

# FORWARD

Newsletter #20, March 2018



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

**A** very warm welcome to our first Newsletter for 2018. I hope you have had a good festive season and that the year has started well for you and your family.

Your Management Committee has put together an interesting program for the year. Our first event, an Association Happy Hour held at Victoria Barracks on 3 March, was well attended and very enjoyable.

We have the traditional ANZAC Day march coming up on the 25 April. We hope to have more numbers marching this year under our Association banner. The committee has secured a part of the Grand Central Hotel in Ann Street (opposite the eternal flame and Anzac Square) for post March drinks. Please spread the word about this venue to others as all will be welcome.

We have designed an Association Tall Tales Camp Out on 2-3 June to include a motor bike ride or 4 wheel drive day. We hope this generate special interest amongst our younger members.

Later in the year there are two traditional events, The Black Hat and Friends Dinner on the 24 August and the Black Hat Reunion BBQ and Drinks (41 Club) on the 10 November. The Black Hat Reunion BBQ and Drinks is having its 25th Birthday this year and is a significant event for the Association. Both the Dinner and BBQ were well attended last year and all attending had a great time. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out.

Please keep an eye out for the notice concerning these events. If you are interested please respond promptly as we need accurate numbers. I encourage you to attend as many functions as possible. The committee will in return ensure you receive adequate warning and details well before each function. The only reward for the hard working members of the committee is full attendance at functions which is indicative of a thriving Association.

I draw your attention to our web site (<http://www.2-14lhrqmi.asn.au>), kindly developed by Graeme Brown. It has plenty of information to keep you up-to-date on what

**See more about our upcoming events. Use your 'smart device' to scan this QR Code for a direct link to the association's website. NB: You'll need the QR Code Reader App installed.**



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is happening with the annual events program & special notices for upcoming events, amongst other interesting material. We also have a Facebook page administered by Darren Brown if this is more useful to you.

As we prepare for our AGM on 27 April at Kedron Wavell Services Club, I feel it important that as many attend as possible. All Management Committee positions will be declared vacant. There is more to follow later but please consider making a contribution as a member of the Management Committee. If you want to nominate for any position of the committee I strongly encourage you to do so. You will receive my full support and be eased in to the duties gradually

The RAAC Corporation Management Committee will be holding its AGM in Brisbane on the 13th October. We look forward to their visit and for our Association to welcome them to south-east Qld. More to follow later on this.

Best wishes to you all for a safe, healthy and interesting 2018. Forward!

Graeme Nicholas, President



## NOTICES

### Administration

#### ***Update your contact details***

Unfortunately, we have lost a couple of members and have had mail returned. Please update your contact details (phone, email and postal address) as soon as they change so we can keep in touch.

If in doubt contact our secretary Sandy Johns via email, post box or phone (Email [sandy.johns@icloud.com](mailto:sandy.johns@icloud.com) or Mobile 0458 769 987)

#### ***Welcome New Members***

The Association welcomes the following new members who have been admitted since the last Newsletter:

Iain	DUFF
Rod	HOHN
Geoffrey	RUSSELL
Patrick	KEENAN
Anthony	LUNT
Jason	AUSTIN

We look forward to meeting them at forthcoming events.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***ANZAC Day 25 April : Dawn Service***

- Dawn Service at Enoggera: We are waiting for details of the Regiment's Dawn Service plans. Once we have that information it will be sent to all members.

### ***ANZAC Day : March Details***

- Anzac Day March, Brisbane City: Details are as follows ...
  - Order of March: We are in Group 5 (Associations and within that group 6th in order of march
  - FUP: Corner of North Quay and Adelaide Street, near the Victoria St Bridge and the river side (Note this is a change to previous years): Look for the Association Banner.
  - Step Off: According to the chief marshall the anticipated step off time for Group 5 is 10:55hrs. Be at the FUP by 10:30hrs
  - Dress: as per previous marches, Association lapel badges, beret or slouch hat as you choose.
  - Route: as per previous years, down Adelaide, saluting dais at King George Square and dispersal down Creek st

### **Post March Drinks**

- Where: Grand Central Hotel: 270 Ann Street, Brisbane CBD, Brisbane (below Central Station)
- How Much: \$10 entry fee that covers the meal requirement as required by Queensland Licensing Law. Your \$10 will get you a hearty meal of bangers and mash and the right to purchase drinks at the bar. The law applies to 13:00hrs.
- Till when: last person standing
- Invites: all welcome, while the Association has made the arrangements, all black hats, their mates and associated characters are welcome. Spread the word.

