

MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
50th JUBILEE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM
EASTER 2008

Friday 21 March

6.00 -9.00-pm Meet and Greet at the Army Museum of Western Australia Officers' Mess, Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle. Early registrations and refreshments

Saturday 22 March

- 9.00 am Conference Registrations
- 10.00 am Formal Opening – Conference format and housekeeping – Paul Hamilton, Conference Convenor
Welcome address by WA Branch President, Pat Hall and introduction to the Patron, Air Marshal IB Gration, AO, AFC, who will officially open the Conference
- 10.15 am Paper - *Haig's Right Hand Man -Lt-Gen. Sir Richard Butler KCB, KCMG- - The Australian Connection.* Capt Wayne Gardiner, RFD
- 11.00 am Morning Tea
- 11.20 am Paper - *Nazi Kinder - What happened to the offspring of the leading Nazis.* Gail Gunn
- 1200 Members' display viewing
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Paper - *Victoria Crosses of the Palestine Campaign.* Anthony Staunton
- 2.15 pm Paper - *The Kilted Battalion - 16th Infantry Battalion (The Cameron Highlanders of WA).* Peter Shaw
- 3.10 pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.30 pm [Research In Progress](#) – Brief presentations by members seeking information or reporting on the progress of various research pursuits
- 4.45 pm Close of papers
- 6.30 for 7.00 pm **Conference Dinner** at the Leeuwin Barracks Mess, East Fremantle

Sunday 23 March

- 8.30 am Closed Federal Council and Branch Representatives Meeting
- 9.15 am Venue Open
- 9.45 am Guided tour through the Army Museum of Western Australia. This will include a tour through the galleries as well as behind the scenes. The tour will be conducted by Captain Wayne Gardiner (Curator) and Mr Peter Shaw (Museum Liaison Officer)
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Paper - *Sometime Soldiers . The de Pierres Family in 200 Years Military service to France, Britain and Australia* . Paul de Pierres
- 2.15 pm Paper - *Lieut. John Napier McGill, 96th Regiment*. Tony Harris
- 3.05 pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.25 pm Paper – *Korea – A Collector’s Perspective* Steve Danaher
- 4.10 pm Paper - *The organisation, Structure and Development of the Australian Army Dental Corps in WW2*. Lt-Col Sven Kuusk, RFD (retd)
- 4.50 pm Close of papers

Monday 24 March

- 9.00 am Venue open
- 9.15 am Formal Closure of the Conference – Federal President Maj Rob Morrison, RFD and closing words from the Patron Air Marshal IB Gration, AO, AFC (retd).
The next Conference.
- 10.00 am Morning Tea
- 10.30 am Members’ only trade and sell market- books, militaria etc.
- 12.00 pm Farewell and closure of venue

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

3:30 - 4:45 pm, Saturday 22 March

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 provide opportunity for them to seek further assistance in their research if required. 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.

Tony Harris (SA)	<i>Royal Sappers and Miners in SA</i>
Colin Simpson (ACT)	<i>The AWM Trophy Gun Database</i>
Peter Shaw (WA)	<i>Progress update on the MHSA website development</i>
Sergei DeSilva-Ranasinghe (WA)	<i>Australians at War in the Indian Ocean 1939-45</i>
Graham McKenzie-Smith (WA)	<i>The Australian Army 1939-45, A guide to its Units</i>
Pat Hall (WA)	<i>Why does he wear the MBE? - Vice Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh, KBE, CB, DSO, DSC</i>
Steve Danaher (WA)	<i>Korean war Medal Data Base</i>