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The Studebaker Project

AMOSA took delivery of a rather sorry-looking Studebaker 6x6 truck in September 2017, however no work was commenced on it until early 2019, as the project team were finalising the restoration of the 18 pdr Gun. Although restoration work on the truck commenced in 2019, delays were experienced during the year, followed by the advent of Covid-19; the really serious work began about mid-2020, with the removal of the cabin and tray. We then began a lengthy program of stripping, cleaning and painting, together with the major task of restoring the cabin, including cutting off the roof and welding a replacement one in its place, thanks to the expert welding & panel work by Richard. Meanwhile, Dave spent many hours cleaning, priming and painting the tray and the 11 wheels, while Pete & Garry focussed on converting the steering & foot controls back to left-hand drive (for some reason, after the Army sold it, an owner changed it to right-hand drive). A lesson learned by all of us is to "take photos of components before you begin to disassemble", because many hours have been spent by 'ageing memories' trying to remember where all the parts actually belong! In early November we arranged for a crane to lift the cabin and tray back on to the chassis, and these are now secured in position. Since early December the radiator and surrounds have been re-installed, the exhaust muffler is in place and painting of some other body parts is almost complete. When we purchased the truck it was missing the rear mudguards, but we were fortunate to receive assistance from the National Military Vehicle Museum at Edinburgh, members of which manufactured replacement guards, and these have now been installed. Work is currently focussed on reassembly and installation of the windscreen, followed by the door windows, and



installation of replacement wiring. Work will then need to focus on installation of the instrument panel and associated gauges, the bonnet and engine bay side panels. The top photo is of the trial fitting of the bonnet and the one below shows the cabin in position, and the tray being lowered onto the chassis. The



current plan is to have the project completed by the end of May 2022 and the vehicle on display. Our congratulations to all our



The look when completed!

volunteers for their perseverance and commitment to the project.

By Geoff Laurie

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History Lunch

Theme Vietnam Remembered

Keswick Barracks

Building 34A

Wednesday 18th May
2022

From the Manager

For the first newsletter this year I can state that we continue to make good progress here at the Museum. We did have, once again, some issues with the return of COVID-19 as represented by the contagious Omicron Strain but a cautious start to the new calendar year with attendances per day limited, and more days made available for volunteer attendance, went some way to offsetting this. Now we have returned to our usual parade days for volunteers, although the military now cover four of the five working days of the week which gives us some extra flexibility.



Major Christopher Roe
Manager

We have welcomed no less than four new military staff in the last six months or so, with Major John Burns, Warrant Officer Class One Brian Kirby, Sergeant Troy Oakes and Corporal Adrian Li all arriving at the unit. Long serving Museum military staff members Danee Davis and Deborah Spicer reached the official end of lengthy and outstanding careers, and Maria Vallis is taking a well-deserved rest from the military for a year, hopefully to return in some capacity in the future.

The population at large are still cautious about COVID

and that has kept our visitor numbers down, especially in regard to organised tour groups – very much our largest market – but as we learn to live in this constrained environment I'm confident that things will gradually return to normal and we will be pleased to see, in particular, school groups return. A number of our traditional events, especially during History Month (May) remain firmly on the calendar and we're undertaking a good range of other support tasks both within the confines of Keswick Barracks and elsewhere in the region, leading up to our own Thirtieth Anniversary celebrations in early October. A number of military units have visited in recent times also, which is an excellent development as they are our primary customer. Our volunteer numbers remain, as always, very strong and a number of new faces have joined us in recent times which is gratifying. These numbers, along with our military staff, enable us to make regular changes to the galleries, continuing our process of transformation into a true regional Museum, while managing constantly the ongoing challenges of WHS and Security. There are likely to be internal moves within the base, especially in regard to the Headquarters element, fairly soon and I should have more on this before the next newsletter.

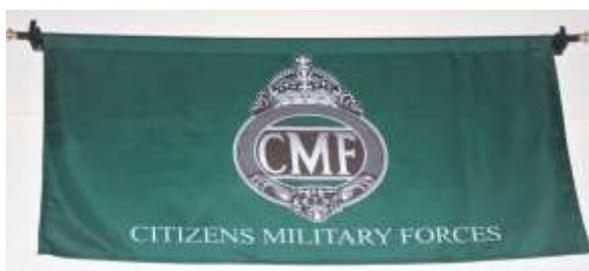
Thank you

Christopher Roe, Manager

Dikko



The CMF Flag?



