

RECOGNISING THE VALUE OF RESERVE SERVICE TO THE NATION
SUNDAY 7th July 2013

RESERVE FORCES PARADE



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65th ANNIVERSARY
RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE 7th JULY 2013

“MARCH WITH YOUR MATES AND SHOW THE ESPRIT DE CORPS AND PRIDE WE SHARE IN THE FORCES.”

The parade will be reviewed by the Governor of New South Wales Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO who will arrive escorted by a NSW Mounted Police and Light Horse Escort

This will be a spectacular parade to acknowledge the wonderful contribution made to Australia's military heritage by the veterans of the Boer War who, when they returned, helped establish the new Australian Army. Many then took that experience into WWI. The parade will recognise the wonderful contribution of 1.25 Million Reservists of the three services who have served since the part time forces were re-formed in 1948 after WWII. It is 15 years since Reserve Forces Day was introduced in 1998.

The parade down Macquarie Street will also acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the RAN. Special guests watching the parade will be the 39ERs, members who were in the three part-time forces before WWII and whose average age is in the 90s, and the "ORIGINALS" who commenced their service on its re-formation after WWII. Some will be marching and others will be in special seating near the saluting dais. For Association members some seating will be provided, contact your Association for details ASAP. The Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO is to represent the Chief of Defence Force.

The organisers encourage all serving or former member of the Reserve Forces, RANR, Militia, CMF – Army Reserves, CAF- RAAF Reserve, permanent members and National Service to take part in the Sydney parade.

THE PARADE

The parade will commence with 5 armoured vehicles and unit association banners moving to holding ground positions. The Australian Army Band Sydney will lead flag parties and the Royal Australian Naval Reserve. They will be followed down Macquarie Street by the other Formations which will form up in a 'U' shape in front of Parliament House. Flag poles carrying Australian and our allied national flags will be placed in the front of Parliament House.

After formalities, the parade will march past and turn left into Hunter Street and left into Phillip Street where Formations will be dismissed near the NSW Leagues Club. The parade will be followed by Unit Association reunions

The parade will form up in Hyde Park North. Arrival time 1000h for Marchers. Each of the five formations will have its own band so all can march to the beat of great military marches. – see over for more details.

Entertainment will commence in Macquarie Street at 10.30am, Parade at 11am.

An Information Centre will be set up near the Archibald Fountain. In Hyde Park North, the Salvation Army will provide tea and coffee and the Lions Club will provide a sausage sizzle. **For more information see www.rfd.org.au**



Spectators are invited to support our current Defence Reservists who continue to serve our nation in Australia and overseas

INFORMATION FOR MARCHERS

Invitation to Serving and former members of the Defence Forces

CEREMONIAL CONTINGENTS – FORMING UP POSITIONS

See Information Centre near the Archibald Fountain ----

Ceremonial contingents comprising serving and former members are to form up in Hyde Park North.

Areas for the five formations, RANR, 2nd Division, 5th Brigade, 8th Brigade, RAAF and the National Service Association to form up will be clearly sign posted. Please report to your **Association Sergeant Major** to ensure you know your position and where to go when asked to fall in. Initially the Formation RSMs will be in control before handing over to the 2IC/Formation Commander.

UNIT ASSOCIATION REUNIONS - Unit Association re-unions will be held at the conclusion of the parade. If you are not a member of your unit's association you would be most welcome to join their activities on the day. See web site www.rfd.org.au for Association details.

NEATNESS OF DRESS AND GENERAL BEARING

The Reserve Forces Day Parade is a military parade and former members take pride in their unit association turn out, as we did when we were serving. As a result many Associations have taken the lead by adopting a uniform Association dress code.

Members on parade will be viewed by spectators throughout its duration, including the march past. We ask Associations to work on this aspect to ensure we demonstrate the pride and esprit de corps we have in our service and association.

The new format means we will be marching past within two metres of the VIPs and your guests on two occasions. Poor dress will be more obvious than ever before.

Dress Code for this year's Parade.

Headwear is very important as this unifies all marchers and is not expensive to purchase.

