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Newsletter #28 - April 2020



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

Dear Association Members, we are now in difficult and extreme times unprecedented in recent history as we respond to Covid 19. Who would have thought 2020 would turn out as it has. First the management committee and I wish all members a safe passage through this pandemic and a safe & secure Easter and Anzac Day.

I recall our last function was our Xmas drinks 2019 at the Fox Hotel after our committee meeting. A good afternoon with about 20 members, fine snacks a few quite drinks and good company. It was a great way to finish 2019 for the Association.

2020 has presented our Association and the wider community with some challenges. We are all trying to adapt and overcome to a continually changing landscape. I think that our time in the military has prepared us better than most, that is not to say some if not all our members and families and the wider community will not be affected. This will take a lot to get over both medically and financially, but I believe we will all get through this with our sometimes dark military humour coming to the fore.

The **Calendar of Events** will take a hit, so I have outline below the changes as the committee and I see them as at the start of April 2020:

- **Committee meetings – Continue via video:** We plan to continue with these as per the calendar but using video conferencing.
- **Anzac Day March – Cancelled:** As per our previous email this has been cancelled. You may be aware of a push through social media to gather at the end of your driveways on the 25 Apr 2020 at 6 am. Not a bad idea in these difficult times.
- **AGM – Postponed:** At this stage I believe the best thing to do is postpone this until another time. Our venue, KWSC is shut. All current committee members have indicated they will hold their current positions until an AGM can be scheduled, thanks to your wonderful committee.
- **Tall Tails Camp Out – Cancelled:** Scouts Queensland has chosen to align with the State Government and shall close all our scout campsites state-wide effective immediately.

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- **Annual Get Together Black Hat reunion – Remains:** At this stage planning is proceeding to hold the function on the 31 October 2020 as per previous email sent out.

In other news:

41 Club Merchandise: I was approached by the 41 Club in regard to our members being able to purchase merchandise from the club. A separate email will be forwarded to all members with the merchandise available for purchase and the process for the purchase and post.

The Coral-Balmoral Cup 2020: This activity sees the best AFV crews in the Corps pitted together across 5 days of gruelling armoured based activities. This competition will decide the best Armoured Cavalry Regiment (ACR) and allow bragging rights to their respective CO and RSM (OC and SSM). The awards from the Coral-Balmoral Cup are:

- ✓ The champion ACR (Coral-Balmoral Cup) was 1st ARMD Regt.
- ✓ The champion CRV (Wood memorial Cup) team was 2/14 LHR.
- ✓ The champion Tank (Macarthur-Onslow Trophy) team is B Sqn 3/4 CAV Regt.

Ironsides – Ironsides is now available online this will help in reducing costs. I will get some hard copies so

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contact me if you want one or go online (see link opposite) and have a look. I have been promised that the previous years will be put up eventually.

In these difficult times please stay in contact with your friends and family. This may be a good time to dive into social media while you are trying to dodge all the DIY jobs around the house. YouTube is an excellent tool (some are not that good so be picky) to learn the basics. I use it for everything from fixing my motorbike to learning how to create an email list from excel.

But as we are one big Black Hat Family if you need a hand or assistance please contact us and we will either point you in the right direction or help out in any way we can. Please all stay safe for the remainder of 2020 and we will endeavour to keep you informed.

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Shayne Burley
President



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSTPONED

A warning that the Annual General Meeting for 2020 is postponed until a date to be advised due to the closure of the Kedron Wavell Services Club.

This postponement will give members a chance to consider their involvement in the Management Committee.

At the AGM (when held) all positions will be declared vacant and open for nominations. Indications are that a few of the current long serving members may not reapply for their positions.

The workload on the committee is not large, meetings are held approximately bi-monthly. There is a great camaraderie among committee members and it is a great way of maintaining social contact, and to give you an interest without being strenuous.

If you are interested in joining the committee, and wish further information, please contact President, Shane Burley on 0431700696, or Secretary, Sandy Johns on 0458769987.

DVA Information:

<https://dva.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=011ebca0e3a786917aa375083&id=962ece5217&e=8e510cd0b4>

Ironsides Magazine 2019:

<https://ironside.partica.online/>

2/14 LHR (QMI) Face book page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/523101341118957/?ref=bookmarks>

2/14 LHR (QMI) Association Face Book page:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member:

The President and Management Committee welcome new member Mike Butler.

Vale: Colonel John Haynes AM OAM (Ret'd)

John Haynes joined the Royal New South Wales Lancers in 1948 as a trooper and was commissioned in that Regiment in 1950. Soon after he transferred to the Regular Army and served in 13 RAAC units including a tour of duty in Vietnam in the early 1970s.

He retired from the Army in the mid-1980s and became the President of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association, New South Wales Branch (RAACA NSW), later serving as President of the RAAC National Association. In this role he instituted a number of successful initiatives for soldiers including the Army Combat Badge, the medal for National Service and the Australian Defence Medal. For these good works he was awarded the OAM.

At the opening of the Light Horse Interchange west of Sydney in December 2005, Colonel Haynes struck up a conversation with the then Prime Minister John Howard. They noted that the service of Australian Soldiers in the Boer War was not commemorated by a memorial in the nation's capital, Canberra. The National Boer War Memorial project was born and on 31 May 2017, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia dedicated the memorial in Anzac Parade, Canberra. For this effort, in the Australia Day honours 2019 he was awarded an AM.

ANNUAL 41 CLUB BLACK HAT REUNION: SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2020

The Annual 41 Club Black Hat Reunion is on again this year, **Covid 19 permitting**. It is two weeks early and on the 31 October 2020 (Beersheba) 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.

Due to the current security arrangements, please RSVP with your full name and drivers licence number, state (anyone over 16 will need to be added to the list) to Shayne Burley email ssatjj@icloud.com. Your name will be added to the entry list to facilitate entry to the barracks on the day.

Details below:

- ❖ What – Black Hat Family 41 Club Get-together;
- ❖ When – 1300-1800 Saturday 31 Oct 2020;
- ❖ Where – 41 Club Enoggera Barracks;
- ❖ Cost - \$10.00 (to cover the BBQ, etc).

I look forward to catching up and having a yarn and a few drinks. I will send out reminder emails later in the year. Also please pass this on to any I have missed.

Some points to note:

- **This year we have bought the Reunion forward two weeks** and this is to facilitate those black hats that are intending to visit the 2nd Cavalry Regiments 50th Birthday reunion. At this stage 2021 reunion will be on the 2nd Saturday in November as normal.

- **Security at the front gate:** I will submit a list of those attending to base facilities via the regiment approximately 1 week prior to the reunion. We will RV at the front gate carpark at 1230 hrs to check your names are on the list from there we will be escorted in car convoy up to the 41 Club by the Guard/Duty Driver. The list will be provided to the front gate guard (civilian contractors) and you will have to show your driver's licence on passing through the gate. During the afternoon if you wish to leave the reunion you will have to be escorted from the 41 Club to the front gate by the guard/duty driver. Similar to previous years: if you are getting dropped off or catching a cab/uber jump in a spare/mates car to travel up to the 41 club.

- **Safety Brief:** please read the safety brief attached to my email and acknowledge you understand thanks.



27 March 2020

MEDIA STATEMENT

DISABLED VETERANS WRONGLY TAXED FOR DECADES

Veterans receiving invalidity benefits from their military superannuation schemes were wrongly taxed for years according to a decision handed down in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal by Justice Logan in precedent setting test cases on Wednesday 25 March 2020.

Veterans who are medically discharged from the ADF may receive a disability benefit from their military superannuation equivalent to the benefits paid to other similarly disabled Australians from the insurance component of their superannuation. But the ATO taxed the veterans differently, and the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC), which reported the benefits to the ATO, were unable or unwilling to answer the veterans' question: "What law are you applying to my Invalidity Benefit?"

The ATO and CSC could not answer because there was no applicable law. This ruling recognises that these were "disability superannuation benefits" and should be taxed on the same basis as for other disabled Australians. Hundreds of veterans, many discharged with mental health issues, have endured this discrimination and mistreatment for years.

DFWA calls on the government to do the right thing.

- Respect the judgement. Don't cause further distress by appealing.
- Refund what is owed to all veterans promptly, including those who trusted you and did not lodge individual objections. These were test cases.
- No spin about loopholes. No retrospective changes to the law.

In the words of the Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019 that legislated the Veterans' Covenant, be "sensitive to any physical or mental injury or disease they may have suffered and respect their military service."

DFWA pays tribute to those veterans and their families who have endured the stress and the personal costs of being Test Cases for your mates. DFWA also extends thanks to the legal team, Dan Paratore and Phil Hack, both ADF veterans, who went above and beyond. WFD.

