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## PRESIDENTS REPORT "YANDOO" 1993

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you my report for the conclusion of another very busy and successful year.

I would like to thank your Committee for their loyalty and for the enthusiastic manner in which they have carried out their duties. I especially wish to thank our Secretary WO2 John Balfour for his great support, his extra workload as Treasurer and his never ending assistance, to Barney Flanagan for his assistance whenever requested and to Laurie Hindmarsh (our collector of things!) what can I say, other than a big thank you, and all, keep up the good work.

The year ended 30th June 93 was another busy one;

Your Committee appointed a new Patron, Lt Owen Saville (Retired). Owen joined 7th Field Brigade RAA as a cadet in 1932. He enlisted in the Regular Army in 1938 and served in various Units until his transfer to 7 Field as RSM from 1954 to 1960. Owen took his discharge from the Regular Army and was appointed Lieutenant Retired. Owen, welcome as our Patron and a big thank you to our outgoing Patron, Brig. Arthur Hanson.

In July 1992, our member John Baynie presented to the Association a video of Unit activities during his service. Thank you John.

On Saturday 8th August 1992, representatives of the Association again attended the Artillery Assembly at the School of Artillery. The Assembly was well attended. Many members of the Association and Regiment enjoyed the Gunner Dinner that was held that night.

Another successful reunion was held on Friday 18th September 92 at the Willoughby Legion Club with a good roll-up (4 guests, 43 members) with some new faces attending. Non attenders missed a great night.

On Saturday 21st November 92 my wife and I were guests at Lodge Ubique, Willoughby for their Remembrance Day address delivered by Maj Gen John Whitelaw AO, CBE, with other Association members present.

On Tuesday night 1st December 92 at Willoughby Depot we presented to Gunner Richard Shunwah of HQ Battery our third award for the "Most Proficient Soldier". Well done Richard.

On Sunday 6th December 92 members attended the RAA Association's Annual Church Service at the Garrison Church.

On Australia Day 26th January 93 Unit member WO2 Alan Ward, BSM 113 Field Battery RAA was awarded the CSM (Conspicuous Service Medal) for exceptional leadership as Instructor Gunnery and Battery Sergeant Major. Congratulations Alan.

On Friday night 19th February 93 various members of the Association and their wives attended the Commanding Officers Reception. Another great night was had by all present. Thanks to LtCol Fairless and Staff.

Our major event for the year had to be the presentation of the Commanding Officers Photo Gallery and this event took place on Tuesday night 18th May 93.

Our special guest for the night was our honorary life member 97 years young Mr (Bdr) Ken Lewis-Hughes. Thank you to the Unit members who collected and delivered Ken safely to and from his Nursing Home.

In all around 110 persons attended. Ex Commanding Officers present were; Col John Crowe, Brig Arthur Hanson, LtCol Neil Hawkins, Col Chris Hogan, Brig John Keefe, Maj Ozzie Rosevear and LtCol Stuart Staziker.

A special plaque was presented to Danny Toplis on your behalf in appreciation of a job well done. Your thanks were also passed on to Barney Flanagan for installing the Board and Mr Keith Gorman of "Pieces of Art" at Baulkham Hills who framed all the photographs. If you have not seen the Gallery a visit to the Regiment at Willoughby would be worthwhile. A big thank you to all who helped to make the night a great one.

It is with regret that I report the passing of 6 members;

Henry Fischer (4/8/92), Ian Hicks (25/11/92), Brig Fred McAlister (23/12/92) Phillip Nicholas (18/1/93), Alan Pryor (31/5/93), and Reg Thompson (26/7/93) I extend on your behalf heart felt sympathy.

Membership is now 195 (which includes 36 Life Members and 1 honorary Life Member), with 14 Deceased, 1 resigned and 6 un-financial members; in all we have had contact with 216 old friends.

As this is my second, three year term as your President, it is again time for a change.

In conclusion, I thank you again and extend to the incoming President Barney Flanagan and his committee, best wishes and the continuance of my support.

Max Falconer  
President  
28 July 1993



