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Newsletter #24 - March 2019



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

May I wish all Association members very warm welcome to our first Newsletter for 2019. It is with great pleasure that I also welcome COL Steve Salmon (Retd) as Association Patron and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

The Regiment is currently preparing to deploy in May as the next rotation to Task Group Taji. Task Group Taji is a combined Australian-New Zealand military training force located northwest of Baghdad and is deployed to support an international effort to train and build the capacity of the regular Iraqi Security Forces (ISF). We wish all members a safe deployment and return home.

In my short speech at Victoria Barracks Happy Hour I alluded to a number of big picture issues currently being considered by the Government at a national level that may affect veterans. These include:

- The Australian Veterans Covenant
- The definition of a Veteran
- The Veterans Card
- The Productivity Commission Report in to DVA
- Amendments to the MRCA 2004
- Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014

I would suggest that all Association members take an interest in what is being debated and where you feel motivated get involved in the scrum. There are a lot of folk working very hard to ensure veterans get a fair hearing and an acceptable outcome to the debates, including the RAAC Corporation, of which our Association is an affiliate member. Complacency gets you what you get which may not always be what you want.

Your Management Committee has put together an interesting program for the year.

- Our first event, an Association Happy Hour held at Victoria Barracks on 9 March was well attended and very enjoyable.
- We have the traditional ANZAC Day March coming up on 25 April. We hope to have more numbers marching this year under our Association banner. Don't forget to go to 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.

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- We have an Association Tall Tales Camp Out and the Black Hat Reunion BBQ and Drinks (41 Club) in November. The events calendar has been distributed in the December newsletter and is available on the Association website. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out.

I draw your attention to our web site (<http://www.2-14lhrqmi.asn.au>). It has plenty of information to keep you up-to-date on what is happening with the annual events program and special notices for upcoming events, amongst other interesting material.

As we prepare for our AGM on 13 April at Kedron Wavell Services Club (1500hrs) it's important that as many attend as possible. All Management Committee positions will be declared vacant. Please consider making a contribution as a member of the Management Committee. I have telegraphed my intention not to stand for re-election. If you are a presidential hopeful now is your chance.

Lastly let me acknowledge my committee for their dedication and hard work. Darren Brown is not standing for re-election. Darren has been a stalwart of the committee since its formation; many thanks to Darren. To our other members: Shayne, Sandy, Dean, Graeme, Phil - your efforts are much appreciated.

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Graeme Nicholas
President



NOTICES

Association Happy Hour (March) at Victoria Barracks

Members recently gathered for the Association's first social event in 2019, Happy Hour at Victoria Barracks. Some thirty members and partners enjoyed the camaraderie and odd beer in an enjoyable afternoon. Some 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 brief on the current army museum display: post World War 1; The Aftermath.

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

The event was a great way to start the 2019 social year. Many thanks to those who attended and for their fine stories and for making the afternoon a success.



NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (QMI) Association Inc, notice is given that the **Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association will be held at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside (www.kedron-wavell.com.au/) on Saturday 13th April 2019 at 1500hrs.**

All Management Committee positions will be declared vacant and a new committee will be elected. Please consider carefully if you would like to be involved on the committee, discuss with any of the current

committee members and have the nomination form signed and returned to the Secretary by 6th April 2019.

After the meeting, members and guests are invited to join the Management Committee for drinks (at members cost), bar snacks (provided by the Association) and enjoy Kedron-Wavell Services Club facilities. Bar facilities will be operating before and after the meeting, and restaurants will be available in the main club for those who wish to dine with friends.

TANKRIDE



Peter, thanks for your suggestion!

The committee always welcomes suggestions on possible social activities; members are encouraged to advise the Committee of their ideas which are always welcome.

Association member Peter Rewko sought Association interest in a visit to "TANKRIDE".

- Information on the facility can be viewed at <http://tankride.com.au/>
- If members are interested the Committee could look at this activity in next year's social calendar.
- If you wish for further information contact Peter or visit the Website Contact page.
- Alternately you can gather a group and head to Tankride

PROPOSED FUNCTION : FORT LYTTON AT NIGHT

The Association's Assistant Secretary, Graeme Brown, has proposed a great social event at the Fort Lytton Historic Precinct: **Fort Lytton At Night** which is a unique promenade theatre performance using sound and light to bring Fort Lytton's colonial fortifications to life; For further details visit: http://fortlytton.org.au/?page_id1105

Where: Fort Lytton (160 South Street, Lytton. Cnr Lytton Rd)
When: Either May 11, May 18 or Jun 1
Time: 1830hrs for 1900hrs start; Finishes 2015hrs
Cost: \$20 for 2/14 Association Members & their Guests (normally \$25)
RSVP: 30th March, 2019 ***(Prior to planning and making the booking, we need to ascertain the level of members' support for this proposed activity. Please reply with your numbers and your preferred date)***

WARNING ORDER : ANZAC DAY CITY MARCH

Details of the Anzac Day March, Brisbane City are as follows ...

