Queensland University Regiment Association Inc



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Patron: Brigadier R.I. Harrison MBE RFD ED (Retd)



NEWSLETTER

October 2021

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I trust that you have continued to avoid the COVID virus. Although the last 12 months has been interrupted by the virus, it has been a very busy time for the Management Committee.

- 1. Late in 2020 the Xmas Drinks function was held at the Victoria Barracks Officers and Sergeants Mess. It was well attended. Each year we meet a few more old friends from the past.
- 2. At the start of the new year, we farewelled the Commanding Officer LTCOL Scott Denner and the RSM WO1 Gillian Kennedy. We wish them well for their future and thank them for their contribution to the Regiment. They were replaced by LTCOL Gabrielle Raffin and WO1 Jason Moriarity.
- 4. Due to COVID restrictions, the resheduled 2021 AGM is to be held at the USC at 1730 hours on 25 October 2021 followed by a dinner at 1800 hours. The guest speaker at the dinner is former Supreme Court Judge George Fryberg who will speak about "War Crimes by Austrlian Soldiers: Prosecute or Cover Up." An invitation can be found on the QURA website. (qura.org). Specific papers for the AGM will be forwarded to all QURA members prior to the meeting. Please read the papers and be prepared to vote on the items listed for discussion.

5.The ceremony to Lay Up of the Old Colours and Present New Colours will be held on Saturday 16 October 2021. An invitation has already been emailed to all members and can be found on the QURA website. (qura.org).

- 6. Members of QURA and their partners were honoured to attend an Afternoon Reception hosted by the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Paul de Jersey AC CVO and Mrs Kaye de Jersey. Eighty eight guests attended and were able to renew old friendships. Some photos can be seen in this newsletter.
- 7. A full report for the year 2020 2021 will be published in the President's report



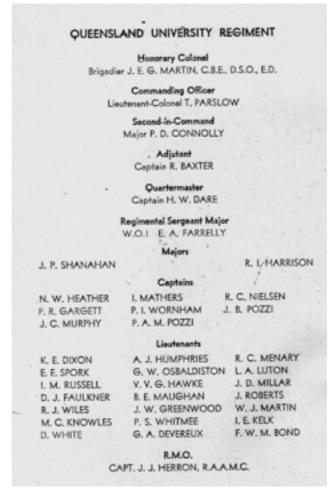
Afternoon Reception at Government House - 10 June 2021

From L to R Bill Beach, Trevor Luttrell, His Excellency the Governor of Queensland Paul de Jersey, Sam Harrison, Bruce Davis

Trevor Luttrell
President QURA

The Queen's and Regimental Colours presented on 19 July 1959 by His Excellency The Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Abel Smith KCVO, DSO.







March past with the Colours in slow time 1959.

The Queen's and Regimental Colours presented on July 1978 by His Excellency the Governor General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KStJ, QC.



The new Colours are marched past the saluting dias in slow time. Ensigns for the Colours Peter Jones and Chris Manktelow.



After the old Colours have been marched off, the new Colours are marched onto the parade ground. They are uncased and laid on several drums from the band. "The Piling of the Drums" is a spiritual event and it is known as the "Spititual Altar"



Trooping the Old Colours through the ranks on parade, and then marched off the parade ground. Captain Peter Rule is the No 2 Guard Commander on the RHS front of the photograph.



The Laying Up of the Old Colours !978 in the Warrior's Chapel , Emmanuel College From L to R
Front Row: Brigadier Tom Parslow,

Lieutenant Colonel Harry Standfast Second Row: Lieutenant Colonel Merv Littmann,

LAYING UP AND PRESENTATION OF THE QUEEN'S AND REGIMENTAL COLOURS

OFFICER PARTICIPANTS ON THE PARADE 16 OCTOBER 2021



<u>Vale:</u>

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

David Eastman Joined 1980. Commissioned 1984 transfered to Royal Australian Artillery.

Served in 5/11 Field Regiment and as an instructor at 1 Traning Group. Passed away 1 April 2021.

Robyn Woodrow Passed away 17 June 2021. Commissioned in QUR, transferred to Army Aviation Corps

as a ARA staff officer. One of the first females to be trained in infantry skills. Accomplished artist.

Kim Gladstone Joined QUR 1969, Commissioned in QUR. Served in 25 RQR, 49 RQR, RURQ, Instructor 1

Training Group. 2IC Suport Company QUR. Passed away 10 March 2021

Stan Tredwell Served in RAA and RAINF. Units were 49 RQR, Instructor RCSC, 49 RQR and QUR.

A great bloke. Passed away 1 February 2021.

Brian Sheahan Commissioned in QUR. Veterarian.







