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Newsletter #51 - Christmas 2025



The official newsletter of the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) Association



Welcome to our final newsletter for the year. I hope this message finds you all in good spirits and that you get the chance to spend quality time with family and friends over the festive season. For those travelling, please stay safe.

I would like to personally thank the committee for their unwavering support, advice and guidance over the past 12 months. The Association would not be as strong as it is today without your dedication - thank you.

To the members of the Regiment, I wish you a restful and enjoyable break over the Christmas leave period and all the best for 2026. For those moving on to new postings, I wish you every success and encourage you to stay connected - if you find yourself in Brisbane in the future, please reach out to the Association.

A special thank you to the Commanding Officer, Tim and the Regimental Sergeant Major, Bill for your support of the Association over the last two years. We wish you both the very best in your new appointments.

To all Association members, thank you for your support and attendance at our events throughout the year. I hope you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to reconnecting with you all in 2026.

If anyone is experiencing difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out. The Association is here to support you in any way we can, even if it's just a chat on the phone or over coffee.

You can always contact me regarding any matters you think we might be able to assist with. My number is 0431 700 696.

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Best wishes to all, stay safe over the festive season!

Shayne Burley
President



GOOD READS!

Ironsides Magazine:
<https://ironside.partica.online/>

2/14 LHR (QMI) Facebook page:
[2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment \(QMI\) | Facebook](#)

2/14 LHR (QMI) Association Facebook page:
[2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment \(QMI\) Association Inc - Facebook Group | Facebook](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The President and Management Committee welcome new members of the Association:

Michael James BROWN

Richard Leonard BROWN

Thomas JOHNSON

41 CLUB 2025 REPORT



The reunion was held this year (as usual) on the second Saturday of the penultimate month, being the 8th of November. The anticipated attendance list reached 150 expressing interest but out of that 117 made the actual trek – still a solid number. After collecting a miserly \$10 for entry, members and guests again enjoyed the facilities at the 41 Club with a fully stocked bar and a plentiful feed. A big shout out to TPR Abbey Morris from the club's committee who helped lead the charge from the front gate to the venue and organizing the bar staff/ cooks for the day – she did an amazing job, thanks Abbey and the team!

The 2/14 LHR (QMI) Association Committee on behalf of the members would also like to thank both the CO & RSM, LTCOL Tim Hurley and WO1 Bill Doodie for their unwavering support over their tenure with the Regiment. This day is a huge part of what makes our Association so successful and without that intimate support, it would not be anywhere near what it is, thanks gents. We can only hope the incoming team are just as supportive – I'm sure they will be.

To the author's surprise and excitement, there was an abundance of Emu Export in the fridge which sparked vivid memories. Being a proud West Australian, the first purchase was a no brainer but after cracking said can and savouring the first few sips those vivid memories collapsed in a screaming heap and I realized why I hadn't seen it sold outside of my home state forever....export indeed!! Let's be honest though, whether its Export, West End Draught, Melbourne Bitter, Boags Draught, Tooheys Draught, XXXX Bitter or NT Draught including the truly horrific Darwin Stubbie – every state has an iconic drop which even though referred to lovingly in folk lore, no bastard actually really likes. Oddly, I then saw the CO downing a can of my native drop and after brief enquiries, I have it on good authority (from his then Trg WO Justin 'Jnr' Smith) that he does enjoy a drop of it; a taste he apparently acquired as a young Capt serving with XLH.

Anything to spice up the old Lancelin training area, I guess!

As always, there was an eclectic mix of ex black hats and affiliates from far and wide this year including an apparent mini-invasion from the old 4 Cav fellas – including Joe Lindford, Paul Bell, Ray Jordan, Wal Overton and Paul 'Happy' Hanlon. Surprisingly and to the best of my knowledge, the farthest travelled this year was also Hap who hails from Darwin. Unsurprisingly, he was one of the last holding up the bar when last drinks were called – for this overall effort he was awarded BOG!

Food was aplenty this year despite the numerous crows' best efforts at lightening the load from the rear of Brooksy's ute while we were waiting to sign in (no, not the useless football club - the actual bird species)! Bait had to rescue the grub and got it to the 41 Club fridges resulting in minimal early losses. There was plenty left over at the end of the day this year which was ultimately donated to the club.

A huge thank you to Danny and Renate Brookes for organizing the food and raffles again this year. Due to last-minute changes, they had to pivot abruptly but came through for us again. And yes, for the record, Danny still can get quite spicy!! Seriously though, organising this part of the day every year isn't a small job so now that Danny has officially-retired, next year we will be looking at other options including PAYG food vans etc. If any of you know someone who may be interested in supporting the day at a reasonable cost, please contact us with the details and we will investigate.

As always, our ethos has always been that the Black Hat reunion has never just been restricted to ex 2nd/14th members but to anyone who has ever served in a black hat regiment. Moving forward, the committee's intention is to extend an invite to our annual event to the other RAAC Associations and their members to try and grow it even more. It is already one of, if not the biggest Association reunions of its type each year. As always, you can all help with this just by spreading the word!