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STAY SAFE

COVID-19 is a serious and rapidly evolving global challenge and will have profound impacts on Australia. Members should take defensive personal protection measures seriously and ask your family to do the same. Where applicable strictly adhere to instructions about protective measures like isolation and quarantine. Your own individual actions help prevent transmission and protect your family. Stay informed of the risks, symptoms and the process for testing and reporting. If you suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms immediately isolate yourself and help protect others. Seek a medical diagnosis.

Already many of you will have started to feel the impact of the increasing controls on travel and social interaction. Prepare for those controls to be increased even further. This is serious and these measures are vital to reduce the spread of this virus.

In this unfolding situation, there will be inevitable disruption to activities and planned commitments. As ever, stay focused, stay composed, apply common sense, be respectful of others and exercise self-discipline.

MURPHY'S LAWS OF COMBAT OPERATIONS

- You are not Superman.
- Keep it simple stupid.
- Automatic weapons — aren't.
- Recoilless weapons — aren't.
- Suppressive fire — won't.
- Incoming fire has right of way.
- If the enemy is in range, so are you.
- Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire.
- If it's stupid and it works, it ain't stupid.
- When in doubt, empty your magazine.
- The easy way is always mined.
- Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo.
- Teamwork is essential, it gives them somebody else to shoot at.
- Never draw fire, it irritates everyone around you.
- Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing.
- Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you.
- If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
- No battle plan survives contact with the enemy.
- You're weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
- The only thing more accurate than enemy incoming fire is friendly incoming fire.
- When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
- Make it tough enough for the enemy to get in, and you won't be able to get out.
- If you're short on everything but the enemy, you're in a combat zone.
- The enemy invariably attacks on only two occasions — when you're ready for them and when you're not.
- A sucking chest wound is nature's way of telling you it is time to slow down.

RAAC CORPORATION AGM 2020

Editor's Note: I have included for interest the Memorial to the Australian Light Horse, also known as the Tamworth Waler Memorial. The theme of the memorial is remembering the Australian horses that served in wars, and it shows an Australian Light Horse trooper saying farewell to his `Waler` horse in the Middle East desert at the end of World War One.

The Tamworth Waler Memorial was unveiled by Major General WB Digger James AC MBE MC on October 29, 2005 and is well worth a visit if you are passing through Tamworth.



THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUEENSLAND DEFENCE FORCE

On Sunday 8th March the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) along with the Queensland Mounted Infantry Historical Troop and the 9th Battalion, Royal Queensland Regiment conducted a parade to mark the 160th Anniversary of the establishment of the Queensland Defence Force.

The parade was preceded by a ride through the streets of Brisbane by over 100 horses and riders of the Queensland Mounted Infantry Historical Troop and associated Light Horse historical troops from both NSW and Queensland. Included in the ride were both the CO and RSM resplendent in jodhpurs and riding boots. Leading the riders was the Queensland Police Mounted Troop. Keeping watch on the parade (holding ground) was a working Ferret Mark 2 scout car.

The parade was reviewed by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland. The parade marched and rode past the Governor in good order with horses heads hung high, although the odd temperamental beast did upset some fellow horses. Fortunately their riders clung on and managed to stay in the saddle. Following the parade was a dismounted element with shovel and bin to remove any evidence that horses had cantered past.

A number of Association members and their families took the opportunity to view the parade and witness a once in a lifetime historical event.

Well done the Regiment and all participants for a great day.





Calendar Of Events 2020

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organised By / Remarks
25 Apr	Anzac Day Dawn Service	CANCELLED	
13 May / 1500hrs (Wed)	Management Committee Meeting	By Video	President / Secretary
16 May / 1500hrs (Sat)	AGM	POSTPONED	President / Secretary
May TBA	Billy Sing Memorial Service	Cancelled	31st Bn Assoc
31 May / 1000 (Sun)	Boer War Memorial Service	Cancelled	Boer War Assciation Qld
13-14 June (Sat/Sun)	Tall Tales Camp	Cancelled	Committee
29 Jul / 1500hrs (Wed)	Management Committee Meeting	By Video TBC	President / Secretary
14 Oct / 1500hrs (Wed)	Management Committee Meeting	Legacy House TBC	President / Secretary
31 Oct (Sat)	Beersheba Celebration	TBA	Committee
TBA (Oct or Nov)	Black Hat BBQ and Drinks	41 Club : TBC	Committee
12-15 Nov	2 Cav Regt Reunion	TBC	
9 Dec / 1500hrs (Wed)	Management Committee Meeting	Legacy House	President / Secretary

