



## ANZAC DAY 2013



ST GEORGES TCE, PERTH



# Notice Board

**Mark these dates in your calendars**

**Battery Birthday / Regimental Dinner Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

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**RAAHS BUSY BEES for 2013**

26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	23 <sup>th</sup> Feb	23 <sup>th</sup> Mar	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr
25 <sup>th</sup> May	29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	27 <sup>th</sup> Jul	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug
28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec

**LEIGHTON BATTERY OPEN DAYS**

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

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## **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION WA (INC)**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Unfortunately at time of print the President's Report was not available



### **BEREAVEMENT**

Colonel Michael Kingsford passed away 14 May 2013. Michael was participating in an Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC) workshop at Mt Macedon when he collapsed during an afternoon walk. He is survived by his wife Mary and their four children.

Michael was a very active RAA CAPT at 13 BDE HQ fifteen years ago and will be remembered by the officers serving at that time.

### **B.C.'s NOTE**

From 1 January 2013, 7 Field Battery ceased to exist and 3 Light Battery was established as part of 11/28 RWAR Battle Group.

The first 5 months has had its challenges as we adapt to being under command of the Battle Group.

I am proud of the way the officers and soldiers have taken the challenge in their stride and have continued in the fine Gunner Traditions.

We have actually grown our numbers with four new gunners being welcomed to the battery. They are Gunners Wilkinson, McKnight, Franklyn and Reynolds. We also welcome Bombardier Ohnemus a transfer from the ARA to the Battery.

Bombardier Bonser's funeral was held on Monday 25 February 2013 with many present and past serving gunners in attendance to say farewell to a much respected and like member of the Gunner Family. Ex Battery Commander Steve Mathers gave a very poignant and moving eulogy and a M2A2 Gun held ground out the front of the chapel.

Bombardier Bonser will be remembered with an award in his honour to be presented annually at the Battery Dinner.

The battery has been involved in two Battlegroup Weekend Activities which has enabled us to shake out prior to our Live Fires in May and June. We have in excess of 700 bombs for these exercises and we are looking forward to both activities.

It was fantastic to catch up with so many ex serving gunners on ANZAC Day. Whilst some parts of the day have changed from previous years, it was fantastic that we were able to hold an event at Hobbs Artillery Park and were able to celebrate the day as gunners.

May I also take this opportunity to remind all gunners of the Battery Dinner to be held at Hobbs Artillery Park on Saturday 6 July 2013. I look forward to catching up with you there!

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Rob Coales  
Battery Commander

### **GUNNERS DAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOV: GUILDFORD CENTENARY 2013**

The Guildford Centenary Committee has been meeting monthly to plan celebrations for the centenary of artillery in Guildford. The earliest reference researched so far is 38<sup>th</sup> Battery in 1913 on the banks of the Swan River in Guildford. The committee is drawn from the Artillery Associations, 3 Light Battery (was 7 FD BTY 3 FD REGT) Guildford historians and the City of Swan.

The intention is to make GUNNERS DAY 2013 a stand out event. The Committee believes that from an average of 75-100 attendance over the past several years there will be a combined attendance of 300 in 2013. The City of Swan in conjunction with the Committee plans to unveil the Talbot Hobbs Memorial Gates at Stirling Square Guildford on this occasion with the gates being constructed partially from existing materials used in the original Talbot Hobbs gates from his Nedlands home.

Brigadier Peter Gates the current Head of Regiment RAA will attend and officially unveil the gates with the Mayor of Swan.

If you have an interest or knowledge of the Artillery history of Guildford, please contact John Blylevens who is coordinating the RAA A contribution. (john.bly@auspost.com.au)



## HEAD OF REGIMENT CHANGE-OVER

BRIG Don Roach has passed on the baton to BRIG Peter Gates.

### BRIGADIER PETER C. GATES



Brigadier Gates was born in Sydney in 1966 and completed his education at Daramalan College, Canberra. He graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in December 1986 into the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

Brigadier Gates has served in 4th Field Regiment and 8th/12th Medium Regiment where he commanded 103 Medium Battery. He commanded the School of Artillery between 2003 and 2004. He has had instructional appointments as a tactics instructor at the Royal Military College and at the Combat Command Wing of the Combined Arms Training Centre. He also served on the Directing Staff at the United Kingdom's Combined Joint Services Staff College.

Staff appointments have included Army Force Development and as the Colonel of Operational Plans (J53) in Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

He has seen operational service in the Middle East with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Syria, Israel, Lebanon and Egypt and served in Multinational Force – Iraq as colonel plans in the Combined Joint Force Headquarters (Operations) in 2008.

Brigadier Gates attended the Australian Army Command and Staff College at Queenscliff in 1998 and subsequently studied Law at the University of Melbourne. In 2009 he completed the Defence and Strategic Studies Course at the Australian Defence College. Brigadier Gates holds post graduate qualifications in Defence and Strategic Studies and International Law.

Brigadier Gates was awarded a Conspicuous Service Medal for service to Army Force Development in the 2004 Australia Day Honors List.

As Director General Defence Education and Training in 2010, Brigadier Gates led enterprise wide education and training reforms as part of the Strategic Reform Program that included the establishment of the Defence Learning Branch. He was appointed Commandant of the Australian Command and Staff and College in 2012.

**Major Robert Coales**  
 BATTERY COMMANDER, 3 LIGHT BATTERY  
 REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF THE COMPANY OF  
**PAST AND PRESENT GUNNERS, OFFICERS, PARTNERS AND INVITED GUESTS**  
 AT THE COMBINED  
**20123 BATTERY BIRTHDAY/ ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL MIXED DINNER**  
**CELEBRATING THE 65TH BATTERY BIRTHDAY**  
 TO BE HELD IN THE  
**HOBBS ARTILLERY PARK DRILL HALL**  
 ON  
**SATURDAY, 6TH OF JULY 2013 AT 7 PM FOR 7.30 PM.**

**COST** TBA  
**Payment** Cheque payable to 7 Fd Bty Other Ranks Canteen  
**DRESS** MESS DRESS WHITE JACKET (SERVING OFFICERS AND SENIOR NCOs)  
 POLYESTER LONG SLEEVE WITH TIE (ORS)  
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**POC** SGT SCOTT McMAHON  
 0433 759 377 or scott.mcmahon@dec.wa.gov.au  
**RSVP** SGT SCOTT McMAHON  
 BY 24 JUNE 2013 – **SHARP** – REMINDERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED.

\*PRICE INCLUDES PRE-DINNER SHERRY, DINNER WINE AND PORT. OTHER DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE DINNER AT MESS BAR PRICES.

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**ATTENDANCE SLIP REPLY**

PAYMENT OFFICER (SGT SCOTT McMAHON)  
 BATTERY BIRTHDAY DINNER/ ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL MIXED DINNER  
 3 LIGHT BATTERY HOBBS ARTILLERY PARK  
 STUBBS TERRACE, KARRAKATTA WA 6010



I WILL / WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE BATTERY BIRTHDAY/ ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL DINNER ON 6TH JULY 2013. MY REMITTANCE FOR \$\_\_\_\_\_ IS ENCLOSED. I WOULD PREFER TO BE SEATED WITH: (IF YOU HAVE ANY MATES YOU PREFER TO MIX WITH).....

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## Pictures of ANZAC Day 2013







### **HELP US TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE**

The RAA Association and RAAHS is keen to build up a data base of member's email addresses in order to send out occasional important information relating to GUNNER activities, for, Battery Birthday Dinner and the latest ArtilleryWA Newsletter which is now on-line.

Please send an email to [john.blylevens@defence.gov.au](mailto:john.blylevens@defence.gov.au) if you would like to be included and when you change your email address, so we can keep up to date.



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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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# **THE AIMING POST**

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

### **PRESIDENTS ADDRESS**

Dear Members,

I would like to open with your Society's best wishes going to our long-time members Enid Cahill and Ronnie Roach. Both these ladies are overcoming health issues. To our other stalwarts who may also be feeling unwell - our thoughts go out to you too. To the guides and cashiers - we have an unusually busy third quarter so start swallowing those vitamin c tablets we need all of you on-deck!

Members may be aware that we have been maintaining several pieces of artillery on the drill hall floor. Circumstances have dictated that some have had to be re-located [under cover] Giving ground like that is not what we enjoy- but that is where we find ourselves at present.

Base security is being intensified even down to keys and locks, this can create headaches for those who frequent the Barracks on Wednesdays- but I would remind members that the RAAHS has enjoyed a possibly unique arrangement as tenants on a defence establishment. Through the good offices of member Don Rae- we continue to work within the Defence stipulations on this issue.

On base matters- we store items in the dis-used cine-range at Irwin Barracks. Recently we have been advised that access is prohibited until further notice due to possible lead contamination. Again we must comply- despite using the building for twenty plus years. Don Rae sits as our representative on the 11/28 RWAR BG Scoping Committee- this body governs many aspects of operations within Irwin Barracks. Don, the Society thanks you for the extra hours those meetings involve you in.

To Leighton Battery. The Command Post interior display update is now complete. It looks most impressive! To members Don Rae, Neil Lodge, Merv Ward- gentle-men you have really added visual value to the site. The on-going maintenance per month is an essential- I thank all members who have put in time there.

The RAAHS continues to operate within its financial means - we will be drawing down on our reserves later this year when the toilet building is constructed against the Command Post. It is of pre-cast concrete and requires sewerage connection to an off-site point.

Within the tunnel complex itself ongoing changes continue. In the Artificer's Store we have placed a dozen replica 6" H.E. projectiles. These certainly add an air of authenticity to that space. As a p.s.- your fearless President had to remove a dugite from that room earlier in the year - luckily it was a baby which had fallen down the airshaft. As you read this a Paranormal group will have spent a couple of hours in total darkness in the complex " Listening for ghosts"- or maybe things that rustle?

Above ground the Council has put in a series of cement footpaths recently. The usual surface being compressed limestone- easily eroded each winter. We will ask Council to add another path - or a drainage measure to a steep gradient from the 3.7" site to the Battery Observation Post- currently being eroded

heavily. Your friends and mine the "graffiti artists" have been noticeable by their absence for some time- let's hope they continue to find greener pastures.

We would certainly welcome any member who would be prepared to keep an eye on the carpark site for a period of time on our Sunday openings. Despite Council signs at all four points of the compass - Look-Lock-Leave- we still get opportunist damage to cars. The mere presence of an observer serves as a deterrence. If you can assist in this matter please ring me [a/h] -93673539- .

In closing this Address I would like to quote the Minister for Local Government , Mr Tony Simpson MLA. What follows I direct to all the RAAHS active guides, cashiers and Wednesday workers;

' Volunteers are the backbone of our community. Many community groups and not for profit organisations would simply not survive without your support. Our community is a kinder ,more interesting and more compassionate place to live in, thanks to your contributions'.

Enjoy the winter rains!

David Carter.

### **RAAHS LIBRARY**

The library, located at Karrakatta has some 3000 military orientated publications on its shelves and cabinets. Many of these which are rare and valuable are available for loan to Society members. However, very little use is being made of this facility because its existence is not widely known or because of the perceived difficulties linked with gaining access to the library. Included in the figure of 3000 there is a large selection of artillery and other arms and services material available for research purposes.

To widen access to members we are listing a sample of the publications available, on the basis of a new hundred copies each month. Should you wish to borrow a copy or copies:

- Email:- [raahs.karrakatta@live.com.au](mailto:raahs.karrakatta@live.com.au) or call Bob Arnold on Wednesday mornings on 9269 4544: and the publication or publications will be available at the Lake Petri Heritage site your collection on the following Sunday stop also if you have a particular need and the book on a particular topic is not listed give Bob a call and he may be old to assist or,
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A Battle Scenario of a NATO Exercise in Europe , First Clash, 1984.	Canadian Chief of Defence Staff
At Dawn We Slept, The Untold Story of Pearl Harbour	Prange, GW
British Smooth-bore Artillery, A Technical Study.	McDonnell, D.
First Battery, RCHA, A Brief history 1871 - 1980.	Read
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"G" - Very Special Intelligence - The Admiralty's Operational Intelligence centre 1939 - 1945.	Beeseley, P.
17th Australian Infantry Brigade	Ross, A.R. Capt
7th Army Troop Company, RAE. Sundry Notes and Anecdotes, 1939 - 1946.	Shaw, G. D.
105 Battery Royal Reg't of Aust Artillery	Burke, A.
105mm Gun History Sheets	
105mm L5 Gun Equipment, Firing Tables, 1972.	Dept of Defence



2/6th Aust Field Regiment, The 25 Pounders from Egypt to Borneo	Warby, J.
25pdr Gun Howtizer - The Gunner's Favourite	British Natinoal Army Museum
6PR 7CWT QF Gun MkII on Carriage 6PR MkI, IA, II Land Service Handbook	Australian Army
Artillery, The Big Guns go to War	Johnson, C
Canada's Guns, An Illustrated History of Artillery.	Barnes, LWCS
Drawings of the 25Pdr Yarramba.	Montreal Tank Arsenal
Artillery Fire the Battery. The Battery	Nicholson. W. A. Maj.
Artillery in colour, 1920 - 1963	Hogg I.V.
Artillery Missiles and military Transport	Chant, C.
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