



BLUE DOG BULLETIN

6 RAR Association - ANZAC DAY 2018

Brisbane- The 6 RAR Association will march as part of the RAR (Qld) group as normal. The FUP will be the top end of Mary Street and there should be plenty of banners in evidence. Our contingent will be led by our President Mr Ben McDevitt AM, APM and Brig Terry Holland AM MC. We welcome all those younger members and ex-members who have served with 6 RAR to join us on the day.

After the march, there will be many of us who will adjourn to the Grand Central Hotel in Ann St, under Central Station for re-hydration therapy. Please come along.

Sydney- For those intending to be in Sydney this Anzac Day please note that the RAR Association Service will be held in Regimental Square as is the custom. This service starts at 0830 sharp. For those who don't know, Regimental Square is almost opposite the Cenotaph at the bottom of Martin Place on George St.

The Sydney March will form up in Bligh St and step off about 1000. It would be great to see a big turnout of former members of 6 RAR who wish to connect with the 6 RAR Association. If you served with 6 RAR at any time, you are part of our family and we welcome your attendance. Look for the RAR and 6 RAR banners. Hope to see as many as possible there.

Melbourne- Info provided by the Vic Rep was minimal however he advises that "we line up in Collins St as usual. 7 RAR lead this year, 6 RAR at the rear. I have the banner and we march off at 0950 h."

ANZAC Day Activities- Last year we called for photos of *your* ANZAC Day, wherever it may have been. As many of these as possible were subsequently printed in Stand To. That was a very successful exercise and we ask you to participate again. For example, my ANZAC Day will be at sea, on-route to Los Angeles from Acapulco. Please send your ANZAC Day contributions to the Editor, grumpyop13@bigpond.com

PAYSUBSONLINE

We now use a new **SECURE** online administrative system to hold our database. The advantages of such are numerous, including giving you the ability to go online and update personal details. If you have not yet visited PaySubsOnline, please follow this **secure** link. <https://paysubsonline.com/Login/54F56338B5348CA853E0D3578FA26ED7.htm> Your email address will be your username and then simply create your own password. Your participation will allow us to do a much better, less taxing, job on your behalf.

When you have completed your personal details, click on 'Save and Proceed to Payment Page'. You will be offered the opportunity to purchase Lapel Badges, Name Badges or pay postage for a 6 RAR Journal. Those not already subscribed to 'Stand To' will also have the opportunity to subscribe.

FINDING FAMILY – PLEASE ASSIST

As an association we are considered strong although when looking closely at the stats, we only have email addresses for 900 of over 2000 names on our database. Since email is our main method and most economic means of communication, we need your help in capturing the names and email addresses of those members and ex-members **you** may be in contact with. A good way to start is to forward those you know are part of the family, this bulletin. If you have received this from a mate and are new to the association, you will need to register here:

<https://paysubsonline.com/Registration/54F56338B5348CA853E0D3578FA26ED7.htm>

This is a **secure link** to a **secure site**. **No Cost To Join**

RESERVE THIS DATE for SYDNEY - 06 June 2018

Those familiar with The Regimental Square in Sydney may have noted that 6 RAR is unrepresented among the plaques already in place. On the Battalion Birthday this year, 6th June 2018, your Association intend to correct that and have ordered a plaque very similar to the one below, dedicated at the AWM in Canberra in 2006.



We are currently working on the logistics for this dedication and at this stage ask you to keep the date 06/06/2018 approx 1000 h clear if you would like to attend.

We are arranging a luncheon with guest speaker to be held at the United Services Club. Look out for a separate announcement and opportunity to register and pay for the luncheon.

Our aim is to make this a significant

ceremonial event however the degree will be determined by availability of resources.

The VIVID SYDNEY Festival is also on during the period 25th May – 16th June. Many of Sydney's harbour and city precincts are lit spectacularly during this period so you may want to bring the bride and may the trip to Sydney a several day affair. The VIVID LIGHT WALK from The Rocks to the Opera House is a 2 kilometre walk with prominent landmarks and boats alive with colour and spectacle. You will be amazed!

6 RAR JOURNAL 2017

Your Battalion, 6 RAR, printed a high quality journal at the end of 2017 and we have been given a small number of same for Association members. There is no cost for the journal although we ask you to pay \$6.80 for packing and postage. First in, first serve. To place your order and pay, login here:

<https://paysubsonline.com/Login/54F56338B5348CA853E0D3578FA26ED7.htm> This will take you to your member details page where you can update your details as necessary. If you then click on 'Save and Proceed to Payments Page' you can select items required.

V4 Reunion – Our participation cancelled

Following the Mini reunion held over the ANZAC period 2017, our kiwi brothers had indicated they intended having another reunion in 2019. We have since received the following:-

We are aware, given the outstanding success of Waiouru, that a number of you are looking forward to joining us as we commemorate our 50th anniversary of our deployment to Vietnam.

We have chosen Burnham as the venue for this reunion as it is from here most of us gathered and trained before leaving for Malaysia.

Regrettably the venue is limited – there are no campervan facilities available and accommodation on base is also tight, so we have decided that we will keep the event to the remaining veterans of V4 and our families.

We understand that this might come as a disappointment to our mates in 6 RAR/ANZAC who had planned to join us.

This decision does not diminish our deep respect for our comrades-in-arms and we hope you appreciate the reasons for our decision.

In fraternal regard

Andy Peters

Chairman Reunion Committee

6 RAR Association MERCHANDISE

We wish to remind all members that Association merchandise is available via our website at www.6rarassociation.com/merchandise.htm You can order and pay for merchandise using PayPal, either account or card. We reiterate that PayPal is **secure!**

BLUE DOG Bulletin

The idea of Blue Dog Bulletin was conceived with a view that we could make this a monthly piece leading up to REUNION 2020, and perhaps beyond. Your committee are trying to grow our numbers and communication. Please do what you can to spread the word. With respects and best wishes to all,

Graham Smith

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