

FORWARD

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

We are already well into the second half of the year and I hope all our members are in good health and making the most of it.

Thank you to all who attended the ANZAC Day activities; we had a very good roll up for the march and our new refreshment spot, the Pig 'n' Whistle in Eagle Street, proved very popular. We will make that a normal place to meet after the march each year so please note it in your diary for 2017.

I was pleased to see a good quorum for the AGM on 15th April. The highlight of the meeting was the awarding of an honorary life membership to our recently retired Vice President, Miles Farmer. Congratulations Miles and also our thanks and congratulations to Mavis who has supported Miles, the Association and many other organisations for such a long time. See more details in a separate short article.

The South-of-the-River luncheon at the Coorparoo RSL Club was an enjoyable occasion attended by around 30 members and partners. Tony Ralph, the Chairman of Legacy Australia, spoke about and answered questions on the state of the Legacy organisation and this was appreciated by those present. We will continue to support Legacy and its great work for the families of ADF persons who have given their life in combat or in other service to the nation.

Please put Friday August 26th in your diary. We hope that the "Black Hat and Friends" will be the largest and most successful event of the year for all friends of the RAAC in Queensland. If you are members of another Black Hat related Association, or know others who have served in an RAAC Unit, please distribute the flyer and let them know about it. Our Association will sponsor the dinner but it is for all Black Hat Associations and friends. See the separate flyer later in the Newsletter.

Maurie Meecham AM
President



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NOTICES

'Black Hats' and Friends Dinner

Urgent. Get your names and payment in quickly if you want to go to the dinner on 26th August. This is being designed as a large event for all RAAC Associations, serving members, partners and friends. Don't miss out - see page 7 later in this Newsletter and act quickly. **Urgent.**

Regimental Representative Departs

Our Management Committee Regimental Representative, Major Tim Stewart, is off on deployment again and has resigned from his position. Tim has been a very good supporter of the Association and we will miss his good nature and assistance. The Association thanks Tim for his concerted efforts and support to the Association, and we wish him all the very best with his future military appointments. We welcome Major Craig Malcolm who will be the Regimental Rep for the remainder of the year.

AGM Highlights

A few of the highlights of our AGM held on 15 April include:

The awarding of an Honorary Life Membership to our former Vice President, Miles Farmer (see page 5).

An address by the Commanding Officer, LTCOL Andrew Moss, in which he re-iterated his support for

the Regimental Association and to include members in Regimental activities where possible. He also indicated that he has plans for exercising the Freedom of the City of Brisbane in 2017 as part of the Beersheba centenary commemorations and the Association will be included as guests to that activity.

An address by Miles Farmer on the Canon David Garland OBE Memorial and the Australian Army Advisers Vietnam Memorial.

The election of the following office bearers for 2016/17:

- President - Maurie Meecham
- Vice President - Graeme Nicholas
- Secretary - Sandy Johns
- Treasurer - Shayne Burley
- Social, Memorabilia and Museum Member - Phil Lilliebridge
- Public/Regulatory Officer - Colin Bunker
- New Media Member - Darren Brown
- Membership Member - Greg Smith
- Regimental Rep - Tim Stewart (since resigned and replace by Craig Malcolm)
- Soldiers' Rep - Matt McQuillan
- Newsletter Editor - Bill Cross.

New Web Site

The Association has a new web site under development. Our thanks go to Association member Graeme Brown for his valued assistance with this task. He will work with Darren Brown and the Management Committee to ensure it meets our needs. You will be advised when the site is launched and feedback will then be received by the New Media Manager.

Association Drinks

As is the usual practice, you are invited to join the Committee for drinks following the Management Committee meeting on Tuesday 2nd August. Meet at the Fox Hotel, 71-73 Melbourne St, South Brisbane at 1700hrs (very close to the bus terminal and train station).



The Queensland Services Heritage Light Horse Band marching in front of the Association Banner on ANZAC Day

Our Thanks

Thanks to Paul Jones and the Queensland Services Heritage Light Horse Band for rapidly racing back to join the Association march contingent on ANZAC Day in Brisbane City. We understand the Band "went around" three times in battle dress, a commendable effort given the tight timetable.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

As usual, the Regiment commemorated ANZAC Day with an impressive and moving dawn service followed by a gunfire breakfast in the 41 Club.

Commanding Officer Andrew Moss and Association President Maurie Meecham laid wreaths in memory of our fallen.



National Boer War Memorial Day

Secretary Sandy Johns represented the Association at the annual National Boer War Memorial Day at ANZAC Square on 31st May. Sandy laid a wreath on behalf of our members.



Regimental Catafalque Party at ANZAC Square, Boer War Day

ANZAC DAY 2016

There was a good roll up for our annual ANZAC Day march in Brisbane City and for drinks at the Pig'n'Whistle afterwards. Some of the photos from the day....



