asparagus in your diet with these tips:

- Toss raw or canned asparagus pieces through cooked pasta, with a little olive oil, cracked black pepper, plenty of mushrooms, and parmesan cheese.
- Spice up your next quiche, garden salad, or toasted cheese sandwich with plenty of fresh or tinned asparagus.
- Stir-fry fresh spears in olive oil, with a good squeeze of lemon juice, a sprinkle of salt, and handful of grated parmesan. Serve as an entrée or side dish once the cheese melts.

Main Source: The Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board.



VALE
Frank Mann
Passed away
peacefully
February
2007
Lest We
Forget



VALE
Tommy Moore
Passed away
peacefully
May 2007
Lest We Forget

Dissolution of
2nd/9th AARGA

In accordance with the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on the 14th March 2005. 2nd/9th AARGA has been dissolved as at the 19th April 2007. All instructions from that meeting have been carried out.
J.K. Tun Tin



CONGRATULATIONS DEAN MANUEL

Dean has been appointed as the R&SL State Councillor, District E1 for the next two years. His areas of responsibility are Moonta, Wallaroo, Port Broughton, Port Pirie, Port Germein, Crystal Brook, Snowtown, Port Wakefield and Bute.





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CAREERS DAY SMITHFIELD – APRIL 2007



Cultana – circa 1967



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Lt Philip Anstruther Tod served with the 9th Lighthorse Regiment in WWI. His daughter, Mrs Gillian Rosewarne has his service history from enlistment to his convalescence in England. Below is a sample of an entry from his diary;

1915

August 29 Sunday

Taube aeroplane dropped six bombs this morning. Three directed at us were luckily released too soon and landed fairly wide of their mark. 14" naval howitzer firing well overhead also cruisers and destroyers bombarding. 11th and 12th Light Horse Regiments landed last night. One Squadron of the 11th to join 9th tonight. Two eggs issued today. Fixed up pocket notebook. Had some very good cake from Colonel Braithwaite at the Office. Exciting chase for an hour after staff captain with urgent despatch.

August 30th Monday

Turkish artillery shelling our batteries all morning with shrapnel and high explosive. No visible damage done. Destroyers shelling at noon. Spent two hours search of hills in front for the Regiment but couldn't find it. Managed to send note to Max per messenger. Same believes Max to be still going. Only 69 & 2 Officers left of Regiment. Turks shelled our base and slopes above it this afternoon with gun firing from the right flank. Some damage done to men, animals and stores but light compared with what it might have been. One landed in the next dugout to mine. I happen to be out but within sight (stayed out). Fred Waklin passed on way to hospital at Imbros. Turks shelled us again at midnight. Eight men killed 25 wounded near here for 24 hours.

Lt Tod was 19 when he enlisted and was wounded, fortunately a compass and four Turkish coins saved his leg.

Regards,
Dean Manuel

MYTH UNDERSTOOD — Does crossing your legs cause varicose veins?

As you are reading this, are your legs crossed? Most women and many men cross their legs without thinking about it. Yet we often hear that this will interrupt the circulation of blood travelling through the legs back to the heart, leading to the development of unsightly varicose veins. In a healthy vein, tiny valves propel blood towards the heart.

In a varicose vein, however, these valves and vein walls weaken, blood flow becomes congested, and the vein walls become knobbly and discoloured.

Varicose veins can be painful, and if left untreated, can lead to other problems such as inflammation, eczema, and even leg ulcers.

There's no evidence that crossing your legs will either cause varicose veins, or make them worse. The biggest contributing factor for varicose veins is actually genetics, that is, if one or both of your parents experienced them, then you are more likely to.

Another major contributing factor is pregnancy, because the high levels of female hormones make the smooth muscles in veins relax, soften, and weaken.

If you do have varicose veins, or want to prevent them, wear support stockings as often as you can; put your feet up whenever possible; and get plenty of exercise, to keep your weight down and improve your muscle tone and circulation.

There are a number of treatments available, so if you want to rid yourself of unsightly veins, see your doctor for a referral to a specialist.