QUR Regimental and Graduation Parade. 1 August 1981 L to R - LT Laurie M. Carsley, LT Rob .D Cumming, LT Barry .J Gallagher, LT Peter Wall, 2LT Michael Byrne, 2LT Peter Jeffrey, 2LT Anthony J. Farrington, 2LT Debbie Nielson

The "hard working" Bruce Davis (Treasurer QURA) and Bill Beach (Secretary QURA)

FUNDRAISING

COMING SOON

Great Xmas present for 2021

Brand new.

Of particular interest to the lovers of fine tableware.

A suite of high quality stainless steel and ceramic/ glass tableware by

Georg Jensen.

Any serious offer will be given consideration

This is a very generous donation by the family of a QURA member.

More details published later. Contact the President. (0437 442 964)



CAKE STAND



CAKE PLATE AND PASTRY PLATES

George Jensen Afternoon Tea Suite

INCLUDES

Tea Pot

Coffee Pot

Cake Stand

Sugar Bowl

Milk Jug

Large Pastry Plate

Small Pastry Plates.

Purchase individual items or as a suite.

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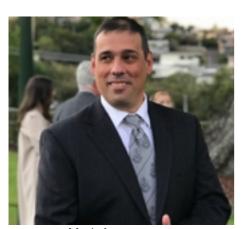
Afternoon Reception at Government House 10 June 2021 Photos taken in the Gardens prior to the reception.



Jenny Cotton and John Pearn



Bruce Davis, Baz Weller and Beth Davis



Mark Armstrong



From L to R
Roslyn and Tony Thelander, Gabby Raffin
Trevor Luttrell, John Byrne



Pam Rule, Trevor Luttrell and Peter Rule



Pam and Nick Dubravcic, and Brian Venz

Afternoon Reception at Government House 10 June 2021 continued



Julie and Denis Luttrell, Noel and Johanna Brown, Vicki Ahern



Margaret and Ian Bunce, Paul Carr



Terry and Linda Gygar



Stephen Golding and David Woodrow



Rob and Allison O'Brien, Wayne and Norelle Barclay, Rod Anderson, Bernadette Anderson



Garry Collins



John Dowsett



Craig and Angela Blanch, and Neil Munro

QUR UPDATE

from the Commanding Officer LTCOL Gabby Raffin September 2021

2021, like every year, has been busy for the Regiment thus far. We began our training year on 29 January with our first Combat Arms Module course for Arms Corps IETs. We are currently running our 16th and 17th courses for the year with eight more to go before we finish up on 19 December with the All Corps Captains and Majors courses. Trainee numbers have fluctuated throughout the year, with our current numbers at 303 trainees on our books. With our 129 staff, that gives QUR a current strength of 432.

COVID is still making things interesting for individual training. Travel restrictions and quarantine requirements have prevented many trainees from attending courses, and have also inspired many creative solutions to ensuring our people can still get through their courses. This year, QUR has been tasked with running Training Blocks (TBs) 2, 3, 4 and 5 for OCDTs in order to make sure we are still providing as many qualified part time Lieutenants as possible. This is a

key enabler within the 2nd Division, particularly with the current high tempo of Domestic Operations. The conduct of TB5 in Queensland means that we will see a Graduation ceremony being held in our neck of the woods at the end of November. Training Company and Jacka Company, led by MAJ Rob Horandner-Luchini and MAJ Hannah Banks respectively, have both really stepped up to the plate to ensure we are delivering an extremely high standard of training and ensuring excellent outcomes for our trainees. I have been very proud of all of our staff and the great results they are achieving, often with very short notice.

QUR is also planning to deliver the Ops Module of the All Corps Majors Course in December completely online – virtual syndicates will be formed to conduct detailed planning for operational scenarios. We look forward to the challenge and embrace this opportunity to diversify our training capabilities and test our pedagogical prowess.

We are also busily planning for our Colours Presentation Service to be held on 16 October. The location for the service will be the Emmanuel College Chapel, with the Reception to be held afterwards on the lawn in front of the Forgan Smith building at UQ. We very much look forward to welcoming the QUR Association Executive and Members at this important event. The RSM, WO1 Jason Moriarty, is preparing something very special that will honour the occasion respectfully and with the appropriate regard for its significance. We hope to see you there.



The new Camoflage Colour Patch for QUR

QURA Annual General Meeting 2020



Left to Right

Front row - Col Ahern, Craig Blanch, Michael Bond, Second row - Rod Hardaker, Neil Heather, Dorothy Willis, lan Harding, Rob Cumming, Tim O' Brien, Mark Armstrong

Back Row - John Pearn, George Fryberg, Rob O'Brien, Chris Gladstone (partially obsecured),

Baz Weller, Jack Robson (possibly asleep?)



Viv Hawke, Neil Heather, George Fryberg



Dorothy Willis and Rob O'Brien



Col Ahern and Sophia Maric