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ANZAC Day – Ballarat, Warrnambool & Shepparton

Annual Dinner – Warrnambool, October

Annual Dinner – Ballarat, October/November

AGM – Ballarat, October/November

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Monthly Activities: Committee Meeting – normally the First Tuesday of the Month, Alfredton Sports and Community Club, Cuthberts Road, or Ranger Barracks, Ballarat.

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RECENT EVENTS:

Warrnambool: 11 October 2025

Forty association members and friends attended the annual Warrnambool Dinner this year. It was again held at the Warrnambool RSL. The first (non-top shelf) drink was free and the meal were ordered at the bistro. Master of Ceremonies Lyndon King kept the night moving along and an enjoyable night was had by all.

‘Outsiders’ on the night were association President Dick Wilkie (Geelong), Committee Member Greg Code and his fiancé Joanne, from Lara, and the Editor, Neil Leckie, from Ballarat. The only downside to the night was the learning of the death a week earlier of the former Officer Commanding Support Company, 2 RVR, and later 8/7 RVR, Retired Major Peter Keen. Many of the attendees would congregate two days later at Peter’s funeral.

All those in attendance thanked Lyndon for his ensuring that the dinners continue after losing the ability to hold the dinners in the Pertobe Road Army Depot. Below: the locals.



Above: Lyndon King, Dick Wilkie and Neil Leckie

Ballarat: 18 October 2025.

Four tables of ten members and friends, including several from Warrnambool, and guests, sat down for dinner at The Grand dining room at the Ballarat Club. Association Secretary, Jason County, was the Master of Ceremonies and kept the night moving along. Each attendee was given a short time to introduce themselves and it was amazing what we learned about our members that we did not know. During the evening four of the attendees were given a few minutes to further expand our knowledge on what they have done: former Commanding Officers Paul Riley and David Cadogan-Cowper along with Major Kaylene Baird and a guest, Lt (AAC) Darryl John from 300 Army Cadet Unit.

During the evening, long serving member Ian Nunn was presented with a Life Membership. Normally a man of few words, Ian said – a few words!



Left: Dinner Speakers: Col Paul Riley, Lt (AAC) Darryl John, Major Kaylene Baird and Col David Cadogan-Cowper. Right: President Dick Wilkie presenting the Life Membership to Ian Nunn.

Paul Alfred Riley, Commanding Officer, 8/7 RVR, 1991-93.

Paul joined 1 RVR 'Pentropic' in February 1962 and was commissioned into 1 RVR 'Tropical' in September 1966. Most of his service was with 1RVR, 2 Commando Company, HQ 3 DIV and HQ 4 BDE. Paul was appointed CO 1 RVR in January 1987. In November 1987 the battalion was disbanded and its members transferred to 5/6 RVR. Paul was the CO Elect for 5/6 RVR but did not get the final approval.

Paul's first real contact with the members of 2 RVR was when the 3 RVR Camp was held in March/April 1973. He liked what he saw of the 'country boys'. Major Ted Lynes, later to be the CO of 2 RVR, was OC Enemy and had a strong company of all the 'left behinds', who were not selected in the infantry companies. Paul found the SNCOs in particular to be competent and conscious of the job they had to do! 2 RVR was struggling for officers at that time and Paul was asked to run a Non-Public Monies Accounting (NPMA) course for the battalion, which he did. He would later be involved in a 2 RVR Watermanship weekend on a reservoir just north of Warrnambool. When the opportunity arose to take on the CO posting at 8/7 RVR, Paul took it eagerly and commenced in 1991. Apart from three fairly demanding Annual Field Exercises, elements of the battalion deployed to RAAF Tindal at Katherine in the NT on Exercise K92. In 1993 Battalion HQ and a number of

battalion officers participated in a Tactical Exercise Without Troops (TEWT) and Command Post Exercise (CPX) at RAAF Tindal which resulted in the preparation of orders for the defence of Katherine and the RAAF Tindal Air Base.

Paul was not a golfer but was asked to participate in a game of golf at a Hamilton golf course with the SNCOs of the battalion on a SNCO training weekend. When he arrived at the first tee, Paul was invited to 'tee off' first, in front of all the SNCOs with their well-stocked golf bags. As stated, he was not a golfer and was using a brand-new set of clubs for the very first time that day. In front of all his SNCOs his first stroke put the ball over 100 metres directly down the middle of the fairway. The SNCOs were impressed. Sadly, the rest of the 'round' was not so impressive.

After three busy but very satisfying years, Paul's tenure at the helm of 8/7 RVR finished in December 1993.

David Cadogan-Cowper, Commanding officer, 8/7 RVR, 2017-2019.

David's Army Reserve career was basically 5/6 RVR centric. However, when he was given the opportunity to select between the city-centric 5/6 RVR or the country-centric 8/7 RVR, he chose 8/7 RVR for two reasons. Firstly, his Great-Grandfather served as an officer with the 8th Battalion, including fighting at Gallipoli, and being a part of the ill-fated time at Cape Helles fighting with the British forces in early May 1915. His second reason was that his mother's uncle fought with the 2/8th Battalion in the Middle East and consequently wore the white over red Colour Patch that David would then wear.

After his time with 8/7 RVR, David was posted as Deputy Commander of the 4th Brigade. Shortly after commencing there the 2019/20 bushfires broke out. David was involved during this time helping plan the evacuation of Eastern Victoria should it become necessary. 8/7 RVR was 'Stood Up' during that period. Next came COVID when the battalion again provided support to the government. Commander 4 Brigade, Matt Burr, has since gone on to be the Commander 2nd (Australian) Division in 2025. David proceeded with him on a posting to HQ 2nd Division in 2022. He then moved on to Headquarters 8th Brigade in 2023, as Colonel Training, then Deputy Commander, with the Brigade responsible for much of the Army Reserve Training. He was also responsible for the Plans Cell who worked on the plans for training if the government decided that a Call Out of the Army Reserve should be required.

Currently, David is working in the Career Management area for the Army Reserve, as the Director Contingent Workforce Army, who are responsible for Service Category (SERCAT) 2, who are those members who are inactive but liable to render service in the event of Call Out, and also SERCAT 3, who are Reservists that are available to work, but usually do so in a manner different from your 'traditional' Reservist, but according to a contract between them and a unit.

Darryl John is a Lieutenant with the Australian Army Cadets.

Due to his children's commitments, Darryl has also been with the Air Force Cadets for four years and Navy Cadets for four years. He has now done seven years with the Army Cadets. He reported that 300 ACU parades at Ranger Barracks on Monday nights and that recently the Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit has also commenced parading at the barracks on Thursday nights. 300 ACU parades about 60 Cadets, while Sebastopol parades about 30 Cadets. 300 ACU has three officers and two in training. The Cadets support many activities each year including: The Prisoner of War Memorial, ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans Day, Remembrance Day. Legacy badge selling, Fiona Elsey Cycle Classic, Relay For Life and Ballarat Mental Health Collective.

The 300 ACU is supported by the battalion and has an Annual Army Reserve Training Night where they see what they might be doing should they transfer into the Army Reserve once they leave the Cadets. They also undertake an overnight Bivouac every term. Their Annual Camp, Exercise Emu is seven days on the Puckapunyal range. Seven days courses camps are also held at Puckapunyal for Junior Leaders Course (JLC), Senior Leaders Course (SLC), Cadet Under Officer (CUO) and Cadet Warrant Officer (CWO), First Aid, Survival, Engineering etc. There is an Adventure Training Award and the Chief of Army Team Challenge and numerous other day activities. This year the 300 ACU Team won the Army Cadet Brigade Military Skills Competition as well as the Best NCO.

