

# 4<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment



## Presidents Report

September 2021

This year has been a challenging year for the PWLHA, which has had numerous activities severely curtailed by Covid-19 restrictions in Victoria.

The Association was able to hold an abbreviated Anzac Day this year. We assembled at the rear of the Shrine of Remembrance for group photographs and then retired to the Rising Sun Hotel in South Melbourne for a most enjoyable lunch with around 40 members of our Association along with members from the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association. The Association was also able to hold one other successful activity at the Bendigo Soldiers Memorial Institute Museum.

The Committee meets on a regular basis by Zoom and we have undertaken some welfare activities to assist Association members where required. We will be also holding our AGM by Zoom in late Oct 21.

Once the State gets out of Covid-19 lockdown we are planning on resuming normal operations as allowed by any health restrictions.

MAJOR Patrick O'Hanlon, RFD (Ret'd)

President

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## Regimental Museums Report

As with the rest of Victoria, Simpson Bks has been closed except for essential personnel.

The museum staff from 4/19 PWLH and 8/13 VMR have not been able to work apart from Feb – Mar 2021.

Projects currently under way are the restoration and retro fitting of M113A1 ARN 134154. An original "Pony Soldier" vehicle that was amongst the very first M113A1s landed in Sth Vietnam on 08 Jun 1965.

Concurrently work is ongoing to restore to running order a ferret belonging to 8/13 VMR. Due to the distance the 8/13 VMR volunteers need to travel all of the works are being undertaken by the 4/19 PWLH Volunteers.

Additional works have been carried out in the 8/13 VMR museum space and it is looking pretty good making for a great visitor experience. The 4/19 PWLH museum has also had some works carried out with false walls removed opening up the exhibition space.

We hope to eventually have a door between to two exhibition spaces making it easier for visitors (whenever they will be allowed to enter Simpson Bks again) to visit both exhibition spaces.

Lindsay Burke

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4/19 PWLH UHR

### **The Regiment**

The Regt has been working under Covid restrictions again this year. The soldiers were kept engaged by conducting virtual parades and instruction using zoom.

Several activities of note were cancelled this year, including The Regiment exercising the Freedom of the City of Kyneton.

Simpson Bks had at least one Covid case, this was quickly kept under control by the base management team. Most staff are working from home and this is likely to continue.