



# QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## *Message from The President*

1 June 2016

This is the first newsletter for 2016. Following changes in the Executive Management Committee in 2015 we needed to rearrange our administrative procedures, especially our newsletters, our emailing communication and our website. As a result this newsletter is only being sent to all members who have an email address recorded on our membership register. Later in the year the newsletter will be posted into the QURA website. Recently we emailed every member who had the recorded email address to check if that address was "alive". We checked twice. We will be following up by surface mail to those members who did not reply to our email check, along with those who have no registered email address with us.

This year has started a little slow as we restructured the management committee. However the rest of the year promises to be rather busy. The Regiment asked the Association to participate in the Unit's Open Day by setting up a display of QUR history. Unfortunately the Open Day had to be postponed until a date later in the year. Work had already commenced preparing some photographs and charts for display. The Association will invest some funds on some signs and enlarged photographs. (The photograph of the Bren Gun Carrier is from the earlier days when QUR was equipped with the vehicles and will be used in the display)

It is normal that the Association would conduct a social function in the first half of the year. (Back to the Regiment). This social occasion will be held in the second half of the year.

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held at the United Services Club on Wednesday 14 September. The Dinner is a relaxed dinner during which the Annual General Meeting is conducted. Our guest speaker promises to be very thought provoking. Garry Collins has guaranteed another one of his "special" poems.



Recently we were given the opportunity to approve that the State Library of Queensland could archive Queensland University Regiment Association website - **"The State Library of Queensland aims to build a comprehensive collection of Queensland publications to ensure the availability of our documentary heritage both now and in the future. State Library's commitment to preserving the documentary heritage of our state extends to contemporary electronic resources, including online publications and websites of lasting significance. This is achieved through our participation in PANDORA, Australia's web archive."**

**PANDORA was established by the National Library of Australia in 1996 to enable the capture of and long-term access to Australian online publications. We cooperate with the National Library in order to build and preserve a comprehensive collection of Australian online publications. State Library's brief is to enhance the Queensland presence in this national archive."** QURA has given its permission to the State Library of Queensland for our website to be archived, and it will continue to be archived.

We have two other functions planned for the year. We are waiting for one to be confirmed. However, the second event will be conducted and will be significant in the history of the Regiment. See next page.

Until we can confirm the process to upload newsletters to the website we will be sending more frequent small newsletters to catch up with what is happening with QURA.

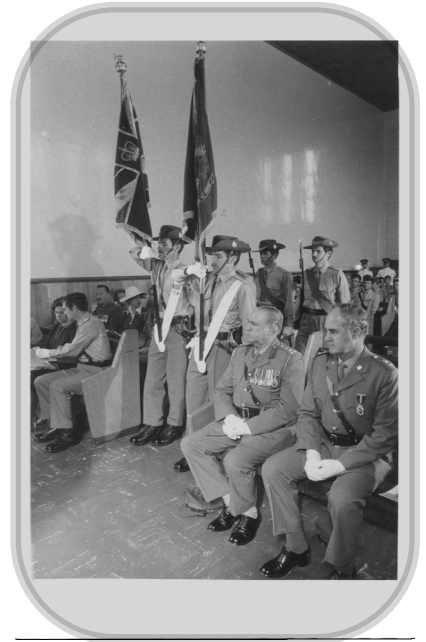
For now I wish you well.

Trevor Luttrell





### The Colours



Graeme Inson portrait of first Honorary Colonel Brigadier JEG Martin CBE, DSO, ED.

After a prolonged search the portrait of Brigadier Martin has been located in storage. As the Commanding Officer considers it should no longer be expected that the Unit should carry the significant cost of maintenance and insurance it is therefore to be entrusted to the care of Emmanuel College at a midyear ceremony to which Association members are to be invited. Brigadier Martin was a member of the College Council for eighteen years, being chairman for nine. Unit Colours are laid up at the Warriors Chapel which was his initiative and Martin Wing named in his honour.

The portrait is currently being restored, the cost being borne by some Association members.

Editors Note: The picture above left is the portrait of Brigadier JEG Martin. The picture above right is in the Warriors Chapel of Emmanuel College when the Unit Colours were laid up after the Presentation of the new Colours.

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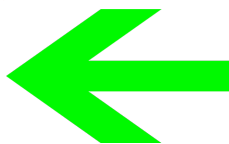
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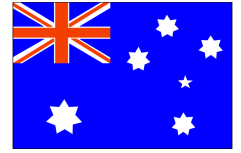
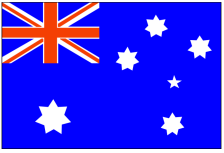
1974 Flood at the Depot

DO YOU REMEMBER EITHER  
OF THE TWO FLOODS IN THE  
DEPOT?



The depot at Walcott Street was flooded twice. Each time precious articles of history (documents and photographs) were lost. QURA are current updating the previous written history of QURA and are desperately seeking any photographs or documents from the past. The new history will be published in CD format so everything we collect will be included. We only wish to borrow items and will personally return to the owners. There must be photographs at home from members time within the Regiment. Please help us. just call Trevor Luttrell on 0437 442 964 and I will personally pick up the items.





## Fallen Soldiers

Sadly the following have fallen.

Ken Levy

Ken Gaulton

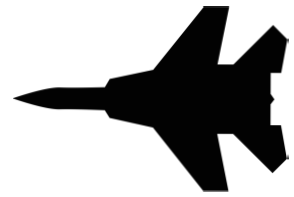
Andrew Luttrell

Ola Sever Stevenson



### An interesting story from World War 2.

It was a common practice on fighter planes to load every 5th round with a tracer round to aid in aiming. This was a big mistake. Tracers had different ballistics so (at long range) if your tracers were hitting the target 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse yet tracers instantly told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell you that you were out of ammo. This was definitely not something you wanted to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate nearly double and their loss rate go down.



**Wow!!! Driver did you not see that stump??**

When QUR had these Bren Gun Carriers on their establishment!



The Anti Tank Platoon from QUR

In 1968 when you went to the field you were required take the following:

BASIC POUCHES - two worn on the web belt

BOTTLE WATER - worn on right hip

WEB PACK - sweater, underwear, towel, toilet gear, socks, rations, Bedroll comprison of blankets GS, ground sheet, shelter individual, nets mosquito, sparee clothing.

HAVERSACK - worn on left hip - tins mess, knife, fork spoon, mugs enamel, hexamine stove, hexamine, rations insect repellent

WEAPON - as issued

WEB BELT - plus bayonet and carrier bayonet



A guard from QUR opened the Royal National Show (RNA EKKA) in Brisbane.