

# MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

## 2006 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### Friday 14 April 6pm-8.30pm

*Meet and Greet* at venue, ANZAC House, Torrens Training Depot, Victoria Drive / Kintore Avenue, Adelaide. Early Registrations.

### Saturday 15 April

9.00am Registrations

10.00am Formal opening.  
Conference format & Housekeeping  
Welcome Address by SA Branch President, Michael English

#### **Official Opening by the Society Patron, Air Marshall I B Gration AO AFC (retd)**

10.15am *A Delayed Salute*. Dr John Williamson AM OStJ

11.00am Morning Tea

11.20am *With Horse & Morse in Mesopotamia - A History of a Unit History*.  
Dr Paul Skrebels

11.55am [Research in Progress](#)  
Brief presentations by members seeking information or reporting on the progress of their various research pursuits

12.45pm Lunch

1.30pm *UN forces in the Sinai Peninsula*. Chris English.

2.05pm *Comparisons of the Two World Wars*. Mark Moncrieff

2.55pm Afternoon Tea

3.15pm *Arthur Blackburn VC*. Andrew Faulkner.

3.50pm *A Rifle Battalion at War - Vietnam 1968*. Michael English.

4.40pm Close of papers

5.15pm Venue Closes

6.30 for 7.00pm

**Conference Dinner** at the *Adelaide Riviera, 31-34 North Terrace, Adelaide*. Includes a musical 'paper'. Prior bookings essential. Suit or coat & tie. Mess Dress may be worn; miniatures and unit association insignia may be worn.

## **Sunday 16 April**

- 8.30am Closed Federal Council and Branch Representatives Meeting
- 9.15am Venue open
- 10.00am Visit to the Army Museum of South Australia, Keswick
- 12.30pm Return to venue for lunch
- 1.45pm *Ordnance Procurement Decisions by Australia, 1905-2005* . Duncan Gordon.
- 2.35pm *The Origin and Development of the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps* .  
Lt Col Sven Kuusk RFD (retd)
- 3.10pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.30pm *Truly a Ragged Brigade - 400 forgotten men of the forgotten AIF* .  
Ross Taylor
- 4.20pm *A South Australian Treasure - The First Army Victoria Cross Ever Presented..*  
Anthony Staunton.
- 4.55pm Close of papers
- 5.30pm Venue Closes

## **Monday 17 April**

- 9.30am *A Remarkable Photographic Collection* . Tony Harris
- 10.15am Morning Tea
- 10.30am Formal Close of Conference
- 10.45am Trade & Sell market. Books, militaria etc.
- 12.30pm Farewell & Close.

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

**11.55am, Saturday 15 April**

The following researchers will be presenting a brief overview of the project/s they currently have under way. The purpose of these presentations is to show the diversity of research that our members are engaged in and to make it known what particular assistance they may need to further that research. Anyone who feels they can offer help or guidance, or who might like to discuss the projects with their respective authors, are requested to contact the presenters *after* the session.

Mr Mike English      *A new 43rd Battalion AIF history*

Mr Pat Hall            *Sqdn Ldr A K Martin MBE AE*

Lt Col Sven Kuusk *A unit history of the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps*

Mr Mark Moncrieff *The new MHSA website*

Mr Peter Shaw

Dr Paul Skrebels      *A new 27<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF unit history (a group project).*