- Order of March: We are in Group 5 (Associations and within that group we are behind 3 Cav Regt Association).
- FUP: Corner of George and Charlotte Streets: Look for the Association Banner.
- Step Off: According to the chief marshal the anticipated step off time for Group 5 is 10:20hrs. This is not an exact timing so be at the FUP 30 minutes before.

Post Parade: We will again retire to the Grand Central Hotel (Ann Street opposite the eternal flame and adjacent Central Station) for a post March drink. As per last year there will be an entry fee (required by law) which gets you a lunch.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES : NOW DUE



In accordance with the Association's Constitution, Annual Membership Fees were due as at 27 February 2019.

There are a small number of fees outstanding.

For those yet to pay, the Committee would love to see you remain a member of the Association, however, if you wish to lapse your membership please notify the Committee of your intention.

If you have any queries regarding fees, please contact Sandy Johns, Secretary

Update your contact details

Unfortunately, we have lost contact details of 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 or Mobile 0458769987)





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

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITION
NOMINATION FORM

We, (Name), and (Name)
....., being financial members of the
2/14LRH(QMI) Assn Inc, nominate (Name)

For the position of On the Association's
Management Committee.

Candidate:

SignatureDate.....

Nominated by: Date

SignatureDate

Seconded by:Date

SignatureDate

Notes: 1. Nominations should reach the Secretary, Sandy Johns (sandy.johns@icloud.com) or
c/o P.O. Box 508, West Ashgrove Post Office, ASHGROVE Qld 4060 by NLT 6th April 2019.

APPOINTMENT OF PATRON

The Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of COL Steve Salmon (Retd) as Patron of our Association and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Many of our Association will know Steve, have served with him or will know of his recent appointment. The Association welcomes Steve.



Steve served in the Australian Regular Army and RAAC from 1977 – 2006 (29 years) in a variety of Command and Staff appointments primarily in operations and training. Some of Steve's senior career appointments include

- Commanding Officer of the School of Armour;
- Directing Staff at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College - Toronto;
- Director of Land Combat in DGLD;
- Director of Joint Plans in the ADF HQ; and
- Director of Studies - Land at the Australian Command and Staff College.

Steve is currently a Principal at Calytrix Training Systems, Calytrix Technologies.

Here is an abridged copy of Steve's acceptance letter:

It was wonderful to catch up with yourself and other members of the Association Committee last month and hear about all the good work you are doing to foster and sustain the spirit of the Regiment.

I am especially grateful for the kind invitation extended to me to be the Patron of the Association and with great respect, I accept. I undertake to work with the Committee to assist you in achieving the objectives of the Association and doing everything within my control to foster a greater linkage with the current members of the Regiment.

Kind Regards

Steve Salmon
COL (Retd)

Honorary Colonel 2/14 Light Horse Regiment
(Queensland Mounted Infantry)

ASSOCIATION POLO SHIRTS

The Committee has arranged with the supplier of the Association Polo Shirts to deal directly with members who wish to purchase the shirt.

To purchase a shirt you can:

- email Daryl Ragen at chermside@embroidme.com.au,
- phone him on 33595155
- visit his premises at 739 Gympie Road, CHERMSIDE.

The cost of shirts will be \$30.00 plus \$5.00 postage, if required.

Contact Daryl for payment options.

There will be a small delay in delivery, as shirts will be made to order.



Calendar Of Events 2019

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organised By
26 Mar / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting	Legacy House	President / Secretary
13 Apr / 1500hrs (Sat)	Annual General Meeting and Happy Hour	Kedron Wavell Services Club	President / Secretary
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY • Dawn Service • March • Post March	2/14 LHR Lines Enoggera Brisbane City Grand Central Hotel	March RSM tba
07 May / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting	Legacy House	President / Secretary
11 May / 1830hrs	Fort Lytton at Night	160 South St, Lytton	Secretary
May (date tba)	Regimental Departure Parade	TBA	2/14 LHR 7 Bde
May (Date TBA)	Billy Singh Memorial Service	Lutwych Cemetery	(Gympie Rd, Kedron)
02 Jun / 1000 (Sun)	Boer War Memorial Service	Anzac Square	Boer War Association Qld
8-9 June	Assn Tall Tales Camp Out and 4WD Activity	TBA	Committee
23 Jul / 1500hrs	Management Committee Meeting	Legacy House	President / Secretary
18 Aug (Sun)	Veterans Day	TBA	Committee
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

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Cavalry to the Rescue—Townsville Floods



Townsville photos courtesy of Bill Keyboard Knight's and Barry Turnbull's face book post