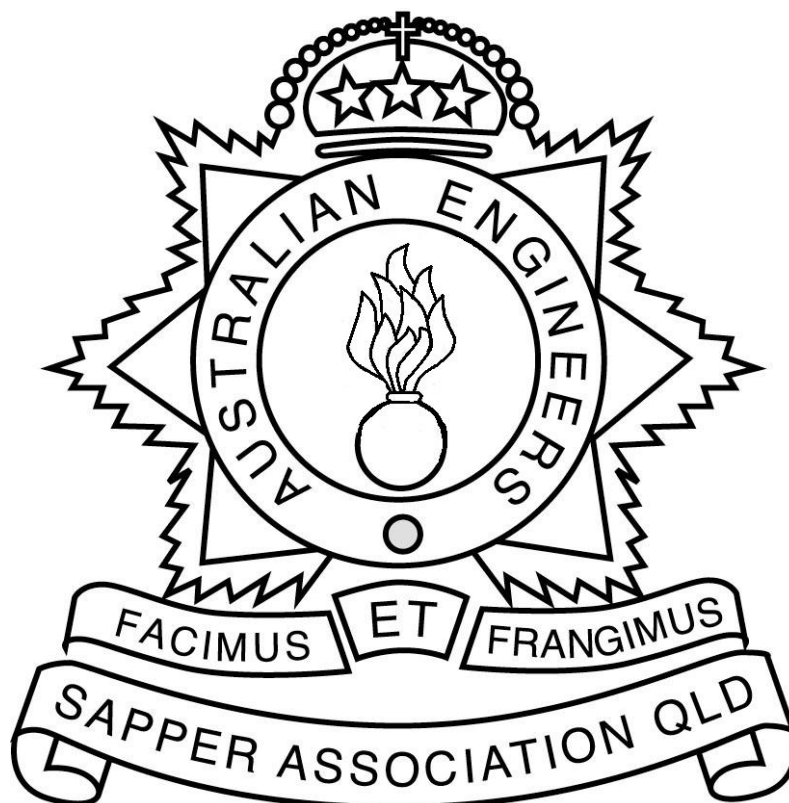


THE SAPPER
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QUEENSLAND
(INC.)

PATRON
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NEWSLETTER 1/2019

Breaking news: The AGM Brisbane will this year be held on Saturday 13th April commencing 12 noon at 'Johnny Ringo's Country Rock Saloon', 560 Queen Street (the old Orient Hotel). Enter via the Queen Street entrance and up the flight of stairs to the first floor. Unfortunately there is no wheel chair access.

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Please do not hesitate to contact your committee should the need arise.

The Sapper Association, Queensland Inc. **Brisbane**

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 13th April 2019 12 noon start

Johnny Ringo's Country Rock Saloon, 560 Queen Street (the old Orient Hotel). Enter via the Queen Street entrance and up the flight of stairs to the first floor.

ANZAC Day

Thursday 25th April 2019

Johnny Ringo's Country Rock Saloon,
The hotel will open at 11am. Unfortunately there is no wheel chair access.

The Sapper Association, Queensland Inc. **NQ Branch**

Thuringowa RSL Club – 11am
1st Sunday of each month.

Check with your committee members regarding meeting locations.

Annual General Meeting **Sunday, 14th April 2019**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to all and we are well into the New Year. I hope all enjoyed the festive season and are now ready for what the year may bring. This marks the start of a busy period for both Branches. The main events will be AGM's and Anzac Day and all that entails. Details of our AGMs are listed further in this newsletter. On the subject of the AGM's, please give more than a passing thought to nominating for a position on the various Branch Committees.

We are all aware of the devastation resulting from the North Queensland floods. Quite a few 3 CER Families were impacted. Our Committees from Brisbane and Townsville branches have conferred gone ahead with a substantial donation to the RAE Foundation Flood Appeal. This will support these diggers and their families at this difficult time.

While the period since the last Newsletter have been quiet for many, both your Secretary and Treasurer have been beavering away keeping us on an even keel. Thanks fellows.

On that note I will conclude my Musings.

BOB CRAWFORD



UPCOMING EVENTS

RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE & RECOGNITION CEREMONY, IPSWICH RAILWAY WORKSHOPS MUSEUM on Sunday, 1000 Hrs, 23 June 2019. All welcome, Tri- Service, All Ranks.

RESERVE FORCES DAY COCKTAIL PARTY, OFFICERS & SERGEANT'S MESS, VICTORIA BARRACKS on Friday, 28 June 2019, 1800– 2000Hrs, 'All welcome, Tri-Service, All Ranks.

RESERVE FORCES DAY RECOGNITION CEREMONY, SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE, ANZAC SQUARE on Sunday, 30 June 2019, 1030Hrs. (Unit, Ship, Squadron, Corps, Associations Banners) All welcome, Tri Service, All Ranks.

17 CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON 70 th ANNIVERSARY GATHERING, Friday, 20—Sunday, 22 September 2019, at KEDRON WAVELL RSL. Those interested should contact Secretary, Mobile: 0412– 753 088 or by Email:wendyborg13@outlook.com

END of Financial Year 31 Mar 2019.

Reminder that Fees are now due on the 1 Apr 2019, either Electronically (**details below for Brisbane**) (**Townsville details on page 7**) or by mail Cheques made out to The Sapper Association QLD Inc, posted to P O Box 1043, STAFFORD QLD 4053.

Brisbane fees are Ordinary member \$20.00, Country member \$10.00, Associate member \$5.00.

To assist the Association if you have an email address, let the Secretary know, all correspondence is sent out Bcc... so your email address is safe & secure.

QUEENSLAND (BRISBANE) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION ELECTRONIC BANKING, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have now introduced electronic banking so that members have the option of paying annual subs by this method. We ask that all who use this option make sure they identify each transaction as theirs, so our treasurer is able to keep the books of account correctly, as required by the Office of Fair Trading. This will also allow our nominal roll to be kept up to date. Annual Subs are due by 1st April each year.

Ordinary membership \$20, Country membership \$10. (Over 100km from the Brisbane City Centre).

BANK:	BANK OF QUEENSLAND
NAME OF ACCOUNT:	THE SAPPER ASSOCIATION QLD INC.
BSB NO.:	124021
ACCOUNT NO.:	21814271

PLEASE SHOW BOTH YOUR **MEMBERSHIP NUMBER** AND YOUR **SURNAME** AS A REFERENCE.

PASSING PARADE

It is important that all members understand that we honour the memory of all Sappers who have passed away. Lest we Forget.

The following have passed away since last newsletter.

TREVENA - Thomas (Neville) , WO2 RAE, who passed away on 05th October 2018 in his 81st year of life. A private cremation has occurred. Neville was a very loyal and skilled Sapper Neville rose to the rank of WO2 .He lived in Lara, Neville ic, but still managed to attend many of our functions – a quiet man really but not afraid to speak his mind but he was generous to a tee not only with his time but also his advice. A celebration of Neville's life was held on the 26th of October 2018 at the Lara Sports Club.

BARBOUR - Alan (Ali) passed away on 20th October 2018.

Ali was a great bloke who lived Eurobin in country Victoria and discharged from 22nd Construction Regiment in 1995 – an ex SEC employee he was part of the Supplementary Reserve (SR) and served for 27 years. Ali kept in touch with mates from 22 CR through the Major Creek annual reunion where he was a regular attender camping there for several days. The Funeral of our Mate, Ali Barbour, was held on Friday 26th October 2018 at the Old Eurobin Church, 5950 Great Alpine Road, Eurobin, Vic. Next door to Ali's home.

FRASER Stuart (Kiwi) passed away on 30 October 2018. The funeral for Kiwi was held at Peaceful Funeral Services, Unit 1 1787 Albany Hwy, Kenwick, WA, on Monday 5th November, 2018.

GREEN Barry John ex Sapper, passed away on Thursday 29 November 2018, at Redcliffe Hospital.

Barry's funeral was held on Thursday 6th December 2018, at the Memorial Gardens, Garden Chapel, Albany Creek, Qld. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Queensland Cancer Council.

SKUBIS John Joe ex WO2 RAE, passed away on Tuesday 27 November 2018. He was farewelled at a Service on Friday, 7 December 2018, at Great Northern Garden of Remembrance, 31 Tallowood Drive, Deception Bay, Qld.

WHALAN Bic (Wife of Jim Whalen) was laid to rest on Friday 11 Jan 2019, at Morley's Funeral Palour, Townsville, Qld.

1732441 FINCH Craftsman Ian Walter, who passed away on Friday 4 January 2019.

I am forwarding this on as those in Small Ships Association may have sailed with young Ian on the 13 Jan 1968, see details below. Condolences to Ian's Family & Friends, Rest in Peace Craftsman your work is done .

214727 DENNIS Colin Bruce (Meggsie) , ex Sapper, passed away on 2 January 2019. Funeral details etc are listed below, Condolences to Family & Friends.

5411359 LEE Michael George (Mike) ex Sapper, passed away in WA. Mike served with 3 Field Troop RAE, 14/09/65 – 5/3/66. At this time funeral details are not available, when they are known I will send them out.

18180, SUTTON Anthony (Tony) John, ex WO2 RAE, passed away on the 17 January 2019. Tony was farewelled at the garden Chapel, Albany Creek Memorial Park, 400 Albany Creek Road, Bridgeman Downs, on Tuesday 22 January 2019,

1200919 DUGGAN Colin Darroch (Darcy) , ex Officer RAE, passed away on 12 February 2019. Darcy's funeral was held on Monday 18 Feb 2019, at Lakeside Chapel, Albany Creek Memorial Park, 400 Albany Creek Road, Bridgeman Downs, Qld.

3157901 MILKINS Fred, ex SSM, RAE, passed away on 22 January 2019 aged 85 years young. He entered 15 National Service Training Battalion on 28 April 1954 at Puckapunyal Victoria, posted to D Company 18 Platoon. Marched out 12 August 1954, posted to 38 Field Squadron, 5 Corps Engineer Regiment, Royal Australian Engineers (CMF), Yallourn (Citizen Military Forces) located in Yallourn. Fred was posted 38 Fd Sqn SSM from 1974 to 1977. Fred served for 23 years continuous in 38 Field Squadron RAE (CMF) at the RAE Depot, Yallourn, Vic. Fred was very heavily involved in the Operation Fire Power in 1959 and his participation is detailed in Swan Street Sapper on pages 41-42. Members of 38 Field Squadron were responsible for the demolitions component of the activity – Fred received great accolades for his dems display and contribution. It was also noted that he won the Reserves Best and Fairest award for the Mid Gippsland Football League in 1967.

44378 TOMS Andrew "Andy" Seymour ex Sapper, passed away Saturday 2 March 2019, in Hospital in Perth. His funeral details are not known.

2794625 CROSS John Anthony , passed away 16 Mar 2019. John's funeral was on Thur 21 Mar 19, at 11.30am, at Pinegrove Memorial Park West Chapel, Kingston St Minchinbury NSW 2770.

VX53075 TUSKIN Vernon George (Whitt)., ex Sgt RAE, passed away on 14 November 2018 and was laid to

rest on 13 December 2018. Whitt served with the 2/8 Field Company in the Middle East during WW2. Not only was Whitt a WW2 veteran he was our oldest surviving member. He saw service in the Middle East (Palestine, Syria, Egypt), Ceylon and Papua New Guinea. He served with 2/8 Engineers and ANGUA (Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit) in Papua New Guinea .

32907 WRIGHT Claude Mervyn ex Capt RAE, passed away on 2 March 2019, aged 89 years – he was just a few months short of his 90th birthday. Claude was a graduate of OCS Portsea and served from January 1951 to December 1964. His wife Julie told me that Claude was very proud of his Sapper title and enjoyed, right to the end, reading his Sapper Summit and learning of all the new developments within the Corps. In civilian life he was a Civil Engineer. His funeral has been conducted and was a family affair.

3753242, 341055, 3177364 Staff Sergeant OLDIS Desmond Arthur Ernest, Born 11 Feb 1934, passed away on 9 Mar 2019 aged 85. From his regimental numbers he had experienced a lot of military service, including National Service in 1953, in 15 National Service Training Battalion at Puckapunyal, followed by the Malaya Borneo Emergency. He joined 38 Field Squadron RAE in the mid 1960's as a Sapper and worked his way up to Staff Sergeant as SQMS. In total Des served over 30 years within the Corps.

BODDINGTON Paul ex Corporal RAE, passed away in February 2019 aged 59 years. Paul served with 5FER and 11 FD Sqn, 28 Troop in Ipswich also posted to 2/3 FER. His funeral was held in Ipswich on the 1st March 2019 .

HALLIDAY William (Jock) ex Staff Sgt, RAE, passed away 18th March 2019 at RSL Grange home. Jock entered National Service in the 1950 then was posted to 28 Fd Pk Sqn Ipswich. He was posted to 11Fd Sqn, 5 FER then was posted 2/3 FER. His funeral will be on the 28th March 2019 at Ipswich.

EAKINS David , ex Capt, RAE, passed away on the 3rd March 2019 aged 92 years – he had celebrated his birthday on 22nd February 2019. David's Funeral service will be held Thursday, 7th March 2019 at the Newington Presbyterian Church, 376 Wallington – Ocean Grove Road, Wallington, Vic. David will be laid to rest at the Drysdale Cemetery. David has been a long time member of the RAE Association . He was very proud of his military service and contribution to Victorian RAE . .

3722 Raymond K Bear , ex Sapper, passed away mid Dec 2018 iust prior to Christmas. His Funeral was a family affair.

3175734 GNIOT Zygmunt “Ziggy” John , ex Sapper, passed away on Friday 8 January 2019. Ziggy served as a Tunnel Rat with 2 Troop 1 Field Squadron in South Vietnam from October 1970 to October 1971. Ziggy has been a staunch supporter of our Tunnel Rats Association, having attended virtually every one of our gatherings over the years, including all six of our tours back to Vietnam. His funeral was held on Friday 15th February 2019 at the Surfers Paradise Turf Club, Racecourse Drive, Bundall QLD 4217.

CASHION Kevin (Kev), ex Sapper, passed away On the 28 February, 2019. kev was a long time member of North Qld Branch of our association. His Funeral was held on Tuesday, 12 March, 2019, at Morley's Funeral Home Townsville, Qld..

Our condolences go to all their families.

SICK PARADE

Best wishes for a full recovery to all those who are undergoing treatment at present. A special “Get Well” also to all those who may just be “feeling off their oats” right now. Of course, our thoughts are also with their often hard-pressed spouses and families.

Val MORRISON now resides at Salem Care Centre, Toowoomba. Jack Madden visited recently. Visits or calls from old mates would cheer him up.

Peter HALLAM was in and out of Prince Charles Hospital in February. Mates may wish to say “G’day”. His Home Phone is 3261 3634.

John BENDING is about to move down to Sydney to live with his son at Manly. Please hold off with phone calls or visits until John advises his new phone number or email. We wish him all the best.

Dave Girvan is still in hospital fin Townsville after major surgery and who was flooded out while he was in there, well he is now in Rehab doing ok for now, but they are baby steps for him still for some time to come, Barry Low has sent him a message that all the members are thinking of him and to get well soon.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Happenings from the Deep North 1/2018

By John Cotter Esq

AROUND THE TRAPS



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AROUND THE TRAPS

The ANZAC Day sales Campaign is once again planned for April and is one of our major fund raisers. The dates and venues are as follows:

Sunday 7, 14 and 21 April at the Willows Markets.

18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 April at Annandale central Shopping Centre.

29, 21, 22 and 23 April at Bunnings Fairfield Waters.

Pat and Jo Daley put in a great deal of time and effort during this campaign and will require assistance at all venues. But please, don't just turn up out of the blue all bright eyed and bushy tailed: give Pat a call on 47740028 so he can zot you into the roster at your preferred location. Then by all means turn up brimming with enthusiastic fervour to become seller of the year.

Ten days before Christmas, the Productivity Commission issued a draft report on its inquiry into the compensation and rehabilitation of veterans. Detailed submissions have been put forward to the Commission by various ESO in response.

The OASIS Townsville were due to have the official launch of their Purple Warrior boat and veteran crew this month but I guess it may have been put back. The sport originated thousands of years ago and for the launch OASIS will fit out the boat with a dragon head and tails and conduct a traditional ceremony called 'Awaking the Dragon' where a Taoist Priest will bless the boat and conduct an eye dotting ceremony. If you are keen to attend please contact Floss Foster at OASIS. OASIS is proud to say that they are the first Dragon Boating Club in Queensland to form a Veteran only Crew to paddle and race under "the Purple Warriors Australia" banner (thanks to funding from Operation Compass).

Herb Ellerbock [mailto:herbell@bigpond.net.au] continues his campaign for a better deal for members in receipt of DFRDB benefits and has emailed the ministers concerned his latest submission. The references page on www.adfra.org.au has further details including tools to calculate member's loss due to computation.

The new Australian Veteran's Covenant, Veteran's Card, Veteran's Lapel Pin and Reservist Lapel Pin are coming soon. The intention of the Covenant is to provide employers, businesses, local communities, and veteran and sporting organisations the opportunity to commit to supporting veterans and their families. If you are a DVA client, i.e. a card holder, they will be issued automatically. However if you are not a client then you will need to apply for them either on line at www.dva.gov.au or in person and become a DVA client. And given that it seems that the new definition of a veteran is anyone who has served a minimum of one day continuous fulltime service in the ADF, delays could be expected.



Bruce Fraser reckons that not many would know that after Australian Forces left Vietnam in 1972 the Vietnamese from Phuoc Tuy Province (now Baria-Vung Tau) erected this memorial (shown left) for the Australians. It was destroyed by the Communists after they took over.

Granville (Val) Morrison was in 18 Field Squadron, 3 Field Engineer Regiment, when he injured his shoulder, which he reported to his Sergeant who told him it looked OK and to go back to work. This was a long time ago, but if you were in the unit (March 72 - ?) Val would appreciate any help in this matter. Please reply to Barry Low at welfare@nqsappers.org or by phone.

I Field Squadron Group will be constructing a memorial in April 2019 in Launceston dedicated to local boy Corporal Richard Atkinson and all Engineers who were killed in action in Afghanistan. The construction is being organised by a group of former 1 Combat Engineer Regiment Sappers with the support of various military, ESO and government

organisations. Jamie Twidale is the POC and he can be contacted by Mob: 0412 970 158

Email: twidalejamie@gmail.com or at Web: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1378430215626238/> or <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/launceston-engineer-afghanistan-memorial>. All are welcome to attend and all offers of support in anyway will be greatly appreciated from the wider Sapper community.

New legislation introduced into Federal Parliament will provide better recognition of the unique nature of military

service and further acknowledge the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families. As well as dealing with the covenant, card and pin, the Government's *Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019* includes a statement requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to adopt a beneficial approach when interpreting legislation and applying a fair, just and consistent approach to veterans' claims. It's part of the Government's efforts to transform the culture of DVA.

It seems that the Prime Minister took heed of the feedback from ESO and the public and reversed the decision by DVA to change the timing for the Dawn Service at **Villers-Bretonneux, France. So if you're going to France for the Dawn Service it will indeed be at dawn.**

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

The National Service Memorial Service held at the Pallarenda Memorial earlier this month saw some of our members in attendance. The Nasho tradition is to dedicate a plaque to each of their members who have died during the past year and affix it to the memorial. This year saw the plaque for Ken (Dasher) Wheatley dedicated at the service. Ken was the first elected President of the NQ Sappers and served in that role and others on the committee, many times during the intervening years before his sudden death. Ken was a Life Member of the Sapper Association Queensland Inc.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS FOUNDATION

Hello Fellow Sappers,

I write to all in my capacity as a Director of the RAE Foundation.

None of us could have missed the devastating effect of the recent flood event in Townsville. It therefore wouldn't surprise you to know that around 40 Sapper families of members of 3 CER were impacted.

3 CER have been offered support for these families from around the Corps and have set up a RTF facility for that support. They have also reached out to the RAE Foundation for support. The RAE Foundation has today offered CO 3 CER a \$10,000 immediate impact donation to support families. The Directors have also offered the Foundation's charitable status as a means by which donors can provide further support to affect families.

Donations to the RAE Foundation will receive tax-deductible status and the Foundation will provide raised funds to 3 CER in a coordinated manner, prioritized with the Regimental leadership. Donations can be made to the Foundation for flood relief purposes using the following details:
BSB: 033 508 Acc: 140 072 Name: Royal Australian Engineers Found Reference: First name Surname 19FR. A tax-deductible receipt will be issued by the Foundation.

Can I ask that we all get the word out around the Corps family and support 3 CER at this time of need.

Cheers,

Wayne Budd

BRIG

RAE Foundation

NORTH QUEENSLAND (TOWNSVILLE) BRANCH.

Please note that fees are now \$25.00 for country members and \$35.00 for city members.

For those of you who are into electronic banking and would prefer to pay by that means our details are:

Bank: CUA

BSB: 814-282

Account Number: 50444302

Account Name: Sapper Association Queensland Inc. – North Queensland Branch

Please use your surname and initial to identify payment.

FEES DUE BY THE FIRST OF APRIL. IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE SIGNING OF OUR NEWEST MEMBER

It could not have been planned even with the help of JC, Buddha, the Rainbow Serpent and the rest of the Gods. The date for the sausage sizzle had been allocated to us last year, the support from 3CER had already been organised, the flooding from the Monster Monsoon had provided the reason for the Governor-General's visit to Townsville, and of course it was held at the biggest Bunnings store in the north. And so it came to pass that after our esteemed President Tony Kealley had introduced all and sundry to their Excellencies, our hard working Vice President and Membership Officer Cliff Kemp, with pen and membership form in hand, put the hard word on Sir Peter to sign up as a member. Which he did. And now he is. And so forevermore our master roll will record the associate membership of His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove. It was our most profitable day ever for a single event, with takings of some \$3475.00. Their Excellencies also donned our aprons and served up a mean snag or three. Many thanks to the members who helped out and in particular to the soldiers from 3CER Pte Williamson, Pte Kooz Netzoss, Spr Jason Smith and Spr Chaplin who gave up their free time to assist.



*Left
Sir Peter with
Cliff Kemp*

&

*Dishing up the
snags.*

PROJECT SAPPER ASSIST

The NQ Sapper's Project Sapper Assist was activated during the clean up after the floods had done their thing, albeit at a low key level. Tony Kealley, Cliff Kemp, Barry Low and Steve Zammit swung into action following a request for assistance for Dave Girvan from his ex-wife Vanna. Dave was not real well following surgery so with mops and brooms at the high port they tackled Dave's soon had it put to rights. And of course toasted their endeavours with a well-earned ale or three.

The Sapper Assist program is an assistance program for members and to assist widows and children of deceased Sappers whenever necessary, and Sappers, their families and dependants in necessitous circumstances. It is administered by the Welfare Officer.



*Left to Right: Barry (Wombat) Low
wielding a mean mop; Cliff Kemp,
Steve Zammit and Tony Kealley taking
samples*



Did you know that Mel Brooks was a Combat Engineer in the US Army? Well, I never! True! Saw action in Europe including the Battle of the Bulge after the Normandy Landings on D Day

MUSINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Christmas and New Year gone - I hope everyone had a great break and a wonderful new year.

Our Christmas function to end 2018 was a great night with dinner at Hogs Breath, and then it carried on at Irish Finnegan's Bar, where many a Guinness was consumed, and much Christmas cheer was had. I would like to thank Cliff and Lara for organising a great night, well done.

The end of 2018 also saw us bid farewell to three of our members, who were posted south, CO Jennifer Harris, Brigade RSM Brent Doyle, and our own Madam Secretary Jade Pregelj - we wish them all the very best at their new postings.

Up here in the North we started 2019 a little wet, having to cancel our February meeting because of a bit of rain. Thankfully most of our members came through the "once in 2000yr event" ok. With a few of us eager and about to help out, we were ready and able to respond to the one SOS we received. Dave Girvan was in hospital when his unit was inundated, so it was many hands on deck sorting, throwing, washing, and mopping until it was clean enough for the insurance to come through. Our thoughts are with Dave as he continues to recover from surgery at the Townsville General - all the best mate!

Cliff Kemp, our VP, has us busy again in 2019 with fundraising sausage sizzles. Our most recent included a visit from the Townsville Mayor, the Governor General, and Lady Cosgrove - our reputation for sensational sausages has obviously spread far and wide! The mayor was also astounded at being able to pay for her sausages by EFTPOS - Sappers setting the sausage sales standard in the Ville!! The Governor General and his wonderful wife got stuck in - donning our unique NQ Sappers' aprons, and ensuring onions remained on the bottom of nearly every snag served to the multitudes - they both kept extremely busy and their assistance was greatly appreciated.

We are a genuinely welcoming mob, so there was of course the obligatory suggestion of membership from our ever diligent Membership Officer (VP) - and consequently we have a brand new, some would say high profile, member of the North Queensland Sappers Association - and even though you were never a sapper, you accepted our offer to become an Associate Member of our association - welcome aboard Peter!

We are getting great support from 3CER as well, with 4 members turning up to help out at this last sizzle, we thank the Regiment for that, and apologise for any media exposure these soldiers may experience as a result of our newest member's visit!

Sadly we lost one of our founding members, Philip Doherty, who passed away at the end of January, and our condolences to all his family and friends.

Nasho day this year was a little close to home for the Association, with a plaque being laid for Ken Wheatley on their wall of remembrance. A sombre time where Ken's wife Stephanie couldn't make it, so Barry Low and I laid the poppies on the family's behalf. Good to see the big fella being remembered in this way.

On behalf of the Northern Mob I wish everyone all the best and until we talk again, stay safe.

Tony Kealley
President

COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIMING
24 March	Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Fairfield Waters	TBA
14 April	Annual General Meeting Thuringowa RSL	11.00am
7-24 Apr	ANZAC Day Sales Campaign (See Calendar for details)	
13 July	Mid-Year Function Venue TBA	6.30pm
	See Events Calendar for details of other events	

ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service	5.15am	Gunfire Breakfast at 3CER Lavarack Barracks
	5.45am	Start Dawn Service Breakfast will be available The Dingo Bar will be open
March and Service	8.30am	Assemble at the Weir State School Car Park
	9.00am	March steps off
	9.30am	Service starts at the Thuringowa Cenotaph, Village Green, Riverway Parkland
Post March		Thuringowa RSL Pergola and seating will be available



Items submitted by Capt Daniel Parkinson,
And

Sean McAlinden
Warrant Officer Class One
Regimental Sergeant Major



Sapper Association Magazine – 21 CONST SQN.

This year will see 21 Construction Squadron complete AACAP 26 with the Jigalong community; constructing a BBQ area and improving access roads for the community. The focus at the commencement of 2019 was the upskilling of our personnel with current ADF equipment and programs. As March is quickly approaching the focus shifts in to driving qualifications and the skills required to complete AACAP this year. The Advance Party departs in early May travelling over 5000 km by road to the Jigalong community where we will spend the dry season improving the facilities in the remote WA community. During our stay in Jigalong we will participate in NAIDOC week, community sport and the enable the provision of critical training and health support to the Jigalong Community. Over the four month period we will see involvement from a range of Defence Assets including the army band, medical support and a training team from 2 General Health Battalion. This will see the continued support to the community lead by the 6th Engineer Support Regiment.

On our return we will shift focus into certifying for the high risk weather season and prepare for our requirements in early 2020; the certification culminates in a call out of the Squadron's ready equipment prior to stand down. As everyone settles into the Christmas Season, 21 Construction Squadron will be ready to be called out where we are needed most to round out another year at the Red Rooster.

Sapper Association Magazine – Operational Support Squadron

As part of its role to provide force engineering capabilities to project and sustain Joint Task Force theatre logistics, 6 ESR has been looking at some of the key lessons from logistics support to engineering operations in crises and conflict in the past. One of those lessons was that some situations were best served by the ability to establish a centralised logistics node that could be focused on providing and managing engineer specific stores and equipment to the force-level engineer assets. Today, Operational Support Squadron achieves this by establishing the *JTF Engineer Park*, the latest iteration of the former *Field Park Squadrons*. Whilst the Field Park Squadrons of previous eras appear to have encompassed everything from bridging, plant, dogs and many more, today is focused on warehousing, distribution and maintenance support to the Engineers and their equipment.

The concept of the Field Park has been absent from doctrine and practice for some decades, with the last reference in Doctrine that we have been able to find being part of the *Pentropic Division* of the 1960's, and the last operational usage as part of the Commonwealth Division during the Korean War. There is limited information available on these, although some good sources have included the *Commonwealth Division War Diary* from the period, Barclay's comprehensive account of the First Commonwealth Division during the period 1950-1953 and more recently Brigadier Cooper's *Fight, Dig and Live: The story of the Royal Engineers in the Korean War*.

Given we have found very little information on the experiences from these periods, particularly from the Australian / RAE perspective, if you have any information or if you know of a resource out there that we should have looked at, we would love to hear from you! You can either write to 6 ESR or email us at: oss6esr.admin@defence.gov.au.

Well done to CPL Nicholas Carpenter for his efforts as the Commander and Site Foreman of the OP APEC Assist 2018 contingent. CPL Carpenter received a commendation for his excellent leadership and trade skills over a period of several months. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Warrant Officer Class 2 Andrew Pitt on receiving the 2019 Australia Day Medallion. Andrew received the Medallion in recognition for his work with Relay for Life, supporting and promoting their vital work to fund cancer research. Keep up the good work Andrew!



2019 marks a significant milestone for 17 Construction Squadron who will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of their formation which occurred on 20 Sep 1949. To mark the occasion this year the 17 CS Association is planning a number of activities over the weekend of Fri 20 – 22 Sep 19, whilst here at 6 ESR we will conduct a memorial dedication ceremony on Friday 20 Sep 19. This will include an open day for those former members of 17 CS to come and see the squadron in its new location at RAAF Amberley, and it will culminate in an afternoon BBQ at the regiments 'Bailey Bar'. Details will be advertised on the 6 ESR Facebook page, through the 17 CS Association and this newsletter. 2020 will mark the 70th anniversary of the formation of 21 Construction Squadron!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BRISBANE Saturday, 13 APRIL 2019

TOWNSVILLE SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019

NOMINATION FOR OFFICE BEARERS 2019/2020

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder
Patron			
President			
Vice-President			
Secretary			
Assistant Secretary			
Treasurer			
Assistant Treasurer			
Welfare Officer			
Social			
Editor			
Auditor			
Committee			

Please note the different AGM dates. Queensland / Brisbane Association will be held Saturday April 13th 2019 and Townsville will be held Sunday April 14th 2019.

PROXY VOTING FORM

All Ordinary & Affiliated financial members plus Life Members can vote at an Annual General Meeting, those members who are unable to attend can vote by proxy or can nominate a person to vote on their behalf by filling out the proxy form below.

SAPPER ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND (INC)

I, of ,
being a Member of the above named Association, hereby appoint
.....ofor failing him
.....of

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the (annual) general meeting of the Association, to be held on
Saturday 13 April 2019, at Brisbane or on ***Sunday, 14 April 2019, at Townsville*** and at any
adjournment thereof.

Signed thisday of.....2019,

Signature

This form is to be used * in favour of * against the resolution.

* Strike whichever is not desired.

- Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he thinks fit.
- Each instrument appointing a proxy must be given to the Secretary before the start of the meeting, or adjourned meeting, at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

Received by Secretary:

Date:Signature:

RAE ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2019

This year the Dawn Service will be held at the RAE Memorial in the UBIQUE Lines, Enoggera.

The best vehicle access should be via the Lloyd Street Gate (Heightened security). Then drive up through the round about in front of the Chapel and right down the new road beside the 2 CER compound—following directions of Ushers then turn right through a gate in this compound, down near the Samford Road fence. All gates will be open **0330 hrs.**

Here parking will be available. You will have to walk back up through the lines to the memorial – not far.

**0415- 0445 Gunfire Breakfast
by 0445 Guests seated
0500 Catafalque Party mounts
and Service Commences**

**Last Post
0540 Dawn Service Concludes
0600—0700 Breakfast and Refreshments,
Sportsman's Club**

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

ANZAC DAY PARADE AND SAPPER REUNION, BRISBANE CITY

This year all WWII veterans will march in block up the front, with those who cannot march being in buses or vehicles. All Barriers at road closures will be water filled. This year there will be NO free bus to the FUP area before the parade.

All please note that Navy leads the parade this year. All marchers are asked to be at our FUP (**this year in George Street (Right Hand Side) facing Elizabeth Street**) by **10.20hrs.** - look for the Banner— ready to move off at **1055hrs.** We will be on the right side of George Street between Charlotte and Margaret Streets. We are in group 5, Unit No 43 in the parade.

Near the saluting dias, King George Square an area will be set up for Veterans of the WWII and Korea campaigns and Carers to watch the parade.

After the parade **NOTE THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR REUNION.**

our Sapper marchers will fall out at the usual position. After the banner, shovel and pick are secured we will walk as a body up Queen Street crossing over Wharf Street and continue up to Ann Street to Johnny Ringos Country Rock Saloon, 560 Queen Street (the old Orient Hotel). Enter via the Queen Street entrance and up the flight of stairs to the first floor. The hotel will open at 11am. Unfortunately there is no wheel chair access.

Subsidised food will be provided as at previous reunions. Beer and spirits \$5 per glass a choice of two ales. A good time should be had by all.

ANZAC DAY, THURSDAY, 25TH APRIL 2019 CITY PARADE INFORMATION

The city parade this year will be led by the Navy followed by the Army and then the RAAF and steps off at 0930 hrs.

March Past Procedure (Saluting Base) Unit / group leaders are to give the command “Eyes Left” on approaching the first uniformed marker just before the saluting base. “Eyes front” will be given on passing the second uniformed marker just past the saluting base.

Concessional travel

Normal concessions will apply.

Refreshments

The Salvation Army will provide a refreshment service to ex-service personnel in and around Queens Park.

Toilet facilities

Toilet facilities are available inside the Treasury Hotel, the Executive Building as well as facilities in Queens Wharf Road between Queen and Elizabeth Streets.

Television Coverage

The ABC will provide live coverage from 10.00am to 1.00pm. An OB Van will be located in Albert Street opposite the saluting base. Channel Nine will also broadcast.

Rain / Alternative arrangements

The parade will be held irrespective of weather condition. The Sappers will meet at the FUP under our banner in George Street facing Elizabeth Street, between Charlotte & Margaret Streets.

NB. All marchers are asked to arrive by 10.20am.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

“A TWIST IN THE POGO’S TALE” written by Derek Smith.. Price \$25.00 He will post to anyone wishing to buy one. Cost including postage and packaging is \$31.20. email contact is dvsmith@ozemail.com.au—mobile phone number is 0438 221 114. ISBN 9780994 559104.

WELFARE & PENSIONS THE SAPPER ASSOC., QLD

Any members seeking advice regarding DVA,
Pensions or Welfare

Can contact;

Peter (Fat Cat) Cairnes, Mobile:0427-558 685

Or

Harry Claassen, Phone: (07) 3273 6701

AATTVA (Qld BR) Inc Pensions Officer/ Advocate

Mr John McDonagh

Mobile 0423 138 346,

email aattvqldbr@westnet.com.au

John is a vastly experienced Pensions Officer who has had many years with DVA and Brisbane Legacy. “DVA have discontinued funding for this service. However, he is willing to continue this service by Working from his home. Association members who wish to contact John should Call him via the mobile phone above.

SAPPERS’ LUNCHESES, GAYTHORNE RSL

Our recent luncheon at Gaythorne was well attended. Several wives and partners also enjoyed the outing . Although the tables were a little dispersed when we arrived, with sapper skills we soon moved a few together to make it easier to socialise. All enjoyed the company. We look forward to seeing all again in June..

You can contact John (Jethro) Thompson for details on Mobile: 0488 680 360.

ITEMS FOR SALE, BRISBANE

The following items are for sale to members:

Lapel badges	\$8.00	Association Plaques	\$40.00
Embroidered cloth badges	\$6.00	Stubbie holders (tubes)	\$ 2.50
	Stubbie holders (with Bases)		\$3.50

Contact the committee if you wish to make a purchase..

Website & Email addresses of interest.



WANT TO RESEARCH A DIGGER RELATIVE?

For all the clues try:-

RAE CORPS SHOP

RAE ASSOCIATION – WA:

COCKSCOMB –

VETERAN HELP – Central Qld

WATER TRANSPORT ASSOC

MUSEUM OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

THE SAPPERFACEBOOK PAGE IS

RAE ASSOCIATION (VIC) INC.

<http://www.dva.gov.au/help/digger.htm>

corpsshop@gmail.com

www.wasappers.com.au

<http://veteranretreat.tripod.com>

<http://talk.to/veteransupport>

www.32smallshipsqn.org.au

www.aamme.com.au

Queensland Sapper Association

<https://www.raevictoria.asn.au>

Please advise the Association Secretary either by email, phone or snail mail when you move to a new address or change your email.

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HOLDFAST 2020

The Engineer Reunion



HF20 is the biennial all Engineer reunion of the Sapper Association of Queensland (Inc.) and is organised and hosted by the North Queensland Sappers. It will commemorate the Operational Deployment of Royal Australian Engineer units since formation in 1902 and the 55th anniversary of the deployment of the first Royal Australian Engineer unit to the Vietnam War. It may also reach those who have not been seen or heard of for some time. And of course is there a better way to catch up with old mates and possibly meet some new ones?

SO WHO IS IT FOR?

Why you of course! If you are a member of a Sapper Association, or wore the RAE hat badge, or are still wearing it, then Townsville next year would be a good place to be over the May Day weekend. Of course if you wore the Engineer badge from another friendly country you would also be most welcome!

WHEN? 1,2,3,4 May 2020

WHERE? Townsville-North Queensland

WHAT'S GOING ON?

There'll be plenty to see and do over the weekend with Meet and Greet sessions and the Reunion Dinner at the Townsville RSL Club

Plenty of free time to take in the sights or possibly a tour in and around the city

Our traditional and memorable commemoration service on the small island

And of course the recovery breakfast at a special place on Monday

With the reunion coming to a shuddering stop at 12 noon

MORE DETAILS?

These will be distributed to the world in May along with accommodation details, some expected costs and contact details.

HF20 Organising Committee

HOLDFAST 2020

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