

**OPERATION GOODWOOD SOUTH VIETNAM 3 DEC 1968 -19 FEB 1969. 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HAT DICH COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 19 FEB 2014**

On Wednesday 19 February 2014 the Royal Australian Regiment Association SA (RAR Assoc. SA) will conduct the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Service for the battle honour Hat Dich at the RAR RSL, Beatty Street, Linden Park commencing at 11.00 am



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The Royal Australian Regiment, the 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Regiment and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment were awarded the battle honour Hat Dich for their actions on Operation GOODWOOD in the Hat Dich Secret Zone of South Vietnam during the period 3 December 1968 to 19 February 1969.

Operation GOODWOOD was a multi nation (Australia, New Zealand, United States of America and South Vietnam) operation designed to disrupt the enemy's preparations for the 1969 Offensive.

25 Australians and one New Zealander died on Operation GOODWOOD (1 RAR 3, 4 RAR/ANZAC 6, 9 RAR 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron SASR 1, C Squadron 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Regiment 1 and A Squadron 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment 1). Seven of those who died are interred in South Australia.

The Service at the RAR Assoc.'s hall will be a Combined Regiments service with regimental associations of the units with war dead from Operation GOODWOOD having key roles in the Service.

The Service will commence at 11.00 am and drinks and a simple low cost meal will follow in the Hall.

As a mark of respect to our war dead those current service and ex-service members attending are requested to wear decorations and medals.

Please note the [change in date and venue](#) from previous years.

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