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Simpson and His Donkey

Commemorating The Centenary of the Gallipoli Landing  
1915-2015



**The Eyes and Ears of the Battlefield**



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## Meeting Dates

Remaining meetings for 2014/15 are scheduled as follows:

19 Jul 2015 (AGM) followed immediately by a Committee meeting.

Meetings are held at Paddington RSL, commencing at 1115 hrs and all members are welcome.

The Committee is looking at relocating meetings to a venue on the South side of Sydney, to give equal opportunity to southsiders.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Welcome to the second edition of LOCREP for this year. I hope it finds you all well.

This edition concentrates largely on ANZAC Day.

The Association continues to be well represented in the Marches around the nation. Well done.

Close work with the Regiment also continues.

You will also notice that we have a new Webmaster. I thank the outgoing Webmaster, John Posener for his efforts over the years.

"L" Plate Allan is our new incumbent and I am sure that he will have his "F1" licence in no time.

The AGM is approaching fast and anyone wishing to nominate for a position will find a nomination form with this edition.

Remember, this is your Association and Publication, so pay heed to the Website article and get your stories and contributions flowing in!

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Joe Kaplun

President



## STOP PRESS!!!

### President Joe Kaplun Honoured in Queen's Birthday Honours List

Hot off the press, the fantastic news that Association President Joe Kaplun has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) "for Service to the Community, Veterans and their Families" in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Eagle-eyed readers will have noticed the change in Post Nominals on page 2.

Well done Joe, thoroughly deserved.

## Annual General Meeting 2015 Important Information

The AGM will be held at Paddington RSL on Sunday 19 July 2015 at 1115 hrs. All members are encouraged to attend.

Notices of motion to be considered at the AGM should reach the Secretary, 63 Highland Drive, Bowral NSW 2576, not later than 28th June 2015.(\*)

Nominations for the five positions on the Executive Committee (President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Secretary/Public Officer, and Treasurer) should also reach the Secretary by the same date. (\* ) A nomination form is enclosed. For those reading this on the website, a link to the form can be found on the Notice Board page.

(\* ) The above closing date is critical for a number of reasons and cannot be extended.

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 SECONGING 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.

## Changes of Address and Email Address

We continue to have problems in keeping up to date with address and (even more importantly) email address changes. That information can only get to the Secretary if you send it to him, since the Association's Osmosis receiver has broken down.

President Joe Kaplun has been on the phone to a number of members in recent times, updating email addresses but it is preferred that members do this for themselves.

Please remember to let Secretary Bob Morrison know if you change your email address. Bob's email address is [robmor47@ozemail.com.au](mailto:robmor47@ozemail.com.au)

## Warning Order Part 3 Coffs Harbour Re-union 2016 (The last Hurrah)

As foreshadowed in LOCREPs Vols 56 and 57, the last in the series of Coffs Harbour re-unions will take place next year on the October long weekend (30 Sep-1-2-3 Oct 2016). Please note this in your calendar and start planning travel and accommodation early.

At the NNSW Branch Committee meeting held on 2nd June, It was determined that the event, which will again be held at Coffs Ex Services Club (C Ex), will look like this in broad outline:

Fri	30 Sept	Meet and Greet at C Ex
Sat	1 Oct	Breakfast at C Ex
		Visit to Dorrigo Falls
		Lunch at Dorrigo RSL
		Dinner at C Ex
Sun	2 Oct	Breakfast at C Ex
		Bowraville RSL Museum
		Lunch at Bowraville RSL
		Farewell Dinner at C Ex
Mon	3 Oct	Breakfast at C Ex
		Depart

Some accommodation Options:

Stone's Throw to C Ex:

Chelsea Motor Inn 02 6652 2977

Bentleigh Motor Inn 02 6652 2566

Town Lodge 02 6652 1288

Nth Coast Holiday Pk 02 6652 1694

(Caravan Park with cabins)

**Slightly Longer Walk:**

Best Western Zebra 02 6652 1588

Toreador Motel 02 6652 3887

Quality Inn 02 6652 6388

Ibis 02 6650 9101

**Short drive/Taxi:**

Aquajet Motel 02 6652 6588

Royal Palms 02 6652 4422

Coachman's Inn 02 6652 6044

Aqua Villa 02 6652 3539

The theme of the re-union will be to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the deployment of (Det) 131 Div Loc Bty to South Vietnam.

