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The official newsletter of the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) Association

October already; the year is flying and the RWC has started, go the Wallabies!

Since the last newsletter your Association has packed and sent a care package to 100 soldiers who are currently deployed as part of Tarji IX. The package was put together by the members of the committee and consisted of a baseball cap with unit badge, bottle opener, satchels of coffee, Tim Tams and a special newsletter. Hopefully the care packages finds all our soldiers well and looking forward to coming home to family and friends

What does the remainder of the year hold for the Association? We still have a couple of committee meetings and as always you are more than welcome to attend.

I am attending the RAAC Corporation AGM in mid-October in Tamworth so if there any points you wish me to raise please call or email.

The 41 Club Family Black Hat function is on the 9 November 2019 and is shaping up to be a great afternoon. Sandy Johns our Secretary has already sent out information for the day and I have sent out a group email to outline specific instructions so get your responses in ASAP.

For Beersheba Day I will keep you updated on any activities but due to the bulk of the Regiment being away it is unlikely that there will be any large planned event.

For future activities we will be discussing and planning next years calendar events over the next couple of committee meeting and would suggest that our main events will remain largely unchanged. If you have a suggestion for an activity during the year please let us know your suggestions.

I attended the committee meeting on Tue for the Anzac Day March 2020. Not a lot will change from last year. One thing to note is that the Sapper Association has requested to combine all their associations and march together and this motion was proposed and passed. This is similar to what was discussed at our last year's march.

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I spoke briefly to Brian Hatfield (1AR Association) in relation to us combining with 1 AR and 3 Cav and marching as a group with our three banners in front due to the group sizes. He agreed that it is something that should be considered. I still have to contact 3 Cav (Greg Peake). It is just a suggestion at this stage and more to follow in regard to this.

I plan on working a lot harder next year in making the relationship with the Regiment as close as possible. I will also talk with the Regiment's leadership team about speaking to the unit members that are planning discharge and making sure they maintain close ties with the Regiment and Association.

In closing I look forward to catching up with many of you at the 41 Club and hope you have a great last quarter of 2019.

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Shayne Burley
President



RSM'S REPORT ~ TASK GROUP TAJI IX

By WO1 Jamie Adams, RSM

Members of the Regiment deployed on operations in the Middle East are upholding the finest traditions of Australian Army in the region. Light Horse soldiers are seen as highly professional and finely attuned to the needs of the mission. Training has been completed for the Iraqi Army 23rd Brigade, who marched straight out of our training into combat operations immediately. The skills and attitudes our soldiers have instilled in the Iraqi jundies held them in good stead as they conducted clearance operations in the fight against Daesh. The ongoing missions of that Brigade and the success it achieves have been confirmed by the Brigade commander as directly attributable to the work of our soldiers.

A new Brigade training evolution is now about to commence as School of Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer II moves ever closer to Final Operating Capability and complete autonomy of training delivery. This substantial success story, built up over many previous rotations, has the Light Horse soldiers polishing the final efforts to show the coalition of what best practice building partner capacity looks like. Our soldiers are very proud of their achievements so far and are lean-

ing in to make sure that continues, through innovation, experience and genuine comradeship with the instructors and trainees they work with. In the finest traditions of the AATTV, a lasting legacy is being forged with all coalition partners and Iraqis alike.

Members of the unit are also utilising the unique opportunity to train and enhance their battle skills in areas not traditionally covered. The ability to gain exposure to new weapon systems, techniques of employment and grow a collegial relationship with members of other corps is pleasing. They will return to the unit hungry for opportunity to excel in the new training year with these new found skills.

Those deployed thank you for the support and well wishes of all at home and look forward to regaling you all with the continued achievements of the Light Horse in the Middle East.

Jamie Adams

Warrant Officer Class One
Regimental Sergeant Major

2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry)

MILES FARMER AWARDED THE RSL'S PRESTIGIOUS "MERITORIOUS MEDAL"

The President and all members of the Association congratulate Life Member and past Vice President Miles Farmer OAM on being awarded RSL Qld's Meritorious Medal. This is an honour awarded to relatively few who have contributed at least 30 years of 'above and beyond' service to RSL Queensland.

Much respected among fellow veterans, Miles has made an enormous contribution to veterans welfare. He was instrumental in forming the RSL's Brisbane North District & in making the Sherwood-Indooroopilly Sub-Branch a model RSL sub-branch.

Having joined his local RSL in 1977, he held many senior positions, including President of the Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL Sub-Branch and RSL Qld State Councillor; Miles was also the RSL State representative, then Chairman, of the Anzac Day Board for many years. **Well done Miles!**



Miles Farmer being awarded with The Meritorious Medal by Tony Ferris, State President RSL Qld

VETERAN UPDATE

NEW VETERAN CARD

In February 2019 as part of the Australian Defence Force Covenant a new look Veteran Card was announced. By the end of 2019 all those registered with DVA will receive their cards which replace existing DVA cards (White, Gold and Orange). There is no change to how you access medical services or DVA benefits. Make sure your contact details are correct when you receive your new card using MyService. For further information go to:

www.dva.gov.au and search for Covenant

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

The Productivity Commission Report "A Better Way to Support Veterans" was released on 4 July 2019. The report contains 69 recommendations and 26 findings and is a must read for any veteran or serving member. There are significant and long term implications for DVA, Defence and veterans alike. The final report can be accessed at:

www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/veterans/report

CONCESSIONS FOR VETERANS

Some of our Association members and serving members may not be aware of what exactly you may be entitled to in respect of concessions for DVA cardholders. The link below will take you to a Concession Fact Sheet for every State and Territory as to what your entitlements are. It also addresses concessions for holders of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC).

<https://www.dva.gov.au/tags/concessions>

DVA'S ALLIED HEALTH TREATMENT CYCLE

The link below will take you to the latest update for DVA's Allied Health Treatment Cycle, taking effect WEF 1/10/19. I draw your attention to the five topics listed at the bottom of that page under the heading: You may also be interested in: Just click on each heading.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/well-being/allied-health-treatment-cycle>

REDSIX SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Below is a link for REDSIX Home page; a new veterans suicide prevention initiative. The links at the top of page also contain a link to the app and a button to download.

<https://www.redsix.com.au/>

OMBUDSMAN REVIEW IN TO DFRDB

The Commonwealth Ombudsman has commenced an investigation into the administration of the DFRDB scheme with respect to commutation. For those receiving DFRDB and who wish to keep up to date with the review by the Ombudsman should go to this September 2019 Update link:

https://www.adfra.org/docPDF/DFRDB_UPDATE_09-2019.pdf



It's over. Your clearance chit is all signed off.

You've received your last train warrant, they've taken your ID card off you at the guard room, and you walk out through the gate for the last time, it's Endex.

It doesn't matter how many years you served in the military, it will always have a lasting effect on the way you live the rest of your life. Marine, soldier, sailor or airman, whichever you may be, there are some qualities and experiences that most, if not all veterans, share.

There are 3 types of people, Civilian, Military and Veteran. Once you join the military, you can never go back to being a civilian again.

When you've left the military, you might think you are doing a great job trying to blend in to your civilian surroundings, but the signs are there, that you once served your country, sometimes without you even realising it.

What you will realise is you'll never be normal.

100 CARE PACKAGES ARE ON THEIR WAY

On the 9th September a small group of committee members gathered to pack and send care packages to those members of the Regiment deployed as part of Task Group Taji IX

You will recall that at our AGM in April attendees unanimously decided that sending care packages would be a small token of support from the Association to our deployed soldiers.

As our President said “a lot of the Association members have previously deployed and understand that getting letters and packages from home means that home are thinking about those deployed and the difficult job they are doing.”

“We hope that when the Regiment returns we will be able to share stories from their deployment with us older former members of the Regiment. We can share yarns of our collective experiences in serving in the “profession of arms”, the great times had and the mates remembered forever.”

“The Association wish all those deployed a safe deployment and return back to Australia to families and the Regiment.”



In providing the care packages the Association acknowledges and extends our sincere gratitude to Mr Ken Roma, President Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub-Branch, the committee and members of the Sub-Branch for their generous donation of \$1000 to assist in providing the care package.

The Association also would like to specially thank Vivien Xu (wife of Mick Martin) and JDE Coffee who generously donated coffee satchels free of charge.



Kedron-Wavell Services Club (KWSC) and Kedron-Wavell Sub Branch RSL (KWRSL)

We would like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsor and suppliers for the Care Packages.

Our Major Sponsor:

Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub-Branch

The Association would like to acknowledge and extend our sincere gratitude to Mr Ken Roma, President Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub-Branch, the committee and members of the Sub-Branch for their generous donation of \$1000 to assist in sending a "Care Package".

The Association particularly acknowledges David Izatt for his guidance in helping our Association with this project.

