



2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) Association Inc

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REPORT TO AGM RAAC CORPORATION

BY

PRESIDENT 2/14 LHR (QMI) ASSOCIATION INC

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Thank you for the opportunity to present my report on behalf of the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) Association.

A very sad time for the Regiment after two members of Support Squadron were sadly killed while on Ex Diamond Dagger.

The funeral of 8214675 Warrant Officer Class Two Ryan Allan Leslie was held at Gallipoli Barracks on Friday 24 September 2021. Ryan is credited with being a highly professional Soldier and a valued member of the Regiment. He was known for his great sense of humour. Wonderful stories of his life and career were shared by family and peers. We offer our sincere condolences to the Family and our Regiment.

The funeral of 8648427 Craftsman Brendon Anthony Payne was held at Gallipoli Barracks on Wednesday 22 September 2021. The service was conducted with great dignity and was well attended by family and regimental members. Brendon joined the Army on 30 March 2020 and qualified as a Recovery Mechanic in RAEME before joining the Regiment. The CO spoke of a valued member of the Regiment. His Wife, Ms Aimee Payne gave a moving eulogy. She has asked that he not be forgotten. Let us honour her wish.

Rest in peace Ryan and Brendon

Lest we forget

Our Association is in its 9th year of existence. We continue to develop the association with a current financial membership of 176, a slight increase of 6 since last year, including two Life Members and our Patron; Colonel Steve Salmon (retired). It is interesting to note that approximately 80% of our members are in South East Queensland and the other 20% are from interstate.

Our objective is comradeship and connecting and maintaining ties with the Regiment and we do this through a range of social events during the year, social media and a Quarterly Newsletter.

This year has continued to be a difficult year with all the COVID 19 restrictions and I am assuming like most other associations we have had to cancel/postpone ~~and~~ or reschedule most of our calendar events. Despite these challenges the Association continued to support the Regiment.

The past year has seen a reduction in activities the Association participated in:

- ANZAC DAY. After missing out in 2020, Brisbane turned on a beautiful day for the 2021 Anzac Day March. This year the Armoured Corps contingent changed our march format. The three Armoured Corps Association Banners combined at the head of the march followed by all Black Hat attendees. The contingent was led by Association Representatives, Brian Hatfield, 1st Armoured Association President, Greg Peake OAM, 3 Cavalry Regiment Association President and Grahame Jardine-Vidgen, 2/14 LH(QMI) Association. More than 50 Black Hats proudly paraded through the streets of Brisbane behind the Light Horse Band to the applause from a large, appreciative crowd.
- AGM. The Association's Annual General Meeting was held at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club on Saturday 22 May 2021. See Note for appointments.
- Tall Tales Swag and Snag Camp Out at the Samford Scout park. This year's Tall Tales Camp was held over the weekend 12/13 June at Baden Powell Park, where 17 members came along for an enjoyable evening of Unit updates, some Tall Tales or (bullshit), lots of banter, a good feed and a couple of refreshments.
- 41 Club Black Hat Reunion planned for 13 Nov 2021 pending Covid restrictions should be a great day for a catch up. As in previous years if you are in Brisbane and you contact the President Shayne Burley @ sstajj@icloud.com you should be able to be added to the list.

Let me conclude by acknowledging the good work being undertaken by the RAAC Corporation. You are to be commended for your commitment and drive to care for, and support veterans, serving members and the broader RAAC community.

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President
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