More to follow as detailed plans take shape.

## Refurbishment of Display Equipments at 20<sup>th</sup> STA Regt, Enoggera

In an earlier edition of LOCREP, mention was made of a planned historic equipment refurbishment project to be undertaken at 20<sup>th</sup> STA Regiment by Keith Ayliffe and Terry Erbs.

That project is under way, the first item being a weathered AN/KPQ-1 radar pedestal and antenna assembly.



*The antenna, successfully separated from the pedestal*



*After 45 years, the pedestal and tripod are separated.*

Keith reports that he and Terry are being well looked after by Regimental 2 i/c Major Russell Hamsey and materially assisted by RP Sgt Andrew Whitelaw and his enthusiastic crew pictured above.

There are lots more photos and information on the NEWS page on our website [www.locatingartillery.org](http://www.locatingartillery.org)

Keith and Terry can always use a hand and if you are interested you can reach Keith on 07 5443 7102.

Terry as usual keeps clicking away with the camera and there are more of his photos and stories on the NEWS page of our website [www.locatingartillery.org](http://www.locatingartillery.org)

In contrast to last year's dismal weather, Sydney turned it on in grand style this year, attracting a larger turnout with some welcome faces returning to the march.

We thank Jim Bushel's granddaughter Tahlia for taking her camera along to the march and for sending us her photos.

Post march celebrations saw most gather at Panania Diggers for the usual camaraderie and tall stories.



**Sydney Group pre-march 2015**



**Another Shot of the Sydney Group (Note Det 131 Div Loc Bty Banner following)**

## ANZAC Day 2015 (Brisbane)

Our thanks to Junior Vice President Russ Hamsey and his assistants for this graphic report and photos from Brisbane:

*ANZAC Day 2015*

*This ANZAC Day was especially important to 20 STA Regt as it was the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli. The RSM, WO1 Sean Voss worked hard to ensure that as many members of the Regiment as possible could gather together. Despite the increased security status of Gallipoli Barracks over 400 people gathered for the Dawn Service at the Regimental Headquarters.*



**The Dawn Service at RHQ, 20<sup>th</sup> STA Regt**

*The Dawn Service was followed by a BBQ breakfast and some two-up. Shortly after, the members of the Regiment made their way to downtown Brisbane to march with the LSTAA. Once again, the Regiment and the Association members made up one of the largest contingents within the parade.*



**Getting ready to go - Brisbane**

*As it was the 100th anniversary of the landings, the crowds watching the parade were enormous and deafening in their cheers and applause. It was a humbling experience to march with our mates through the streets seeing the support from our fellow citizens. Especially, as some of the fellows around us had returned from overseas to less enthusiastic receptions.*

*Certainly, those of us in the Regiment still serving can only say that the support we received on the day and most days is overwhelming.*



**Ready to step off in Brisbane. It's a long way to the next banner!**

*The best was yet to come. After the parade, we gathered at the Stock Exchange Hotel on Edward St for a drink (or several) and to catch up with old friends. It was fantastic to see the numbers of "olds and bolds" join the younger members of the Regiment. What was also excellent to see was the number of younger "olds and bolds". We had not only the Vietnam Veterans but also a number of veterans of East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan who are no longer serving but joined us for the day.*

*This is the second year that the Regiment has observed ANZAC Day in this way and we intend on turning it into a tradition. With all luck, we will see even more of our Regimental family next year for the Dawn Service at the Regiment, then our march with the Association in Brisbane and finish up at the Stock Exchange Hotel.*

*Thank you to all who joined us, see you next year!*



**The Stock Exchange Hotel Brisbane 2015**



Younger and older veterans, united in a common cause, in Brisbane 2015

## ANZAC Day 2015 (Melbourne)

We are grateful to John Dellaca for his ongoing interest and support of LOCREP. John has supplied this report and a number of other photos, all of which have been posted onto the new "NEWS" page of our website, [www.locatingartillery.org](http://www.locatingartillery.org) :

*Sadly the weather was very wet but it didn't dampen our spirits at all. Melbourne turned on massive crowds for the centenary of the landing of Anzac. Only 6 Locators marched but what we lacked in quantity we made up in quality. By the time we stepped off, the march was almost an hour behind time, so we had 2 very wet and cold Cadets who carried the banner but the importance of the day was not lost on them. All in all, a great day to celebrate this special occasion.*



L to R: John Dellaca. Mitch Millar. Peter (Bluey) Dealy.

