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The President of the South East Queensland Branch of the Locating Artillery Association, Andrew Lloyd-Jones, lays a wreath on behalf of the Association at the dawn service for Anzac Day 2010 held at 20<sup>th</sup> STA Regiment, Enoggera.



**The Eyes and Ears of the Battlefield**

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**South East Queensland:** Andrew Lloyd-Jones  
**Vietnam Veterans:** Bob Billiards

Greetings,

This edition marks the emergence of the expanded (former) Coffs Harbour Branch with its new name **Northern NSW Branch**. Their inaugural AGM has been held and office bearers elected. The incoming President is Dave Auld and he has an impressive committee including Jane Gow and Lois Doyle in the key roles of Secretary and Treasurer. These two women have long been behind the scenes workers for the Branch and I welcome their official recognition.

ANZAC Day has come and gone and some individual reports and photos appear later in the newsletter.

As I mentioned in my last message, the Sydney Gunner Dinner is fast approaching and we will have a Locators table at the dinner. Preliminary details appear later.

The hard work of the volunteers at the North Fort Museum has been recognised by Museum Manager Maj John Gallagher and the full text of his congratulatory message is quoted in the Museum report.

We approach that time of year for our own AGM and our energetic Newcastle/Hunter Valley Branch Committee is hosting the event again, together with a dinner on the Saturday night preceding. A booking form was included in the last edition and is available on the website. I urge members to send in their paperwork ASAP so that final catering arrangements can proceed.

At our last committee meeting, the origins of the 131 Bty Dragon were discussed and we are seeking to identify the person who drew the original. In some quarters it is believed that "Chalky" Royal was the artist but those who were serving in South Vietnam at the time are convinced that an OR surveyor was responsible. More information later in this edition.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at Telarah in July

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Allan Harrison  
 President

## ANZAC DAY 2010

### SYDNEY

The following photo was provided by Warwick Brooker of the Sydney Locating Contingent at the form up point prior to this years march. Brooky advises that he had a terrific day meeting up with old mates, particularly Major Ken McNamara who gave him a guided tour of the rocks and Manly. Many thanks Warwick.



### BRISBANE

The following report and photos were provided by Terry Erbs of the Locating Contingents activities in Brisbane this year. Many thanks to you for your informative input Terry.

In perfect weather and behind the detachment banner, smaller numbers than usual marched in Brisbane in this year. Older veterans who marched were David Dodds, Blair Sheppard, TC White [whose son is currently serving with the 20th STA in Afghanistan] and Terry Erbs. Barry Crank, a 131 surveyor from national service intake number 3 was a welcome first time marcher with us. Fortunately our numbers were swelled by seven younger veterans, both serving and retired members of 131 Bty and 132 Bty. Members of 20 STA Regiment were keen to march with us and were warmly welcomed by all older veterans and the large crowd as well.

Pictured Below Left to Right:

David Dodds, Terry Erbs, Andrew Lloyd-Jones, TC White and Barry Crank.



Younger veterans marching included Maj Rob Tierney [BC UAV 132 Bty], Capt. Courtney Ames [BK 132 UAV 132], Andrew Lloyd-Jones, Rick Mann, Tim Featonby, Michael Gerts & Paul McMillan [whose father-in-law was John Davies, a Det 131 Bty surveyor Vietnam 7th Oct 1966 - 30 April 1967].

Pictured Below Left to Right:

Courtney Ames, Rob Tierney, David Dobbs, Blair Sheppard, TC White, Andrew Lloyd-Jones and Terry Erbs.



Of those MIA this year was Lofty Hayes, who was resting at home following a major health problem. Known by many, not only for his height, his friendly guiding presence was missed by all, get well mate!

Also missing this year were John Bristow and Phil Sheedy, who were in Tasmania and Peter Ravelje who marched in Sydney.

Following the march we all adjourned to the Theodore Club then onto the Irish Club for a few welcome cool drinks on a warm day. Chatting with younger veterans, with support and encouragement, numbers marching in Brisbane will hopefully be larger next year thereby perpetuating Locating units' proud history and filling our dwindling ranks.

The Banner



## NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Bob Billiards has advised the association of an upcoming National Servicemen's Association Commemoration Day to be held in Canberra this coming September on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The march is for National Servicemen only and Bob is organising a bunch of his mates to attend. All Nashos are more than welcome to attend the day.

For further information :

Details relating to the National Servicemen's Association and future updates on the memorial dedication events can be found on the national website, [www.nashoaustralia.org.au/memorial.htm](http://www.nashoaustralia.org.au/memorial.htm) or by contacting [nashosecretary@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nashosecretary@optusnet.com.au) or PO Box 6203 Long Jetty, NSW 2261. Information contained herein is accurate at time of going to print.

## 131 DRAGON ARTWORK

The Association is endeavouring to identify the designer of the 131 Locating Battery Dragon and a brief history as to the design's origin.

Anyone who may be able to shed some light on this matter is asked to contact the association at:

Postal Address: 6 Apex Ave Picnic Point NSW 2213

Web Site: [www.locatingartillery.org](http://www.locatingartillery.org)

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Any information, no matter how irrelevant you think it may be would be greatly appreciated and helpful.