### ***Annual General Meeting 27 April***

- Please make a diary note that the AGM is on 27 April at the Kedron Wavell Services Club commencing promptly at 1500 hrs.
- The agenda and papers will be issued shortly.
- All Management Committee positions will be declared vacant. Please consider making a contribution as a member of the Management Committee. If you want to nominate for any position of the committee I strongly encourage you to do so.

### ***DVA White Card Holders***

Queensland residents are eligible for a concession fare if they hold either -

- a gold DVA Health Card – All Conditions; or
- a white DVA Health Card - Specific Conditions.

The DVA Health Card must have the prefix 'Q' as proof of Queensland residency.

For more details see:

**<https://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/concessions/pensioners-and-veterans>**



# ASSOCIATION HAPPY HOUR

## 3rd March 2018 : Victoria Barracks Association Happy Hour

Members recently gathered for the Association's first social event on 2018, a Happy Hour at Victoria Barracks. Some forty members and partners enjoyed the camaraderie and odd beer in an enjoyable afternoon. Many had not visited the barracks and this made the event more special as members grasped the historical significance of the barracks. Adele Catts provided an interesting and well researched brief on the barracks buildings and their history.



**Adele Catts gives a "soldiers five" brief on the many museum displays within the mixed mess building with support from President Graeme Nicholas.**

Michelin star chef Sandy Johns found his true calling as a bait layer and provided those attending with a feast of bar nuts, chips and party pies topped by tomato sauce which complimented the beer choices of XXXX or Jimmy Squires 150 lashes.

The event was a great way to start the 2018 social year. Many thanks to those who attended, for their fine stories and for making the afternoon a success.

An email from Miles says it all: "Gentlemen, Many thanks for arranging such a wonderful afternoon at Vic Barracks. **Cheers Miles**".



**Please let a member of the Management Committee know if you are unwell and are happy for the information to be shared amongst the membership.**

## SINCERE THANKS Colin Bunker

I have been advised by Colin Bunker that he will not seek re-election on the management committee. Colin more recently had some health challenges which he has weathered and while on the improve needs to manage his activities carefully. Colin was an asset to the committee and Association and we wish him well and good health. He will remain in the Association. Here are some of Colin's highlights:

- Was a founding member of the Association
- Served in 2/14 Queensland Mounted Infantry (as the Regiment was then known) on two occasions - initially as a soldier and on the second time as an officer.
- In total served 32 years in the Active Army Reserve and a further 9 on the Inactive Reserve.
- Served in RAAC, RAInf and RAAOC Units.
- Was commissioned in February 1965 in 2RQR (later 42RQR).
- Attended Reserve Command and Staff College (RCSC) at 1st Training Group and qualified for promotion to Major.
- In 1985 Colin was privileged to become the CO of the Army Reserve "Exercise Pacific Reserve" Contingent to Hawaii (one of the highlights of his career).
- At the end of 1991 went to the Inactive Reserve until formally retired one day before reaching his 60th birthday.



## HISTORIC ARTICLE Padre George Green

### Chaplain with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment at Gallipoli

The Association has been offered an article by Simon Farley of the UQ Library about Padre George Green who served with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment at Gallipoli.

The article was published in the latest issue of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland's Queensland History Journal.

Padre Green's diaries are held at the State Library. Simon Farley was the Curator, Military Collection at the State Library from 2004-2014 and now the Fryer Librarian at the University of Queensland.

For more details read the pdf on our website at: <http://www.2-14lhrqmi.asn.au/membership.htm>

## THE DASH

*I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on his tombstone  
From the beginning to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth  
And spoke of the following date with tears.  
Then he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years (1920 – 2004).*

*For that dash represents all the time  
That he spent alive on earth.  
And now, only those who loved/knew him  
Know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own,  
The cars, the house, the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our 'dash'.*

*If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real.  
And always try to understand  
The way that other people feel.*

*So when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash.  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
And how you spent your dash?*



# JOINT COMMUNIQUE

## VETERANS' MINISTERS' MEETING

### 08 NOV 17:

The second Roundtable of Ministers responsible for veteran issues has reinforced the need to coordinate effort across all levels of government to ensure the successful transition of those Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel moving from military to civilian life.

Issues discussed at the Roundtable included improved transition, mental health and suicide prevention, improving employment outcomes for veterans, veteran accommodation and assisting veterans who had been incarcerated.

The Roundtable was updated on initiatives in the Federal budget to enhance veteran rehabilitation and transform the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) as well as the expanded package of mental health support worth \$31 million that was announced as part of the Government's response to the Senate Inquiry into veterans' suicide.

