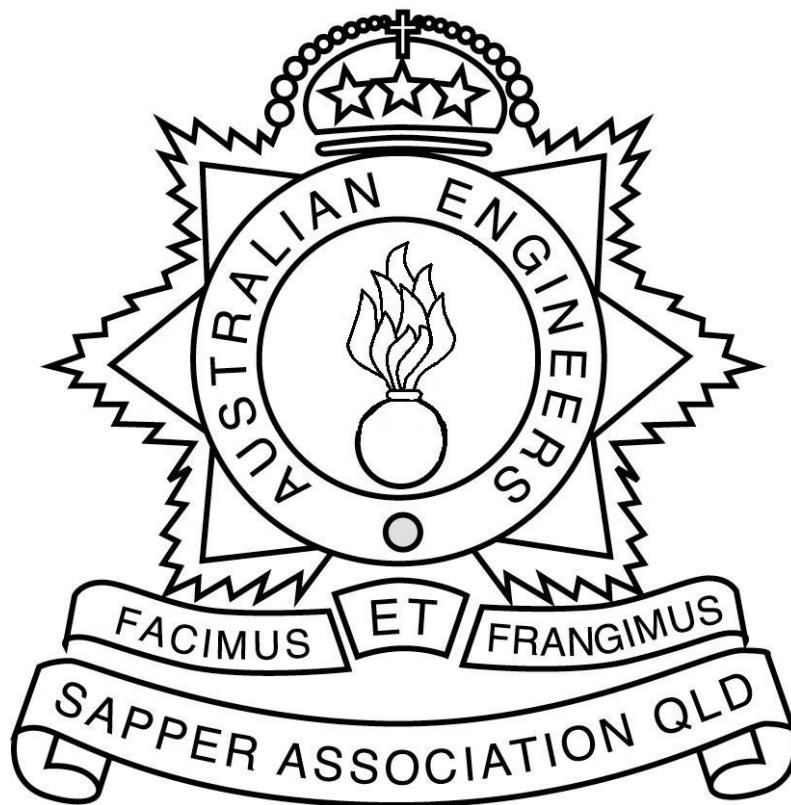


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Please do not hesitate to contact your committee should the need arise.

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

The next meeting of the Sapper Association is
Sunday 5th June 2022, at 9am, venue TBA.

Other meetings will be :-

Sunday 9th Oct 2022 at the Reunion at 10am.

Sunday 4th Dec 2022

The AGM at this stage will be held on Sunday
7th August 2022 we are organizing the Gaythorne
RSL. 10am?

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

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

Check with your committee members regarding
Meetings and when they will be held.

The **AGM** will be held on Sunday 7th Aug
2022, Venue to be advised by your committee

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another year has come & gone & we are now well into 2022. I trust all members had an enjoyable Festive Season in spite of the prevailing conditions imposed upon us. The current year appears to hold a much brighter outcome for both Branches, although external factors & the weather have caused some disruption. The Secretary & I were due to attend 2CER's Induction & give a brief on the Association while a few members were to attend a Flag presentation at 17 Const Sqn, both are now on hold for a later date.

Although Brisbane Branches participation at the ANZAC Day Parade has been confirmed, we await a final confirmation of the Parade details which will be forwarded to members. The same applies to our after Parade activities. When details of the Dawn Service at 2CER are available they also will be passed on.

With regard to our draft update of the Constitution, further work has been put on hold until the end of June 2022, due to a review being conducted by the Dept of Justice & Attorney-General. None the less, one of the proposed changes was the adoption of 30 June as the End of Financial Year. At the last Sapper Association meeting it was decided to postpone the AGM to conform with this proposed change but still remain in accordance with our existing Constitution, which is within six months after the EOFY (March 31). Another benefit would be the removal of the change over of committee members (if it occurs), between the AGM & ANZAC Day, allowing for a smoother transition.

