

NEWSLETTER - June 2020

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I trust that you all have survived the dreaded virus and continue to remain healthy. It is remarkable that this virus is so small yet so powerful changing the way we live. No army has ever been that effective. I must apologise that we have not published a newsletter for quite a while.

Since last year's AGM and Dinner our activities have been:

- a. Xmas Celebration Drinks at the Victoria Barracks Mess in November. It was very well attended. We catered with nibbles and pizzas, which were greatly appreciated.
- b. On 31 January 2020, we celebrated the anniversaries of the birthdays of Brigadier Sam Harrison (90 years) and Major General John Pearn (80) years at a dinner held at the United Service Club. We were honoured by the attendance of His Excellency, the Governor of Queensland Paul de Jersey and Mrs de Jersey. Sixty five guests attended.

During the COVID 19 lockdown several members of the Executive continued working on the rewrite of the "History of QUR" project. There is a large amount of work yet to be completed.

At the 2019 AGM it was decided to review the Constitution of QURA. This task has been completed and the final document will be presented to QURA members for approval later in the year.

QURA is still planning to conduct the normal AGM and Dinner on 3 September 2020 at the United Service Club. However if the COVID 19 restrictions are such that the Dinner cannot be held, we will still conduct the AGM using an online conference. The Executive Management Committee will be up for re-election and new members are encouraged. Should you wish to nominate or be nominated for one of those positions please contact Trevor Luttrell (trevor.luttrell@gmail.com) or phone 0437 442 964.



Major General John Pearn, Mrs Vena Pearn, Brigadier Sam Harrison, Mrs Kaye de Jersey, His Excellency the Governor of Queensland Paul de Jersey, Dr Jennifer Harrison, Brigadier Trevor Luttrell

The Regiment had planned to conduct the Laying up of the Old Colours and the presentation of New Colours ceremonies towards the end of 2020. COVID 19 forced the postponement of the parades until 2021.

I wish you all the best and look forward to chatting with you at the upcoming Annual General Meeting and Dinner.

Trevor Luttrell

VALE



We have all been saddened by the news of some of our fallen friends.

- Chris Goodhew:** *Era 1979. Loved fast cars (Jaguar XJ 12), fun and life. Served much of his time in Transport Platoon.*
- Grahame Moore:** *Era around 1968 - 1970. Commissioned in QUR. Secondary School Principal.*
- Kenneth Carrigan** *A gentleman farmer in the Mortar Platoon. He could carry the base plate like it was nothing. Era 1980's. Lived near Goondiwindi.*

XMAS Drinks 2011



Chris Backstrom, Chris Goodhew, Sue Goodhew

Sam Harrison and John Pearn (the birthday boys)

38 years ago



Presentation of National Medals

2 Field Hospital, Water Street Brisbane 1982

MAJ Phillip Bushell Guthrie, MAJ Vlas Efstathis,
BRIG Sam Harrison, CAPT Terry Lunney, LTCOL John Pearn

QURA Mates attending a reunion.

Over the past year several former members of QUR have gathered at the United Service Club to chat and play the odd game of pool. This usually includes a golden ale with a light lunch. Several of the attendees have been known to depart looking like they are **THREE SHEETS TO THE WIND**. Brian Venz explained all to what that phrase means. Here is what he told the group:

What's the origin of the phrase 'Three sheets to the wind'?

"Our colleagues at CANOE, the Committee to Ascribe a Nautical Origin to Everything, have been hard at work and, to their great pleasure, they can add this phrase to their list. 'Three sheets to the wind' is indeed a seafaring expression. To understand this phrase we need to enter the arcane world of nautical terminology. Sailors' language is, unsurprisingly, **all at sea** and many supposed derivations have to **go by the board**. Don't be **taken aback** to hear that sheets aren't sails, as landlubbers might expect, but ropes (or occasionally, chains). These are fixed to the lower corners of sails, to hold them in place. If three sheets are loose and blowing about in the wind then the sails will flap and the boat will lurch about like a drunken sailor.

The phrase is these days more often given as 'three sheets to the wind', rather than the original 'three sheets in the wind'. The earliest printed citation that I can find is in Pierce Egan's *Real Life in London*, 1821:
"Old Wax and Bristles is about three sheets in the wind."

We won't say if this was a fitting description of QURA members at the time?