Kaylene Baird (nee Buchanan) joined the Army Reserve in Warrnambool 1978 when Lieutenant Colonel Ted Lynes was the Commanding Officer (1979-81). Kaylene was a WRAAC member and her role was a Driver. Support Company was then under command of Major Bruce Hill with two of the most entrusting NCOs being WO2 Kie Tinker and Sergeant Jeff Maddocks. Lieutenant Barbara Birthisel (nee Hutton) was her WRAAC Platoon Commander. Kaylene cherishes the post-Vietnam War training she received and has a very special friendship with Barbara to this day. Kaylene recalled one driving task, with many of the transport men and women including Corporal Bill Baird and Private Beetle Bailey, where she bogged a Mark 3 truck in Victoria Park and had to apply self-recovery skills to winch her vehicle out of the bog with a good many of the public watching.

In civilian life Kaylene is a Critical Care Registered Nurse and completed her initial and critical care training during her time in 2 RVR. In 1989 she transferred to 105 Construction Sqn RAE as a heavy vehicle driver before discharging. She re-enlisted as a Special Service Officer (SSO) in the RAANC in 1994.

Kaylene is currently contracted (SERVOP C) to Joint Command Group as the Incident Manager and works remotely, travelling to Canberra as required. She has had several postings to 8/7 RVR including 2IC A Coy, Assistant Adjutant and Unit Welfare Officer. During her Defence service, Kaylene has deployed six times, including Op Bel Isi, Op UNTAET, Op Catalyst and Op BFA and has supported multiple exercises.

Kaylene found that her Reserve time has been highly rewarding, setting her up for success and much welcomed Mateship being one of the highest rewards. She has worked under some inspiring CO's, notably Lieutenant Colonels Ted Lyons, Shaun Richards and Derek Sonogan who all valued and unashamedly recognised what a female SSO could bring to an Infantry Unit. As a nurse and trauma retrievalist, Kaylene has witnessed much, having seen the very best and very worst of mankind, such is the nurse's role both in peace and conflict.

For this reason, the 2 RVR Association, specifically the wives, partners, husbands and families of the many lives lost, and of those who have served and continue to serve under the 2 RVR red and white colours should never be forgotten. The Association is integral to keeping these memories alive along with mateship and respect.

Kaylene rounded off her talk by recalling a quote her father instilled upon her: 'You don't know where you are going unless you know where you have been!'

Thank you 2 RVR Association for your ongoing commitment to serve, and I would like to publicly acknowledge Dick, Jason and Barbara's (Ma'am) leadership and hard work.

Among other awards, Kaylene has been awarded the National Emergency Medal (Bushfires 2019-20), the Defence Long Service Medal (DLSM) and the Australian Defence Medal (ADM).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 19 OCTOBER 2025 HELD AT THE ALFREDTON SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CLUB

1. **President** Dick Wilkie opened the meeting at 10.30am and welcomed all present.
2. A minute's silence to remember those who had died in the past 12 months.
3. **Present:** Dick Wilkie, Bruce McKinnon, Greg Code, Ian Nunn, Neil Leckie, Barry Harris, Heather Harris, Barbara Birthisel, Jason County, Chris Liston, Bob Hope, Sheldon Brunt, Bill Randall, Noel Sutherland, Neil Bailey, Alan Donovan, Les Taylor, Robert Chatfield, Jeff Zala, Bob Anderson. (20)
4. **Apologies:** Paul Riley, Bill Burns, Kaylene Baird, Bill Baird, Kevin (Blu) Parsons, Bob Prewett, Brian Davison, Lindsay Govan. (8) Motion that the apologies as noted be accepted. Moved, Greg Code, Seconded Jeff Zala. Carried.
5. **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting** held on 6th November, 2024 were read out. Motion that the minutes from the previous AGM be confirmed as being true and correct. Moved Chris Liston, Seconded by Heather Harris. Carried.
6. **Business Arising from the minutes** Nil

7. Reports for 2024 - 2025

President's report

*2025 has been a busy year for the Association.

*Dick spoke on the offer and acceptance made by the Alfredton Sports and Community Club to use their facility as the Association's headquarters. This has resulted in a couple of the Association members becoming ASCC members.

*During the year the Committee had met at 8/7 RVR Battalion HQ for a couple of meetings, resulting in further development of the liaison between 8/7 RVR and the Association, with invitations to join them at range exercises and social activities.

*Our Secretary continues to have meaningful contact with the Battalion and Service Groups.

*Association merchandise has seen an expansion in items offered and sales have increased dramatically.

*Dick complimented new committee members, Robert Chatfield, Bob Anderson, and Bob Hope.

*He also spoke about Bruce McKinnon (Life Member) and acknowledged his 35 years of service to the Committee. Bruce did not stand for re-election.

*Ian Nunn was congratulated on his Life Membership.

Secretary's report

*The Secretary acknowledged Bruce's service to the Committee.

*Jason thanked the President for his warm words.

*Advised that the Facebook Page showed an ever-increasing number of followers.

*Secretary met with RSM 8/7 RVR earlier in the year to synchronize calendars.

*Secretary met with CO 8/7 RVR, spoke re the Association being part of the Bn family.

*Attended several meetings at BHQ 8/7 RVR, discussing the partnership re the Bn Welfare Plan

*Highlights for the year included events such as ANZAC Day and our dinners.

*Merchandise sales blown out, in a good way with a dramatic increase in sales. Over \$2,000.00 for the year.

*An evening with Colonel Catherine McGregor shall be held at the Ballarat Golf Club on 22 November 2025.

*Advised that the late David Schneider has been awarded the Australian Defence Medal (posthumously).

Newsletter

Neil reported that four issues of the newsletter are produced, printed and distributed each year. Juliana Addison's office continues to offer the printing of those to be sent out. Neil currently has an issue under composition that will include a report on this AGM.

Welfare

Barbara reported that the Association has continued to acknowledge members who had passed away and had also been advised of a couple of members who now reside in aged care.

Barbara also spoke of the liaison between the battalion and the association in relation to us supporting them in their Welfare Plan. To start this off, our committee members made contact with a large number of our members initially enquiring how they were and offering support if needed. From there the members were briefed on the support offered to the Battalion; asked their thoughts and support they may like to offer. At the moment, we are waiting for the Battalion to complete troop upskilling and training.

Motion that the previous reports be accepted as presented.

Moved Greg Code, Seconded by Barry Harris. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

4. ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP on a par with other years in relation to arrears and advances. Currently we have 161 members. Motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Moved Barbara Birthisel, Seconded Heather Harris. Carried.

8. Motion that the Secretary be directed to forward the Annual Statement to Consumer Affairs Victoria within the prescribed time. Moved Greg Code, Seconded Bruce McKinnon. Carried.

9. *Recognition of Life Members*

Current life members are: Dick Wilkie, Tom Chambers, Barbara Birthisel, Lyndon King and Bruce McKinnon. Ian Nunn was presented with his Honorary Life Membership Certificate at the Annual Ballarat Dinner the previous evening.

10. *Election of Office Bearers*

The outgoing President Dick Wilkie, declared all positions vacant and handed over the Chair to Bob Anderson to conduct the Election of Office Bearers.

Prior to the AGM, numerous nomination forms had been received.

PRESIDENT: Nomination form received for Dick Wilkie, nominated, seconded and accepted. No other nominations received. Dick Wilkie declared President.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nomination form received for Chris Liston, nominated, seconded and accepted. Nomination form received for Greg Code, nominated, seconded and accepted. Both members left the room while a ballot was held. Following a show of hands for both candidates, Chris Liston was declared Vice President,

SECRETARY: Nomination form received for Jason County, nominated, seconded and accepted. No other nominations received. Jason County declared Secretary.

TREASURER: Nomination form received for Barbara Birthisel, nominated, seconded and accepted. No other nominations received. Barbara Birthisel declared Treasurer.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Nominations: Ian Nunn, Neil Leckie, Les Taylor, Greg Code, Barry Harris, Heather Harris, Rob Chatfield, Bob Anderson and Bob Hope. All accepted. The listed members were elected.

The association again extended its appreciation to Bruce McKinnon for his thirty-five years of service and efforts given.

11. *GENERAL BUSINESS*

Motion that the membership fee of \$25 remain unchanged.

Moved Greg Code, Seconded by Neil Leckie. Carried.

Motion that the association forward a donation of \$100.00 to the ASCC in appreciation of the use their facilities. Moved Barry Harris, Seconded Bob Anderson. Carried.

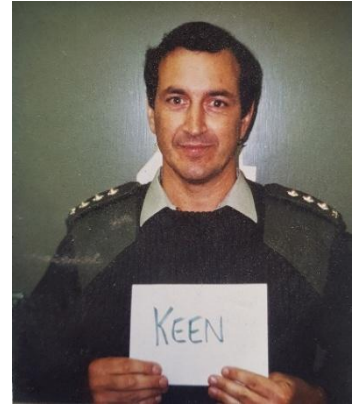
Motion that a 'Letter of Appreciation' be sent to Samantha for her work and provision of the past CO flags on the Annual Dinner tables. Moved Barry Harris, Seconded Greg Code.
Carried.

Barbara reported to the meeting that Bob Prewett has had his surgery and is now recuperating at home.

Meeting closed 11.35am.

VALE

Peter Lindsay Keen was born in Victoria to Lindsay and Patricia Keen on 9 July 1949. He would become the 'big brother' to five siblings: Colin, Lynnette, Heather, Robbie and Laurie, who died 2009. Peter was educated in Hamilton and went on to study Civil Engineering. In a big adventure Peter went west to Perth where he worked as a Shop Assistant and then for the railways. In a Scarborough Beach pub, he met the young lady who would become the love of his life: Cordilia (Cordi). They married in Perth and their daughter Tanja was born there. Peter first met his 'In-laws' in Sydney in 1972 and was immediately welcomed into the family.

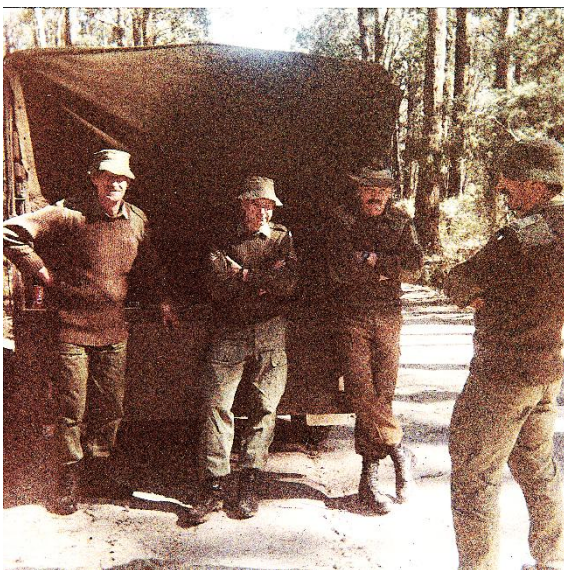


Peter and his family moved to Melbourne and lived in St Kilda for a while. Peter became a Mathematics Teacher, but that was not his preferred occupation. The family next settled in Warrnambool where Peter first worked as at the Moyne Shire. The couple's second daughter, Danielle, was born there. The family bought a small acreage property Illowa, just west of Warrnambool.

Left and right. Cordi and Peter.



Peter enlisted in the Army Reserve with 2 RVR, Warrnambool, on 10 April 1978. His ability to lead was recognised early and he was transferred to the Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) in Melbourne on 23 March 1980. He was commissioned (right: Cordi 'Pinning on the Pips') and returned to 2 RVR at Support Company, Warrnambool. On 6 December 1981 Peter was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant.



From 1994 until 2012, Peter worked for the Moyne Shire Council as the Municipal Building Surveyor. With the Army Reserve, Peter was promoted to Captain and served in Support Company under Bruce Hill and Bob Peterson, before taking command of the Company.

Left: the hard-working Company HQ, Support Company: WO2 Ky Tinker, Sgt Lyndon King, Captain Bob Peterson and Lieutenant Peter Keen.

Peter retired from the Army Reserve 1996 having achieved the rank of Major. For his Reserve service he was awarded the Australian Defence Medal (ADM) and the Reserve Force Decoration (RFD) for 15 years of service as an officer. Peter also worked for

the Warrnambool City Council as the Municipal Building Surveyor and in 2020 formed his own company, Coast to Country Building Approvals.

Peter was known as the type of person who saw a problem and fixed it. Apparently, this trait did not extend to cooking. His daughters remember him making Vegemite soup (Vegemite in hot water) or making something from an old Army Ration Pack. When Cordi suggested that they could have smoked eel for dinner, Peter knew where to get eels and took one of his daughters with him to a nearby creek. He brought home an Esky full of eels and placed them in the bath. He did not realise what needed to be done to 'smoke' the eels. Sadly, Cordi died of a brain aneurism in 2007. Peter's company from then on was his faithful dog, Axel.

Somewhat surprisingly, from the clean-cut image of a young Army Reserve officer, in his later years Peter grew his hair longer and had a long, flowing beard. After reaching 60 years, he also had a number of tattoos, some inspired by comments made by his grandchildren.

In 2019 Peter was diagnosed with Lymphoma. This was treated, but then he was struck with prostate cancer. He underwent chemo-therapy and that was also treated. A bit reclusive in his later years, by 2024 Peter started attending 8/7 Bn – 2 RVR Association get-togethers again, as seen in the photo below. He said he was 'going well'!

Unfortunately, the Lymphoma returned and Peter died in Warrnambool on 5 October 2025. A funeral service was held on 13 October 2025 at Warrnambool. Around a hundred people attended the service. Twenty-five serving and ex-serving members, mostly locals were there. Out-of-towners included Maj Gen Doug Laidlaw, a former Commanding Officer of 8/7 RVR (2010-2011), who had served with Peter in Warrnambool, Major Nick Arundell, OC A Company, 8/7 RVR, who is the Officer Commanding the Warrnambool Depot, Alan Donovan from Bacchus Marsh and Neil Leckie from Ballarat who both served in the battalion with Peter.

A private cremation followed. Peter and Cordi's ashes will both be compressed into diamonds for Tanja and Danielle.



Left: Peter Keen, Bob Hope, Graeme Ward, Max Humphrys, Nigel Bailey and Darryl Williams at the annual Warrnambool dinner on 12 October 2024.

Lindsay Thomas Gould was born in Warrnambool on 26 April 1937, the eldest child of Norman Frank and Bertha (nee Hauser) Gould who had married in 1936. He would have a brother Kevin (now in Tasmania) and sisters Norma and Joan (both deceased), and Robyn, who now lives in Ballarat. With his father moving to where he could obtain work, Lindsay attended State School in a one-teacher school at Cooramook, outside Warrnambool, Allansford and Mepunga East. He went on to secondary education at Warrnambool High School. With the economic conditions of the era, Lindsay left school early in an attempt to gain full-time work. His first job was with a butcher, but that did not last, as he moved to Hamilton. With Year 11 behind him, he sat the Victorian Public Service Examination and was accepted into the Public Service in June 1953. Lindsay worked in many Public Service positions, including at the Hamilton Court House as a Junior Clerk of Courts. At Hamilton, Lindsay took up rifle shooting.

As soon as he turned 18, with his father's signature on the form, Lindsay joined the Citizen Military Forces (CMF) in late April 1955. He was serving with P Battery, a part of the 38th Light Anti-Aircraft (City of Hamilton) Regiment. The battery also ran Searchlights. Annual Camps were held at the Port Fairy Racecourse and 40mm quick-firing Bofors anti-aircraft guns were used to shoot at targets being towed behind aircraft out to sea. Lindsay was promoted to Bombardier with P Battery. In mid-1955 Lindsay was transferred to Court 'Relieving Staff' and was sent to Bendigo. Realising that he would not return to Hamilton, in December 1956 he transferred to the 38th Battalion (Bendigo Regiment) with the rank of Corporal. While with the 38th Battalion, Lindsay completed two of the three promotion subjects for Sergeant.

Lindsay's family moved to Ballarat in December 1956. In September 1957 Lindsay transferred to Ballarat with his work and also transferred to the 8th/7th Battalion (North Western Victorian Regiment), in Ballarat. Despite being a serving member of the CMF, Lindsay was called up for National Service and undertook three months of National Service Training at Puckapunyal with the 20th NS Battalion. At the end of that training he returned to the 8th/7th Battalion as a Corporal. He completed his Sergeant's examinations and was promoted to Sergeant.

On 1 May 1959 Lindsay was commissioned as a Lieutenant into the 8th/7th Battalion. The 8th/7th Battalion Annual Camp in October 1959 included tanks and a RAAF Vampire jet strafing the nearby hills. 'Exercise Firepower' included the use of Centurian Tanks. Gerald East of the 8th/7th Battalion was one of the fortunate few to have a short drive of a tank. Gerald reported that later, the new Platoon Commander, Lindsay, and some of his platoon, including Ballarat's Arnold Treloar, were riding on the tank as it started to climb a hill. The driver missed a gear change and the tank rolled backwards down the hill. Gerald was one of those skeltering out of the way of the tank, but most of those riding on the tank, including Arnold and Lindsay, fell off when the tank hit a tree and stopped. The only damage done to the tank 'passengers' was that Lindsay broke his arm!



When the 8th/7th Battalion was subsumed into the new 2nd Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment (2 RVR) on 1 July 1960, Lindsay transferred to 2 RVR (Pentropic). The HQ for 2 RVR was in Fitzroy, with a depot in Brighton and others in country centres. In 1962 Lindsay transferred to the Children's Court in Melbourne. He transferred to the Brighton Depot. He was promoted to Captain in November 1963. It was in Melbourne where Lindsay met Elaine, who at the time 'boarded' with his sister, Norma. The couple married on 9 January 1965, with Lindsay proudly wearing his Army uniform.

In 1965 a new CMF Battalion was raised in Melbourne: 5 RVR, the Scottish Battalion. Lindsay joined 5 RVR on 1 May 1965, where for a year he was the ADC to the State Governor. Lindsay and Elaine lived for a while in St Kilda and later Northcote. In 1966 Lindsay transferred to the County Court and with the CMF transferred to the Reserve of Officers in 1967. The couple moved to their Boronia house in 1968 and have lived there since. They would be blessed with three daughters: Eliza-Jane (1970), Joella (1973) and Juanita (1975) and later four grandchildren.



Lindsay's hobbies included gardening and wood-working. He also loved riding motor cycles. Unfortunately, in 1971 he had a motor cycle accident in which his left foot was crushed. His foot was saved, but despite a long rehabilitation, Lindsay always walked with a limp from then on. Lindsay joined the Lodge in 1975. He moved to the Dandenong Courts in 1981 and to the Attorney General's Department in 1986. After 39 years in the Public Service, Lindsay retired in 1992. It was during his retirement that he and Elaine undertook their many caravan trips. One of these trips saw Lindsay, travelling around Australia in one direction, meet up at a road intersection near Broome, with good friend Tom Harding, who was travelling around Australia in the other direction – you could not plan such a meeting! It was also during this time that Lindsay, along with Tom, got involved with the restoration of the deserted South Australian town of Farina (see separate article). Although retired from the Public Service, Lindsay, a 'Justice of the Peace', later in life found work in television where he was the Court Adviser on the shows 'Law of the Land' and 'Sea Change'.



In later life, Lindsay, who by this time was a Carer for Elaine, himself had multiple health problems. Elaine was taken into care, while Lindsay remained at home. However, by October 2025, Lindsay was in The Knox Private Hospital where he died of kidney failure on 11 October. Lindsay's funeral was held at Heritage Funeral Home, Wantirna, on 21 October 2025. Tom Harding was present. Lindsay loved marching music, which is why some was played at his funeral. His swan song was 'The Carnival is Over'. A Private Cremation took place.

Above: Elaine and Lindsay at their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 9 January 2025.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO:

Lindsay Gould and Tom Harding – fellow officers in the old 8/7 Battalion.

Lindsay and Tom first met at 8/7 Battalion (North Western Victorian Regiment) in 1959. Lindsay was on assignment as a Clerk of Courts in Ballarat and Tom, from Geelong, was on assignment with the PMG Department as a Technical Trainer located at the PMG School in Gillies Street, Wendouree. Both wore Lieutenant rank. Lindsay was an Infantry Officer, but Tom, not surprisingly, was Royal Australian Signals Corps. Tom's immediate task was to rebuild his platoon for the impending annual camp. Everybody rose to the challenge, to the delight of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel John Trevenen. Corporal Dick Wilkie was in Tom's platoon.

Lindsay Gould and Tom Harding both qualified for, and were appointed as, Captains in the 8/7 Battalion, Lindsay on 25 November 1963 and Tom on 6 May 1964. The old 8/7 Battalion became 2 RVR on 1 July 1960. With the end of the Pentropic Division 'experiment', on 9 February 1965, Tom transferred to the Artillery. In the mid-1970s, on completion of his assignment to Ballarat, Tom returned to Geelong. Soon after, he moved to Melbourne and established his own business: Harding's Caravan Services in Croydon. Through this business Tom reconnected with Lindsay, this time as a caravan customer, and soon after as a part-time employee.

Lindsay joined in various special assignments with Tom. The most significant was establishing a War Memorial in the 'abandoned' inland township of Farina, in far North of South Australia where a growing group of Caravanners are undertaking a 'save the history' of this once vital inland township. Lindsay's research skills were brilliant. He collated every detail of over sixty soldiers: 30 from World War 1 and 33 from World War 2. He displayed this detail under a shelter, which is a part of the War Memorial. This detail contains military history, personal history and the theatres of battle. Visitors to the site usually spend at least fifteen minutes reading the details.



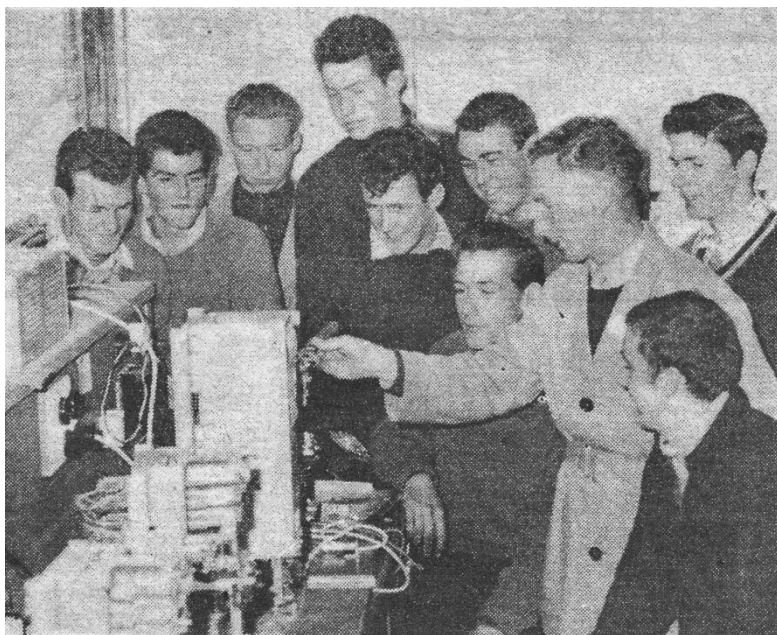
Tom's Ballarat assignment with PMG concluded at the same time that 2 RVR formed a company in Geelong. A Company 2 RVR was established with Tom appointed as Officer Commanding. He retained a 2 RVR appointment whilst Geelong was an established Artillery base. With his move to Melbourne with his work, Lindsay transferred to 5 RVR on 1 May 1965.

Left: Tom Harding and Lindsay Gould with John Schepis in the old Ranger Barracks

Farina is located within the Lake Eyre Basin, on the old alignment of the Great Northern Railway later known as the Ghan Railway, 26kms North of Lyndhurst and 55kms South of Marree, near the junctions of the Birdsville, Innaminka and Oodnadatta Tracks in South Australia. The walking trails, information boards and Camping Ground are open 365 days of the year. Every year between May and July the Volunteers of the Farina Restoration Group run a works program to continue the preservation and exhibition of the old Farina Town. The Volunteers also carry out research into the Buildings, People and activities of Farina and you will find much information in the History menu.



Above: Tom Harding, Farina Volunteer.



1964 Recruiting:

(A Ballarat Courier article)

Technicians in Training at the PMG School in Wendouree are being instructed by Mr. Tom Harding. The Technicians were sworn in as members of Support Company, 2 RVR at Ranger Barracks where Lieutenant Tom Harding will be their Officer Commanding.

The Technicians are Frank Heagney, Tony Robinson, Robin Friend, Ted Foote, Ken Doak, Kevin Duffy, Garry Kendall, Barry Walker and Ben Chippenden. With two Recruits for B Company, these Recruits brought the total number of new enlistees at

Ballarat to twelve, possibly a record for voluntary enlistments on one night.

The first two months' training to be carried out by 2 RVR will be devoted to teaching all members of the companies, including Recruits, the organisation of the Battalion, basic weapon handling, living in the field, health and hygiene, navigation and elementary tactics. These subjects will be dealt with at night parades, a Sunday Range Practice and a weekend bivouac.

Recruits joining 2 RVR are now not required to attend basic training courses on nights, other than normal weekly parades, but do their basic training in a Recruit Section parading with the company that they wish to join.

The Regular Army Company Sergeant Majors of the Ballarat B and Support Companies, WO2 Littlewood and WO2 Sutton are available to interview prospective Recruits daily during office hours.



Left: Lt Tom Harding helps a Recruit with his new pack.

Right: Lt Tom Harding with some Signallers.

RSM WO1 Warren Payne

Warren Payne was the RSM of 8/7 RVR from mid-1988 until late 1990. He was born in Casino, which is located inland from Ballina and Byron Bay in Northern NSW and had his primary education at Coombell, some 20km south of Casino. His secondary education commenced at Marist Brothers in Casino. However, he left school at 14 ½ years of age and went to Manly in Sydney, where he found work as a Labourer for 1 ½ years. His family moved to Brisbane and so did Warren. He then worked with his brother who had a Furniture Removalist business. The now 17-year-old Warren was taken into Brisbane by his sister-in-law who walked him to the Army Recruiting Centre and said to him 'In you go and join the Army!' Warren did so and in October 1970 commenced a career of 20 years in the Army.

After Recruit Training at the 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka, Warren was posted to infantry and after Corps Training was posted to 1 RAR. In his years there he went through the ranks from Private to Sergeant. He would also marry Linda on Remembrance Day 1972. The couple would have two Children: Melanie and Matthew, and later five grandchildren.

Leaving 1 RAR after 10 years, Sergeant Payne was posted to the District Support Unit (DSU) at Townsville. From there he was posted to the Land Warfare Centre, Warrant Officer Wing, with the rank of WO2. He was based at Enoggera with the Subject 1 for Sergeant Course for two years. In the mid-1980s Warren chose 6 RAR as his preferred posting as a CSM, however, the Army had other ideas and he was sent as a CSM with Headquarters Company, 1st Division. Warren realised later that this was a much better personal development move for a future RSM. In his time the Headquarters deployed to the field for the first time since WW2.

On his first time in Victoria, Warren and his family arrived in Ballarat in the middle of winter 1988, where Warren would become the second RSM of the newly renamed 8/7 RVR. He would remain in that position until late in 1990. When the Army would not give Warren a posting back to Brisbane, which would have better suited his family, Warren resigned from the Army and reluctantly left Ballarat and moved to Brisbane where the family would be closer to both sets of grand-parents.

Warren had some skin cancer issues while in Victoria. However, after returning to Brisbane, he took on lawn mowing, which he did for 20 years. However, working in the Queensland sun brought on more skin cancer problems so he retired from the business. Linda had been working in the Queensland Public Service and after Warren retired she decided to join him in retirement.



Warren now participates in three rounds of golf a week and having a coffee with his mates afterwards. With Linda, Warren has travelled widely and on 26 October 2025 visited his Commanding Officer during his time at 8/7 RVR, retired Brigadier Douglas Ball and his wife Pauline at Raglan and former Quartermaster, and later Battalion 2IC, retired Major Bill Akell and his wife Carol in Ballarat. Retired Major Neil Leckie joined them at the Akell's home for an afternoon tea.

Left: Neil Leckie, Warren Payne and Bill Akell.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025, BALLARAT



Remembrance Day 2025 saw 8/7 RVR provide the Catafalque Party for the service. Lieutenant Colonel Paul O'Donnell, who grew up in Ballarat and joined the battalion as a 'Digger' returned to the battalion this year as Commanding Officer, was the Guest Speaker. Photos: The Ballarat Courier.

PAST OFFICERS DINNER

For many years the 'Past Officers' of the battalion held a dinner in the barracks. With the passing of Mark Broemmer in 2023, the dinner is now held away from the barracks. The last couple of dinners have been held in the Board Room of the Ballarat Golf Club located 'a stone's throw' from the barracks. This year's dinner on 15 November 2025 saw eight attend for the meal and one come in later to have a 'catch up. Attending were past COs Paul Riley and Rob Barnes along with Peter George, Neil Leckie, Barbara Birthisel and Bob Hope (both Warrnambool), Alan Donovan, Rupert Dalley and David Clark. Always a good night!

A NIGHT WITH CATHERINE MCGREGOR (By Jason County)

On Saturday 22 November 2025, the Association held "An evening with Catherine McGregor" in the Titheridge Room at the Ballarat Golf Club.

Some 35 members and friends, including Juliana Addison MP (State Member for Wendouree, whose office prints our newsletters), Andrew Hamilton and Les Finch from Ballarat Veterans Assistance Centre (BVAC) and Phil Carter and nine members from the Ballarat RSL to meet and hear from Colonel McGregor. Now beyond retirement age, Colonel McGregor still works with the Department of Defence in Canberra and is currently seconded to the Inspector General, Australian Defence Force (IGADF) Military Justice Inquiry.



During her career, the Colonel has been an Infantry Officer, an Air Force Wing Commander, a cricket commentator and author, a defence history author and a newspaper columnist. She has also been an advisor and speech writer to multiple Chiefs of Defence and Army, including Lt. Gen Peter Cosgrove, and Prime Ministers.

The Colonel also has a personal connection to Ballarat via her Paternal Grandfather, Malcom McGregor. Malcolm served in the First World War and was wounded in action. He is remembered in

the Ballarat Avenue of Honour. Members of our Committee were able to assist Colonel McGregor to locate her Grandfather's memorial tree so that she could make a private visit earlier in the weekend. (See separate article).



After an official welcome from our President, Dick Wilkie, The Colonel delivered her keynote address. It covered a number of subjects and was all delivered with honesty, frankness and thoughtfulness and her trademark warmth and humour. The 'Question and Answer' session proved to be quite busy with a wide range topics covered.



The evening ended with our attendees meeting and greeting the Colonel, having photos taken and thanking her for making the journey to see us. The quote of the night goes to a member on my table who stated, "I would have driven twice the distance to be here tonight."

SAD NEWS Whilst Robert Dowell is not a member of our Association, he is a former NCO in 2 RVR as well as 8/7 RVR. He has also been a regular attendee at our events. On 24 October 2025 the association was advised by Denis Scott of the "Olds and Bolds" in Shepparton that Robert Dowell's partner Vicki Shuttleworth sadly passed away on the night of 22/23 October. Vicki had accompanied Robert to outings with "Olds and Bolds" and our Association, most recently at the mid-winter gathering. She was a friend and support to many of us.

DID YOU KNOW? The Army no longer uses the famous aluminium 'dixies'. Apparently, cooking with them releases toxins that are harmful to us!! Perhaps we should all be dead by now. – Ed.

Malcom McGregor, Catherine McGregor's grandfather, was born in Marnoo (which is located west of St Arnaud), Victoria, on 19 January 1883. When war broke out, Malcolm was living in Ballarat. He was employed as a Clerk, was unmarried and listed his religion as Presbyterian. His Mother, and Next of Kin, Mrs. Mary McGregor, was living in Coleraine in Victoria's South-West.

At 33 years of age, on 9 July 1915 Malcolm signed his enlistment papers and was medically examined in Ballarat. He signed up to commence his service on 20 July. On 21 July he was attested and swore the Oath.

The following information was gained from his service record which is available on the National Archives at naa.gov.au – Record Search.

There is a gap in Malcolm's early service, but on 23 February 1916 he was serving in the Ballarat 14th Depot Battalion, located at the original Ballarat Showgrounds at Lake Wendouree near the Burnbank and Gregory Street intersection. On 6 March Malcolm was commissioned with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He transferred to Broadmeadows on 10 March and was allocated to the 13th Reinforcements of the 24th Battalion, 6th Brigade, 2nd Division, AIF. The 13th Reinforcements embarked on the HMAT A32 Thermistocles on 28 July. The reinforcements disembarked at Plymouth England, on 11 September. As happened with reinforcements, they were sent to where they were needed and Malcolm was transferred to the 21st Battalion (another 6th Brigade Battalion) on 18 October. Malcolm "Proceeded Overseas to France" on 2 November. He was promoted to Lieutenant on 11 December.



On 7 January 1917, Malcolm reported to the 6th Australian Field Ambulance (6th AFA, which had been raised by Ballarat's Dr. William Hardy) with a septic toe and finger. He returned to his unit on 28 January. Disaster struck on 20 March when Malcolm received a gunshot wound (GSW) to the left forearm. This was later revised to a GSW to the left wrist – compound fracture. He again reported to the 6th AFA. After a "Medical Board" on 9 April it was reported that Malcolm was fit for Home Service (ie in England or Australia) but not fit for General Service). The following day he was on the Hospital Ship St George bound for England, where he was admitted to the 3rd London General Hospital. On 7 May 1917 he was transferred to Lady Dunleath's Ballywater Park in County Down, Ireland for three weeks.

Malcolm returned to England and on 28 May 1917 reported another medical facility, Cobham Hall in Kent. A further Medical Board in July stated that he was still unfit for General Service for a month. On 24 July Malcolm reported to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs. Two days later he reported to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth from where most Australians prepared to go back to France. His next Medical Board in August stated that he was fit for Home Service and he was sent back to Perham Downs. September saw him back at Weymouth and finally on 10 January 1918 Malcolm embarked at Southampton for France, reporting to the Australian Infantry Base Depot.

Malcolm's war effectively ended when on 24 July 1918 he reported to the 12th Casualty Clearing Station with Diarrhea. He was then treated at the 16th General Hospital at Le Treport for Dysentery, then the 3rd London General Hospital with Enteritis (inflammation of the small intestine). With the disbandment of some of the battalions in 1918, Malcolm was transferred to the 22nd Battalion in October. On 11 December 1918 he embarked for "Return to Australia" on the Hospital Ship Saton. Malcolm was discharged on 9 March 1919, surprisingly under "Termination of Period of Enlistment" and not "Medically Unfit"! Malcolm is remembered with tree 3112 on the Ballarat Avenue of Honour.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the association's financial year 2025/26 are now overdue - \$25 per annum!

EFT payment preferred! **8/7th Bn 2RVR Association Inc; CBA BSB: 063 502 Acc No.: 1035 4333**

Please put your name and/or membership code in the 'Description' box.

Cash/cheque payment can be received on the dinner nights in October.

Cheques can be forwarded to: **The Membership Officer, 8/7 Bn - 2 RVR Association**

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8/7 Battalion-2 RVR Association Merchandise as at September 2025. *Postage is extra!*



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8/7 RVR SOIREE AT RAAF LAVERTON, 29 NOVEMBER 2025

Three association Committee Members, Dick Wilkie (President), Jason County (Secretary) and Neil Leckie (Editor), took up the invitation from 8/7 RVR to attend the end of year 'Soiree' held at the Combined Officers and Senior NCOs Mess (the former RAAF Officers Mess) at RAAF Laverton on Saturday, 29 November 2025. The Soiree style evening, where the catering staff brought finger food to the attendees, meant that much more interaction was available between attendees. The purpose of the evening was to present awards, make promotions and farewell those who were leaving the battalion on posting. The senior guest for the night was the Deputy Commander, 4th Brigade, Colonel Sharon Coates. On behalf of the association Dick and Jason each presented an award.



Dick Wilkie: Junior Leader of the Year: CPL Laurence Gatt
 Jason County: Champion Soldier of the Year: PTE Meena Soliman
 Committee Members with COL Coates.

MEMORIAL ROLL (OR DECEASED LIST), November 2025

It has been the practice to update the Deceased List in the last issue of the newsletter each year. Where a location is shown in this list, that location may be where the member died, or if not known, where they 'Paraded' with the battalion. Also, as can be seen, many members do not have a year of death, and their death has probably only been verbally advised to the association.

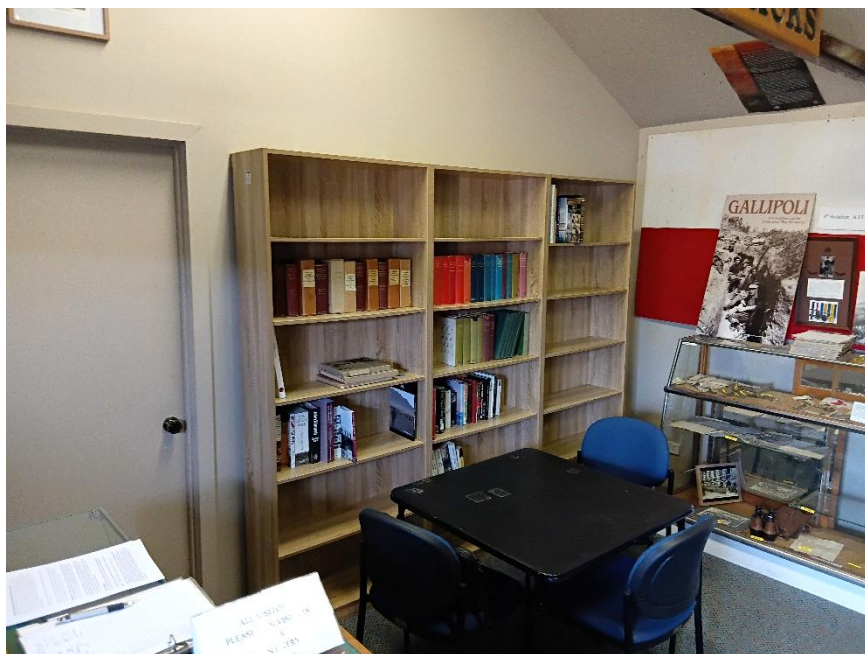
If you can confirm the year and location for any of the 'blank spaces', please advise the Editor.

Bill	Allen	2024, Kyneton	Keith	Anderson	2025, Pt Campbell
Ian	Archibald	2018, Ballarat	John	Armstrong	2021 (96), Ballarat?
Maurice	Armstrong	RSM	Peter	Ashton	2019, QM, Ballarat
(Carl) Tony	Augustine	2003, Mildura	Kevin	Bacon	
Danny	Bailey	2020	Kevin	Baker	Portland
Alan 'Pom'	Barry	2016	John	Barnes	
Max	Baudinette	2018, Warrnambool	Frank	Beacham	2007?
Leslie	Beacham	2016	Cedric	Bennett	2017
David	Bent	2025, Albury	Ian	Bentham	2025, Mortlake
Frank	Bird	2023, Smythesdale	Colin 'Col'	Bish	2024, Mareeba, Q
Peter	Bogart		William 'Bill'	Bolton	
Eddie	Boucher	2002, Maryborough	Harry	Bowman	2014, Canberra?
Wally	Boyd	2010	Eric	Boyle	
Craig	Brereton		Len	Brereton	2005, Shepparton
Mark	Broemmer	2023, Ballarat	Ken	Brown	2016, Ballarat
Dean	Brunt	2024, Boort	John	Brunt	2004
John	Burke	2021, Strathmerton	Ian	Cameron	2010?
Philip	Cameron	2021, Ballarat?	Lindsay	Campbell	2013?

Pat	Carney	2017, Warrnambool	Les	Casey	2006
Ken	Cavanagh	2008	Tom (Snr)	Chambers	
Trevor	Chapman	2025, Ballarat	Graham	Ching	2011, Ballarat
F. A. 'Pat'	Christopherson	2006, CO Ballarat	William 'Bill'	Clayden	2022, Mildura?
John	Cleary	2010?	Robert 'Bob'	Cockral	
Brian	Colbert	1983, CO, Ballarat	George	Collins	2010 (81), Qld
Edmund	Cook		Brian	Cooper	
Richard 'Dick'	Cornwill	2005, Ballarat	John	Coull	2021, Ballarat
George	Cox	2021, Qld?	Ted	Crane	2005, Mildura
Robert 'Bob'	Creelman	2020, Ballarat	Max	Crellin	2020, Ballarat
Bernard 'Bernie'	Crimmin	2009, Warrnambool	Francis 'Frank'	Crimmin	2006, Warrnambool
Graeme 'Diesel'	Cummins	2014, Ballarat	Barrie	Cushion	2013, Ballarat
Graeme	Curtis	2007	Alf	Davis	2022 Lt, Mildura
William 'Bill'	De Jong	2006, Ballarat	Colin	Dellavedova	
Ron	Disney	2020	Ron	Ditchfield	2009
William 'Bill'	Dobell	2015, Capt	George	Douglass	2021, Ballarat
Don	Dow	2023, Geelong	Kevin	Dower	2013, CO, Ballarat
Warren	Dower	2003, Ballarat	Graeme	Dowrick	2006, Ballarat
Brian	Driscoll	2023, Warrnambool	Les	Drury	2017 (84), Ballarat
Wayne	Dunbar	2019, CO, Deni, NSW	Ian	Durston	2023, Warrnambool
Darryle	Eccles	2015, Warrnambool	Hugh	Eckel	2007, Darwin, NT
Don 'DB'	Edwards	2009, Capt, Melbourne	Ross	Edwards	
Don	Ellis	2016, CO, Melbourne	Charlie	Elliott	
John 'Jack'	Elliott	2008, Ballarat	Robert	Elliott	
Don	Eltringham		Sid	Eltringham	
Ron	Wade-Ferrell	2003, Hobart?	Anthony 'Tony'	Fitzgerald	2016, Warrnambool
Michael	Fitzpatrick	2025, Bendigo	Kevin	Fiscalini	2018, Ballarat
Graeme	Foy	2023, Ballarat	Laurie	Frazer/Fraser	2010, Ballarat
Ern	French	2018	James	French	
Bert	Fry	2010, CO, Ballarat	Henry	Fumberger	1973?
Vince	Fundak	2009, Mildura	Laurie	Gallagher	2004, Chap
Malcolm	Gent	2016, Warrnambool	Hugh	Gibson	2013?
Frank 'Mick'	Gilshenan	2009, Mildura	Stan	Godfrey	
Les	Gollop	1989, Ballarat	Marinneus	Goosens	2017, Bendigo
Harry	Gordon		Lindsay	Gould	2025, Melbourne
Greg	Graham	2022, Ballarat	William 'Bill'	Green	
Donna	Green (Nee Malone)	2011, Ballarat	Robert 'Bob'	Grey	
Digby	Hammond	2006, ARA, Townsville	Les Keith	Hatfield	2013, XO, 2 RVR
Wayne	Harris	2024, CSM, C Coy	Norm	Harvey	2006, Ballarat
Arthur	Hems	2008, Ballarat	Neville	Henry	2004, Warrnambool
William 'Bill'	Hermans	2017, Warrnambool	Harold 'Ned'	Heslop	2024, Swan Hill
Phil	Hicks	2023 (77), Warrnambool	Bruce	Hill	2004, Warrnambool
Henry	Hill		Russell Hocking		2018
George	Horwood	2009, Ballarat	Doug	Howell	2018
Edward 'Eddie'	Hoy	2023, Warrnambool	'Barry'	Ingram	2021, Melbourne
William 'Bill'	Jenkins	B'rat Med Offr	Bernie	Jones	
Darryl	Jones		David	Jones	
Ivan	Jones	1993, Warrnambool	Trevor	Johnstone	1982, Warrnambool
Llewelyn 'Lou'	Jones-Owen	2018, Ballarat	Creighton	Kaye	2023, Melbourne
Peter	Keen	2025, Warrnambool	John	Kerwin	2024, Echuca
Alan	Kidd	2018	Tom	Laffey	2004, Ballarat
Barry	Lane		Russell	Lawry	2009, Ballarat
David	Lawson		Ken 'K G'	Lee	2023, Ballarat
Ken	Lemke	2018, Port Fairy	Ken	Letcher	1981, Sgt, Ballarat
Robert 'Bob'	Lingham	2022, Wodonga	John 'Jack'	Littlewood (Snr)	1988, Qld

