

The  
Midlands Military Meet and Rendezvous

28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Campbell Town Showground



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Since the last newsletter there has been some major developments which indicate the growing interest in the event for 2009.

The web site has received much favorable comment and is certainly proving to be a very good method of promoting our event.

To date we have received advice that the below will be participating,

- Australian Army Reserve unit 12/40 Battalion RTR and Defence Recruiting, Other units are considering in light of Defence Department budget cuts
- Australian Army Cadets (Guard of Honour for His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania)
- Naval Cadets with 12 Pdr. gun
- South Australian National Service Historical Soc. Inc (a 25 Pounder Gun crew and Drill Team)
- Geelong Military Re-Enactment Group (with 9 vehicles and equipment)
- Defense Transport Heritage Group ( with a variety of vehicles including a British light tank)
- 22 Australian Light Horse Association
- Dave Wright and Les Stillmans Collectibles Emporium
- Foxhole Medals
- The Wayfarers of the Realm
- Militaria Dealers Guy Watkins and Wayne Boon
- Steve Denholm (WW2 Army DUWK)
- The McPherson family with two displays (The Black Cat Squadron and the Black Line)
- Hardy Knitschke ( Mountain Fresh Fruit Sales)
- Army Group South
- Commemorative Historical Society
- Displays from Members of Arms Collectors Guild, Historical Arms and Militaria Society and Militaria Collectors of Tasmania
- Tasmanian Military Vehicle Group
- Military Vehicle Collectors

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- At least three new books will be available at the event (subject to printing deadlines) with the Authors attending to sign copies ( more in next newsletter)
  - The Australian Great War Association living history representatives from NSW
  - A contingent of United States living history members
  - Stoccata School of Defence
  - An aerial display linked to an arena event on both days
  - New Town Antiques
  - Bells Parade Antiques
  - Members of the Australian Cartridge Collectors Association
  - Defence Reserves Support Council
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The Tasmanian Reserve Forces Day Council have as mentioned in the previous newsletter given the event much support and through their good will have been able to obtain the attendance of,

His Excellency,  
Governor Peter Underwood  
And his wife

The Governor will open the event and from discussions with him, it is clear that he is looking forward to attending.

We are planning on the Governor arriving at 10am on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> and inspecting the Guard of Honour and then the assembled re enactors behind the Guard. He will then have Morning Tea and return to the Arena for the 11am Brallos Pass event after which he will wander around the grounds.

### **Format of Outside and Arena activities**

Due to the number of entries received and to improve spectator involvement there will be two arenas (large and small) to cater for the more intimate demonstrations and the demonstrations that require more space. Activities on the arena will alternate with a break between to allow spectators to visit the pavilion displays as well.

Our Arena manager requires from all participants providing action demonstrations the following,

- Name of Organisation
- Small or large arena required
  - How long to set up
  - Time frame of event

This information can be provided through the website and **IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THIS IS DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Around the arena will be various living history sites and military vehicles.

### **Major Arena Event**

The Major Arena Event will be a battle scene depicting the Australian defense of the Brallos Pass in April of 1941. This will involve members of several of the living history groups above.

### **Dance**



The very well received dance organized by the Ross Township is back on the program as well. The community have arranged for a bus to transport to and from the event to Ross (\$10) and the tickets (which include supper) are \$25 each. The Swing band has also been booked and if the last dance is any indication it will be a great night. The Organizers are also contributing a prize for the best period dressed participants.

### **FIREARMS**

Tasmania Police Firearms Services have advised,

**Individuals** All participants using firearms (use means blank firing/carry in public/drill team etc.) will need to provide the MMMR Management Committee with details (Name/Address/ Licence No./ Firearm type. serial No.) and I will submit a spread sheet for exemptions. Want to achieve by October 09

**Dealers** Tas Dealers will need to seek approval to operate off premise from Firearms Services.

Mainland Dealers will need to get approval from their Firearms Services to operate of premises but any transactions at MMM&R WILL BE through a local Dealers Book.



The Committee wants your participation and suggests that whilst the theme is around military history,

- your club can promote its activities whatever its genre (philatelic, numismatic, models, hunting, target shooting etc)
- your business consider purveying items for all ages of both sexes

We will be regularly updating the web site and you can contact us through that site as well.

## **RANGE**

In conjunction with the event The Tasmanian Rifle Association are conducting on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November a number of competitions for Pattern 1853 Rifles (or similar), Snider Rifles Must be Mark III actions), Martini Henry Rifles and SMLE Rifles at the nearby Campbell Town Rifle Range.

A practice for this event is to be held at the same range on 21 Nov.

Further information and Registration contact,  
John Presser [jpresser@hotmail.net.au](mailto:jpresser@hotmail.net.au)

## **PUBLICITY**

We have produced a poster which has begun to be circulated through clubs and businesses related to the theme. Nearer the event these will be more widely circulated in other public places.

The committee have also had the poster reproduced in several monthly publications and at all other Tasmanian events between now and 27 November hand out "History Passports" which will admit a teenager free if accompanied by an adult.

The Committee are also looking at a TV advertisement in the week leading up to the 27<sup>th</sup> November and with the co operation of Defence Transport Heritage (Tas.) and the Geelong Re Enactment Group a media event as the convoy rolls south from Devonport to Campbell Town.

## REGISTRATIONS

Registrations can now be made though our web site ( Home Page, contact us, then scroll down to registration forms.

[www.mmmr.com.au](http://www.mmmr.com.au)

Our event theme is



# History Comes Alive

Join us at Campbell Town on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November



## PROVISIONAL TIME LINE

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Convoy assembles at Devonport and drives to venue

Time TBA

1900 hrs

Committee welcomes participants at Venue

Bonfire/drinks/supper

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

0900 Gates open to public

1000 Arrival of Governor

1100 Brallos Pass Event

1700 Gates close

1930 Dance at Ross

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

0900 Gates Open to Public

1500 Event Concludes