South-of-the-River Luncheon

On 17th June, a good number of our members attended a luncheon at the Coorparoo RSL Club. Enjoying the camaraderie were Grahame and Judy Jardine-Vidgen, Graeme and Gill Nicholas, Dean Chappel, Darren Brown, Peter and Pam Rushby, Shayne Burley, Roy and Ann Dodd, Bob and Jan Hagerty, Phil Lilliebridge, Ian Burchill, Colin Bunker, Rob Vonk, Mal and Roslyn Gibbs, Bill Cross, Gary and Wendy Holder and Maurie Meecham. Mr Tony Ralph, the Chairman of Legacy Australia, gave an interesting update on Legacy and took questions during the lunch.



Menu & Dessert



Tony Ralph, Chairman of Legacy Australia addressing the Luncheon



A decent attendance for our first South-of-the River Luncheon

Patrick O'Loughlin

Early on the morning of 24th January, Patrick O'Loughlin, a member of our Association, tripped and fell heavily hitting his head on the tiled floor. He was seriously injured and spent weeks in The Wesley Neurology Unit. On 16th March, he was transferred to St Vincent's Hospital (previously Mount Olivet) at Kangaroo Point and finally moved to a nursing home, Algester Lodge, on 12th April. Bethmay has been stoically visiting and caring for him all this time and says that she and Patrick would appreciate any visit from friends and members of the Association. Preferable time is in the morning or around mid afternoon. Patrick's address is Algester Lodge, 117 Dalmeny Street, Algester. He is in room Ruby 22. We wish Patrick all the very best for his recovery.

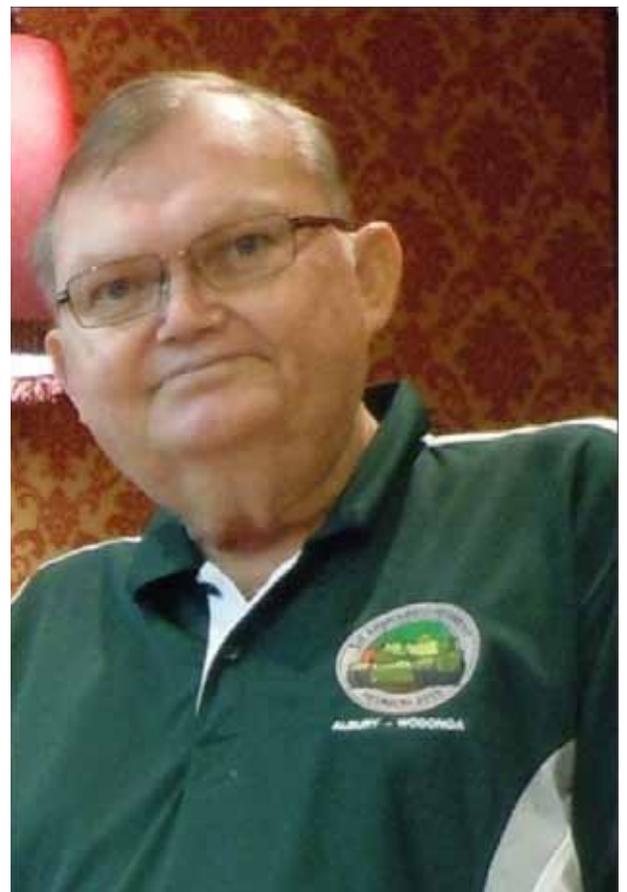


Photo of Patrick two days before his accident

Life Member - Miles Farmer

At the AGM on 15 April, Miles Farmer was made an Honorary Life Member of the Association. In announcing the award, following a unanimous vote by members, President Maurie thanked Miles for his service to the Regiment, the Association, the RAAC(A), the Armoured Corps, the ex-Service community, the National Boer War Memorial project and to people with disabilities. Maurie also thanked Mavis for her sterling support to Miles and the causes for which they have both worked tirelessly. Miles is the recent Vice President of the Association and was a member of the original committee set up to establish the Association. We thank him for his service and wish he and Mavis well as they step back a little from their vast voluntary work.



President Maurie presenting an Honorary Life Membership to Miles Farmer



Miles responding to the award at the AGM



Invite your Black Hat mates to join the Association. Give them a copy of the Membership Application (see Page 8).

Summer in Queensland



2/14 Light Horse Regiment Exercise Koster River and Rafah

By Lieutenant Matt McKone, Troop Leader 2 Troop, A Squadron

This year the Regiment conducted Exercise Koster River and Exercise Rafah being, the Troop and Squadron live-fire exercises respectively, at Shoalwater Bay Training Area. Before leaving to conduct the live-fire exercises, both A and B Squadron conducted extensive training in the Crew Procedural Trainer (CPT) before departing for the sunny confines of Wide Bay. Whilst at Wide Bay the Squadrons under the watchful eyes of the Gunnery Instructors conducted their Stage 4 practices, which included a static shoot, stab run and individual battle run. Many of the crew attained excellent results, setting the troops and squadrons up for success in their collective training.