Bluey's first march in Melbourne. All 3 locators served in Listening Post 31 ALPHA on Nui Dat Hill in 1968

CHECK OUT THE SCARF!

## ANZAC Day 2015 (Coffs Harbour)

Under strict instructions from Sub-Branch President Bob Payne MM, Rev Dr Graham Whelan PhD, the Coffs RSL Sub-Branch Padre (and LSTAA Association member), arranged a brilliant sunny day at Coffs.

The Dawn Service was a sell-out with crowds never before seen. Locals turned out in their thousands for an emotional Dawn Service, followed by the traditional Gunfire breakfasts served at Coffs Ex-Services Club and Charlie Company, 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion, RNSWR.

Later, unprecedented numbers lined the streets for the March to the Cenotaph where a massive crowd watched the conclusion of the march and a special Centenary of ANZAC service.

The Catafalque Party was provided by Charlie Company, 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion, RNSWR.



Association Banner swamped by the crowds at Coffs Harbour



*Coffs Ex-Services Club President Dave Doyle OAM,*

*flanked by Past Association President Allan Harrison RFD and Catafalque Party Commander LCpl Osland (C Company, 41 Bn RNSWR).*

After a sumptuous lunch at the Coffs Ex-Services Club, where the guest comedian was the hilarious Max “Tangles” Walker, two up was the order of the day on the lawns of the club.



*Two up in full swing at Coffs Ex-Services Club*

## New Directions for our Website

Long serving webmaster John Posener has passed the baton to Allan Harrison. Thanks for your past efforts John and we wish you well for the future especially in the hip replacement department.

Allan has the L plates firmly in place so bear with us as he gets up to speed.

In consultation with President Joe Kaplun, Allan proposes to give the website a new style in which he plans that it will become what he calls a “rolling LOCREP”. The first steps have been taken in that a NEWS page has been added, where current activities are given an airing.

This concept presupposes that the website will be dynamic and up to date with information and news posted and removed in a revolving door process.

LOCREP will continue in its present form and will be largely a synopsis of the key stories taken from the website, and issued about four times each year.

By doing this we hope to generate a situation where members regularly visit the website to get up to date information and news about what other members and old mates are doing and what’s happening in the LSTAA world.

We need support from members in order to make this development timely, relevant and interesting so whatever you are up to, we want to hear about it, with photos.

**This invitation is especially sent to our newer Service members at 20<sup>th</sup> STA Regt.**

Many of our *Grey Nomad* members are travelling in their retirement and those stories in particular make interesting reading.

Please send your stories and photos to Allan at [allan@harrisonsolution.com.au](mailto:allan@harrisonsolution.com.au) . In this day and age of iPhones and iPads etc., this must be pretty easy to do.

The website address is [www.locatingartillery.org](http://www.locatingartillery.org) and Allan would be pleased to get your feedback on how the website is shaping up, at his email address above.

## Electronic Banking

More and more members are taking advantage of Electronic Banking to do business with the Association and that’s a plus for us all.

Please use BSB 032 082 and account number 229365 to transact.

It is absolutely vital that you identify yourself and the nature of the transaction, so that the funds can be properly allocated, e.g.

“Joe Bloggs – membership” or “Bill Brown – merchandise”.

## Warning Order Annual (Sydney) Gunner Dinner 2015

This annual event will be held at Parramatta RSL on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

Details will follow in a later newsletter and will be posted on the website.

## Merchandise

Members wishing to purchase items of merchandise should contact Joe Kaplun on (02) 9774-1473 or by email at [joekaplun@optusnet.com.au](mailto:joekaplun@optusnet.com.au)

Don't forget that we are able to have the Association Logo embroidered on pretty much any item of clothing or material. Just let Joe know what you want done and it will be arranged.

We are likewise interested to know if there are specific merchandise items you'd like added to the range. Again, Joe is the Point of Contact.

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