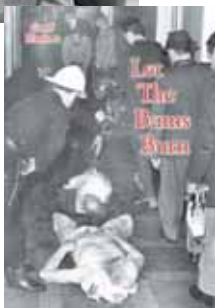
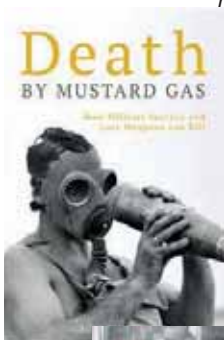


Berowra Author Publishes his Latest Books

Berowra resident Geoff Plunkett has published two more books.

The first *Death By Mustard Gas* describes the arrival to Australia in 1943 of a leaking consignment of deadly mustard gas weapons.

Geoff says: *Despite knowledge of the spill military authorities, in the interests of secrecy, sent unprotected and unsuspecting wharf labourers into a lethal*



environment. The result was catastrophic: permanent disability and death. Mustard gas weapons have been retrieved as recently as 2012 and more may lie in shallow graves waiting to be uncovered. Featured on the ABC 7 pm News on 28 November, the book is published by Big Sky Publications on behalf of the Army History Unit.

For a complete change of tack, the second book *Let The Bums Burn*, details Australia's deadliest building fire. *In 1966 a fire ripped through a Salvation Army Men's Home for destitute and alcoholic men. Although it remains Australia's worst building fire, it is, like the 30 men who died in that fire - forgotten. Since this fire 173 people have died in building fires in Australia, the latest in the Quakers Hill Nursing Home in 2011 where 14 perished. To this day the*

main lesson has not been learnt. A lifesaving device, available before the invention of the light bulb, is still absent in many buildings. Although there is a rightful emphasis on the danger of bush fires, the danger of an internal building fire should never be underestimated. The book will be available on Amazon and The Book Depository.

More information: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-11-27/book-reveals-details-of-toxic-gas-trials-as/5923688>
<http://www.mustardgas.org/Secrets-From-The-Past.pdf>
http://www.amazon.com/Let-Bums-Burn-Australias-deadliest/dp/0987427938/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1417429437&sr=8-1&keywords=let+the+bums+burn