Enough of the heavy stuff, on a lighter note, preparations for the 2022 holdfast Reunion are well underway, after the cancellation of the 2020 reunion. It will be great to get together again, & renew old friendships.

Finally, once again my thanks to John Jesser for taking on the task of producing this newsletter (see Editor's note) .

Enough from me, I wish all members the best for the year & stay safe.

Bob Crawford

ATTENTION! INFORMATION FOR WIDOWS & MEMBERS

The Association has for some time been trying to get some information for Widows & Members, about what should happen when a loved one passes, and things the Member should put in place well before the event of his or her death.

The following are available on the net from the Department of Veteran's Affairs:-

Planning ahead booklet – a guide to putting your affairs in order

Personal information sheet – D8729

Planning ahead – checklist -P00068

Medical details of Veteran – D8730

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC) DFRDB - DB01; MSBS - MB02.

As we are all of that age and not forgetting younger Veterans, we should ALL leave our loved ones with information “what to do”, “where to go”,

First Stop your **Sub-branch RSL advocate** (not RSL service clubs), and DVA who can assist you.

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 Sappers have passed away since the last newsletter.

3798633 **LEWORTHY Dennis William**, passed away after a long illness on 6th Sept 2021. Dennis served in Det 55 EWPS SVN from Jan 1971 – 4 Nov 1971.

3797884 **GIUMMARRA George RFD**, passed away on 3rd Nov 2021, George was a National Serviceman and continued to serve in various ARES units, until he retired with the rank of Lt Col. George's funeral was held on 11th Nov 2021 at 10.00am.

342755 **MOON Graham James**, passed away on 18th Nov 2021, believed to be COVID-19 whilst in Poland. Graham served with 1 Field Squadron 8th Oct 1966 – 17th Aug 1967.

210403 **CLEERE Jack**, passed away on 8 Oct 2021. Jack served in 17th Const Sqn Jan 1970 – Oct 1970.

WOODLEIGH – HUTTON John Cecil, passed away on 1st Dec 2021, John's funeral was held 9th Dec 2021, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Camden Valley Way Leppington NSW 2179. John served in 1 Field Troop Malaya/Borneo, 59/61. John retired after 9 years service with the rank of Sergeant.

342784 **WILSON David William "Dave"**, passed away at 7.20pm on 6th Dec 2021, after a long illness. Dave's funeral was held on 10th Dec 2021, at Lakeview Chapel, Albany Creek Crematorium, at 11.00am. Dave began his service as a 12th Intake Army Apprentice Plumber, serving both in the RAE and RACT, retiring as a WO2, working after retirement as a State Govt Security Officer.

172318 **OLLERENSHAW Albert John "Bertie"**, passed away 9th Dec 2021, after a long illness. Bert served as a National Serviceman in 1953, and went on to serve in various units and retired with the rank of WO1. Bert's funeral was held on 20 Dec 2021, at East Chapel Mt Thompson Crematorium, Holland Park, at 3.30pm.

WEST Dianne, wife of Brig Rod West (RTD) has passed away (no date).

311557 **SMITH James (Jock) MC and Bar**, 1RAR, AATT, passed away 12 November 2021, funeral details unknown.

SCHUHKRAFT David Charles, passed away 15 Dec 2021, in RSL Aged Care Caboolture, no funeral details.

CHARLTON Edwin John AM RAE < RACT (rtd), passed away peacefully at home at Mapleton 29 Dec 2021, no funeral details.

54548 **ROBERTS Francis Adrian MG MID OAM**, passed away 29th December 2021, at Fred Ward Gardens, Curtin, his funeral was held at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, on 28th January 2022, at 1pm.

3158157 **DYER John (Eddie)**, passed away 25th December 2021, after a battle with Cancer, Eddie's funeral was held at Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, at 10.30am, on 4th January 2022.

295998 **LOVE Gregory**, passed away on 23rd December 2021, with a battle of Cancer, Greg served with 32 Small Ship Squadron, Army vessel 1353 Harry Chauvel 1970.