Main Source: What's Good for You at www.health.ninemsn.com.au

3rd/9th LH (SAMR)

OC A Sqn, 3rd/9th Light Horse (SAMR) – May 2007

The Squadron has now had the opportunity to exercise with our new vehicle fleet (page 3) for the first time. From 19 – 27 May, some members of the Squadron attended the 9th Brigade Combined Arms Training Activity (CATA) in the capacity of enemy party. With our new vehicles and equipment, and under the command of the SSM WO2 Brett Oakley, the team exercised and developed new SOPs and drills while taking the fight to the rest of the Brigade. Comments from WO2 Oakley and the rest of the team were glowing in their praise of the capabilities of the new vehicles pertaining to speed, stealth and their ability to handle very rough terrain. It became evident from early in the exercise that the developing 9th Brigade Combat Team was made very aware and learned from the capabilities of a fast moving, and capable enemy force. It certainly clearly demonstrated the challenges faced by Australian forces against insurgents in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The CATA culminated on Saturday 26 May with a combined arms live firing practice combining the combat power of 48th and 16th Field Batteries, 12/40 and 10/27 Battalions, 9 Combat Services Support Battalion, 144 Signals Squadron and 3rd/9th Light Horse (SAMR). The targeting and Combat Team defensive position were developed by 3rd Field Squadron, Combat Engineers. The conduct of the practice saw both day and night firing of the combined artillery batteries, infantry platoons firing section weapons from a dug in defensive position, and 3rd/9th firing 84mm the new rocket assisted 84 mm Carl Gustav HEAT ammunition and of course, the .50 calibre QCB (quick change barrel) in two teams of two guns operating from ground mounts. The contrast between normal infantry section weapons and the fire power of the .50 cal was plainly evident and very impressive, again showing the versatile capability of the Light Cavalry weapon suite. The number of stories told over a beer in the mess after the exercise clearly indicates that the acceptance of our new role continues to move in the right direction.

During June, the entire Squadron will conducted a week-end training activity in the Mount Crawford State Forest, where our drills, SOPs and basic routines were further developed and promulgated to the rest of the Squadron. Now that we are not constrained by where we can train, we are able to operate in new areas of SA that were once not available to us in our previous APC role.

July will also prove to be a very busy month with the Squadron conducting a Weapons Range safety and conduct qualification course. This happened at the same time as our Gawler Freedom of Entry activity meaning that the entire Squadron was unable to participate in this parade.

D.A. EDMONDS

Major

Officer Commanding,

A Sqn, 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles)

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "Lollipop" with your right.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.
- The cruise ship, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- The words racecar, kayak and level are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (Palindromes).
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on one row of the keyboard.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- The microwave oven was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the alphabet.
- There are only four words in the English language which ends in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
- Babies are born without kneecaps, they don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.



VALE SGT Frank Riley



Passed away peacefully some months ago, aged in his early 80's. Frank was the TPT NCO in HQ Sqn circa 1960, served with Cedric Wells, Ray Stanley, Clarrie Mitchell and Brian Bond. Before retirement he was a semi trailer driver with Kelvinator transporting white goods to Melbourne.

Lest We Forget



VALE LT Ross Williams



Was privately buried on 22 May 07, aged in his early 80's. Ross was in RHQ as Tp Ldr Recce Tp, Clarrie Mitchell was his 2ic as a WO2. Before retirement he was the chief baker at Sunshine Bakery, Seaton. He also served 43 years with the Sea Rescue Squadron of S.A.

Lest We Forget



VALE SGT Dennis Joseph Ryan



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The funeral of SGT Dennis Ryan who passed away on Sun, 24 Jun 07 was held on Fri 29 Jun 07. Dennis was the ARA CCLK at the Squadron from Jan 01 – Dec 02.

Lest We Forget

The origin of the The Rouse and The Reveille

The Reveille or The Rouse originates from the bugle call used to wake soldiers in the morning. (*Reveille* derives from the French word *se reveiller*, to wake up, and is pronounced *revally* in English.) It is commonly sounded at the end of military funerals and commemorative services, originally in the belief or hope that there would be life after death. The call is also sounded at the end of the Anzac Day ceremony as a counter to the mournfulness of The Last Post and to symbolize the occasion as a day of achievement as well as sorrow. The Rouse is more commonly played today because of the greater length of The Reveille.

REPLY SLIP

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FOR 2007 – 2008

Ordinary Membership 2007 / 2008 - \$15.00

Life Membership - \$225.00

I enclose my payment of \$.....

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15TH AUGUST 2007
PROXY VOTE**

I hereby nominate (Name)
As President / Treasurer / Ordinary Committee Member of SAMRA

Signed: Seconded by: (Signature)

Date:

Being a financial member of SAMRA I hereby appoint (Name)
Or failing him / her, the Chairperson of the meeting as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the AGM on
the 15th August 2007.

Signed: Date: