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The RAA Association Banner passes through the Memorial Gates



The RAA Banner draped across the altar inside St. Matthew's Church, Gunners Day 2007



# Notice Board

**Mark these dates in your calendars**

## **RAA Association AGM**

**March 2008**

**\* More details next newsletter \***

## **Warning Order**

**ANZAC DAY – 25 Apr 2008**

### **RAAHS BUSY BEES 2008**

19<sup>th</sup> Jan    23<sup>rd</sup> Feb    29<sup>th</sup> Mar    xx<sup>th</sup> Apr  
xx<sup>th</sup> May    xx<sup>th</sup> Jun    xx<sup>th</sup> Jul    xx<sup>th</sup> Aug  
xx<sup>th</sup> Sep    xx<sup>th</sup> Oct    xx<sup>th</sup> Nov    xx<sup>th</sup> Dec

(Dates for the year were not confirmed at time of printing – See first newsletter of 2008)

### **LEIGHTON BATTERY OPEN DAYS**

The Leighton Battery Heritage Site is open on a regular basis on the first Sunday of every month from 10 AM to 3:30 PM with tours of the tunnels every half hour.

**- COVER – Gunners Day 2007 –**

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**Subs to your Association or Society are now due – RAAA of WA (Inc) - \$ 15                      RAAHS - \$ 25**  
**We now have a Direct Debit facility – Please find the details in the relevant sections -**  
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# **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION WA (INC)**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our Gunners Day the 79<sup>th</sup> was held on 4<sup>th</sup> November at Guildford and St. Matthew's Church.

On this occasion the Padre was recently appointed Church Vicar Reverend Steve Warren and the Reviewing Officer being the Colonel Commandant Bill Ritchie.

The support of Captain Stuart James on the organising side was appreciated as well as the contribution of 7 Field Battery and the contingent led by Captain Hugh Zimmerman who represented on this occasion the Battery Commander, Major Andrew Dunjey.

The March past led by Members of the W.A Pipe Band commenced at 1500 hours and among those in the March were:-

**Our Past Gunners  
7 Field Battery  
Cadets from both 56<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup>  
Australian Cadet Corps  
British Returned Soldiers**

and others.

The Cadets under the supervision of Bill Johnston presented the Flags and Banners to the Padre and his annual event is a credit not only to Bill but also to the Cadets who took part.

This year a different form of Service was introduced with Large Print and to Tom Arnautovic and Ron Jager thank you for the contribution.

The Parade Commander was Vice President Peter Rowles.

It is with regret that we wish to record the passing on of the following since last Gunners Day 2006:-

**Val Cave  
Ashley Hyde  
Mick Hall  
Roger Fitzhardinge  
Clem Richards  
Grant Selly**

As usual events of this nature rely on your Committee and for 2007 in particular Tom.

The next Annual General Meeting will be in March 2008 and not August as previously foreshadowed. However details will be sent in due course.

Wishing on behalf of the Committee to all a Merry Christmas and all the Best for 2008.

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Bruce G. Campbell OAM  
**President**



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## Artillery from around the world



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(Please post request to Secretary for both items)

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## WELFARE FUND and OFFICER

John Walsh is the contact person as the Association's Welfare Officer. Anybody that needs to discuss any Welfare Funding can contact John via email at [info@artillerywa.org.au](mailto:info@artillerywa.org.au) or [jfxwalsh@bigpond.com.au](mailto:jfxwalsh@bigpond.com.au) or by phone on 93836544, Wednesday mornings.

Access to Funds can be made by applying in writing using the Welfare Fund Form, which is available on request. *(From the Treasurer)*

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## Artillery from around the world



Taken at the right moment

## 7 Field Battery, 3 Field Regiment

**Gunners Day at Guilford – 04 November 2007**

This event was well attended and provided an opportunity for all members of the Battery, association and historical society to come together and celebrate what it means to be a gunner. The day involved a March past, memorial service and church service. Everyone who attended the event commented on the dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm displayed by all ranks of the Battery. Next year will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gunners Day march at Guildford so it is imperative that all members of the Battery continue to provide support to this activity. Special mention must be made of SGT Hicks, who managed to stay in step for the entire march.



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# Gunners Day 2007



The tie is slightly of center RSM...



