

RAR ASSOCIATION (QLD) 1/2010 ADMIN UPDATE

To All Members, Family and Friends,

Welcome back for 2010 and we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

Condolence's are given to those members and families who's loved ones and mates unfortunately have passed on during the festive season. The members of the Regimental Family who are known to have died can be seen at the Notice Board: <http://www.rar.org.au/qldnoticeboard.html>

2009 ended on a high note and tempo for the Management Committee and it seems 2010 has started the same way!

The following is a brief overview of current matters:

1. The President Ted Chitham and Vice President Kel Ryan continue to liaise with the DWFA in relation to the ongoing responses to the MATHEWS REPORT and other advocacy matters
2. The President Ted Chitham has given the committee and the Queensland Assn's Presidents an overview of the outcome's of the RARA's National Council Meeting in Adelaide Nov 09. All the attendee's have reported a favourable and positive outcome especially with the decision to register the RAR National as a Corporation by the 1st July 2010.
3. The RAR National Memorial Walk continues to grow as the Spiritual Home and a focal point for the Regiment, along with other interested organisations.

Dad's Army still turns up every Monday for the ongoing maintenance of the walk and it was nice to see some new faces along with the usual suspects during 2009 . However, as with all organisations new faces are always welcome. Even if you have some disability there is always some lighter work to be done: you don't have to push a mower or steer a ride on mower, you could simply be a DAG (Dads Army Guide) and escort visitors around the Walk.

4. The RAR NMW has received a generous grant from the Queensland Gaming and Benefit Fund towards the end of 2009 which has allowed the Assn to update and purchase the following equipments :
 - a. Outdoor furniture for the picnic shelters
 - b. Ice Machine
 - c. Two New mulcher mowers
 - d. Tipping galvanised trailer for the ride mowers
 - e. A "Eurotrike" electric carrier with tipping tray

Improvements to the picnic shelters cement floors and edging plus the "big Diggers Rest" rock cement surround was possible due to the donations from the past 2009 NQLD RAR Committee led by Dutchy Hemerik.

5. Bookings for the use of the RAR NMW continue to come in. At the current rate the Committee may need to start a subcommittee of "cooks and bottle washers"
6. Bookings for the RAR NMW JAN-FEB are:
 - a. 18 Jan Ash's Spreading Service Ron Sheringham
 - b. 24 JAN 10 2/15 Inf Bn Visit
 - c. 30 JAN 10 4 RAR AscN BBQ
 - d. 06 FEB 10 1 RAR AscN Meeting

- e. 12 FEB 10 Wheller on the Park Gp
- f. 17 FEB 10 Samford Garden Lovers Gp
- g. 28 FEB 10 8 RAR Ascen Long Hai Ron Goodall & Greg Decker

7. The New Committee in NQLD led by Ewan Cameron continues on with the good work of the previous Committee. Preparations are well in hand for the Annual Regimental Dinner on Sat 13 Feb at the Townsville RSL where the Guest Speaker is the RARA National President and Colonel Commandant of the RAR, MAJ GEN Hori Howard AO MC ESM (Retd)

8. Three Activities/Events that have a standing invitation to all members, family and friends are:
- a. Rifleman's Lunch at the Mooloolaba Surf Club the first Friday of every month at 12.30 pm
 - b. Diggers Lunch at Townsville RSL (All Corps, All Ranks All Services) the last Friday of every month at 12 noon
 - c. Happy Hour RAR NQLD Every Second Month . Details TBA
9. The Spirit will be published in Mar and if you think you have the time or would like to contribute to the Assn please consider volunteering to being the editor. Remember many hands make light work.

Keep up to date with events by visiting our web site

<http://www.rar.org.au/qldhome.html> to check on:

- a. Activities Calendar
- b. Notice Board
- c. Another Warrior Does his Duty RIP
- d. Current Issues

In closing the following 2010 activities are a given for information:

- a. ANZAC Day March in Brisbane
- b. Regimental Birthday Dinner in Brisbane Sat 20 Nov 10 62 years in the making
- c. RAR National Memorial Walk is 12 years old in Nov

Take Care & Travel Safe

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