



THE BIG GUN



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Formal Dinner 2009

An Enjoyable Night had by all.

The Formal Dinner was held on the 26th July 2009, at the Belmont R.S.L. The night started off with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, then being seated by bagpipes. The evening was very enjoyable and a lot of socializing was going on and everyone just having a good night. The staff at the R.S.L. did an excellent job in catering for everyone and made the night a success. I would like to thank everyone who made the effort to come along and hope that next years Formal Dinner is just as successful as it was this year, also I would like to thank Brigadier Justin Kelly for being the special guest speaker on the night. All up the night was enjoyable and everyone had a wonderful time. I hope to see everyone and also new faces at next years Formal Dinner.

Vice Pres- Bev Lancaster.



VALE – PHIL LEVERETT

It is with deep regret that the 10 Medium Regiment Association acknowledge the recent passing of our fellow Gunner - Phil Leverett on 11th August.

Phil joined the ranks in 1980 and served for many years with 10th Medium and 2nd/10th Field Regiments. Many members of the Association have fond memories of late nights/early mornings at "Pucka" with Phil driving the guns into position or driving the ammo truck. He also enjoyed recruiting more gunners to the fold - many who are still with the unit today.

He will also be remembered working many hours for the OR's Mess - although we could attribute the profits being high due to his 'contribution'. No unit function was ever complete without his cheeky grin and customary "Bundy" in hand.

The funeral service for Phil was held on 17th August in the Geelong Depot Gun Bays. A Regimental Association Tribute was part of the service which was attended by many past and present members who came to pay their respects to their fellow Gunner.

By SGT Helen Janner.



Dates not to forget!!

*Reserve Forces Memorial March. All 10 Medium Association members attend. When: 10.30am for 5th October 2009.
Where: Learr Picnic and Dinner after the march in park adjacent to the Fort. Brian Dunn POC Ph. 0401 847927

CANCELED

* Mixed function " Dinner Dance" will be held on 31st October 7.00PM at the Geelong RSL, contact Shayne McDonald to book your seat Phone 5229 4754

* Proposed Association private tour of the Fort Queenscliff's Museum 11am, 8th November,2009 followed by a BYO everything BBQ or Picnic in the park.

2009/2010 COMMITTEE

The people who are after your input.

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SUB COMMITTEES – 2009

Function organizers (contacts for your input)

Mixed Social Function – Graeme, Max and Shayne

ANZAC Day – Victor, Ray and Ken

SICK PARADE / ROLL CALL

Births/Birthdays, Deaths, Marriages.

If anyone knows of any arrivals, unions or departures please contact Glenn Rabbas on 5278 6446 or email Kerrie Lancaster on Kerrie_lancaster@hotmail.com

PRESIDENTS REPORT

A Regular column

Ubique fellow gunners

It is with a sad heart that I inform those who did not know, that Phil Leverett has passed away, losing his battle with cancer.

The service, which was held at Newland Barracks, was very moving for those that were able to attend.

A light has gone from the world, and it is the lesser for it. I give you a small quote.

This story shall the good man teach his son: And Chrisp Chrispian shall ne'er go by, from this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered;

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers(& sisters): For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother: Be he ne'er so vile, this day shall gentle his condition.

And gentlemen in England, now abed, shall think themselves accused they were not here; And hold their manhood's cheap, while any speaks that fought with us upon St Chrispins day.

Lest We Forget.

The mixed function, dinner dance is coming up on the 31Oct, and it's always a very good night, so I'd like to see as many of our members there to enjoy themselves.

A private tour of Fort Queenscliff with a BBQ/Picnic after is on the 8 Nov, this will be very interesting, we shall be seeing things that the public don't get to see. There will be a real treat for those who come along. So if you want to know what it is you'll have to be there.

All in all, a busy timetable indeed, so maximum effort for the end of the year.

Ubique Patrick.

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A great time saver

To the members on the Internet, would you like to receive the newsletter in colour and on the day it is published?

Would you also like to save the association money as well?

If the answer is yes please email Glenn at rabrad@optusnet.com.au with your email address and he will email you each copy the day it is published.

ASSOCIATION BADGES

Be proud of your Association .

We still have association badges left.

Contact Glenn Rabbas on 5278 6446 if you require any.

The badges cost \$10.00 each.

2009 MEMBERSHIP SUBS

Are due on ANZAC day.

If you have not already paid your annual membership fee of \$20.00, \$10.00 for Junior Membership.

Please send a cheque (payable to: 10th Medium Regiment RAA Association Inc) with your current details to PO Box 1915, GEELONG 3220, **TODAY.**



Just a Little bit of History I found on the Internet.

10th Medium Regiment – 10th Medium Regiment descends from the oldest Victorian Militia unit, first raised in 1854 in Geelong as a Volunteer Rifle Corps. The Regiment's role changed frequently from Mounted Rifle to Light Horse to Field Artillery to Light and Heavy Anti-Aircraft and finally to Medium Artillery. In 1957 10th Medium Regiment re-formed in Frankston and Brighton. In 1960 the Regiment absorbed 8th Medium Regiment with Batteries at Frankston, Warrnambool, Geelong and Colac. In 1991 the Regiment amalgamated with 2nd/15th Field Regiment with 37th and 39th Medium Battery's amalgamating to form 38th Medium Battery. The Regiment became 2nd/10th Medium Regiment with 22nd Field Battery in Dandenong and 38th Medium Battery at Geelong.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Officer seeks information.

Our membership officer Glenn Rabbas is seeking ways to increase our membership numbers. If you have any suggestions or know of any ex members who have not joined yet, please call Glenn on 5278 6446.



Cyril Willets dropped in this photo of him (he's on the right) he wants to know who the guy is on the left, it's circa 1950's in Germany.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your chance to have your say

I still need help from members in regards to contributions of stories, events and photograph's. If you have anything that you might consider interesting to other members please send it in. The address is, Kerrie_lancaster@hotmail.com

**10 MEDIUM REGIMENT RAA
ASSOCIATION INC**

**15th ANNUAL
MIXED FUNCTION**

Saturday 31st October 2009

7.00PM

**GEELONG RSL
BARWON HEADS RD
BELMONT**

**There are limited seats available so you will need to book a seat with
Shayne McDonald today phone 5229 4754 @ Eddy Elias, Malop St.**

R.S.V.P. 30th OCTOBER 2009

Format:

Meals available from 6.00pm

Drinks at Bar Prices, Band Starts at 7.00pm

***FORT QUEENSCLIFF
MUSEUM VISIT and PICNIC***

<http://www.fortqueenscliff.com.au/>

Sunday 8th November 2009

10.45am for an 11.00am start at the Front Gate

\$5.00 per head entry

Private Tour for Members and Family

**BYO everything for a BBQ or Picnic or Fish &
Chips in the Park after the tour.**

**Contact Glenn Rabbas if you want to attend
5278 6446**

Photo ID needed to gain entry