16567 **MEREDITH Ronald Lorraine (Ron)**, passed away suddenly on 11th December 2021, from a heart attack, Ron's funeral has been postponed due to family illness.

18286 **WYNNE Barry Alexander**, passed away on 1st December 2021, from a heart attack.

4410967 **VAN HARSKAMP Robert Cornelis**, passed away @ 2.30pm on 12 February 2022, after a long fight with Cancer, Dutchy's funeral was held at Albany Creek Memorial Gardens, on 24 February 2022, at 11.00am.

3177353 **EASTWELL Lieth (Bluey) Leonard**, passed away peacefully on 22 Feb 2022, Bluey's funeral was held on Friday 4 Mar 2022 at 10.30am, Moe Victoria.

RAWSTRON Peter Anthony, passed away peacefully on 2nd Mar 2022, aged 95 years old. Peter's funeral was held 1pm on 11 Mar 2022, at St John Vianney's Catholic Parish, Manly.

READING Susanne Mary, passed away peacefully 7th Mar 2022, at Townsville Uni Hospital aged 78, A Private Graveside Service was held 28th Mar 2022, at Belgian gardens lawn Cemetery.

Our Condolences go to their families

1 FD SQN GP RAE Association activity at Toowong in Nov 22 from George Hulse

G'Day Fellow Sappers,

In addition to the list sent out by Major David Spriggs, I would like to add that the 1 FD SQN GP RAE Association is building a monument/bridge in ANZAC Park, Toowong, Brisbane to be dedicated on 11 November 2022. This will be a 'sister' bridge to the one that we intend to dedicate in Amiens France on 25 April 2024. The bridge is dedicated to every Australian Army Engineer unit that served in WWI. It is 1 FD SQN Association's gift to the Corps in honour of our 120th anniversary in 2022. More details to follow.

George Hulse
President 1 FD SQN Association

SAPPER WEEK 31 OCT- 4 NOV 2022

31 Oct - Travel day for personnel to arrive in Sydney.

RAE Association Meeting — Either 31 Oct or 04 Nov 2022, I appreciate feedback from Associations
Sapper Competition — a 24/48 hour event which is Section Level this year — The event will commence 01 Nov 2022.

Sapper Conference — 01 - 03 Nov 2022 — this will be conducted Face to Face and through Digital means. Further information will follow noting feedback. Zoom is not an authorised platform for ADF business

Corps Dining out Night - This is the culminating event for the week and time for us to relax. The Dinner will be to formally recognise and farewell RAE members who are retiring and wish to be formally farewelled by HOC.



Our Engineers personnel, part of the RFMF Coral Warrior composite platoon, have been put into good use joining forces with their counterparts in the [#AusArmy](#). They have constructed a log road and two footbridges in northern NSW for [#OpFloodAssist](#).

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.

Brian Bede Williams has had a stint in hospital, with various medical problems which have laid him low, he would appreciate a call 0499 871 520.

Cliff Kemp has had a visit to hospital and we hope he will soon be on the mend, give him a call 0409 892 257.

John Bradshaw has not been well (off his oats as they say).

We wish all members the best

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.

When the new Constitution comes into effect the Financial year will be the 1st July 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

RAE ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2022

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

ALL Gates will be open at 0330hrs

Vehicle access to the 2 CER area will be by entry at Samford Road, or Lloyd Street.

Follow the directions of the Ushers who will direct you where to park.

Walk to the Sportsman's club as the assembly point—not far.

Timings will be as follows:-

0415- 0445 Gunfire Breakfast

Guests seated by 0445

0500 Catafalque Party mounts and Service Commences

0540 Dawn Service Concludes

0600—0700 Breakfast and Refreshments, at Sportsman's Club

0800—ALL Guests to be clear from area.

If you wish to stay at 2CER you will have to be escorted in by a member of 2CER

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ANZAC DAY PARADE AND SAPPER GET TOGETHER, 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 1000hrs. - look for the Banners— ready to move off at 1020hrs.