Beret: Marchers are requested to wear a beret with their former unit badge except for the Scottish Association, WRAAC and the RAAF NS Association. Many units already wear the beret with pride - for example the Commandos and NSAA. Dark blue is the correct colour for the majority of units. The RSMs will be checking the dress on the day. Berets and badges can be purchased from Christies in Pitt St.

Suit or Jacket: A navy jacket/or suit (done up) and tie is to be worn. Many associations dress code is a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, (coloured trousers do not look uniform) or kilt, black belt, alternatively a sports coat. Tie - official Association / Corps tie. **Gloves:** White gloves are to be worn by all members of Banner Parties, Standard Bearers and RSMs (and equivalent) for each formation and dress standardised.

Medals: Officially issued decorations, campaign and service medals should be worn as appropriate. Medals such as commemorative or souvenir medals - i.e. medals that are purchased not issued by the Government - must not be worn. **Lapel Badges:** It is suggested that one or two is adequate.

Carried items: No items (newspapers, cameras) are to be carried by members during the parade.

Saluting: Leading members of Contingents wearing headwear are requested to salute (with the hand in traditional fashion) to Her Excellency when marching past the dais. The salute with hand to heart is not appropriate for this Parade

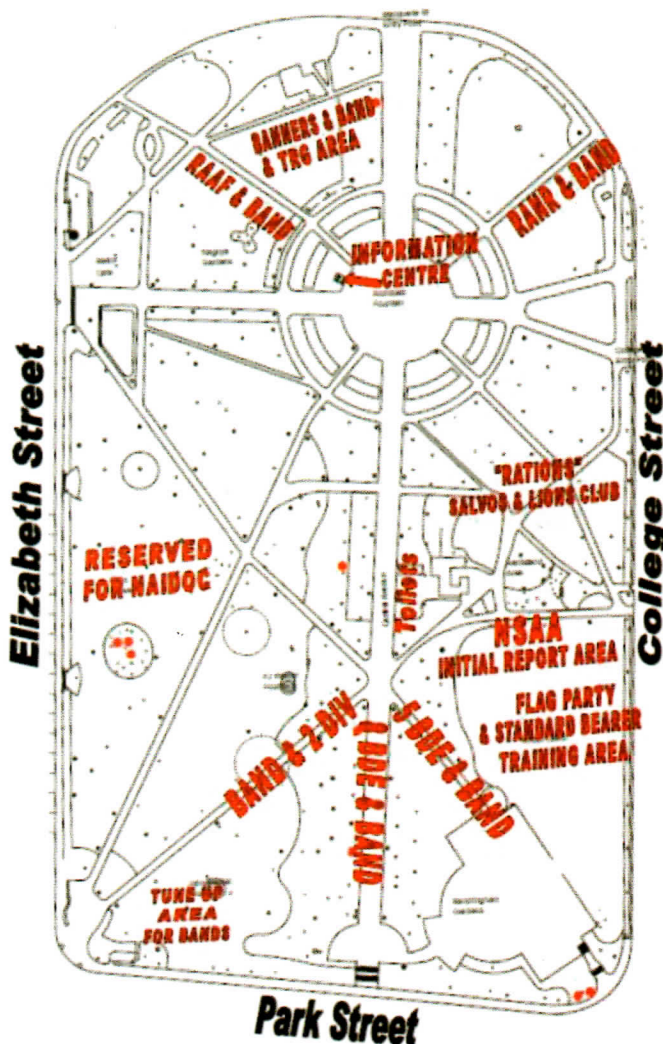
Serving members dress: We would like you to wear ceremonial uniform (for officers less sword). Otherwise please attend in the civilian dress as listed above. This may make it easier for you to attend Association reunions.

MORNING TEA & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARK FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING AN ASSOCIATION SEE THE RFDC WEB SITE www.rfd.org.au - ASSOCIATIONS

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

The Reserve Forces Day Council would like to thank the many RSL Sub Branches and Clubs and our many sponsor s including the ADF and NSW Government. Without such support these celebrations would not be held. The official programme for the day lists all of our sponsors.



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NATIONAL RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE SYDNEY NSW - SUNDAY 7th JULY 2013 BACKGROUND TO RESERVE FORCES DAY

Volunteers under the Chairmanship of the Honourable Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG QC formed the Reserve Forces Day Council (RFDC) in NSW in 1998. The inaugural National Chairman was the late Sir Roden Cutler VC AK KCMG KCVO CBE. Sir Laurence succeeded Sir Roden as the National and New South Wales Chairman.

On the 1st of February the Hon Tim Fischer AC assumed the role from Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG QC. The Hon Tim Fischer AC is a former Leader of the National Party and Deputy Prime Minister and acted as Prime Minister on many occasions. He is a former National Serviceman and served in South Vietnam in 1968-1969 as an officer in the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. The Council is made up of serving and former members of the three services. The inaugural Reserve Forces Day parades celebrated the 50th anniversary of the re-forming of the Citizen Military Forces and part time forces after World War II on 1st July 1948. In 2012, 19 parades and celebrations were held throughout Australia including eight in NSW.

The ongoing objective of Reserve Forces Day is to raise the profile of the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserve Forces, to recognise serving and former Reservists and to thank families and employers for their support.

Each year a theme is selected for the day. In 2012 we acknowledged the 110th Anniversary of the end of the 1899-1902 Boer War on 31st May 1902. Two special medallions were struck - one for Boer War Descendants and the other an 'In Memory' Medallion. Where possible, the medallions were presented during Reserve Forces Day celebrations throughout Australia. At the National Parade in the Sydney Town Hall, VIPs including Federal and State Members of Parliament and senior Officers including the Chief of the Defence Force presented 220 Descendants with their medallions. Our aim with the sale of the medallions is to assist the National Boer War Memorial Association to raise funds for the memorial to be built in Canberra by the Centenary of ANZAC on the 25th April 2015.

Since April 2012 we have raised \$88,150.00 for the memorial. We will continue raising funds for the memorial. As the majority of the forces in the Boer War were militia soldiers we believe that 'The Memorial' will be a great acknowledgement of their service, spirit and ethos of the Reservist. They were prepared to leave their employment and family to serve their Colony and later their Nation when called.

THE THEME FOR 2013

The parades and celebrations will acknowledge the sixty-five years since the part time forces were re-formed after WWII and the current serving and former members of the Reserve forces. Since they were re-formed, Reservists have served in all conflicts and peacekeeping operations and are presently serving overseas. The celebrations will also acknowledge the wonderful service of our current Reservists.

We will also acknowledge the 23,000 Reservists and the five hundred permanent members who served in the Boer War and the attributes they brought back from the war into the Militia units and the foundations they forged and skills they took to WWI. They set a high standard for the future Australian Army and formed the genesis of the highly regarded traditions of the Australian Military Forces. Almost 1,000 members made the supreme sacrifice. At the moment of Australian Federation, volunteer militia units from each of the Australian colonies were serving in South Africa in the Anglo Boer War. It can be truly said that the Australian Army was born in battle.

NATIONAL AND NSW LAUNCH ON SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2012



The National Launch for 2013 was held on Saturday the 24th November 2012. The Observatory Hill Park at The Rocks, Sydney was chosen as the Launch location as it has a significant Boer War memorial as well an artillery gun that was a war trophy from that war. The Officers' names on the memorial were the original Commanders of the NSW units that went to the Boer War. It was unveiled by Major General Charles Cox CB CMG DSO VD, who also served in



WWI and was wounded in Gallipoli and went on to command the 1st Light Horse Brigade as part of the ANZAC Mounted Corps. As Captain Cox, he took the Squadron of NSW Lancers to the UK for 6 months training; they each paid 20 pounds for their trip. They left the ship in Cape Town to become the first to fight the Boers from any British colony

On behalf of the Prime Minister Senator Matt Thistlethwaite Launched Reserve Forces Day 2013.

The day commenced with a parade, the Band of the Royal Australian Navy, and the Commanders of the 6 Formations and Standards including the Navy, 2nd Division, 4 (from Victoria), 5 and 8 Brigades and RAAF. With exception of the RAAF, the other formations have links to the Boer War with many of the Boer War veterans forming the nucleus of the new Australian Army in 1903. Just 12 years later many of these veterans enlisted for service in the First World War taking with them the valuable skills learned during their service in the Boer War.

Lord Roberts, then commanding the Boer War British Force of 440,000, said of the Australians 'they were intelligent and they had what I want our men to have, more individuality'. Field Marshal Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts VC KG KP GCB OM GCSI GCIE KStJ VD PC was a British soldier who was one of the most successful commanders of the 19th century



THE NATIONAL PARADE ON SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2013

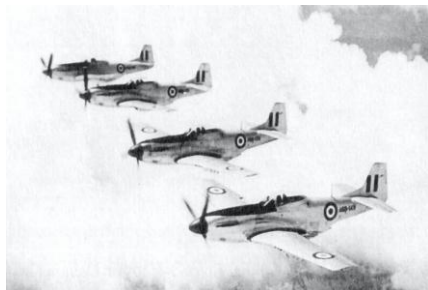
We will acknowledge members of the three services who established the Reserve Forces in 1948, the Originals and the WWII veterans who were in the part time forces before the war, the 39ERs.



Following is an extract from the speech in the NSW Parliament House to the VIPs immediately following the National Parade in Sydney on Sunday the 6th July 2008 – the 60th anniversary - by an "Original", Major General Gordon Maitland AO OBE RFD ED Ret'd, who is a WWII veteran and former Commander of the 2nd Division and later Chief of Reserves:

"Well the last few days have seen me meeting people that I haven't met for sixty years. It has been a very joyous occasion. I would like to read you something – "most said goodbye to the army without regret but there were enough ardent spirits to provide a strong cadre of officers for the re-formed citizen force, some of them because they liked the life of the camp and the mess and some out of the idea that the army they were training, or its successor, would be later called upon.

"That might surprise you; that it was written about the Great War veterans who served on between the wars, but I think it could be equally said about those of us who fronted up sixty years ago. In the 45th battalion on re-forming in 1948, the Commanding Officer had a DSO twice awarded, the 2IC a DSO and MC and three of the six Company Commanders had MCs, the NCOs matched that and to them came all those ardent young people who were a bit frustrated that they had been too young for the war and so it progressed. The Reserve provided two thousand for the war in Korea, countless numbers for the war in Vietnam and they are still doing it at the very moment I am talking there are Reservists of the three services serving overseas.



"So, perhaps that vindicated our idea that if not the people that we trained, then the people who were trained by the people we trained would still contribute to Australia and they are still doing so.

"And it is wonderful to be acknowledged, everyone loves to be acknowledged".

Major General Maitland's comments applied equally to the RANR and RAAF. WWII ships' Captains with incredible war service coming off the Reserve List to restart the RANR and RAAF pilots rejoining to train air crew for the potential of a WWIII.

Reservists now carry on the proud traditions established by the Boer War Militia members and have served in every conflict and United Nations operations since being re-formed after WWII. More recently Reservists of all ranks from the three services have served on active service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and United Nations and humanitarian missions. This experience and vital wealth of knowledge has been passed back to their home units.



THE PARADE

This will be a special and colourful parade to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of serving and former Reservists since the part time forces were reformed in 1948 – it is also the 15th Anniversary since the first RFD parades in 1998. The parade will also acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the RAN. Special guests watching the parade will be the 39ERS, members who were in the three part-time forces before WWII and whose average age is in the 90s, and the "ORIGINALS" who commenced their service on its re-formation after WWII. Some will be marching and others will be in special seating near the saluting dais.



The day will start with bands playing military music in front of Parliament House before leading the five formations from their forming up position in Hyde Park. The parade will commence with Armoured vehicles and unit association banners moving to holding ground positions. The Australian Army Band Sydney will lead flag parties and Sons and Daughters of Boer War Soldiers who will take up a position in the front of Parliament House. They will be followed down Macquarie Street by the five Formations, each with its own band and will form up in a 'U' shape in front of Parliament House. The senior VIP will arrive with a NSW Police and Light Horse Escort.

After formalities, the parade will march past giving an eyes right and turn left into Hunter Street and left into Phillip Street where reservists will be dismissed near the NSW Leagues Club. The parade will be followed by Unit Association reunions.

We look forward to welcoming you to this historic, colourful and meaningful occasion.