CONGRATULATIONS

Honours and Awards

Honours on the Queen's Birthday 2019/2020 and the Australia Day Awards 2019 /2020

OAM	Chaplain Garry <u>STONE</u>	Service to Veterans and their families.
OAM	Lieutenant Colonel George <u>HULSE</u>	Service to Veterans
CSC	Group Captain Paul Francis <u>DEIGHTON</u>	For outstanding achievement in language training reform, development and delivery as Commanding Officer of the Defence Force School of Languages.
CSC	Colonel Jennifer <u>COTTON</u>	Director Support Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 on Operation ACCORDIAN from March 2017 to March 2018.
CSC	Colonel Michael Rodney <u>AHERN</u>	Commander Australian Contingent, Operation ASLAN and Senior Military Liaison Officer for Juba within the United Nations Mission in South Sudan from June 2018 to January 2019.
CSM	Major Ian <u>TIBBITS</u>	Meritorious performance of duty in the field of Australian Army Cadets.

Promotions and Appointments

BRIG	Colonel Paul <u>SMITH</u>	Promoted by the Chief of Army to BRIG Sworn in as the Deputy Judge Advocate General - Army (DJAG-A)
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Two of the first recruits in QUR
Brothers, John and Phillip Pozzi Circa 1950



QUR Regimental Dinner 2001
John Dowsett and Sam Harrison



No Sir! It wasn't me who bent the truck!



Driver - Bill Beach - Taking a Mark 3 for a swim. It drowned and many bows were bent.



Driver - Bill Beach - He never did learn anything about the beach or the water.

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP FEES - QURA

For those not attending the last AGM, the meeting decided to reduce Membership fees to ZERO dollars. As an Incorporated body, fees and their levels need to be defined by law.

QURA was formed to act as a Community around which former QUR members could 'associate', rather than as a commercial trading enterprise. Therefore, it aimed to encourage membership rather than place obstacles (such as fees) in joining. When we incorporated several years back, this accountability in our Rules became an issue.

The downside effect of this ZERO decision is that we still need some funds to operate and continue with our work mainly on history. Our sources of funds mainly arise from very small margins on functions we conduct, small sales of merchandise and donations which we occasionally receive.

This issue is being mentioned here to put the issue of donations on the agenda, for Members to occasionally consider.



Annual General Meeting and Dinner 2020

WHEN: Thursday 3 September 2020

WHERE: United Service Club, Wickham, Terrace Brisbane

TIMINGS: AGM 1815 hrs (If we can hold a dinner at the Club)
Dinner 1930 hrs

DRESS: Business Attire (Coat Tie). No medals.

COST: To be advised.

RSVP : NLT 28 August 2020

NOTE: The dinner may have to be cancelled if any restricting COVID 19 health conditions are still operating.

An interesting question?

Three QUR soldiers talking in a bar.

Soldier 1 asks - "Which outfit did you serve with?"

Soldier 2 responds - "The Queensland University Regiment"

Soldier 3 responds - "Jungle greens, boots AB and KFF"



A well known former member of QUR trying to raise funds for the Association.

"What bids do I have for this brand new slouch hat?"

A very valuable prize will be given for identifying the name of this soldier.
Send your answers to the President QURA.

Current RSM QUR



GILL KENNEDY
Warrant Officer Class One
Regimental Sergeant Major
Queensland University Regiment



"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword,
obviously never encountered automatic weapons."
General MacArthur

PHOTO FROM THE PAST

Note: Private Ken Carrigan RIP in the back row.



HELP WITH HISTORY - please

We are trying to identify some dates for our history. Can you help with any information Please



What year did the QUR band last play?



When did the Mortar Platoon cease as a platoon?



When did the Assault Pioneer cease as Platoon?

When did the Anti Armoured Platoon cease as a platoon?



**I swear we are
fighting two
pandemics.**

**Coronavirus and
stupidity.**

ADVICE FOR SENIORS

#1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.

#2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.

#3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.

#4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

#5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

#6 - "On time" is when you get there.

#7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.

#8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

#9 - Lately, You've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

#10 - Growing old should have taken longer.

#11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

#12 - You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

And one more:

"One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

TOOWONG RSL & QURA : WORKING TOGETHER

Since the formation of QUR, the unit has enjoyed a strong relationship with the Toowong Sub Branch of the RSL. In earlier days QUR provided a guard and the QUR Band on Anzac Day. In recent years QURA has reactivated ties with the Sub Branch.

Each year prior to Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, QURA members volunteer to assist with fundraising activities for the sub Branch. These normally occur for 5 days prior to Anzac and Remembrance Days. Volunteers spend one half day (or more if they wish) at either the Toowong Village Shopping Centre or the Wesley Hospital. Free parking is available for the volunteers. We will be assisting again this year (November 2020) and would be delighted if you could help. More details will be sent closer to the event. If you could help please contact Trevor Luttrell (phone 0437 442 964) or on email trevor.luttrell@gmail.com to register your interest.

Late in 2019 the Sub Branch celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Members of QURA attended the function.

We congratulate LTCOL George Hulse the new President of the Sub Branch. He was awarded an OAM on the Queen's Birthday 2020 for service to Veterans.