We will be on the right side of George Street between Charlotte and Margaret Streets. We are in group 5, Unit No 32 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 ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR GET TOGETHER**

ALL members who wish to attend the Prince Consort MUST have proof of vaccination to gain entry. The get together will be at the Prince Consort Hotel on Wickham Street Fortitude Valley (near Brunswick St & the Mall).

To make it easier for the elderly a bus will transport you to the venue, it will wait at Bus Stop 62 in Eagle Street opposite the Riverside Centre, please wait for the bus (as it costs the Association money whether there is half a bus or a full bus, your money wasted) as entry to the Hotel **will not be until a member of the Committee is there.** The Hotel has allocated us an upstairs area (quite roomy) you will have to go via the ladies at the entrance to pay your subscription, and obtain your wrist band & meal ticket. For those who need it, **a lift is available for Wheelchair & Carer & those who cannot climb the stairs.**

Entry to the Hotel before the 1pm opening time, will mean that you can only have a beer if it is ordered with a meal.

To assist our ladies at the door please ensure that you have cash and can pay the correct amount as they WON'T have change of \$50.00 bills, in return you will receive a wrist band & meal ticket.

ANZAC DAY, MONDAY, 25TH APRIL 2022 CITY PARADE INFORMATION

The city parade this year will be led by the Navy followed by the Army and then the RAAF and steps of 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 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.

Re-establishment of 12 CE WKS from Bob Ihlein

Do you have any of these members in your association. I need to contact them as there will be an official Event at Enoggera on the 23rd April this year.

Ian Wells,
John Crocker,
Phil Cooper,
Arthur Bradley (Blewitt).

Ian Smellie
Charlie Vargi
Peter Rose
Dave Mills
Tom Poole
Mike Bird
Warren English (Jack)
Frank Manister
Glen Darnley -Stuart
Tim Wise
Bruce Murray

Peter Swanson
Peter Hoskins
Matt Watt
Simon Anderson
Alan Sheridan
Geoff Burchill RACT
Less Thomas
Graeme Maxwell
Gordon Smith
Tony Bone
Les Weedenhoffer

Do you have any contact information on these ones as well.

Les Weedenhoffer	Sgt	Plant
Robbie Hill	Sgt	Plant
Phil Duncan	Sgt	Plant
Ian Patterson	Sgt	Plant
John Halstead	WO!	RAEME
Bruce Sinclair	Sgt	RAEME
Mark Edwards	Sgt	RAEME
Bandy Batten	Sgt	RAEME
Mike Kavanagh	Maj	
John Lang		RAEME
Pete McIntosh		Plant
Simon Tuckerman	Capt	RACT
Troy Davis	Capt	
Garry Slattery	WO1	Building Constuction
Bill Smith		Plant

If so could you get them to contact me please

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OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Happenings from the Deep North 1/2022

By John Cotter Esq

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well G'day all, I hope your start to the New Year has been a good one.

It's been a fairly quiet start for me, with a couple of remembrance services to attend: the Fall of Singapore service and the Animals of War Remembrance Day.

We had a great finish to last year with congratulations going to a couple of members: Natalie Johnson picked up the Pain in the Arse Award - well deserved too I might add, and Cliff Kemp being awarded a Presidential Commendation for services above and beyond his role as Vice President.

The fabulous turn out of the membership at an amazing venue saw us enjoy a sensational Christmas Lunch at the Brothers Leagues Club - congratulations to our Social Officer Jeremy for another great event!

On a sad note, we lost EDD Hayley in an accident at 3CER. Our condolences go to LCpl Sam Cootes, her handler, the doggies and all the members of 3CER.

I would like to thank the CO of 3CER for "voluntolding" us another Secretary for this year and welcome Jessyk Ernst to the mix. Looking forward to a great year!

I would like to pass on my congratulations to Lt Mitchell Muley for picking up 3CER's Junior Officer of the year, and Spr Samuel Peterson for the Top Sapper of 2021, well done to you both.

The next wives' Wine and Welfare Night is Friday 22nd April at Barry's place. I recommend all partners of the NQ branch to go along and have a good night.

I would like to finish up with wishing the NQ Branch a very happy 25th birthday (20 April 1997), 3CER a happy 30th birthday (1 July 1992) and of course the Corps 120th birthday (1 July 1902); it's going to be a big year of celebrations.

I wish everyone all the best and looking forward to meeting up at our reunion this year.

Tony Kealley



SAPPER WOOLESTON BOOMERA



Many of the old and bolds of the Third Field Engineer Regiment may well remember the regiment's first dingo mascot with somewhat mixed feelings. Escape artiste extraordinaire Spr Wooleston "Bruiser" Boorooma (seen at left with his handler Spr Wayne Pearce) arrived in 1979 at the behest of the then CO LtCol John Crocker and began his reign of doing absolutely whatever took his doggy fancy in that part of Townsville. The CSIRO and what is now Annandale were favourite hunting grounds with Wulguru an interesting diversion. The safest place to keep him was in the cells; which posed a problem for the RP Section and their human prisoners. Bruise could dig holes quicker than some planties with machines. Neater too.



The current custodian is LCpl Wooleston "Woolly" Boorooma VI (shown at bottom left) arrived at the Third Combat Engineer Regiment in 2016 and it seems he has many of the traits and mannerisms of his predecessors. Including conning someone into carrying him rather than walk himself I hear on the grapevine. Will the dizzy heights of his first stripe give him a sense of responsibility? Those of us who remember W-B1 can only await the outcome with bated breath; and a sense of déjà vu?

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: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633-000

Account Number: 162988240

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.

SAPPER "JOCK" QUINN

3 August 1940 – 17 November 1993



Sapper Patrick David "Jock" Quinn was a well-known and liked character throughout his service, not only during the Vietnam War but also later in 18 Field Squadron, Townsville. There are many yarns told about Jock and his escapades including the time he was a guest of the government at their Stuart Creek facility and reputedly instructed the guards in close quarter drill. The stories still live on.



Ben Benningfield travelled to Scotland in 2016 with the aim of presenting Jock's Army Combat Badge to his next of kin and visiting his grave site.

He also learned that Jock's next of kin was his elder sister Cathie living at Bondi, NSW. On his return Ben and a bunch of old sappers visited Cathie and presented her with Jock's ACB. Back in Townsville discussions between Ben and Fred Lourigan resulted in an official bronze plaque being procured complete with the Rising Sun badge and Jock's particulars and in 2019 Ben returned to Glasgow to install the plaque on Jock's tombstone.

In Fred Lourigan's words "he was an officer's bloody nightmare." He was also a good mate to many and known and liked by a great many more.

Top: 216932 Sapper Patrick David Quinn.

Bottom: Ben Benningfield at Jock's graveside. The white plaque at the bottom was placed by Jock's good friend from Brisbane, Toni who also arranged for a poppy to be put in place each Remembrance Day. At the bottom is the standard Australian Office of War Graves plaque.

(Extracted from an article by Ben Benningfield in HOLDFAST 36 dated May 2020. Pictures from HF 36) ☺

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE

A luncheon was held at the Brothers League Club back in December to mark the Christmas 2021 End of Year Function. More than 75 members and guests attended; a good time was had by all (sans masks) and the well organised buffet with varied and plentiful offerings was well patronised. Secret Santa did his bit with a good variety of good value presents, some of which were left over from the cancelled HOLDFAST 2020 reunion. The musician/singer entertainment was outstanding with a selection of numbers well suited to the gathering. Full credit is due to Jeremy Browne our hardworking Social Director for a most enjoyable event.

By the way, Jeremy is also looking for input into the mid-year /25th anniversary function, so if you have an idea or three why not zot along to the planning meeting he is holding straight after the next general meeting on 3 April.