After a successful Stage 4, the Regiment departed for the familiar Shoalwater Bay. A Squadron arrived a few days earlier than B Squadron and immediately stepped out to reconnoiter the training area. After a quick recce and the training area found to be less damp than expected both of the line squadrons began their dry training serials. The Troops conducted a number of tasks in preparation for their live-fire assessment including; convoy escort, dismounted clearance and mounted clearance. Whilst the dry training continued in earnest, the troops started to commence their live-fire assessment. As the Troop Leaders nervously entered the headquarters at an LZ just short of the starting point, they were immediately greeted by the CO. From there the troops went through a planning process and orders and then commence the live fire assessment.



The live-fire assessment saw the troops operating along the North Eastern coast of Shoalwater Bay conducting a convoy escort, split axis clearance, quick attack and Troop fire control. It was a testing exercise for the troops, with several

quick decision exercises thrown into the mix to keep the Troop Leaders under the pump. Overall, it provided an excellent training opportunity for the men and women of the regiment to test and refine their individual vehicle craft and troop manoeuvre.



After the troop, live-fire assessments the squadrons went into a quick make-amends period before conducting some squadron dry-training. The dry-training focused primarily on Close Target Reconnaissance, forward and rear passage of lines and raids. The first squadron to go through the live-fire assessment was B Squadron followed a few days after by A Squadron. The Squadron live-fire assessments put the squadrons through their paces with a combination of dry-fire serials focussing on dismounted reconnaissance and live-fire serials testing the squadron's ability to conduct offensive actions. Both squadrons were tested over a 48-72 hour period that has prepared the Regiment for success on Exercise Hamel.

Once the squadron assessments were completed A Squadron prepared their vehicles to return back to Brisbane, while B Squadron were required to remain for an additional week and support the Brigade for their exercise. B Squadron were required to support the infantry in a mix of defensive and offensive live-fire activities over the week and then departed for Brisbane.

This exercise period was a challenging period for everyone evolved but it allowed the Regiment to hone its skills and has ultimately set the conditions for the Regiment's impending success on Hamel.



2016 Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organised by
2 Aug / 1500hrs	Management Committee meeting and Association Drinks	Legacy House and The Fox Hotel	Maurie Meecham
26 Aug / 1800hrs	Black Hats' and Friends Dinner	Kedron Wavell Services Club	Phil Lilliebridge
31 Oct	Beersheba Commemoration	tba	Phil Lilliebridge / Craig Malcolm
11 Nov / 1100hrs	Remembrance Day	ANZAC Square and local areas	RSLs
12 Nov / 1300hrs	BBQ and Drinks	Enoggera Barracks - 41 Club	Shane Burley / Phil Lilliebridge
6 Dec /1500hrs	Management Committee meeting and Christmas Drinks	Legacy House and The Fox Hotel	Maurie Meecham

“Black Hats” and Friends Dinner

Friday, 26th August 2016

All serving and ex “Black Hats” and Friends and partners, are invited to an informal dinner on 26th August. This dinner replaces the foregoing “Gathering for Like Minded” dinner which has been held for many years. Anyone who is serving or has served in an RAAC Regiment or is a member of any armoured Regimental Association is welcome to attend. We hope it will be a reunion night to remember for all “Black Hats” and Friends.

Location Kittyhawk Room, Kedron Wavell Services Club **Time** 6:00pm for 6:30pm
21 Kittyhawk Drive, CHERMSIDE 4032

Two Course Menu (alternate drops)

Main Char Grilled Eye Fillet, Caramelised Golden Shallots, Crispy Garlic Chats, Seasonal Greens, Red Wine Jus (GF) or Roasted Chicken Breast Infused with Garlic Butter, Sweet Potato Rosti, Broccolini, Garlic Cream Sauce

Dessert Salted Caramel Panna Cotta, Toffee Crumble, Strawberries (GF) or Sticky Date Pudding, Vanilla Anglaise, Double Cream
Freshly brewed tea and coffee served with after dinner mints

Entertainment “Mon Cher” Quartet

Cost: \$40 per person / Table for 10 for \$390 | Bar facility: available throughout the evening

Only 200 places available - to secure a place, payment must be received by Wed 17 Aug 2016

Payment Details

Mail cheques to:

The Treasurer, 2/14 LHR(QMI) Assn
PO Box 508, Ashgrove West, QLD 4060

(please include names of attendees)

Electronic Funds Transfer:

Defence Bank
Account Name: 2nd 14th Light Horse Regiment
BSB: 803205 Account No: 20362781

Defence Bank members must use (QL as the three characters for a Defence Bank transfer

Please tag your deposit with your initial, surname and “dinner” to ensure your deposit is recorded correctly.

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

For Management Committee Use: Approved on:

Membership and Folio No: