



RAR ASSOCIATION (QLD) 2/2010 ADMIN UPDATE

TO ALL Members, Families and Friends,

The following is a brief update on matters in relation to the Ascns:

COMMITTEE

1. The committee continues to change, John Turner has to stand down due to work and family commitments from Welfare, Ross Langford is filling in until a suitable replacement can be found.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership renewals continue to trickle in. You are able to pay fee by direct deposit now, credit union details are

a. RAR Association QLD

b. BSB 064140

c. ACCT 0090 2725

d. Ref J Bloggs M/Ship

4. If you see mate or someone you know that isn't in an RAR Ascns don't forget to give him a membership form or email the secretary

PRESIDENTS REPORT

5. The President Ted Chitham has written a spiel for the next issue of the The Spirit due out 2nd week in March; basically the priorities for the Committee are:

a. Encourage Membership

c. Invigorate the debate on the response to the Mathews report

d. ANZAC Day in Brisbane Lead Ascns 7 RAR

e. AGM Aug 10 at a location TBA

f. Liaise and Development of the National Corporation on behalf of RAR QLD Assn

f. Future format of ANZAC Day in

NATIONAL ISSUES

6. The results of the Mathews Report continue to be the subject of great debate and as a result RAR National and Defence Force Welfare Ascns are continuing to develop a strategy to address the matter to the Government however in the meantime there are a couple of ways we as individuals can assist in this:

a. Write a letter to your local Federal Member and or Senator express your views and ask them their position on this matter, I suggest the "KISS" method.

b. Visit www.rar.org.au for more information on this matter

c. Also visit www.dfw.org.au

d. You can visit the website- The Fair Go Campaign - Online Petition and sign petition re DFRDBs poor CPI indexation:

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/32989.html>

7. PROPOSED CHANGES ON HOW MILITARY SUPER SCHEMES ARE TO BE MANAGED GOV BILL See previous email sent Feb 2010

ACTIVITIES

8. The Major Activities for the Association this year are:

a. 28 Feb - Long Hai Service RAR National Memorial Walk Enoggera

b. 25 Apr - ANZAC Day with the BN at Long Line Enoggera (Dawn Service, Breakfast, RV Victoria Barracks pre-march, March and Post March at the Rams Retreat.

c. 27 Jul - Korea Veteran Remembrance Day ANZAC SQ Brisbane

d. 08 Aug - AGM Location TBA

e. 22 Aug - Legacy Picnic Concert at the RAR NMW

f. 15-17 Nov RAR Council Meeting Randwick Barracks Sydney

g. 20 Nov - Regimental Birthday Dinner Gaythorne RSL Brisbane

h. Other Events of Interest:

i. First Friday of Each Mon Rifleman's Lunch at Mooloolaba Surf Club QLD

ii. Last Friday of Each Month All Ranks All Service Diggers Lunch Townsville RSL

iii. Quarterly Happy Hour RAR QLD Asn Townville

9. If you would like to become a State or Regional Rep please advise the Secretary areas or interest could be:

a. Gold Coast – Northern NSW

b. Darling Downs

c. Sunshine Coast

d. Riverina NSW

e. Tasmania

Conversely if you feel there are not enough numbers to maintain the status quo I would encourage you to considered joining the RAR Asc'n within your area

WEBSITE

10 Please continue to visit the web site www.rar.org.au to update yourself on the various matters that are ongoing such as Mathews Report and RAR Notional Corporation etc. Once the RAR National Corporation becomes into being there will be some structure changes made to the web site.

MERCHANDISE

11. Merchandise can be brought by payment of direct deposit

a. RAR Association QLD

b. BSB 064140

c. ACCT 0090 2725

d. Ref J Bloggs Merchandise

WELFARE

12. If you require information on previous service the following may be helpful and if you are unsure whether or not you are entitled to a claim contact Ross Langford and he will refer you to a suitable org to assist you:

a. Australian Defence Force - Service Records & Medical Records

Copies of your Service and Medical records are available. Some fees may be involved; check with the contacts below.

For copies of your or your ancestor's service records:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/footer/contacts.htm#04>

Service Records

Proof of identity or Next-of-Kin relationship is required and all requests require a signature.

Due to privacy restrictions, specific regulations apply to the distribution of confidential personnel records.

Contact Details Postal

Navy - Personnel Records RAN

Phone: +61 2 6266 5962

Fax: +61 2 6266 5851

Queanbeyan Annex 2,

Department of Defence

Canberra ACT 2600

Army - Phone: +61 3 9282 5393 or +61 GPO Box 393 Melbourne VIC

Central Army Records Office

3 9282 6235

Fax: +61 3 9282 5434

E-mail: caro.hq@defence.gov.au

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Air Force - Personnel Records

RAAF

Phone: +61 2 6266 5965

Fax: +61 2 6266 5851

Queanbeyan Annex 2,

Department of Defence

Canberra ACT 2600

Historical service records

WWI and WW2

National Archives of Australia

Phone: 1300 886 881

E-mail: ww1prs@naa.gov.au

<http://www.naa.gov.au>

For copies of your or your ancestor's medical records:

[http://www.defence.gov.au/Army/CARO/HealthMedical_Records.aspHealth/Medical records](http://www.defence.gov.au/Army/CARO/HealthMedical_Records.aspHealth/Medical%20records)

World War II: Contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs – 1800 555 254.

For details Post-1947: Australian Defence Force Health Records - Army (ADFHR-A)

GPO Box 1932

MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Telephone Number: (03) 9282 4911

Facsimile Number: (03) 9282 5978

RAR NATIONAL MEMORIAL WALK

13. Don't forget if you're in Brisbane, why not take some time out and visit the RAR NMW at Enoggera on the site of the old 8/9 RAR C Company Lines. Also if you're at a loss end why not join Dad's Army and help with the work party at the RAR NMW RV 0730, smoko 0930 EDT 1030 or get a group from your AscN and come along once a month or every second month

VISITS - DAD'S ARMY GUIDES DAG

The Various visit from interested groups continues keep the DAG's busy, the average is two per month of approx size 20. The BBQ provided has been a great winner with the visitors. The DAG are looking for a couple of cook and food servers so if you think you can do a mean BBQ at home or don't mind a cold beer and yarn with a few old vets please call or email the Secretary for more information.

So far this year we have had a visit from 2/15 INF BN who were original Rats of Tobruk plus went to the 66 BN who in turn became 2 and 3 RAR then they went to Korea. They were very impressed to find their mates name on the on roll thus keeping the link alive.

Another group were from the Retirement Village Wheeler on the Park and amongst the group was a Nasho from the 50's (did time with 9RQR at Gona Bks), a WW2 Vet from 61 Bn (7Bde) & a sailor but not sure of his service. Another was a lady whose husband was a POW of the Japs (Unit & where ???), and a dear old lady (born & bred at Ashgrove) whose father was a WW1 & WW2 Vet & in the late 40's & 50's ??? was the Night/Day ???

Watchman at The Barracks - she & her siblings would accompany Dad on Sat & Sun when he did his rounds which took a while as he checked every building and every door & every window & every lock in the camp ! They also had a guy who was a civilian member of the Canungra Golf Course and wasn't he surprised that the cock Mugy's and I help built it when we were in HQ 1 Div Def Coy plus 10 IRC.

BATTALION MATTERS

14. 6 RAR(+) Combat Group have commend their deployment to Afghanistan with elements of 8/9 RAR in Support

15. 8/9 RAR(-) have commenced their deployment to Timor Lest re

16. 1 & 2 RAR are prepare to return to Aus and there will be various activities in Townsville watch for information in the Bulletin and Defence News

17. 3 RAR Advance Party has done a recce in Townsville prepare for their move in the future

18. 7 RAR lines in Adelaide SA continue to progress.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

14. Like all committees positions need to be rotated and get fresh eyes and ideas, therefore the committee would be looking for suitable people to take over on e of the following positions at this year's AGM. If you are able to assist please talk to the current members.

a. President (nominee already found)

b. Secretary

c. Treasurer

d. Editor

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Secretary

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