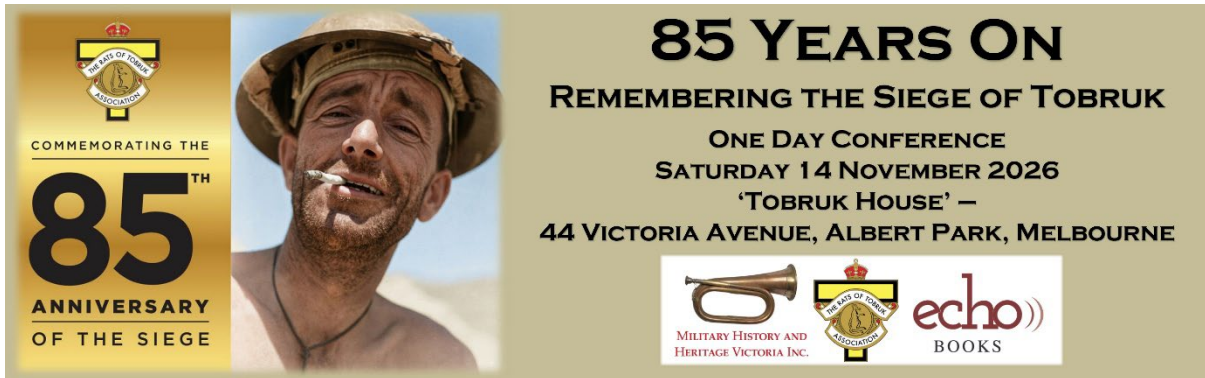




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The poster features a central photograph of a soldier in a desert environment, wearing a pith helmet and a bandana, with a cigarette in his mouth. To the left is a gold-colored vertical banner with the text 'COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIEGE' and the Military History and Heritage Victoria logo. To the right, the text reads: '85 YEARS ON REMEMBERING THE SIEGE OF TOBRUK ONE DAY CONFERENCE SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026 'TOBRUK HOUSE' — 44 VICTORIA AVENUE, ALBERT PARK, MELBOURNE'. At the bottom right are logos for the Military History and Heritage Victoria Inc., the Military History and Heritage Association, and Echo Books.

**85 Years On – Remembering the Siege of Tobruk – One Day Conference
November 14 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

‘The troops at Tobruk are caught like rats in a trap, would live like rats and die like rats.’ (Nazi propagandist Lord Haw Haw 1941)

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

8:30 – 9:00 am | Conference Registration

9:00 – 9:03 | Opening Remarks and Introductions

MAJ-GEN Jim Barry AM MBE RFD ED (Rtd)

Conference Chair and MHHV Patron

9:03 – 9:07 | ‘War Stories: The Siege of Tobruk.’

‘Rats of Tobruk 1941’ film made in 2011 for 70th anniversary exhibition at the Australian War Memorial short film

9:07 – 9:09 | Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr Daryl Moran

9:09 – 9:29 | Keynote Speaker- ‘A Brief Overview of the Siege.’ (Recording)

Dr Robert Lyman MBE FRHS

9:29 – 9:43 | ‘The Tobruk Siege Remembered by Six Australians Who Were There.’

Australian Department of Veterans Affairs – 75th Anniversary of the Siege of Tobruk film

9:43 – 10:25 | ‘Exploring the Siege through Artefacts’

A Guided Tour of the 85th Anniversary Exhibition by descendants of Those Who Were There.

10:25 – 11:00 | Morning Tea

11:00 – 1:00 | Session 2 – THE SIEGE - The AIF

11:00 – 11:40 | Commanders, forces and actions at the Siege

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11:40 – 12:20 | Medical Facilities at the Siege

MAJ-GEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC OBE

12:20 – 1:00 | Edmondson VC and other gallantry award winners

Mike Rosel

1:00 – 1:45 | Lunch

1:45 – 3:45 | Session 3 – THE SIEGE – The RAN, RAAF, MEDIA

1:45 – 2:25 | The RAN's 'Scrap-Iron Flotilla'

CAPT Andrew Mackinnon CSC RAN

2:25 – 3:05 | The RAAF contribution

Adam Lunney

3:05 – 3:45 | Media at the Siege – Radio, Film, Print and Art

Dr Daryl Moran

3:45 – 4:10 | Afternoon Tea

3:45 – 5:00 | Session 4 – THE SIEGE – Q and A PANEL DISCUSSION

4:10 – 4:50 | Why were the Axis forces unsuccessful in recapturing Tobruk during the time of the Australian defence?

Chaired by Dr Daryl Moran with David Mitchellhill-Green, MAJ-GEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC OBE, Mike Rosel, CAPT Andrew Mackinnon CSC RAN, and Adam Lunney

4:50 | Closing Comments – MAJ-GEN Jim Barry

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