The Banner party about to step off



The WA Police Pipe Band



Old Gunners stepping out on Gunners Day 2007



Stalwart of the RAA Association, Ronnie Roach, was invited by the President to join the Colonel Commandant on the Dais for the Salute.



RSL WA President Bill Gaynor and Peter Kennedy



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**Artillery from around the world**



Is that what you call a M198 BOWTIE??



Not often you get three ex BC's in one gathering, Peter Mahoney (middle), John Blylevens (left) helping Bob Farrelly (sink a few) to celebrate his birthday.

(The Editor had the opportunity to serve under the three BC's so they won't mind if I said that their combined age, would make a dam good cricket score!!) Cheers! ED.

Everywhere Where Right and Glory Lead



# **THE AIMING POST**

## **The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society Of Western Australia (Inc)**

### **President's Report:**

There has been a change in the date of holding our Annual General Meeting, which will now revert to March and not August 2008 as originally advised. In due course the Notice of Meeting will be sent.

The Breakfast was held in the Athol Hobbs Room at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and on this occasion Our Flag was flown at the Club. This gave an interesting backdrop to the vista of the Swan River.

An address by Major Andrew Dunjey, the Battery Commander of 7 Field Battery gave an update on changes within the Defence Forces as far as it affected the future of the Unit as a Field Battery. We are all aware of the considerable changes in the role of the Army over the past few years and the Commitment overseas.

These in effects, has resulted in a major review of the Service and 7 Battery will, in the future, become a Mortar Unit.

Whilst this will be disappointing to many the rationale behind this major change was fully canvassed by Andrew.

We would like to thank him for taking the opportunity to update us.

Wishing you all, on behalf of the Committee a Merry Christmas and may 2008 be up to your expectations.

Yours Sincerely

Bruce G. Campbell OAM  
**President**



The President with Colonel Commandant Bill Ritchie  
The wreath lying at the Memorial – Gunners Day 2007



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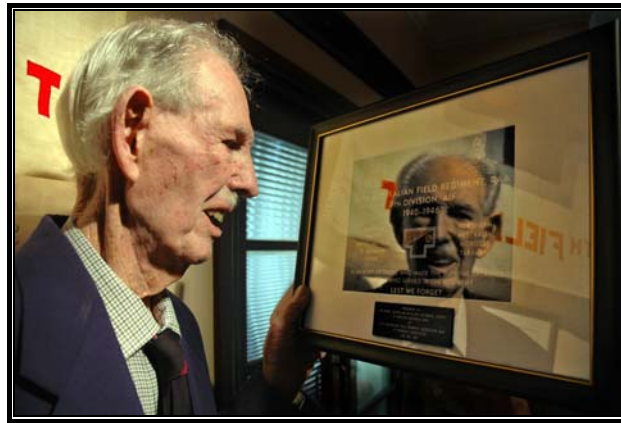
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**BEREAVEMENT**

**ROGER FRANCIS BERKELEY FITZHARDINGE**

16th June 1912 – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007

It was sadly ironic that Roger featured so prominently in the last issue of ARTILLERYWA that was distributed only days after his demise on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

For many months Roger had valiantly resisted the burden of his illness and right up to the time of his passing he was an inspiration to his family and large circle of friends.

Roger's military career is well recorded. As a Gunner Officer he was renowned for his leadership, technical knowledge, and loyalty both upward and down. As Patron of the 2/7<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Regiment Ex-Members Association – WA, Roger was held in high regard and, when he was not able to attend the monthly meetings, his wartime colleagues assembled at his home in order that he could personally contribute to the matters of the day.

Roger was cremated on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007, following a moving service at his Parish Church and Crematorium Chapel. As was expected, the services were well attended and the eulogy by son Roger was most illuminating.

Roger is survived by his wife Joy and son Roger.

Memory of Roger will remain in the thoughts of all with whom he had contact.

**Gunners Day Fellowship**



Ron Jager with Jim and Joan Clements



Peter Mahoney and Peter Rowles

**The Final Word!!**



**Gee, lucky I didn't become a Bty BC!!**

Frank Langford and Tom Arnautovic

**A Merry Christmas to all And a Prosperous New Year 2008.**

Thank you to all those that have contributed to the Newsletter over the year, To Tom A. for the printing and the WAGS for enveloping and posting. **CHEERS!!!**

The Editor.

Cut and return to the RAA Association

To the RAA Association of WA (Inc) - Postal address on page 2 -

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