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## Kokoda and Beyond: Papua and New Guinea 1942-1945

**Saturday 16 April 2016**

8.30 – 9.00am

**Conference Registration**

**SESSION ONE |**

**FIGHTING IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC**

9.00 - 9.15am

**Welcome - Colonel Marcus Fielding**  
Conference Chair and President MHHV

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

9.15 – 10.00 am

***Keynote Paper: The Utterly Unknown: How  
the Australian Army adapted to jungle  
warfare 1941-45***

**Dr Adrian Threlfall**

Lecturer, Victoria University and author of *Jungle  
Warriors*

**10.05 – 10.30 am**

**Morning tea**

**SESSION TWO |**

**THE BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA**

**Session Chair:**

**Dr Jim Wood, RFD, ED (Col Rtd)**  
Vice-Patron MHHV

10.30 – 11.10 am

***Paper: Sea Power and the Campaigns in  
Papua and New Guinea 1942-45***

**Dr Ian Pfennigwerth**

Historian

11.15 - 11.50 am

***Paper: The Kokoda Campaign: Japan's  
Second Attempt to Capture Port Moresby***  
**James Bowen**

Historian and consultant to the Battle for Australia  
Commemoration National Council

11.55 - 12.35 pm

***Paper: The Air War over Papua and New Guinea***

**Dr Mark Johnston**

Head of History, Scotch College

**12.35 - 1.20 pm**

**Lunch**

**SESSION THREE |**

**REMEMBRANCE AND MEMORY**

**Session Chair:**

**Professor Peter Edwards, AM**

Vice-Patron MHHV

1.20 - 2.00 pm

***Paper: Understanding the Kokoda Track Battles***

**Neil Sharkey**

Curator of Exhibitions, Shrine of Remembrance

2.05 - 2.45 pm

***Paper: Australian Pilgrimage and Penance – Visiting the PNG battlefields***

**David Howell**

Kokoda Historical

**2.45 - 3.15 pm**

**Afternoon Tea**

**SESSION FOUR |**

**VETERANS YARNS**

**Session Chair:**

**Daryl Clarke**

President, 39<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion Association

3.15 - 4.25 pm

**Veterans Yarns**

4.25 - 4.30 pm

**Closing Remarks - Colonel Marcus Fielding**

**Refreshments to 6.00 pm**

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