Have you seen this flag before? Its history may be shrouded in mystery. Accord to Wikipedia the CMF existed from 1943–1980. It is an acronym for the

Citizen Military Forces, replaced in 1980 by the Australian Army Reserve. If you have seen this flag or know of its origins please contact John Claxton at the Army Museum so he can place the information underneath the flag in a prominent position in our Museum. Many of us have proudly worn the badge for many years.

By Nick Williams



Staff - CPL Adrian Li



I enlisted into the Adelaide University Regiment whilst studying at Adelaide University as an Architecture student in late 1983. I then spent 2 years as a rifleman until early 1986. At that time, I left Australia to work overseas in Hong Kong and enlisted in the Territorial Army component of the British Hong Kong Garrison a year later. Working with

BritForHK elements including the resident Gurkha BDE proved to be an interesting experience for the next 3 years. In 1990, I returned to Australia and re-joined AUR in 1991. From then until 2021, postings have bounced between AUR and 10/27 RSAR with my last position as Section Commander/Instructor, Regional Induction Company AUR. Highlights have been participating in Operation Gold in 2000 (Sydney Olympics), and Operation Deluge also in Sydney (2007 APEC summit) where my search team was responsible for clearing President Bush's room at the Intercontinental Hotel as well as other iconic Sydney landmarks. Posting into AMOSA in January 2022, my current duty as part of the Army team is as Administrative Assistant, supporting SGT Ewens in her duties. Coincidentally, this posting dovetails nicely with my great interests in military history and militaria, and I look forward to meeting all of our volunteers in due course.

Staff - SGT Troy Oakes.....



I grew up on a sheep and cattle station approximately in the middle of the Winton, Longreach and Aramac triangle in Central Queensland. I was sent to Boarding School at age thirteen. There I met the man who had the biggest influence and direction on my life, Mr Jim Greedrick. I credit him with where I am today. As boarding school was not going well as it could, Mr Greedrick said I should look at applying for the Army Apprentice School at Balcombe in Victoria. So with his help I applied for the Army Apprentice School and was accepted, and on the 13th of January 1981 aged 16, I joined as an apprentice Fitter and Turner. I then spent twenty years in the Army in various units as well as twelve months on exchange to the RAAF as a Trade Instructor. I discharged from the Regular Army in January 2000, and settled in Yankalilla on Fleurieu Peninsula. Within the next twelve months I arranged to get back to Rockhampton to catch up with Mr Jim Greedrick for a brew and smoko and to thank him for his guidance. I did

not know then what I do now about the man, a very interesting person to say the least.

Between 2000 and 2006 I worked in a number of roles within and outside the Defence environment, as well as in the GRes before joining the Australian Public Service (APS) in July 2006, as Trade Repair Officer and Assistance Technical Integrity Supervisor (TIS) at Joint Logistic Unit – South (JLU-S) at Warradale. At about this time I moved from Yankalilla to Wistow in the Adelaide Hills. In 2008 and 2009 I took leave from the APS to take up a full-time service contract as the General Engineering Sergeant at 16 AD Regt at Woodside Barracks. Despite doing more field exercise time away (and more CFAs) in those two years than in my first twenty years of service, I would certainly say that the posting to 16 AD Regt was the best of my full-time Army career. I returned to the APS from 2010 to 2022 and worked at Joint Logistic Unit – South (JLU-S) as the Regional Fleet Manager for General Engineering, Small Arms and Marine in SA at Warradale and then Edinburgh. With the growth of the size of the maintenance conducted at JLU-S, the role was split and I became the Maintenance Planner for General Engineering, Small Arms and Marine. I am currently on leave from JLU-S pending retirement in July 2022.

In July 2021 I was offered the chance to come to AMOSA on a DA26 as a Technical Advisor to help with WHS and other technical matters. I jumped at the opportunity as I have an interest in antique firearms - mainly .303 rifles and military Martini action rifles used and modified in Australia. I am very much enjoying my time at the Museum.