NQ SAPPERS VISIT TO 11 ENGINEER REGIMENT

(From Tony Kealley and Cliff Kemp)

Question: How quickly can two Nth Qld Sappers get themselves to a Unit function?

Answer: Including travel time - in about 3 hours! Such is our commitment to the Corp!!

The call came from WO1 Daniel Bell, RSM 11ER in search of some representatives from the QLD Sappers to attend the annual Section Competition, Sappers Dinner and CO's handover parade in Brisbane, less than 48 hours from the event date. Dog's sitters were arranged, flights were booked, bags were hastily packed and the Vice president and I were sorted.

We arrived in Brisbane the morning of Saturday 13th November, were picked up by Dan and headed straight to Enoggera. We rotated around the stands to watch the Sappers tackle the activities set out for them. By the afternoon's end, the winners were announced and congratulations must be given to 5 Section, 28 Troop of Cpl Hall, Sappers Daniels, Luff, Lowe, O'Neal and Simpson.

The evening came around and we were special guests at their Solders' Dinner: a great night with great food and many drinks being had. We were looked after by all the Sappers, and a thank you to them all for that. Then the after party began, with the usual mess games, drinks, more games, more drinks, some more games and some more drinks (and this continued for some time).

The following morning we were back at 11ER helping set up for the CO's handover parade. It was great to be there to see the outgoing CO LTCOL Greg Jenkins who's going to HQ 1 Division, hand over to LTCOL David Patterson who is coming in from HQ 1 Div. We meet up with David and Greg after the parade for a chat and we wish them both all the best for their upcoming postings.

I would like to close by thanking LTCOL Greg Jenkins and WO1 Dan Bell for the invite and for being amazing hosts: we both had the best weekend and met some amazing people. Should the opportunity come again and I am invited, I will be there with bells on!

AROUND THE TRAPS



From our ever busy VP Cliff comes the report that “We have had a good start to the year with fund raising. Locations so far have been North Shore Bunnings, Cowboys League Club, Thuringowa RSL, and our own Sapper meeting raffles plus Rising Sun Honda and our first welcome back to 3CER Banjo morning and free sizzle back to the sappers of 3CER on Thursday the 3rd March. It was great getting back out on base to see the Sappers again and look forward to future Banjos down the track. Sizzles will be very quiet for the next couple of months due to the build-up of Anzac Day. Our memorabilia team will be selling items at Willows shopping centre from the 20th April to 24th April with extra teams working all three Bunning stores on the 23rd and 24th April.”



The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) tartan has been created to celebrate 100 years since the Australian Air Corps became the Royal Australian Air Force, with HRH King George V approving the use of the word "Royal" in the name in June 1921, and to honour the service of all the men and woman who have served in the RAAF for the last 100 years and to those who continue to serve. So now we know.



At the March General Meeting Jeremy Browne donned his other hat, that of President of the Thuringowa RSL and presented Harry Curtis with \$4284.48 towards a scholarship at Ryan Catholic College. Congratulations Harry and best of luck to you and your family. Harry is the son of our late member Graham Curtis. *(Left)*

Also at the March venue Phil Lawlor was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Committee as a thank you for his hard work in 2021. *(Right)*

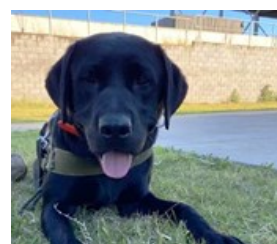


Mrs Dalveen Harris (widow of Tony Harris) was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her donation of 32 Small Ships artwork, which was mailed to her.

Namibia lapel pins are available for those who served and would be interested in wearing them. Point of Contact is Pat Daley and pins are available for pick-up at the next meeting.



