



EPPING RSL

ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICE

SUNDAY APRIL 21st 1996

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An excellent display of armoured strength was paraded at the EPPING RSL with the RAACA, 4th/19th PWLH Association and the 3 Cav Regiment Association banners being **paraded together** with a good representation of members from the respective associations in attendance.

The morning (which was cold and windy) saw the procession of the banners to the Cenotaph (which incidentally, was guarded by members of the 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment) where a wreath laying service was conducted with **Don Weedon** laying the wreath on behalf of the RAACA.

A short memorial service was then held with our own **DARYL PINNER** being the guest speaker for the day. Daryl's speech was excellent which was directed at the younger generation in attendance to support and carry on the **tradition of Anzac**.

After standing out in the elements, it was certainly a welcome relief to venture inside the clubrooms to enjoy the hospitality of the RSL.

Finger food was in plentiful supply and entertainment was in full swing, and all in attendance had a **magnificent day**.

TED GASON, past President of the Epping RSL, struggled from his sick bed to be in attendance, and must have been very proud to see the amount of strength that his corps, **ARMOUR**, contributed to the day

1996 - OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

ANZAC DAY MARCH



Well, the day dawned damp and miserable but the interest and enthusiasm of the troops more than counteracted the weather.

From early in the morning they started to gather at the meeting point in Swanston Walk and this year they were on the east side (out of the weather) and not the west side (there was no sunshine). **The banners** were erected and favourable comment was passed on the **two new Armoured banners** of the 4th/19th PWLH and 3 Cav Regt, then it was time to form up .

Colonel Frank Pearson and **Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Hosken**, both wearing their medals from WWII took up position in a Landrover, leading **Smokey Dawson** with the Australian flag, followed by the Royal Australian Armoured Corps banner, then the three Armoured units behind, 3 Cav Regt, 4th/19th PWLH and **RAAC Vietnam Veterans**. Each banner had in excess of twenty five members marching behind it and it was heartening to see the response of our **Black Hat boys** to the call that had gone out to make this a memorable day.

After the march and tea and biscuits it was on to the Fitzroy Bowling Club for the lunch and the story telling. Over **one hundred and fifteen** people sat down to lunch and a constant stream of visitors were going in and out of the doors all afternoon. A game of **chance** was run but fizzled out quickly as there were too many mates to catch up with and too many tales to tell. The bar did a steady trade, as did the table with the **memorabilia** and the raffle was very well patronised with the 3 Cav boys snapping up first and third prizes, second prize of a Fiftieth Anniversary port crock went to an unknown (probably because he put it out of sight before it could be opened).

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