Staff—WO1 Brian Kirby



I retired from full time Service in July 2021, just in time for a quick COVID lockdown, after 38 years spread over two Arms of the Defence Force. From 1979 to 1985 I served as a member of the RAAF, rising to the dizzying heights of Leading Aircraftsman, I then spent the next four years driving trucks around Adelaide and the Hills Region, whereupon we had “the recession we had to have” and decided it would be a wise move to return to Defence. When asking the question of how long until enlistment, the RAAF said six to seven months, while Army said one to two months, which was enough for me to decide Army was the way to go! After enlisting on 23 May 89, I received my first free train and bus ride which got me to Kapooka, my new home for the next three months, during which time I got excited and decided that I was keen to give Infantry a go regardless of what others said. Next stop, Singleton, for the next four months I enjoyed stomping out to the range and back and on occasion wandering what I’d gotten myself into. My first posting as a RAInf Soldier was to 5/7 RAR (Mech), Holsworthy, where I remained for the next six years, save for regular trips to Puckapunyal and Shoalwater Bay,

usually for 13 days at a time, as separation allowance kicked in from day 14 back then! After Holsworthy there was a quick 18 month posting to HQ 9 Bde, followed by two years back at Kapooka. This was followed by my return to 5/7 RAR (Mech) this time in Darwin, just in time for the start of Timor. Darwin was home for the next six and a half years, and this time included another trip to East Timor and one to Iraq as part of Al Muthanna Task Group 2, as well as numerous trips to Mt Bunday and Kangaroo Flats! Upon returning from Iraq to Darwin in the midst of the dry, the Family and I then proceeded on posting to 8/7 RVR Ballarat, nothing like a change in climate! Eighteen months later we were off again to Pilbara Regiment, Karratha. Two years later, back to Darwin, this time to 7 RAR (Mech), as the Units had de-linked, where we remained for 12 months then wandered down the highway to Edinburgh with 7 RAR (Mech). During the next four years I deployed to Tarin Kowt, as well as the usual trips to Shoalwater Bay and Cultana. Next posting was to 1 Regt RAA, Enoggera, and as my children were at varying stages of high school, I proceeded MWD(U). During my time learning why I didn’t want much to do with artillery I deployed again, this time as part of Force Support Element 5, to Al Minhad Air Base, UAE. Six months after returning to 1 Regt, I proceeded on posting to 16 ALR, Woodside, arguably one of the best kept secrets of the Defence Force and the Gunners don’t realise it! Which brings me to retirement age and AAHU. To date I’ve found working as the “Curator in training” to be most interesting as it turns out that I have had a long term interest in Army history and now have an opportunity to learn more. I look forward to the next few years and what they may bring.

AUR visits the Museum



On Saturday 26 March, trainees and staff of Adelaide Universities Regiment’s Regional Induction Company (AUR RIC) visited AMOSA as part of their monthly Training Weekend. The intent of the visit was to let the trainees know of the heritage of the organisation to which they

have signed into, and let the current AUR staff know of the range of AMOSA resources available to them for future activities. The Regional Induction Company is responsible for assisting newly inducted civilians prepare for Army Recruit training at Kapooka as well as administering and preparing post-Kapooka Arms Corps trainees for their Initial Employment Training (IET) course. On the day, 9 trainees and 4 staff attended from the unit. AMOSA volunteer, Mr. Grant Kuchel, welcomed them with the initial introductory brief. Both volunteer and military members were on hand to answer whatever supplementary questions the visitors had. The feedback from AUR has been positive.

by CPL Adrian Li

From the Curator 2022.....

Displays

Militia Henry, Brenton, and Peter are progressing the militia display cabinet and it should be finished by late April. The display highlights South Australian citizen soldiers' individual military careers and their Corps.

Catering Corps A significant Australian Army Catering Corps (AACC) display is planned to be ready by mid-June 2022. It will link in with the new Militia display which features a AACC soldier and will have, as its centrepiece a WW2 Wiles cooker and a 1970's vintage kitchen field trailer. These large items will be placed on the western side of building 76 under the veranda. The Austin Champ will be removed to accommodate these items.