Suppliers who generously assisted:

- ◆ Coffee supplied by Vivien Xu and JDE Coffee
- ◆ Caps supplied by ABC Embroidery West End, Brisbane
- ◆ Bottle/Can openers supplied by Promotique by Vistaprint
- ◆ Printing supplied by Worldwide Online at Springwood
- ◆ Vegemite supplied by Officeworks

Our association with 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry)

Since 1999, KWSC and KWRSL have been associated with the Regiment. This association originated in the early phases of the East Timor conflict when Korea, Malayan and Viet Nam Veterans offered their services and provided pre-deployment and post-deployment briefings and debriefing to those who were involved. This interaction proved successful, and led to the introduction of mandatory Decompression Training on return from operations for all ADF members.

This early interaction led to the Regiment being "adopted" by Kedron-Wavell as their ceremonial provider and has continued to present times (having members of the Black Hat community involved at executive levels also helps).

Regimental Members have assisted in providing briefs to students who, during their Social Science studies, are required to study the involvement of the Australian Defence Force in both war and peace. Members, often at short notice, have spoken & related their experiences of life serving the nation at home and overseas. Not many students receive this type of personal interaction with soldiers.

KWSC and KWRSL are grateful and proud of the members of the Regiment for their dress and bearing and general turn-out whenever they are in support of our activities, and when ADF support is hard to obtain the Light Horse always comes through.

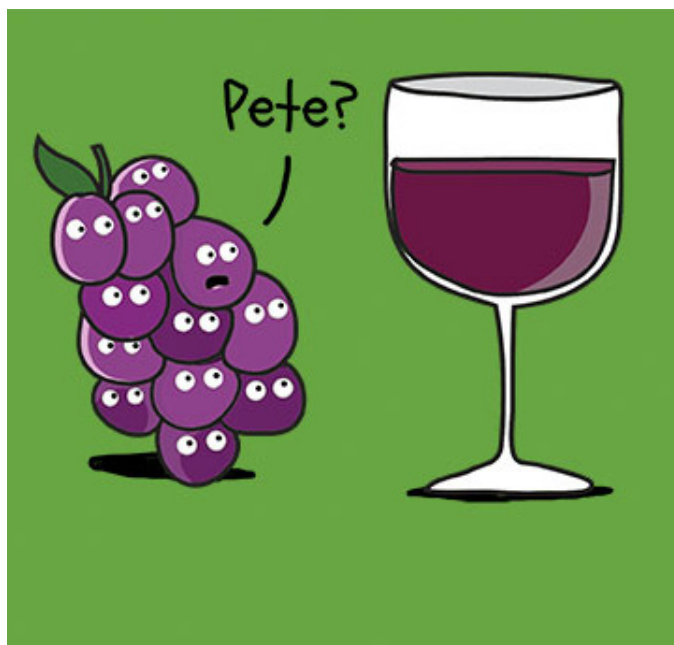
Should you or your family require assistance regarding Advocacy or Wellbeing please feel welcome to approach our trained volunteers.

We are continuously on the look-out for younger members to fill the void of our current aging membership. Should you wish to speak with anyone regarding volunteering feel free to contact myself on your return.

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Phil Lilliebridge

Chairman, Kedron Wavell-Services Club, and
Defence Liaison Officer, Kedron-Wavell Sub Branch RSL



Why Join the Association?

By Dean Chappel

To answer this question I would like to introduce myself and provide you with some reasons why the Association exists.

My name is Dean Chappel, I served for 32 years in the RAAC, and along that way I was posted to many RAAC Units. My last posting was as the RSM 9 Bde, and prior to that I was RSM 2/14 LHR QMI. I am the current Treasurer of the Association and have been happily involved in this Association since we formed approximately 10 years ago. There have been many associations that have been around prior to our current Association that have provided the same service to the Regiment, some dating back to post WW1.

What will you miss when you discharge from Army? For the most of you, you will miss is **mateship**. The bond that we as soldiers have to each other is stronger than you will ever realise. Once out of the Army you can become reclusive, and hide in the civilian environment, but when you are down and out, who will be there to help, support and hold you up, whenever, or wherever you are? Your mates will do this, and the strongest ones that you can depend on are those that you have served with. This mateship bond, or comradeship, is where we the Association come in.

What can I expect?

Being in the Association does not mean you are required or forced to help out, being there is what matters as it provides the base for all of serving and ex serving mates of the Regiment, to gather, talk, pass on old stories, and if available help out those that are ill, or unable to help themselves.

How does the Association operate?

The Association maintains contacts of each member. These contacts are held by the Committee members and as such these details would be available to you, if they were required. The Committee is organised the same as a normal Military Committee, less the rank, and will provide throughout the year activities that you may attend. These gatherings are a fantastic way to re-hash on old times over some form of refreshment. It is the Association that has provided you with this care package, organised by its Committee. We are not paid, and do this all voluntarily, to ensure that the Men and Women of the Regiment understand that we do care about all of its members, which are currently serving as well as those that have.

So Why Join the Association?

As a serving member or retired member of the Regiment, it allows you to maintain the strongest bond that you will ever have in life, **MATESHIP**.



THE ANNUAL 41 CLUB BLACK HAT REUNION

By Shayne Burley

REMINDER

The Annual 41 Club Black Hat Reunion this year on the 9th November 2019 starting at 1300. 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment Association would like to invite all Black Hats and those that served in a Black Hat units to our annual family BBQ drinks get together on the 2nd Saturday in November each year.

Details below:

- ◆ What – Black Hat Family 41 Club Get-together;
- ◆ When – 1300-1800 Saturday 9 Nov 19;
- ◆ Where – 41 Club Enoggera Barracks; and
- ◆ Cost - \$10.00 (to cover the BBQ, etc).

Due to current security arrangements it is critical that we follow the rules. Some points to make entry as easy as possible.

- ✓ Please read the Barracks Safety Brief 9 (as per my email) and acknowledge that you have read it on your return email
- ✓ Please RV at the front gate at 1230

- ✓ From the front gate you MUST be escorted by the guard or myself (similar to previous years, form a convoy and follow me)
- ✓ From the 41 Club you MUST be escorted off the base (same as previous years) we achieve this by having the guard escort packets out at varying times during the afternoon, and
- ✓ If you are arriving late or wish to leave early just let me know on the day.

Please forward me an email if you are attending with an acknowledgement of reading the Safety Brief and licence number and state of issue to ssatjj@icloud.com

It is always a great afternoon. We get people from all the RAAC units so even if you never served in Brisbane you are still welcome. Please also pass onto you mates.

Shayne Burley

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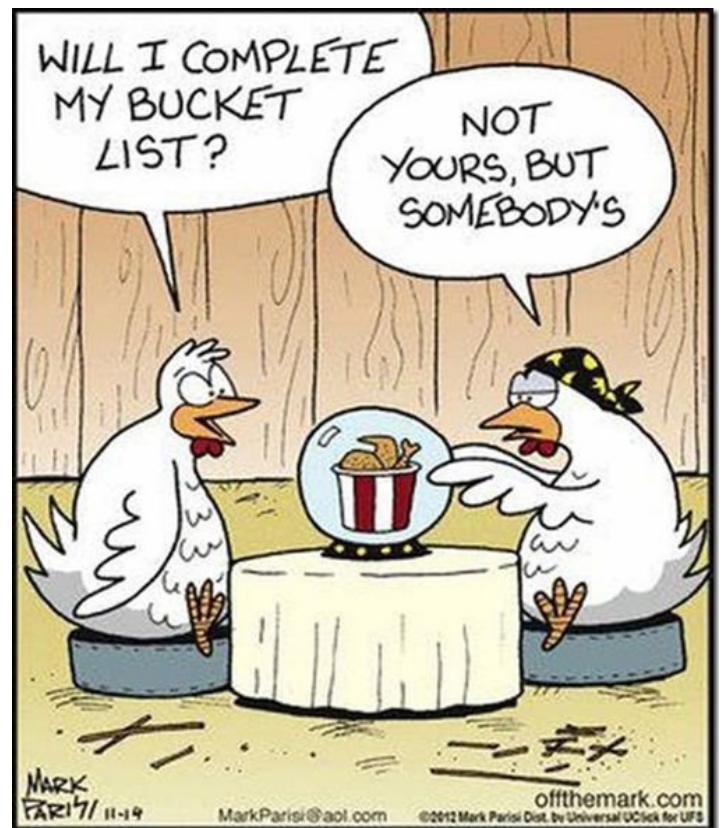


Calendar Of Events 2019

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organised By
15 Oct / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting	Legacy House	President / Secretary
31 Oct	Beersheba Celebration	TBA	Committee
9 Nov / 1300 (Sat)	Black Hat BBQ and Drinks	41 Club	Committee
10 Dec / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting	Legacy House	President / Secretary

**You never appreciate what you have till it's gone.
Toilet paper is a good example!**

The doctor asked me to spend at least one hour per day on the treadmill.



**TURNING VEGAN WOULD BE
A BIG MISSED STEAK**