John	Littlewood (Jnr)	2007, Canada	William 'Bill'	Locke	1983, B'rat Stwd
Gerry	Logan	2011, Ballarat	Tasman 'Tassie'	Long	1999, Tasmania
John	Loveridge		Ken	Loveridge	1988, Capt, B'rat
Edward 'Ted'	Lynes	2016, CO, Ballarat	James 'Jim'	Mack	2021, CO, Ballarat
Tom	Maher	2007, Ballarat	James 'Jim'	Malone	1995, Ballarat
Alan	Mathieson	2021, Ballarat	John 'Jack'	McDonald	2002 (64), W'bool
Merv	McDonald	2024, Cobram	Oska	McGeary/McGery	
Stewart/Stuart	McLeod	ARA	Barry	McMaster	2006, Ballarat
Kevin	McSween	2020, Port Fairy	Bryan	Moore	
Peter	Morgan	2006?	George	Morrison	2002, Ballarat
Marven 'Bluey'	Mould		Russell	Muir	1981, Creswick
Peter	Murghy		Peter	Murphy	
Laurie	Murray/Murry		John 'Jack'	Nhill/Nihill	
Henry 'Hank'	Nolan	2007, Chap, Ballarat	Brian	Noonan	2004, M'borough?
Frank	Norton	2017, Warrnambool	Edward 'Ted'	O'Flynn	2012, Ballarat
David	O'Grady	2007, Warrnambool	Robert 'Bob'	Parker	2003, Maryborough
William 'Bob'	Paterson	2025, Gippsland	Fred	Pattison	2025, Hamilton
Gary	Pearse	2023, Mildura	Peebles		2004, Ballarat
John	Pemberton		Rob Sam 'Albert'	Penny	2007, Euroa
Ron	Pentland	2001, WA?	Peter	Phillips	
Graeme	Pickens	2017, Perth	Ken	Pole	2025, Hamilton
Peter	Polwarth	2022, Bendigo	Peter	Powers	2010, Melbourne?
Noel 'Mick'	Prebbles	1997, Ballarat	Brian	Prentice	2007, Adelaide?
Frank	Punch	1992/1997/2005?	Stewart/Stuart	Pyers	
David	Rae	2013, Warrnambool	Donald	Rae	1988, Warrnambool
Noel	Rae	2021 (84), Ballarat	Peter	Ramm	2018, Melbourne
Herbert 'Harry'	Rasmussen	1986, B'master, B'rat	Kevin	Rees	2024, Mooropna
John	Respini	2005, Melbourne	Gil	Richards	
Peter	Robinson		Dave	Romein	2003
Alex	Rossoli		Ron	Rumble	2018, Ballarat
Tom	Sainty		Brian	Sanderson	2019, Warrnambool
Colin	Sadow	2022, Perth	John	Schepis	2019, Ballarat
David	Schneider	1984, Portland	Alan	Scott	
Dennis	Shanley	2002, Warrnambool	Alan/Allan	Sharp	2012, Ballarat?
Sid	Sharp	2006	Arnold	Sheedy	2024, Warrnambool
John	Schepis	2019, Ballarat	Peter	Shilston	1993, Ballarat
Robert 'Bob'	Silver/Silva		Arch 'Harry'	Skurrie	
Elizabeth 'Betty'	Smithson	2011, Ballarat	Frank	Smyth	
Adam	Spiteri	1992, Ballarat	Andrew 'Jock'	Stewart	2021, Ballarat
Ray	Stowe	2018, Ballarat	Bert	Strange	1997, Buninyong?
Robert 'Bob'	Suggett	2022, Geelong	Gary	Sutherland	2016 (82) or 2018 (80)
Geoffrey	Swan	2013, CO, Melbourne	Dean	Swift	2008, Bendigo
Graeme	Tapscott	2018, Creswick	Robert 'Bob'	Taylor	
Gary	Thornton	2018, Ballarat	Kie	Tinker	1993, Warrnambool
Brian	Tobin	1986, Ballarat	Gerry	Tobin	2023, Ballarat
Leonard	Toohey	2002 (59)?	Peter	Torpy	2006, Ballarat
John	Trevenen	2002, CO, Ballarat	Robert	Tung	2018, Ballarat
Gordon	Vivash	ARA	Bill	Walliker	2018, Melbourne
Ron	Walsh		Mal	Waterhouse	2013, Ballarat
Lindsay	Webb		Mick	Wethling	2003/5? Ballarat
Shane	Wethling		Peter	Wertheimer	2019?
John	Whateley	2018, Ballarat	Peter	White	2020, Ballarat
Max	Whitelaw	2001, Buninyong	Max	Whiting	1993, Ballarat
Bruce	Wilson (Snr)	2000s, Ballarat?	Ron	Wilson	
Victor	Wilson		Gerry	Wright	

BALLARAT RANGER MILITARY MUSEUM MATTERS (Neil Leckie, Manager)
Progress at the Ranger Museum



Selecting and moving items of interest into the container display for the 'potted history' of 8/7 RVR has reached the 2 RVR era. Some items of the current 8/7 RVR era will be moved in soon.

In the 'hut', one empty display case has been moved out of the hut and some bookshelves purchased so that the books in the rather 'cluttered' office can be brought out and placed on the shelves, for all to see and read!

Our newsletter is kindly printed in the office of Julia Addison, State Member for Wendouree.

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