A commitment by all governments was given to information sharing across agencies to assist in improving transition across all jurisdictions.

States and Territories agreed to examine the feasibility of collecting data on veteran incarceration and to promote non-liability health care for any mental health condition to those who have served one day in the full-time ADF.

As a step towards destigmatising Post Traumatic Stress, Ministers agreed to refrain from using the term disorder and agreed to encourage their ministerial health colleagues to do the same.

The Roundtable supported the establishment of a Veteran Support Services Accreditation Association that would enable Ex Service Organisations delivering services to veterans to obtain formal accreditation.

The Roundtable reached consensus on a common definition of veteran that is to be recognised by all jurisdictions. It was agreed that a veteran would be defined as 'a person who is serving or has served in the ADF'. Ministers agreed use of the term veteran should not be limited by the definitions contained in existing legislation.

Ministers agreed there needed to be a question about veterans in the next Australian Census. This will assist all levels of government to better support services and support to veterans and their families.

Ministers agreed to establish a working party to explore the harmonisation of veterans' concessions across jurisdictions.

The Ministers also agreed to mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day in 2018 with a nation-wide campaign to acknowledge a minute's silence at 11am.

The next Veterans' Ministers' Roundtable in 2018 will occur in conjunction with the Transition Symposium and the Invictus Games in Sydney.

Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs the Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Veterans Affairs New South Wales the Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Veterans Victoria the Hon John Eren MP, Minister for Housing, Veterans Issues and Youth Western Australia the Hon Peter Tinley AM MLA, Government Whip South Australia the Hon Tom Kenyon MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Community and Veterans' Affairs Tasmania Ms Sarah Courtney MP, Minister for Veterans Australian Capital Territory Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA and Assistant Minister for Veterans Affairs representing the Chief Minister Northern Territory Mr Tony Sievers MLA attended the Roundtable. Given Queensland is in caretaker mode, Queensland was represented by the Department.

### 2/14 LHR (QMI) ASSOCIATION BREW MUGS

There are a few brew mugs remaining and anyone wishing to purchase one should do so as soon as possible. Just send payment (EFT or Cheque) and email delivery details to Sandy Johns (Association Secretary).

#### **SPECIAL PRICING OF \$11.00 EACH**

(Plus P&P if not in Brisbane area to collect).

ANY REMAINING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE AGM ON 27 APRIL.



# Calendar Of Events 2018



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P.O. Box 508 Ashgrove West Post Office, Ashgrove, QLD, 4060  
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Date/Time	Event	Location	Organised By
25 Apr	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> • Dawn Service • March • Post March	2/14 LHR Lines Enoggera Brisbane City Grand Central Hotel	March RSM tba
27 Apr / 1500hrs	<b>Annual General Meeting and Happy Hour</b>	<b>Kedron Wavell Services Club (Room tba)</b>	<b>President/ Secretary</b>
8 May / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting and Association Drinks	Legacy House Fox Hotel	President 0410 652 102
2-3 Jun	<b>Association Tall Tales Camp Out and 4WD Activity</b>	<b>Loc TBA</b>	<b>Committee</b>
24 Aug / 1830	<b>Black Hats &amp; Friends Dinner</b>	<b>Kedron Wavell Services Club</b>	<b>Committee</b>
18 Sep / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting and Association Drinks	Legacy House Fox Hotel	President 0410 652 102
31 Oct	<b>Beersheba Commemoration</b>	<b>TBA</b> Await details from the Regt	<b>Committee</b>
10 Nov / 1300	<b>Black Hat BBQ and Drinks</b>	<b>41 Club</b>	<b>Committee</b>
11 Dec / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting and Association Drinks	Legacy House Fox Hotel	President 0410 652 102
<b>NOTE: 4WD and/or Bike activities will be advised on social media</b>			

## CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

Please advise your change of contact details via the Association's Website Contact Page

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



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<http://www.2-14lhrqmi.asn.au>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/214LHRQMIAssn/>

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP		
<b>Surname</b>		
<b>Christian Names</b>		
<b>Preferred Name</b>		
<b>Postal Address</b>		
<b>Residential Address</b>		
<b>Telephone Numbers</b>	Home	
	Work	
	Mobile	
<b>Email Address</b>		
<b>Date of Application</b>		
<b>Class of Membership requested</b> (tick appropriate one)	Ordinary	
	Service Associate	
	Associate	
<b>Relevant Regimental Service (incl dates)</b>		