

Half Circle



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(If this is hard to read, try increasing the picture size to 150%!!)

This informal publication is for the members of C Coy 5 RAR (2nd tour), South Vietnam, 1969/70, and for the families of those who are no longer with us. It is non-political, and is designed for us to have a laugh at ourselves, re-live our memories, and maintain camaraderie. Formal advice, when needed, should be sourced from Veterans' Organisations.



AT THE RAP: Barrie Taylor – ongoing oncology treatment.

GREG BLAIR: Does anyone know Greg's current email address? Messages to him have bounced back since the Tadaust network ceased operating. Please notify your editor if you can help. Don



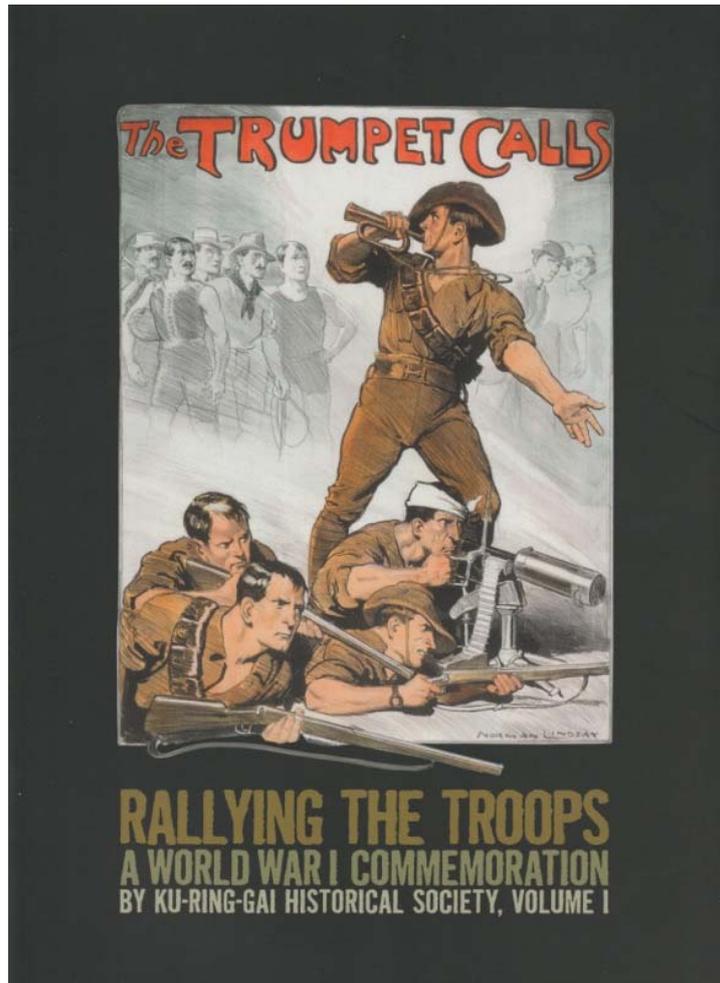
TRAVELLING ABOUT: Ian and Glenys Leis – caravanning somewhere in Australia.

Blue and Arleen Schafer – last sighted off-shore at Gallipoli – ANZAC Day 2015.

JACK LAKE has announced that he is to step down as President of the Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans and Associated Forces Inc, after some eighteen years in that role. Jack and Susan have many other interests, including plans to enjoy their retirement, and a chalet in the Snowy Mountains is a part of that plan. We acknowledge Jack's service and dedication to the above organisation.

At the time of writing, the ANZAC commemorations are drawing to a close. It seems that apart from Gallipoli and France where major remembrance events were held, every city and town in Australia paid tribute in their own ways. This is a credit to all Australians, and if we have taught the younger generation anything, we have succeeded in upholding the fine traditions set by our forefathers. Ed.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR ANZACS



For the past 3 years I have been coordinating a small team of volunteer writers from the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society to commemorate the men and women with links to the suburbs of Ku-ring-gai who served in World War 1. The first of four volumes of our book, Rallying the Troops, was published last year and launched by Dr Brendon Nelson, the Director of the Australian War Memorial. It is a major task as we are writing a short biography of all 1600 veterans as well as including chapters on local pre-war Ku-ring-gai society, recruiting, training, rifle clubs, important battles and memorials, both overseas and local. Volumes 2-4 will be published during the next three years.
Dave Wilkins



Dennis (Digger) Nevins, pictured with daughter Sam, at the Beaudesert ANZAC Day commemorations.



ANZAC Day Sydney 2015 – pictured are 5RAR diggers being called into line by (Acting RSM) Geoffrey Pearson. Prominent are Alan Miles, Alan Riley and David Wilkins, and Zeke Mundine. Zeke has just been appointed the Aboriginal Elder for the Army. We admire you, Zeke, and offer our full support. Peter Commerford was out of picture.

OUR C COY REUNION, CANBERRA 2016:

Don't panic!! The committee is doing a great job, and things are going very well. The following tips may assist:

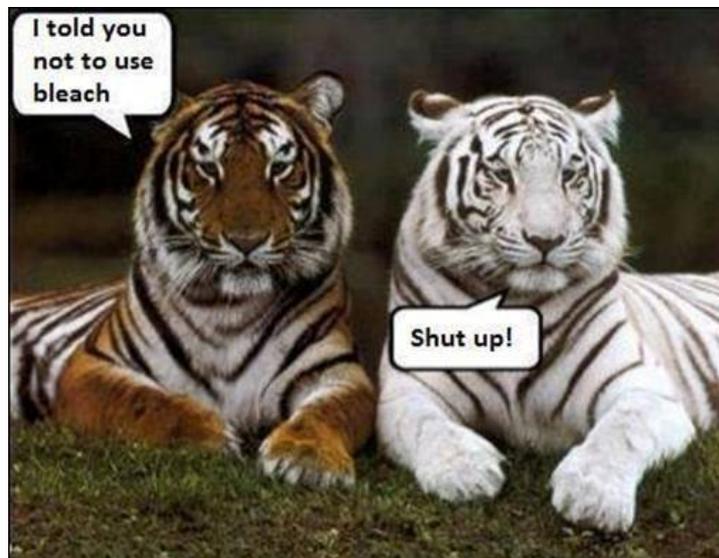
1. Everyone will know you. You are not the only one who is older, greyer, wiser and wider! This time you will be issued with name tags, not dog tags!
2. The accommodation will be fine. Just phone the Canberra Rex Hotel on 02 6248 5311. Book early! **This means NOW.** Over 40 have already booked.
3. Breakfast: From 0630 to 1000. You will not only have the opportunity to have a great breakfast, but also an early morning walk with other geriatrics, sorry older diggers. No PT, just walking!
4. Dress: The organizing committee is putting together suggested dress standards for each function, so you won't be standing there with sunscreen and thongs whilst others have their bags of fruit on. You will be advised.
5. Greg (Hickory) Dick will be travelling to Canberra by road from the Port Augusta region and will have room for a passenger to ride shotgun. If anyone wants to contact Greg, phone 08 8668 4284 or 0429 913 489. Greg is a non drinker and non-smoker. (Speak with Hickory about throwing in towards the travel costs).
6. The reunion is designed so that if anyone would care to stay on in Canberra for extra days, they may do so. Travellers from interstate may care to take more time to visit the Nation's capital.
7. Remit your funds to the Reunion account when you get the opportunity. Refer to your reunion papers for details.
8. Don't forget your medals!

An old mate, pretty full, phoned for a home-delivered pizza. It duly arrived, and he paid the driver. A few minutes later he phoned the pizza store and tore strips off them, complaining that his pizza had no topping. A few minutes later he phoned back to apologise. He had opened the box upside down.

First soldier: "Pass me the chocolate pudding, would you?" Second soldier: "No way, Jose!" First soldier: "Why ever not?" Second soldier: "It's against regulations to help another soldier to dessert!" *(Blame Roger Lambert for this one!)*



In Sydney and want to hit the little white ball? Then head for the Georges River Golf Course, Henry Lawson Drive Georges Hall. Geoff Grimish and his team will make you most welcome. Geoff is a Vietnam vet (RAA), and is a great supporter of this newsletter. Phone (02) 9724 1615.



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