Vehicle The Studebaker restoration program should be completed by the end of May 2022 and the plan is to display it as soon as it is finished. It will replace the Blitz which has been on display for some time and is showing serious signs of rust. This will be the next task of Conservation and Restoration. In response to a request from John Burns I have prepared a plan to display the following vehicles in the new Museum Precinct, the Unimog and the Land Rover FFR and trailer. The Museum Precinct is defined as that car park area between the old HQ 9BDE building to the south, the Museum building 76 to the east, building 134 to the west and the main entrance road into Keswick Barracks. This will exclude all other units from parking as it will now be display space.

Exterior Support

3 Health Support Battalion A request has been received from 3HSB to provide a display cabinet, artefacts, and story boards to highlight its unit history. This will be progressed over the next six months.

9 Combat Services Support Battalion A request has been received from 9CSSB to provide a display cabinet, artefacts, and story boards to highlight its unit history. This will be progressed over the next six months.

16 Regiment Woodside A request was received last year from 16 Regiment at Woodside for the Museum to provide a display for an Open Day. Due to COVID and funding issues this event was postponed a number of times. It now has approval to go ahead, and JB and I attended a planning conference recently and the event will now be held at Woodside Army Camp on Saturday 30th April 2022, 1000hrs till 1600hrs. We have been allocated a 20 x 30 tent for the display. The display will be like the one we used at the Port Wakefield and the RAAF Air Show. I will need six to eight volunteers for the Saturday and two for the Friday before, so please consider volunteering. The Open Day can be attended by Foundation members, and a flyer is included on page 8 with all the information you will need.

AUR (Ongoing): Adelaide Universities Regiment (AUR) had

made a request to provide support for a Unit Collection display at Hampstead. AMOSAF had already provided advice on cabinets, uniforms, and mannequins, these have now been purchased by AUR.

Keswick (Ongoing): The Museum has provided display cabinets to the Keswick Barracks Officers Mess and the Keswick Barracks Sergeants Mess. The display in the KBSM is about IEDs in Afghanistan and the display in the KBOM relates to WW2.

Adelaide Oval On Friday night the 4th March 2022 the Museum provided a display in the John Halbert Room at Adelaide Oval. The occasion was the celebration of the Army's birthday and was attended by a number of serving Army members. The request for this display was at very short notice and I wish to thank Henry Jolly, Brenton Williams, Malcolm and Heather Simms for their efforts in putting it together. I would also like to thank Adrian and Troy who did the heavy lifting, transportation and helped me set up the display at Adelaide Oval.

Fort Largs (Ongoing) Wayne Birch has been attending a number of meetings with Peet Ltd who are the new land developers for Fort Largs. The company will build high density housing on most of the site but have sold the Fort itself to a private individual who will be building a restaurant which will be attached to the fort walls. The upside is that the company will restore and rebuild the fort to the standards required by the State Heritage Branch. The meetings have included representatives from the Police Historical Society and the Largs Bay RSL. This is part of the public consultative process, but Peet has asked for advice on a proposed Heritage Walk, proposed Community use of the Fort and proposed naming of the streets which would reflect the historical nature of the site.

3/9 SAMR: Last year the OC of 3/9 SAMR requested that



The Adelaide Oval display depicted two mannequins in field dress of the period, one from the Vietnam era and the other current with body armour. The display was complemented by storyboards about Peter Badcoe and a 7RAR soldier Cpl Mathew Hopkins, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in March 2009.

the SAMRA Collection group provide a Unit history display at the Smithfield Depot. Reg Williams, Peter Tulloch, Jim Kennelly, and Peter Byass have been busy putting this display together over the last several months. The Foundation provided the two display cabinets that were needed for this display.

Curator (Cont)

Weapons Audit: On Monday the 16 August 2021 the South Australia Police (SAPOL) commenced a check of the 122 weapons owned by the Foundation. These were examined to see if they all conform to the state deactivation criterion. At the end of these examinations SAPOL will issue a registration certificate for each weapon. It was found that the majority met the SAPOL standards, but a few needed more work. Sgt Troy Oakes has been consulting with SAPOL and is confident that by May 2022 all firearms will meet the SAPOL standard.