NQ Sappers Mascot ‘Bullseye’ made the cover of the Townsville Bulletin. EDD 506 Bullseye was born on 13 July 2009 and was recruited in 2011. Postings include SME Dog Training Wing for Training; Deployed on OPERATION Slipper in Afghanistan 2014 with the Special Operations Training Group 17; To Special operations Engineer Regiment on return from Afghanistan and then back to SME Dog Training Wing at the start of 2016. Bullseye was retired at the end of 2016. He now spends his time as a gentleman of leisure, chasing Frisbees and sleeping or chasing balls and sleeping. When meetings are held at the Thuringowa RSL he also provides a very enthusiastic child minding service – the more sticks to chase, the better he reckons.



We are saddened to share the passing of Explosive Detection Dog, and much loved 3CER Family member, Hayley. It is never easy to say goodbye to one of our own. Our thoughts are with the Handler and those who worked with, relied on and loved her. Hayley will be recognised and farewelled at a military memorial service next month. “(From 3CER) Our thoughts are with the regiment.

Talking of mascots it was good to see Jarred Skinner issued with the Canine service Medal for EDD Bolt (Retired) last year. Bolt was our first mascot.

A report to hand indicates that last month the current Officer Commanding 17 Construction Squadron was presented with a unit flag that was flown by the squadron during the Vietnam War. The current owner of the flag has asked for it to be returned home and Major General Steve Day (Retired) made the presentation.

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal has recommended that families of fallen or seriously injured veterans receive “medallic and emblematic recognition”, with leading advocacy group Australian War Widows NSW welcoming the announcement. Pending endorsement from the government, it is the first time that families of fallen or seriously injured veterans have been recognised for their sacrifice (by the Australian Government), with family members receiving either a Memorial Star or Gratitude Star emblem.

WO1 Sean Chainey has advised that he handed over the duties of Corps RSM to WO1 Matthew Dickson in January last.

Well done to Natalie Johnston for picking up the Pygalgia Award of the Pain In the Arse Medal at the December meeting. Whatever you’ve done Natalie I’m sure you deserve your elevation to the PINA post nominal. ☺

ANZAC DAY—TOWNSVILLE

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
(All details TBC)	9.00am	March steps off
	9.30am	Service starts at the Thuringowa Cenotaph, Village Green, Riverway Parkland
Post March		Thuringowa RSL Club
		Pergola and seating will be available ☺

COMING EVENTS

If members have any thoughts/ideas for functions please speak to Jeremy Browne the Social Coordinator. He would welcome your input including for the away meeting in May.

It appears that August is once again shaping to be a busy time socially for 3CER and of course by extension, the NQ Sappers. The regiment's birthday, Waterloo Dinner and other activities may well be on the calendar. More information will be available as dates and events are planned but it may be a good idea to block out the month in the flat white crystal ball. Or your favourite electronic gizmo if you feel that way inclined.

For further details please see the Events Calendar. Remember that meetings are at the Townsville RSL till further notice. Note that the AGM is NOT in April this year with the date TBA. ☺

EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

ATTENTION! The Sapper Association QLD Inc is in need of an Editor, Mr Bob Bannan who has been doing the job with assistance, for quite a few years, and finds that he can no longer do the job. Therefore at the last AGM he resigned as Editor, Rheanna Vehlow threw her hat into the ring and was duly appointed, but due to a heavier work load has also resigned the position, leaving us with a dilemma. I have stepped up to put out the 2 of 2021 newsletter, as the newsletter is the only way our members have of keeping up with the goings on of the Association. PLEASE if you can help submit your name to the Secretary by email or phone which are listed on page 2 of this newsletter..

For the Sapper Association QLD Inc to remain running as it has been for the last 40 odd years, we need people to step up and take over as members of the Committee of both the Brisbane & NQ Branches. We also need the younger Veterans to join the Association so this can occur. You will not be thrown in the deep end people will **HELP** with the various positions that we require.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that, because of the pandemic and social distancing regulations, most future events have been put on hold at present. If you need answers to any questions, contact your local committee.

The Sappers Association Christmas in July Luncheon, Saturday, 16 July 2022. Venue: The Grandview Hotel, Cleveland
RSVP by 17 June 2022 to John Jesser, Phone: 3356 9297 or by email.
At the function there will also be a toast to the Corps to celebrate the 120th birthday.



HOLDFAST 2022 MAROOCHYDORE **ACCOMMODATION**

The Maroochydore RSL is situated in Memorial Avenue, with the Subbranch & car park opposite. The Cotton Tree Park is situated on the Esplanade and can be reached by walking through the path-way beside the carpark & CWA.

This will give you something to work by when booking your accommodation, so that it is within walking distance to the venues.

Accommodation for motels and apartments can be looked at by Googling them.

The Caravan Parks have cabins at reasonable prices and are close to the venues, the Big 4 is about 3.2km from the venues {not walking distance}.

Caravan Parks

Cotton Tree Holiday Park	BIG4 Maroochy River	Maroochydore Beach Holiday Park
Cotton Tree Parade	Diura Street	Melrose Parade
07 5459 9070	1800 802 737	07 5443 1167

MORE DETAILS?

These will be distributed to all later on about July-August, please be patient with us as we work out the Itinerary, Costs etc.

CONTACTS

John Jesser Ph 07 3356 9297 email: johnjesser@iinet.net.au

HOLDFAST 2022 MAROOCHYDORE

WEEKEND 7 – 10 OCTOBER 2022

Expressions of Interest

Please print in block letters

Name

Address

Suburb / Town

Postcode

Email Address

Contact Phone Numbers	Home	
	Mobile	

To register, a \$50 per person fee will be charged – this fee will then be deducted from your final costs for the reunion.

Please complete this form and return with payment ASAP

Cheque or Money Order made payable to:

The Sapper Association QLD Inc

PO Box 1043

Stafford QLD 4053

Electronic payment:

Name of Account

Bank

BSB number

Account number

The Sapper Association QLD Inc

Bank of Queensland

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Please use Surname, First Initial & Reunion as a reference (e.g. Mouse M Reunion)

BOOKS OF INTEREST

“Blood Sweat & Steal” is Curtis McGrath’s account of his time in the Army, his loss of both legs, and the incredible story of his recovery. Curtis went on to achieve his goal of becoming a Paralympian and world champion. The book is available at Kmart for \$22.00, or on Kindle \$12.95.

‘DOGS OF WAR’ co –authored by Tony Park with Sapper Shane Bryant. The book tells the story of Shanes time in the RAE and NSW Police Force as a dog handler and his subsequent deployment in Afghanistan as a civilian contract Dog Handler. Shanes time in Afghanistan included service with US Special Forces. The book is available online from: Amazon, Booktopia and Other on-line book stores. It is available as an eBook, Print and audio. The best link to obtain a copy of the book is <https://www.tonypark.net/war-dogs-tony-park-international-author.html>

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, Mobile: 0422 525 575

email: svp@sunnybankrsl.org

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’ LUNCHES, GAYTHORNE RSL

Sappers’ Lunch 3 March 2022—Well, as was expected numbers were down; appreciated the many calls and e-mails received, advising that they would not be able to attend. Fifteen old sappers and a couple of guests fronted up and collectively lifted the atmosphere around the club.

The next luncheon will be held at the Gaythorne RSL on **Thursday 2 June 2022** beginning at 11.30am, Bring a mate. These luncheons are held the first Thursday of the month, March, June, September and December. Mark them on your calendar.

Cheers Jethro

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

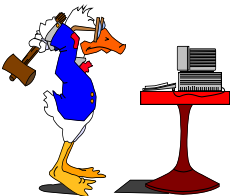
MEMORABILIA ITEMS FOR SALE, BRISBANE

The following items are for sale to members:

Lapel badges	\$8.00	Association Plaques	\$40.00
Engineer Belt Buckles	\$23.50	Embroidered cloth badges	\$7.00
Stubbie holders (tubes)	\$ 2.50	Stubbie holders (with Bases)	\$3.50

Don’t hesitate to contact the Committee if you wish to purchase an item.

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

<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

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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