## 2010 AGM

A reminder that the 2010 AGM will take place at the Telarah Bowling Club on Sunday 18th July 2010.

Notices of motion to be considered at the AGM should reach the Secretary, 63 Highland Drive, Bowral NSW 2576, not later than 25th June 2010.

Nominations for the four positions on the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary/Public Officer and Treasurer) should also reach the Secretary by the same date. A nomination form is enclosed. **Please note the order in which the form is completed:**

**Section 1** is completed by the member PROPOSING a member for election.

**Section 2** is completed by the member SECONDING the nomination.

**Section 3** is completed by the member being proposed for election, ACCEPTING the nomination.

All three must be financial members of the Association.

## 2010 GUNNER DINNER

Members are advised that the 2010 Gunner Dinner is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> August and will be held at Parramatta RSL.

At this years dinner we propose to have a Locators table suitably adorned to that effect.

Costs etc have not yet been finalised but in past years the price has been \$55-60 pp. A discount will be offered for tables of 10 or more.

Allan Harrison will be co-ordinating the table and those interested should contact him on 0412 021 665 or at [allan@harrisonsolution.com.au](mailto:allan@harrisonsolution.com.au)

## CHANGES TO EMAIL ADDRESSES

Bob Morrison has asked those members who receive LOCREP via email to notify him of any changes to your email address to ensure correct delivery.

Bob can be contacted on email at:

[robmor@ozemail.com.au](mailto:robmor@ozemail.com.au)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held regularly and members are cordially invited to attend. General enquiries may be directed to the Secretary, Bob Morrison Tel (02) 4861-6463, Mob 0417 447 504 or by email at [robmor@ozemail.com.au](mailto:robmor@ozemail.com.au)

## DIARY DATES

27 Jun 10	Museum Work party
18 Jul 10	(AGM) Hunter Valley
25 Jul 10	(TBC) Museum work party
7 Aug 10	Gunner Dinner
29 Aug 10	(TBC) Museum work party

26 Sep 10	(TBC) Museum work party
31 Oct 10	(TBC) Museum work party
4 Dec 10	St Barbara's Day
5 Dec 10	(TBC) Museum work party and Sydney Re-union

## AUSTRALIAN ARMY ARTILLERY MUSEUM

Work Parties commence at 1000 hrs and conclude with an Association-funded lunch at 1400 hrs at the North Fort Mess.

The current focus is on re-building the Locating display in the floor space allocated by Museum management. Restoration projects in particular require considerable effort by volunteers and we would greatly appreciate the assistance of anyone available to work on Locating Artillery projects.

The Museum is open to the public on Sundays, Wednesdays and Public Holidays from 1100 hrs to 1600 hrs, or by appointment for larger groups.

Guided and self-guided tours are available.

The following message has been received from Maj John Gallagher (Museum Manager).

*"Hello Joe and Allan, I had a chance to have a good look at your display today and reckon it looks great. Your working bees have made terrific progress creating a unique display with its own character. Slow and steady is the way to go developing, enhancing and fine tuning your display. Please pass on my compliments and regards to your excellent team. A special thanks to Blue Johnson from the Mess Committee. Planning a Searchlight Night for Sunday May, 30. Will come out with a formal notice next week. Best Regards, John Gallagher"*



**MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM** (please print clearly)

**Name:**.....

**Address:**.....

**State:**.....**Postcode:**.....**Best contact number:**.....

MERCHANDISE		COST
Bar Coasters (\$4 for 10, \$7 for 30, \$15 for 65, \$20 for 100)		
Baseball Caps (\$23 ea)		
Beret Badges (Woven, Dragon or Assn Logo, \$10.50 ea)		
Bucket Hat ( Royal Blue or Light Khaki, \$20 ea)		
Car Badge (2009 style \$36 ea, \$44 if posted)		
Key Rings (\$6.50 ea)		
Lapel Badges (\$6.50 ea)		
Plaques (2009 style \$36 ea, \$44 if posted)		
Pocket Patches (Woven, \$10.50 ea)		
Polo Shirts (Navy, Maroon or White, sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, \$40 ea)		
Stubby Holders (new style, \$6.00 ea, \$11.00 for 2, \$20 for 4)		
Ties – Association regular style (\$30.00 ea)		
Ties – 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary style (\$20.00 ea)		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>

Above prices include postage and handling **except for car badges and plaques**. Where options are shown, **please circle your choice** (eg size). Please send the form and your cheque/MO payable to “*Locating Artillery Association Inc.*” to the Association at **6 Apex Avenue Picnic Point NSW 2213**



**NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION**

**1. PROPOSER TO COMPLETE**

I ..... hereby propose  
(Please print)

..... for the position of  
(Please print)

..... on the Committee of the  
(Please print)  
Locating Artillery Association (Inc).

.....  
(Signature & date)

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**2. SECONDER TO COMPLETE**

I .....second the above nomination.  
(Please print)

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(Signature & date)

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**3. NOMINEE TO COMPLETE**

I ..... accept the above nomination.  
(Please print)

..... (Signature & date)