See you all next year.

Author: Shane Lucas



TANK APC CONVERSION



Ukrainian heavy infantry fighting vehicle prototype

Could Ukraine have deployed its only tank-based BMP-55 heavy infantry fighting vehicle against Russian troops?

On April 21, 2025, Military Informant shared new pictures of the unique Ukrainian BMP-55, a heavy armoured personnel carrier developed in the 2000s based on the Soviet T-55 tank chassis but equipped with a T-64 engine. This prototype, officially designated as a heavy infantry fighting vehicle (IFV), was created by the Kharkiv Armoured Repair Plant in collaboration with the Kharkiv Morozov Design Bureau (KMDB) as part of a broader initiative to modernize obsolete Soviet armoured vehicles. The concept behind the BMP-55 was to offer a robust platform for troop transport with substantial battlefield survivability, while making use of surplus or decommissioned T-55 tanks that no longer met frontline standards.

Despite never proceeding beyond the prototype stage, the vehicle has recently resurfaced in Ukraine, potentially close to the combat zone, suggesting renewed interest in, or opportunistic deployment of, available hardware in the current high-intensity conflict. The BMP-55 differs significantly from Ukraine's other heavy IFV project, the BMP-64, which is based on the T-64 chassis. While both platforms share a similar mission and design logic, transforming main battle tanks into protected troop carriers, the BMP-55 uses the older T-55 hull as its foundation but notably incorporates the more modern 5TDF multifuel engine from the T-64. This 700-horsepower (513 kW) engine is mounted at the front of the vehicle, forming part of a modular engine-transmission unit designed

for rapid replacement under field conditions. The engine's frontal placement is not only a logistical improvement but also a tactical one, as it adds a layer of protection for the crew from frontal assaults and explosive threats.

The prototype vehicle, developed between 2000 and 2009, features extensive armour modifications. The frontal hull is protected by 270 mm of armour, rated to withstand direct fire from 90 mm armour-piercing rounds and equivalent to Level 7 of the NATO STANAG 4569 standard. Side armour is 81 mm thick and reinforced with 20 mm anti-cumulative shields, protecting against PG-7VM grenades launched from RPG-7 systems. The rear armour is rated at 40 mm, providing Level 4 protection against 14.5 mm armour-piercing projectiles. The underside of the hull is composed of a layered composite armour scheme specifically designed to mitigate the blast effects of anti-tank mines like the Soviet TM-57, achieving protection in accordance with NATO Level 5 standards.

The vehicle's layout allows for a rear-mounted ramp, a significant tactical feature absent from most Soviet-era IFVs such as the BMP-1 and BMP-2. This configuration permits infantry to dismount under full armour protection, reducing exposure to enemy fire. The ramp also facilitates the movement of wounded personnel or logistical materials in and out of the combat compartment. The vehicle is crewed by three and can carry between eight and ten troops, depending on the internal configuration. The internal design is built around a compact and efficient layout, where the engine compartment at the front is followed by the driver and commander positions, and then the troop bay in the rear. This linear layout simplifies ingress and egress operations under fire.

In terms of armament, the BMP-55 is fitted with a remotely operated weapon station that mounts a 12.7 mm NSVT heavy machine gun. This system is paired with a launcher for anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs) placed on the left side of the vehicle's roof. The weapon systems are independently operated, each with separate fire control channels. According to visual evidence from 2009 and early product cards, both systems were originally mounted on the prototype. However, the recently surfaced photos suggest that the NSVT machine gun has been removed and the ATGM launcher is incomplete or inactive, raising questions about the vehicle's current combat readiness. The vehicle's maximum road speed is variously cited as 60 or 70 km/h, and it has a stated operational range of up to 600 km.

Source: Army Recognition - 24 April 2025

THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD – BRIEF HISTORY



The Great Ocean Road was built by approximately 3,000 returned soldiers between 1919 and 1932 as a memorial for those who died in World War I. The project was a massive feat of manual labour, using explosives, picks, and shovels to carve the road through treacherous coastal terrain to connect remote communities and open the area for tourism. The private Great Ocean Road Trust oversaw the construction, with the road being officially opened in 1932 before tolls were eventually removed in 1936 and the road was handed over to the state government.

A 243-kilometer stretch along the southeastern coast of Australia, is the world's largest war memorial, built by returned soldiers after World War I. Its history is a testament to engineering ingenuity, a post-war employment initiative and a vision for connecting isolated coastal communities.



Historical Points

- **Pre-Construction Isolation:** Before the road, the rugged Victorian coast was accessible only by sea

or rough bush tracks. Plans for a coastal road had existed since the 1880s but gained momentum only after WWI.

- **A Plan for Employment and Remembrance:** William Calder, Chairman of the Country Roads Board, proposed using funds to employ returned soldiers on road projects. Geelong Mayor Howard Hitchcock expanded on this, forming the Great Ocean Road Trust as a private company in 1918 to finance the project and create a permanent memorial to fallen servicemen.

- **Construction (1919-1932):** Approximately 3,000 returned soldiers worked on the road in basic camps, using only picks, shovels, wheelbarrows and explosives to carve a path along the cliffs. The work was arduous and dangerous, with several workers losing their lives.

- **Funding and Tolls:** The Trust secured funds through private subscriptions and borrowing, with the plan to repay the debt by charging a toll once sections opened. The first section, from Eastern View to Lorne, opened in March 1922, with tolls in place.

- **Official Opening:** The entire road from Torquay to Allansford was officially opened on November 26 1932, and dedicated as a war memorial. Howard Hitchcock, the driving force behind the project, died just before the opening.

- **Gift to the State:** The tolls were abolished in October 1936 when the Great Ocean Road Trust handed the road over to the Victorian State Government as a gift.

- **Modern Recognition:** In 1962 it was deemed one of the "world's great scenic roads". In 2011 the Great Ocean Road was added to the Australian National Heritage List, ensuring its preservation.

Today, the road is a major tourist attraction, famous for iconic landmarks like the Twelve Apostles, a stunning testament to the natural beauty and the incredible human effort that forged this unique highway.



COMBAT DOZER BLADES BECOME CRUCIAL EQUIPMENT FOR REDBACK IFVS



Combat dozer blades will be integrated onto the Australian Army's new Redback Infantry Fighting Vehicles.

Combat engineering company Pearson Engineering announced it had been engaged in the contract under LAND 400 Phase 3.

In addition if operational requirements call for it, the combat dozer blade can be swapped out for a mine plough, counter-improvised explosive device roller or surface clearance device without further mechanical design or intervention.

The contract follows the extensive risk mitigation activity in Australia to prove the operational functionality and durability of the combat dozer blade.

Initiatives to localise the supply of the front-end equipment are underway with the formation of a team of suppliers that will provide fabrications, hydraulic components, harnesses, assembly and testing as part of Pearson Engineering's Australian industrial content commitment.

"This is an important milestone in our continued collaboration with the Australian Defence Force which goes back almost 20 years," said Richard Beatson, Pearson Engineering business development director.

"It builds on the in-country integration, training and support that we are providing as part of the LAND 907 program for both the M1 main battle tank and combat engineering vehicle and furthers our commitment to localising M-AIT.

"We understand and appreciate the challenges involved in being a provider on the other side of the

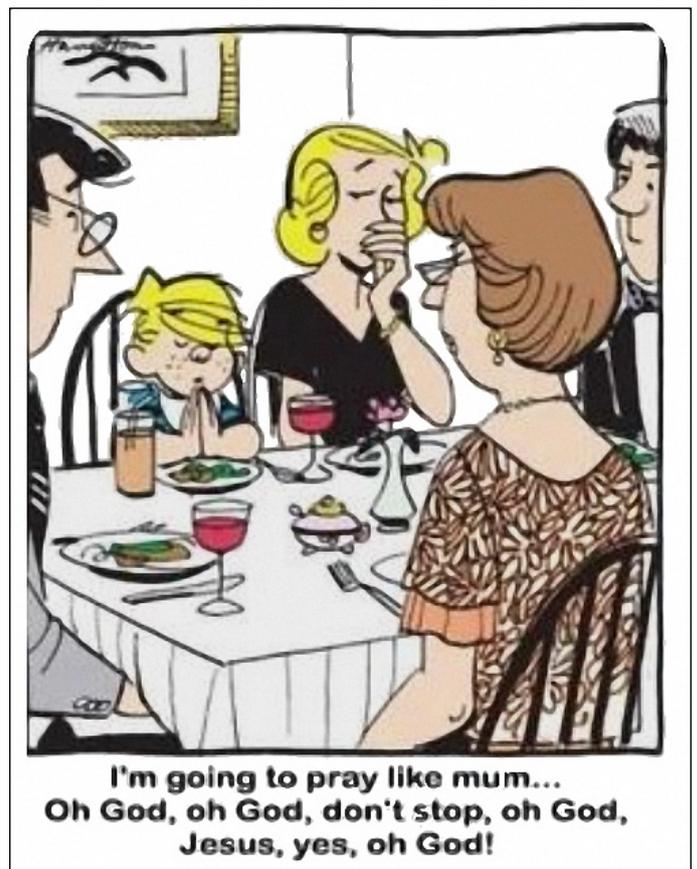
world and we have built into our plans our ability to support the project from within the Commonwealth." The Combat Dozer Blade will be integrated with Redback via a Pearson Engineering vehicle interface kit which is designed to accept a wide range of FEE from within Pearson Engineering's range of products.

With the initial integration of the combat dozer blade made, Redback has been future-proofed with the ability to adapt according to mission set.

The company counts among its end user base for combat dozer blades various countries across North and South America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Each variant is designed specifically to accommodate vehicle characteristics and operational requirements.

Source: COMBAT CONNECT 23 April 2025

By: Robert Dougherty



ARMY UNDERGOES SEA TRANSPORTABILITY TRIALS

A trial conducted with HMAS Adelaide this month has demonstrated Navy's ability to move some of Army's newest and heaviest land combat platforms.

Project Director Fundamental Inputs to Capability Colonel Ben Shepherd, of Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG), said the milestone was critical in ensuring Army's land combat systems were adaptable to Australia's strategic environment.

"Testing their integration and mobility with the Navy's [landing helicopter docks] LHDs demonstrates that we can move these vehicles rapidly and safely into areas where our forces are needed most," Colonel Shepherd said.

"Land combat vehicles have proven critical to support regional security and protect our soldiers." It was the first time Army's next-generation M1A2 Abrams tanks, combat engineering vehicles and Block II Boxer combat reconnaissance vehicles embarked in a Royal Australian Navy (RAN) ship to test their sea transportability, marking a milestone in the development of Australia's littoral capability.

Director Land Combat Vehicle Program – Army Colonel David Hughes said it was important for Army's combined-arms land system to be amphibious-capable and able to project into the littoral region.

"Land combat vehicles have proven critical to support regional security and protect our soldiers," Colonel Hughes explained.

"This activity proves that Army's newest armoured vehicles are truly part of the integrated joint force, thanks to the hard work and training by the soldiers of the 3rd Brigade, and the excellent support by Navy and CASG."

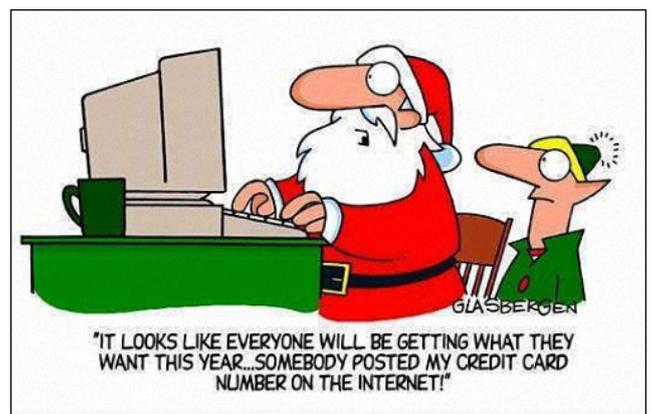
The trial paves the way for the vehicles to achieve their operational capability, ensuring they are ready for deployment.

The ability to transport armour by sea directly onto land allows Army to support amphibious missions, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, and regional security tasks with greater speed and flexibility.



With its shallow draft, Adelaide is purpose-built to operate in ports and coastal waters inaccessible to larger vessels, making it an ideal platform for amphibious operations.

Source: ADM 29 September 2025



STORMER HVM



The Stormer HVM (High Velocity Missile) is a British mobile short-range air defense system, designed to provide a mobile, rapid-response anti-aircraft capability. It is based on the Alvis Stormer armored vehicle platform and is equipped with the Starstreak High-Velocity Missile system. The primary role of the Stormer HVM is to protect ground forces and key installations from low-flying aircraft, helicopters, and UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) The Stormer HVM has been an important part of the British Army's air defense capabilities since the 1990s. It was developed as a response to the need for a mobile and effective short-range air defense system that could protect ground forces and key installations from low-flying aircraft and helicopters. The Stormer HVM is still in service with the British army and it was also exported to Oman. On Monday, April 25, 2022, the British Secretary of Defense announced that the United Kingdom would provide military aid to the country following the Russian invasion. As part of this aid, an undisclosed number of Stormer tracked armored vehicles fitted with the Starstreak HVM air defense missile system will be sent. In January 2024, it was announced that the British army had deployed Stormer HVM in Saudi Arabia to counter Houthi rebels' missile and drone attacks.

The Stormer HVM is fitted with the Starstreak missile weapon station armed with two blocks of four Starstreak missiles ready to fire. Another batch of 12 missiles is stored in the vehicle. The turret allows for 360-degree rotation, enabling the crew to rapidly acquire and engage targets from any direction. The turret also houses missile guidance and fire control systems. Two smoke grenade dischargers are mounted on each side at the front of the hull. The roof of the vehicle is fitted with an air defense alerting device (ADAD), supplied by Thales (formerly Pilkington) Optronics. The ADAD is an infrared thermal imaging surveillance system that is used

SPECIFICATIONS:

Armament	Eight Starstreak surface-to-air missiles
Armour	Protection against the firing of small arms and artillery shell splinters
Weight Vehicle	13,000 kg
Country users	Oman, United Kingdom, Ukraine
Designer Country	United Kingdom
Speed Vehicle	80 km/h
Combat Equipment	Communication systems, day/night vision, laser range finder, tracking and detection systems, NBC protection system
Range Vehicle	600 km
Crew	3
Dimensions Vehicle	Length: 5.6 m; Width: 2.8 m; Height: 3.4 m

by close air defense units, to detect hostile aircraft and helicopter targets and direct weapon systems into the target area. Operating as an infrared search and tracking system in the 8 - 14 micron waveband, the alerter is designed to operate against low and fast-moving fixed-wing aircraft, as well as the latest generation of attack helicopters. The ADAD has a target acquisition range of 18 km for Fighter Ground Attack (FGA) targets and 8 km for helicopters.

Source: army recognition group



Close view of Stormer HVM Starstreak missile turret.



KONGSBERG AND THALES FIRE NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE



Kongsberg and Thales have announced the successful live-firing of a Naval Strike Missile (NSM) test munition from the StrikeMaster missile launch vehicle in Norway.

"This firing is a clear demonstration of StrikeMaster's capability, providing assurance in the launcher's reliability and performance, and confirming its suitability for Australia and other nations. Our collaboration with Thales Australia enables us to offer the proven and fielded NSM CDS capability in a mobile, protected, and locally built configuration that aligns with the force structure of Australia and other nations," Kongsberg Defence Australia's Managing Director, John Fry said.

The test munition, known as a blast test vehicle (BTV) has comprised the missile's boost rocket motor and has been used to confirm the safe launch of the NSM.

"This successful live-fire proves the combination of the NSM and Bushmaster can provide a potent land based maritime-strike capability for Australia and our allies, and it will be made right here in Australia – supporting a sovereign industrial base," Thales Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Jeff Connelly, stated.

The NSM is an advanced, fifth generation, stealth cruise missile designed for both maritime strike and land attack against heavily defended targets. It has been selected by, or under delivery to, 14 nations including Norway, the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia, where it entered service with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in 2024.

The NSM itself can be deck launched from ships or fired from trucks as part of the NSM Coastal Defence System (CDS) without modification. NSM

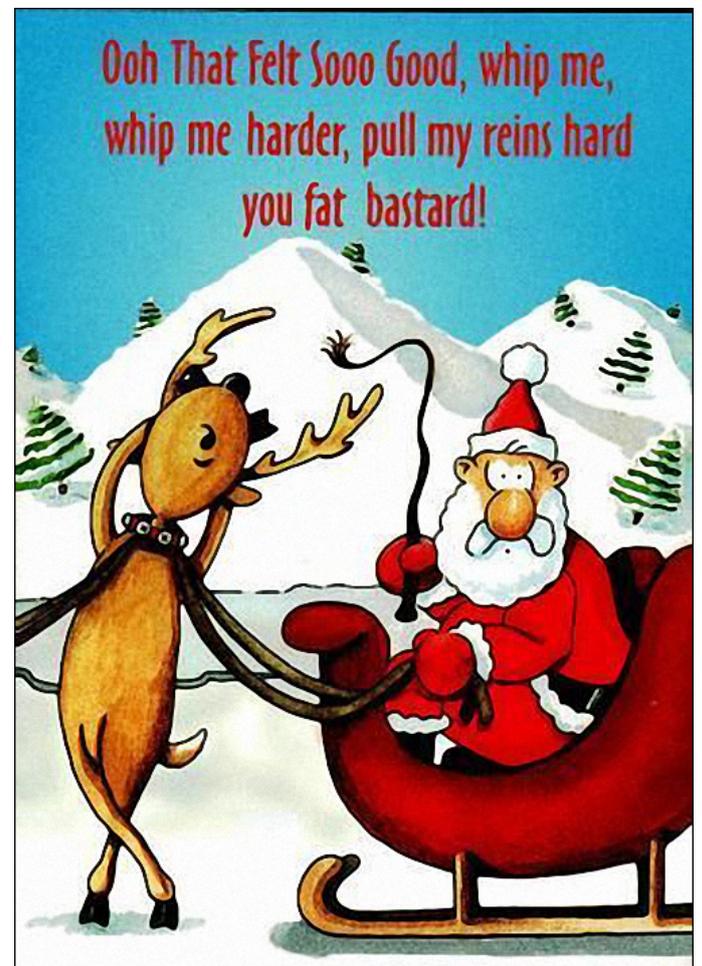
is currently used in a land based strike configuration with Poland and the US Marine Corps (USMC), and has been selected by three other NATO nations.

StrikeMaster is Kongsberg's Australian configuration of the NSM CDS, using Thales Australia's Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle as the platform for a twin pack NSM launcher. The configuration is similar to the launcher used by the USMC's NMESIS Ground Based Anti-Ship Missile program, which is currently being deployed in the region.

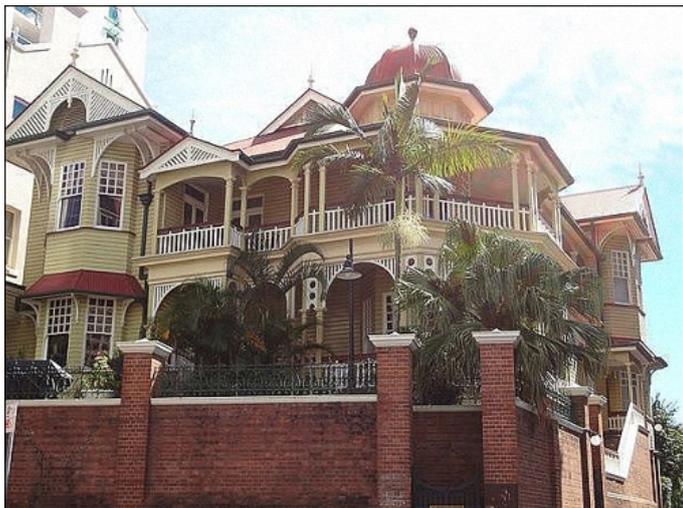
The StrikeMaster NSM CDS solution has also included a Fire Control Centre and Missile Re-supply Vehicle, both using the Bushmaster Platform.

The StrikeMaster NSM CDS system will be built in Australia, across Kongsberg Defence Australia and Thales Australia's factories in Adelaide and Bendigo.

SOURCE: ADM 25 October 2025



HAND-OVER TAKE-OVER LUNCH



Lunch Venue: United Service Club on Wickham Terrace

By Craig Whiteman, Secretary

Along with the posting cycle comes the time for the CO, LTCOL Tim Hurley and RSM, WO1 Bill Doodie to handover the reins after two successful years. Both have been excellent custodians of our Regiment and we wish them well in the next phase of their respective careers.

In appreciation to the CO and RSM for their support, your Association hosted a Handover / Takeover (HOTO) Lunch on Thu 4 December at the United Service Club Queensland (USCQ) on Wickham St.

Among the attendees were their successors LTCOL Thomas Johnson and WO1 Shane Smith. In the spirit of the occasion, past and present HONCOLs and Association Patrons, COL Steve Salmon and BRIG Mark Brewer also attended. For those with a long memory, Mark was CO of the Regiment in 2003 – 2004.

In a very personal touch, Steve Salmon invited and hosted the CO's Dad, Tim Hurley. His son, Tim had literally grown up in the regiment after graduating to the RAAC. He has served in several prior roles in our regiment including troop leader and squadron command. I am sure it is his melancholy experience to leave the regiment.

Thank you, Tim, and Bill for your service.

Equally we welcome the new command team Tom and Shane. The Regimental Association is here to support and we look to the future together.



ADF AS9 HUNSTMAN FIRES ON AUSTRALIAN SOIL

An Australian Defence Force AS9 Huntsman self-propelled howitzer has been fired on Australian soil by Australian soldiers for the first time.

The artillery vehicle conducted a live firing at Puckapunyal, Victoria, with School of Artillery and 4th Regiment Royal Australian Artillery personnel. Thirty AS9s and 15 AS10s are scheduled to enter service with the Australian Army by 2028 and will be primarily operated by 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery in Townsville.

Earlier this year in February, the two AS9 155 mm/52 calibre tracked self-propelled howitzers and one AS10 armoured ammunition resupply vehicle were unveiled in AusCam markings as part of a federal government and industry photo shoot.

The vehicles, manufactured overseas by Korean defence company Hanwha, reportedly arrived in Australia late last year and are the first LAND 8116 vehicles to feature AusCam markings.

“Members of the School of Artillery and 4th Regiment Royal Australian Artillery recently conducted live-fire training on the new AS9 Huntsman Self-Propelled Howitzer at Puckapunyal, Victoria,” according to a statement from Defence.

“This was the first time the new AS9 Huntsman Self-Propelled Howitzer had been fired on Australian soil by Australian soldiers.

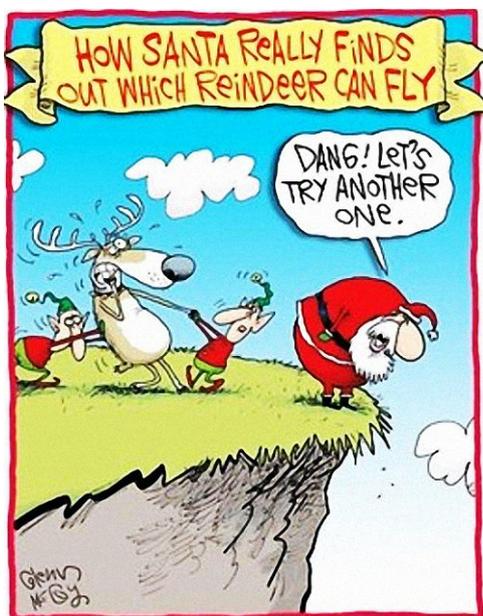


“The Australian government has committed to acquiring 30 AS9 Huntsman self-propelled howitzers and 15 AS10 armoured ammunition resupply vehicles over the next two years, through industry partner Hanwha Defence Australia.”

In 2024, Australian Army gunners were able to fire the K9 self-propelled howitzer as part of familiarisation training held in South Korea. During that trip, Townsville-based gunners were among nine members attending the training on the K9 self-propelled howitzer to become future instructors on the vehicles, which will be primarily operated by 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery in Townsville by 2028.

At that time, it was expected that there would be more in-depth, train-the-trainer course for potential instructors so they can teach trainees from the 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery at Puckapunyal.

SOURCE: DEFENCE CONNECT -
03 December 2025 By: Robert Dougherty
Photo: Belinda Dinami



2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER



Annual Subs (in advance) are always due 27th February ie the Regiment's Birthday.

You will have no doubt been contacted by now if in arrears, so if you have forgotten to pay NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT. Annual subs are only \$10 per year, which is way less than the cost of 2 coffees over that same period.

EFT Payment can be made directly to the Association's bank account:

BSB: 833205
Account No: 20362781
Account Name: 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Qld Mounted Infantry) Association Inc.

Note: Defence Bank members should use "2ND" as the three characters for a Defence Bank Transfer. Please ensure to tag the EFT with your SURNAME and INITIALS.

Multiple year's subs up to \$50 will be accepted.

If you have any query regarding your membership status, please email the Secretary – secretary.214@gmail.com

Welfare and educational support available for RAAC soldiers, veterans and their families in time of need.

The RAAC's Colonel John Haynes Trust

As a serving or ex-serving RAAC member, if you or a member of your immediate family, requires assistance because of family trauma, emergency or an educational need you might qualify for a grant or financial assistance from the COL John Haynes Trust.

A career RAAC soldier for 36 years, John enlisted in the CMF in 1948 and soon realised he wanted to pursue a military career. He transferred to the ARA, was accepted to Duntroon and graduated to Armour. He had the rare distinction of having served in almost every RAAC unit during his career. His long service included Vietnam in 1970.

He always had a strong passion for RAAC members' welfare, especially their families and War Widows. After retiring in 1984 John became a driving

force behind the introduction of the Armoured Combat Badge and as the National President of the RAAC Association he set the groundwork and drove the activity that achieved the construction of the excellent Boer War Memorial in Canberra to honour the Australian Light Horse, our horse mounted predecessors.

John died in 2020 bequeathing a substantial sum to the RAAC via the RAAC Association (NSW) which set up the Trust in his name to honour his wish of assisting RAAC members, and their families, when no other means of assistance is available.

For more information, or an application form, visit the Trust's website:

haynestrust.org

or email: william.cross@haynestrust.org



Colonel John Haynes AM



Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organised By / Remarks
Jan 28 1530-1600 (Wed)	Association Brief to the Regt	41 Club	Unit
Feb 05 1500 (Thurs)	Management Committee Mtg	Victoria Barracks	President/ Secretary
Feb 27 (Thurs)	Regimental Birthday (27 Feb)	TBC	RSM
Mar 13 1200 (Fri)	Black (Hats) Friday Lunch	Gaythorne RSL	Committee / Casual PAYG
Apr 16 1500 (Thurs)	Management Committee Mtg	TBC	President/ Secretary
April 25 (Sat)	ANZAC DAY • Dawn Service • March • Post march beers	2/14 LHR QMI Lines Enoggera Brisbane City TBC	TBC by RSM Committee to Organise
May 02 (Sat)	Corps Dinner (Arrival Drinks Fri 01 May)	School of Armour (Accom/Travel at own expense)	Via Secretary to Tim Finn
May 14 1500 (Thurs)	Management Committee Mtg	TBC	President/ Secretary
May 22 1500 (Fri)	AGM + Member/Guest Dinner	Gaythorne RSL	President/ Secretary
Jun 20/21 (Sat/Sun)	Association Tall Tales Camp	TBC (Samford)	VP to Organise / Brett Lane
Jul 19 1200 (Sun)	RAAF Amberley Base Heritage Centre visit	Amberley RAAF	GB Membership / Details TBA
Aug 20 1500hrs (Thurs)	Management Committee Mtg	TBC	President/ Secretary
Aug 23 1200hrs (Sun)	Black Hat Family Lunch	Greenbank RSL	Assistant Secretary / PAYG
Sep 19 TBAhrs (Sat)	Wine Tasting & Family Picnic	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Winery	Committee / Wine Tasting or BYO. Hampers available.
Oct 08 1500 (Thurs)	Management Committee Mtg	TBC	President/ Secretary
Oct 31 (Sat)	Beersheba Day Celebration	TBC	Committee
Nov 07 (Sat)	Black Hat BBQ & Drinks	41 Club	Committee
Dec 10 1500 (Thurs)	Management Committee Mtg and Xmas Drinks	41 Club TBC	President/ Secretary
Dec Date TBC	Regt End of Year Parade	Unit	Unit/SB

NOTES

- Every Friday there is a catch-up coffee at 1000hrs at Pepper and Salt Keperra Shopping Centre
- Ad hoc catch-up coffees as detailed on social media ...
- 2/14 FB: 2/14 LHR Association and Black Hats FB: Black Hats North Side Brisbane

NOMINAL ROLL DECEMBER 2025

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME(S)	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME(S)	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME(S)
APPLEBY	GORDON MALCOLM	ELWELL	LEONARD JOHN	MCMAMARA	GRAHAM LAWRENCE
BALKIN	RODNEY JOHN	ERIKSEN	JAMES ROBERT GEORGE	MCQUILLAN	MATTHEW
BARHAM	ANDREW	FALLEN	STAFFORD ERNEST	MEECHAM	MAURICE WILLIAM
BARLOW	PETER GEOFFREY	FARMER	MILES WILMOT	METRIKAS	DAVID
BARTHOLOMEW	COLIN EDWARD	FAY	BOYD JAMES	MEYER-GLEAVES	PIERRE
BEAUCHAMP	PETER	FERGUSON	BRUCE MACMILLAN	MILLAR	GARRY DAVID
BELL	PAUL JAMES	FINLAY	ROBERT GRAYDEN	MILLER	TALAN BENJAMIN
BIRBECK	IAN WILLIAM	FLOOD	ALAN	MOLLER	PETER NEVILLE
BIRD	RICHARD	FLYNN	TREVOR	MORRIS	KEITH EDWARD
BIRD	STEPHEN RALPH	GALLAGHER	CHRISTOPHER	MOYNIHAN	JEREMY
BISHOP	JOHN THOMAS	GAUDRON	DARRYL CLIVE	MURDOCH	GLYNN PATRICK
BLYTH	COLIN ROBERT	GIBB	MALCOLM	MYERS	GREGORY FRANCIS
BORDUJENKO	GLENN MICHAEL	GIBB	ROSLYN RAE	NOBES	ANTHONY JOHN
BRETT	FREDRICK	GILL	GEOFFREY BURTON	NOFFKE	SELWYN GEORGE
BREWER	MARK	GOMERSALL	ROSS LAWRENCE	O'DONNELL	MICHAEL MELLIN
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BROOKES	DANIEL	HARDY	SIMON DESMOND	O'ROURKE	THOMAS JAMES
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BROWN	DIANE LESLEY	HAYES	BERNARD JAMES	PEAKE	GREGORY JOHN
BROWN	GEORGE	HENDERSON	ANDREW	PEPPER	JOHN EDWARD
BROWN	GRAEME RODNEY	HENSLER	JOHN	PHILLIPS	KENNETH ROY
BROWN	JASON BOURKE	HERBERT	JOHN PAUL	PITCHER	GREG JOHN
BROWN	MICHAEL JAMES	HERMANN	BRUCE RONALD	POOLE	ROBERT GEORGE
BROWN	RICHARD LEONARD	HICKEY	LUKE PETER	PORTER	STEPHEN
BUNKER	COLIN LESLIE	HOHN	ROD JAMES	PROUDFOOT	PETER CAMERON
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BURKE	ANTHONY JOSEPH	HOLDER	GARY JAMES	REDDAN	IAN LAURENCE
BURLEY	SHAYNE	HOLDER	WENDY ANN	REWKO	PETER MICHAEL
BURNELL	JEFF	HOLLAND	CORY DARRYL KENNY	ROCHE	MICHAEL JAMES
BURNS	CHRISTOPHER MARK	IZATT	DAVID JOHN	RUSHBY	PETER ROY
BURROWS	GRAEME JAMES	JACKWITZ	KEVIN HERMANN	RUSSELL	GEOFFREY ALAN
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CATTS	ADELE	JENSSEN	ERIK JOHN	SARGENT	DARREN
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CHAPPEL	KAREN	JORDAN	RAY	SHEPHERD	KEITH EDWARD PATRICK
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CHILDS	THOMAS EDWARD	KEENAN	PATRICK	SPATARO	GIUAEPPE
CHIVERS	ALEXANDER FRANCIS	KENNEDY	MICHAEL DAMIEN	STEPHENS	CHRIS
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COUGHLIN	JOAN MARY	LESLIE	DEREK PETER	VONK	ROBERT WILLIAM
COX	NIGEL BRENDON	LILLIEBRIDGE	PHILLIP	WADESON	ANTHONY
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CROSS	WILLIAM PATRICK	LOWE	TREVOR	WEAR	RUSSELL BARRY
CROSSLEY	MICHAEL	LUCAS	SHANE	WEBSDANE	CHRISTOPHER ANDREW
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DEVRELL	CHRISTOPHER BRIAN	MAGILL	KIERAN ANTHONY	WILCOX	DARREN ANDREW
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