Should you wish to join the Sub Branch of the RSL at Toowong please contact Trevor Luttrell. He will be delighted to assist you in doing so.



**Some attendees at the 100th year Anniversary of the Toowong Subbranch of RSL held last 2019.
from left to right - Denis Luttrell, Brian Venz and Bruce Davis**



**Fundraising for the Toowong Sub Branch RSL
Left to right - Trevor Luttrell and Chris Gladstone
Remembrance Day 2019**

Would you like to have a reunion of some of your old QUR mates?

Some QURA members have said that they would like to have a reunion of former QUR mates. Why not conduct your reunion at an AGM Dinner. QURA can assist by helping to identify some of your mates. We could search records (photos etc). If you are interested in arranging a reunion please let us know.



**ATTENDING THE BIRTHDAY FUNCTION FOR
SAM HARRISON and JOHN PEARN**

From right to left:

Foreground : Peter Rule, Rod Hamilton,
Middle ground : Michael Bond, John Hammond
Far ground: LHS Peter Sharwood

?? FAKE NEWS ??

PROMOTION IN THE FIELD - 1998

Brigadier Sam Harrison was promoted to Bombardier in 1998.
(see below the Certificate of Commoration for the Inaugural Reserve Forces Day.)



CERTIFICATE OF COMMEMORATION INAUGURAL RESERVE FORCES DAY

Wednesday 1st July 1998

Awarded to
Bombardier Sam Harrison MBE RFD ED

In recognition of your participation in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Citizen Military Forces - Army Reserve and part time service in the Nation's Reserve Forces of the Navy, Army and Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Recognising the value of Reserve Force service to the Nation

William Deane

The Honourable Sir William Deane AC, KBE
Patron in Chief of Reserve Forces Day
Commander in Chief Australian Defence Force
Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Roden Cutler

Sir Roden Cutler VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE
National Chairman
Reserve Forces Day

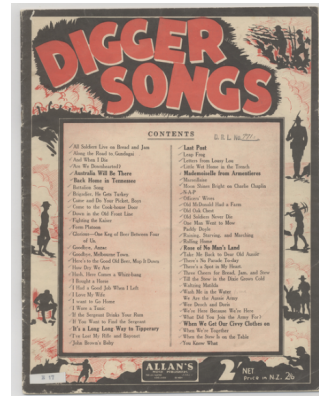


A table setting for the Annual General Meeting and Dinner of QUR at the United Service Club.



INTERESTING FIND

FOR AUCTION

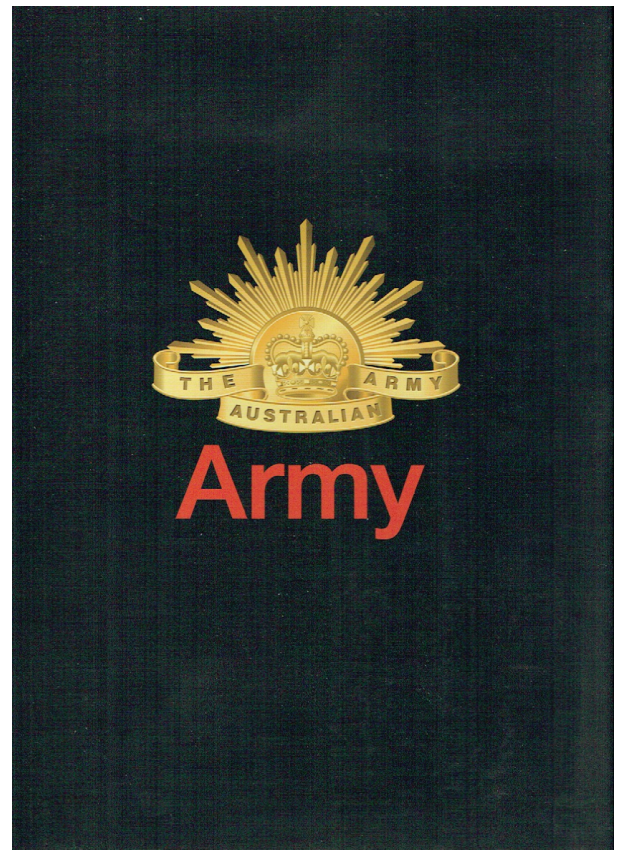


This booklet of music was discovered by Trevor Luttrell during a COVID 19 family house clean up. It is a booklet of 60 WW1 songs (plus sheet music) published during the war. Two shillings in Australia. It is an original with only a few pages slightly damaged. The AWM has it listed on their public viewing database.

This booklet is up for auction with all of the proceeds being donated to the Association.

Another copy on sale is listed on ebay for \$51.

Please send your bid to Trevor Luttrell.



A copy of a cover from a recent Army document.