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Season's Greetings.

This is a brief but very important edition of LOCREP. Due to time and printing deadlines, it is necessary to issue a special edition.

Firstly may I extend my personal best wishes to members and their loved ones for a happy and safe Christmas and festive season. The coming year will be a momentous one for the Association for a number of reasons, some of which I will expand upon later.

I have received a message from our Patron (**Rusty Priest**) expressing his best wishes for the season, to all members and their families.

Speaking of Patrons, we have a new Patron in **BRIGADIER Gerard Fogarty** (Head of Regiment), who has graciously accepted my invitation to join Rusty as Joint Patron. This change arises from a re-organisation which saw, among other things, the closure of Land Command Artillery.

20TH STA REGT INAUGURAL PARADE

Members will be aware that we have been eagerly awaiting news from 20th STA Regt regarding the proposed Inaugural Parade.

RSM **Danny McGinley** has advised me that the parade will take place during ANZAC Week 2007. ANZAC Day occurs on a Wednesday in 2007 and it is most likely that the parade will be held on Tuesday 24th April, with a dinner to follow that evening.

Association members, partners and friends will be invited to attend the parade and other planned activities, and to stay on for ANZAC Day celebrations at Enoggera incl marching with the Regiment in Brisbane.

In view of this decision, the Coffs Harbour Re-union Committee has sensibly decided not to proceed with the planned June 2007 re-union, since the two events, if held so close together, would work against each other in terms of attendance. The Association endorses this decision and urges members to support the Enoggera gathering in numbers.

One of the highlights of the occasion will be the handover of the refurbished "Walker" Trophy.

I plan to go to Enoggera shortly to confer with the CO and outgoing and incoming RSM's on detailed planning issues. Members of the Coffs planning committee have also been invited to attend that conference, to assist with planning and execution.

Members will be pleased to learn that popular RSM **Danny McGinley** will be staying on with the Regiment to head up the newly-created training cell.

As soon as details have been determined, a special LOCREP will be issued which will provide full information on the program, costs, booking arrangements etc.



SYDNEY RE-UNION 2006

The Sydney re-union took place at North Fort on Sunday 19 November and was attended by more than 60 members and guests. We were treated to a beautiful mild sunny day, hugely different from last year's wet and wild event.

We are very grateful to **Joe Kaplun** and **Diane Wood** in particular for putting on another outstanding BBQ.

Joe was in fine form conducting another of his memorable raffles to ensure that there were no leftover supplies, adding to the modest profit returned on the day.

Blue Johnson conducted a tour of the museum and tunnels for interested partygoers and reliable tractor driver **John Saltwell** ensured that heavy lifting in setting up and dismantling was minimised. **Bob Smith** managed the bar, closely monitored by **Ron Hartmann**, and we're reliably informed that the till balanced.

We were also well looked after by Museum duty staffer **Bdr Ross Kolhagen**. Thanks Ross.

I want to thank members who sent in photographs of the occasion and assure you that the pick of the bunch will be published in the next official LOCREP.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

The Committee is investigating the feasibility of gathering together collections of significant Locating/STA-related photographs in the hands of Historians, Units, Association members, the RAA National Museum etc.

Bob Morrison and **John Posener** are looking at the technology required and the best ways to preserve these photographs for posterity by mass storage means. We expect to publish full details of the proposal, including how members can participate, after the February Committee meeting.

I mention it here by way of a preliminary heads up for members who have photographs which they consider may be suitable for inclusion in the collection.

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