

Defenders of the Queen Imperial and Colonial Defence 1850-1901

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Sunday 5 November 2023 (Waverley RSL, Glen Waverley)

8.30 – 9.00 am **Conference Registrations**

SESSION ONE | IMPERIAL CONNECTIONS

9.00 - 9.10 am

Welcome

Opening of the Conference

Major-General Jim Barry AM MBE RFD ED (Rtd)

MHHV Patron

Session Chair

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Colonel Marcus Fielding (Rtd)

Immediate Past president, MHHV

9.10 – 9.50 am

Keynote Speaker: *Maritime Frontier Conflict, and other items from the colonial military history to-do list*

Dr Craig Wilcox

Historian and Author *Australia's Tasman Wars*
Colonial Australia and Conflict in New Zealand 1800-1850

9:50 - 10.20 am

Morning Tea

SESSION TWO | ADMIRALS AND REDCOATS

Session Chair:

Captain Andrew MacKinnon CSC RAN (Rtd)

10.20 – 10.55 am

Paper: *The 19th Century imperial maritime experience and how it shaped the strategic thinking of Rear Admiral Creswell*

Captain Ainsley Morthorpe CSM RAN

Commanding Officer, HMAS *Cerberus*

10.55 – 11.30 am

Paper: *La Trobe's Army*

Major-General Mike O'Brien CSC MDA (Rtd)

President RUSI (Vic)

11.30 - 12.00 pm

Paper: *Eureka and the British Army*
[Zoom Presentation]

Mr Gregory Blake

Historian and Author: *The Eureka Stockade 1854*

12.00 - 12.45 pm

Lunch

Exhibition:

Plans of Victoria's Colonial Defences
Patrick Ferry and Kevin Hoey,
National Archives of Australia

SESSION THREE | SKIRMISHES & WARS

Session Chair:

Lieutenant-Colonel Murray Duckworth, CSM

12:45 – 1:20 pm

Paper: *Victoria and the New Zealand Wars of the 1860s: and the Victorians in the Taranaki Military Settlers and the New Zealand Armed Constabulary*

Mr Jeff Hopkins-Weise MPhil

Author: *Blood Brothers: The ANZAC Genesis*

1:25 – 2.00 pm

Paper: *The Battle for Oakleigh Station 1888: Nordenfelts, Landmines and 'Khakee'*

Dr Andrew Kilsby

Principal, Connect-History.com and author *The Riflemen: A History of the NRAA 1888-1988*

2.05 – 2.40 pm

Paper: *The 1st NSW Mounted Rifles and the Boer War 1899-1901*

Dr Robin Droogleever

Author: *Five Good Squadrons*

2.45 - 3.15 pm

Afternoon Tea

SESSION FOUR | FORTS and SUBMARINE MINING

Session Chair:

Dr Daryl Moran, MHHV

3.15 – 3.50 pm

Paper: *John Blackburn CE – Completing the Heads Fortifications 1885-1895*

Mr Keith Quinton

Author: *The Life and Times of John Blackburn*

3.55 – 4.30 pm

Paper: *The Easter Submarine Mine Disaster, Sydney 1891*

Dr Catie Gilchrist and Mr Brad Manera

Exhibitions Research Officer, and Senior Historian
Anzac Memorial, Sydney

4.30 - 4.40 pm

Closure of the Conference

Major-General Jim Barry AM MBE RFD ED (Rtd),
MHHV Patron