

**2ND CAVALRY REGIMENT REPORT TO THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS CORPORATION**  
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*I am pleased to table this report to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Corporation as we near the conclusion of a busy and tumultuous year. While 2020 was meant to be a year filled with the exciting challenges of the Road to Hamel and becoming part of the Ready Brigade, world events quickly took hold.*

As with the rest of the country, the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic has required the Regiment to adapt our processes to ensure we can keep our people safe while providing Armoured Cavalry capability to the 3rd Brigade.

Initially, as the pandemic emerged in Australia, the Regiment joined Army in transitioning the workforce to a dispersed model, with many members working from their homes. Through the ingenuity of the members of the Regiment we embraced online training using systems such as ForceNet to ensure we could continue to enhance our skills and knowledge while absent from the workplace.

The Regiment was a part of the support provided by the ADF to the State Governments, with Squadrons rotating through a task assisting Queensland Police with checkpoint duties in western Queensland. Even as we speak, the Regiment continues to support the ADF response to COVID 19 with multiple members deployed to Queensland and New South Wales.

Throughout this pandemic the Commanding Officer has been impressed by the resilience and fortitude of the Regimental members and their families. It has been heart-warming to see the close bonds and support that has been provided internally within the Regiment and across our families which has assisted many who were unable to see extended families and loved ones.

Tragically 2020 also saw the Regiment lose a young soldier with the unexpected death of Trooper Craig Driscoll on 1st March. Craig was a very well-liked member of the Regiment and his passing was felt deeply by all, but particularly amongst his fellow B Squadron members. The Regiment was able to farewell Craig with a memorial service at Lavarack Barracks and a large contingent from the Regiment attending his military funeral in Tumut, NSW. Craig's family remains in close contact with his friends from the Regiment.

As restrictions began to ease within Queensland, the Regiment was fortunate enough to be able to commence a period of intensive training to ensure we could maintain our high standard of Armoured Cavalry capability and transition to being 'Ready' as part of 3 Brigade. Through a series of live fire and dry manoeuvre exercises, the Commanding Officer was able to ensure that the Regiment achieved an excellent standard across the broad range of roles within the unit.

The remainder of 2020 will see the Regiment commence a course camp period, continue our support to Operation COVID 19 and the Australian High-Risk Weather season while being committed to support major Defence Exercises such as Exercise Sea Raider.

In 2021 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment will transition from the command of Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Davison to Lieutenant Colonel Luke Dawson. Additionally, the Regimental Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer Class One Jason Moriarty will be replaced by Warrant Officer Class One Sean McElhinney. We thank Lieutenant Colonel Davison and Warrant Officer Class One Moriarty for their leadership and stewardship of the Regiment.

As we draw closer to the end of 2020 the Regiment is poised and ready to face new and exciting challenges in 2021 as we continue to provide the best Armoured Cavalry capability possible to 3 Brigade.