Edged Weapon Audit: I have commenced a 100% audit of all the edged weapons in the Museum, in conjunction with the new Army Curator, Brian Kirby. This involves all the unit collections so as to ascertain ownership, some of the information on Kemu is sketchy at best. The Edged Weapons Section has been given direction by me to check through all of the paperwork, from the donation form through to the ODR. If any are missing, they are to make further enquiries on the Kemu computer and to check through the Donor forms. The end state is for all edged weapons to have an ODR filled in as per SOP and to establish ownership. It is anticipated that the audit will be completed by late June.

Medal Audit: I have asked the Medals & Heraldry Section to commence a 100% audit of all the Foundations collection of medals and badges. In conjunction with this audit there will be requirement to ensure all medal groups and badges have individual ODR filled in accordance with our SOP. I have asked that the Section starts with the Freeman Collection of medals as a matter of priority.

Arts & Graphics Audit Arts and Graphics are a sub section of Archives and Rolf Sellentin and Gary Satterley have been given the task of auditing the entire collection of paintings, large, framed photographs, posters, and art. For those who are unaware the Arts and Graphics store is at the southern end of building 80. There is an enormous range of items, and some are over 100 years old. Some are catalogued but most are not, which means a lot of research into each item by Gary and Rolf. Ownership of these items is spread across all the unit collections and the Foundation. Each unit collection is involved in the process of culling and/or documenting and bringing them onto their databases.

Cages: Our storage area contains the bulk of the Foundations artefacts and only some of the items have been documented and ODR raised. Before any more can be processed they need to have research done on them to see if they are relevant to the Foundations Collection Policy. If not, they are disposed of through a

deaccessioning process approved by the Board. Peter Collins oversees this long and laborious process and thankfully he has been joined recently by Jannette, Bob and John to help him out. This process will take about 2 years to complete.

Transition Bay: A storage area has been reconfigured and AAHU provided new shelving for this area. The concept of the area is to provide temporary storage for:

- * items which have been donated and awaiting labelling, ODR and data entry.
- * items which are surplus to requirements and awaiting disposal, and
- * items which are ready to be put on display or into storage.

Museum Courses: Trudy and Ray have been running ongoing courses for those volunteers whose work involves the preparation of Object Data Records. This is one of the most important documents in the Museum and it is imperative there to be a consistent and clear procedure to be followed. This involves photographing the object so that all important features are shown, with written details of the object, comprehensive provenance and following naming conventions.

History SA: Amanda James from History SA will be coming down this year to conduct an audit of our IT systems to ensure that all the conditions of the \$8000 grant we received last year have been adhered to. This mainly concerns the integrity of our data.

By Wayne Birch

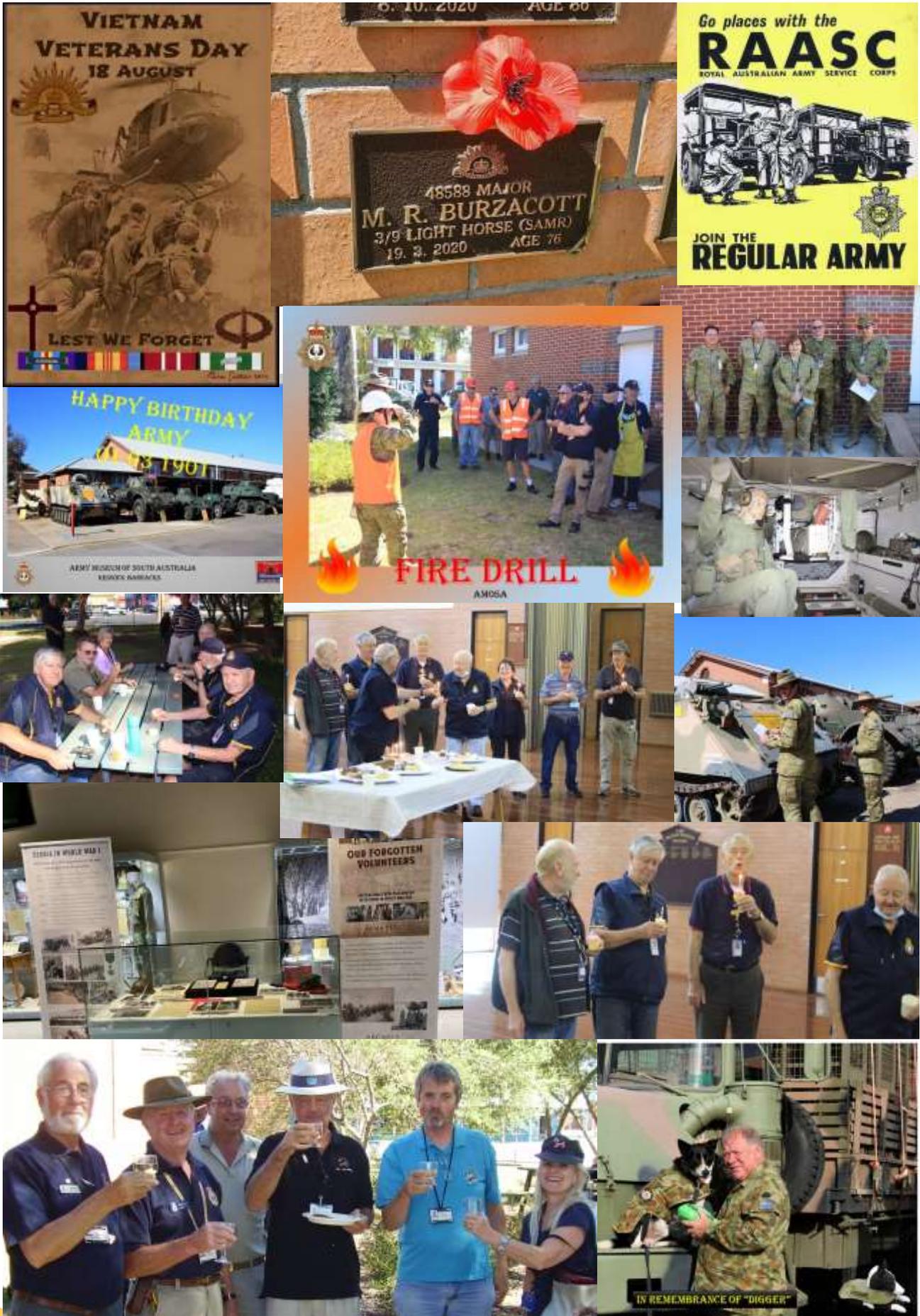
Foundation Curator

Our Museum Shop.....



When you visit the Museum either after our Festival Lunch or on the weekend you may wish to purchase a memento of your visit or perhaps a small gift of a grandchild or military friend. Our Museum Shop has a selection of books, military models and other memorabilia that would be suitable for your family or your own interest in military history. From time to time we also sell some items of military uniforms that are surplus to our needs. Items are also available for purchase online at: <https://amosa.org.au/shop> We want your help to promote the Museum perhaps with a bumper sticker, badge, cap or polo shirt.

Wanderings at the Museum



Activities



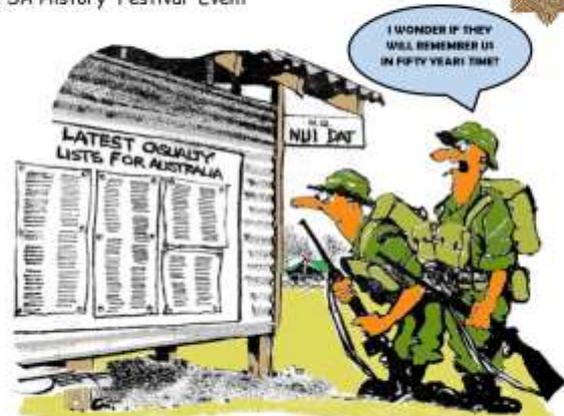
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EASY PARKING WITHIN KESWICK BARRACKS



16 REGT, RAA would like to invite you to the **Woodside Barracks Open Day** supported by 7 RAR, 1 ARMD, AABA, AAC, Keswick Military Museum, and DFMS

Military Displays of Historic, Current, and Future Capabilities, Local Vendors, and Family Friendly Activities

Open to the Public on **Saturday, 30 April 2022**
 10 AM until 4 PM

Woodside Barracks, Woodside
 Entry off Riverview Road Gate 8, public parking available
 Free entry, gold coin donations for some activities

For additional information please contact the 16 Regt, RAA Duty Officer at 0417 852 156



Map of Woodside Barracks

