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OLD BOYS PARADE
SUNDAY 23RD APRIL
10AM 10LH MEMORIAL
KINGS PARK

ANZAC DAY 25TH

DAWN SERVICE
5.30

PERTH PARADE
8.30

10LH REGIMENT
12 NOON

Details within



It is pleasing to advise that the new Committee has settled in well and is concentrating on giving the best service to you, our members, both on Social Events but importantly on our Armour Ceremonial Events.

March has been a very unique and ceremonial month with the dedication of the Tenth Light Horse Memorial at Guildford on 12 March 2023.

The event was well organised and meaningful. All speakers spoke well and delivered strong messages on our history. The Memorial truly reflects the history of our Regiment and the artis and supervising body is to be congratulated.

The second major historical even was The Freedom of Entry Granting Parade on Saturday 25 March 2023 by the City of Perth to our Tenth Light Horse Regiment. Du to medical reasons I was unable to attend, and I was well represented by many RAACAWA Members. I did record the Event on all 3 major Channels and watched the Ceremony with pride. Well done All.

April is another annual busy period with the Old Boys Parade organised be the Regiment and ANZAC DAY organised by RSLWA. Unfortunately dur to medical conditions I will not be able to attend for the first time in many years but I will be ably represented by John Dwyer for the Wreath Laying Ceremony and by our new Vice President Colin Davies in the March. Our Patron Col Ken Ashman with lead RAACAWA followed by our Vice President I wish you all a fantastic and respectful day.

On the Social front our Black Hats' Coffee Morning held the last Thursday, each month is still in it's infancy but those attending are very happy and positive to share fellowship with members attending. In conclusion I look forward to another great year with the current Committee and always in the best interest of you, our Members. If you have any suggestions or comment please do contact me by phone or email and I will do my very best to act in the best interest of all.

Yours in Armour,
Robert Gesmundo

President
5 April 2023

Old Boys' Parade 2023

Invitation from the Commanding Officer LT COL Dan Wright and RSM Chris Sharp to attend the "Old Boys Parade"

Location: 10th Light Horse Memorial Fraser Avenue Kings Park

Time/Date: 10.00am Sunday 23rd April

Dress. Association Dress with medals with name plate Partners and Friends: Welcome to attend

Post event meet for coffee at the Botanical Cafe opposite State War memorial

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

DAWN SERVICE STATE WAR MEMORIAL 5.30AM

Wreath on behalf of all past and serving members

The traditional Coffee Plus after the event returns this year with All Black Hats attending welcome to attend after event courtesy of Member Bill Robertson who will be located near the Boer War Memorial between Fraser Avenue and Cliff St under the Palm Trees.

PERTH MARCH

All Black Hats welcome to march with the Association

Association or similar dress with medals name plate for members

Form up time from 8.45am

Form Up location St Georges Tce between Barrack and London Court Section F 52

THROSSELL VC CLUB 10LH REGIMENT IRWIN BARRACKS

Food and Beverages available at this event commencing 12.30pm

Association members, partners and family welcome

Entry through main gate Irwin Barracks to be held at Es Salt Lines

RSLWA ANZAC EVENTS www.rslwa.org.au/commemoration/anzac-day/services

RAACA WA BITES

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

1. A strategic plan is being developed within the committee to establish future directions with the intent of maintaining a viable organisation and providing additional membership services.
2. Organisation of services and events around ANZAC DAY have been a focus with arrangements for each in this edition of Commentary
3. The maintenance of grounds and Cambrai House are being maintained by committee members. If you would like to assist on the odd occasion please contact Colin Davies
4. Tony Beekwilder is organising a visit to the Perth Mint followed by lunch at a nearby hotel more detail to follow.

THROSSELL CLUB ANZAC DAY EVENT ES SALT LINES IRWIN BARRACKS

The function goes from 12:00-17:30, with the bar being open from 12:30-17:30.

This year we will have;

- A wide variety of tap beer, wines, spirits and non alcoholic options at a affordable price
 - Food Trucks
 - Free sausage sizzle for children
 - Live Music
 - Entertainment for the children
 - Auctions
 - The Collingwood vs Essendon game on the big screen inside the TVCC
 - Two Up
- ⇒ Buses to a venue in the city after the event
- ⇒ Photo ID required at Security Gate

World War 1

The Legacy of Alaric Pinder Boor KIA Battle of Beersheba



"He shed lustre during his life."
... He was "a great power of good."

Alaric born in 1892 attended CBC Perth claiming academic and sports honours in equal measure. He was the leader of the student body in his final year, Captain of the AFI and Cricket teams. Champion boxer and gymnast and a member of the rowing eight. He was an emerging leader of men. He also played league football for Subiaco and East Perth.

In 1912 he was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship and moved to the UK the following year where he studied medicine at Oxford University. When war broke out he joined the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and was in France as a Lieutenant by the end of 1914.

In 1917 he completed a short flying course and joined the 113th SQN Royal Flying Corps a service with a very short life expectancy. He was returning from a mission over Beersheba on the 31st of October when his RE8 Bi Plane crashed. Alaric was laid to rest at El Imara. He was 25 years old.

At Trinity College, the successor of CBC Perth, Students who display excellence in their work are awarded Pinder Boor certificates. In 2022 the Pinder Boor medal was introduced and awarded to year 12 students who have been awarded the certificate in every semester from year 7 to 12 eleven consecutive reporting periods. Five students were awarded the inaugural award.

SGT MICHAEL REGINALD RAINEY MILITARY MEDAL

RAAC C SQN 1 ARMoured REGIMENT SOUTH VIETNAM

Corporal Michael Rainey enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 21 December 1960 and was allotted to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps. He joined C Squadron, 1st Armoured Regiment in October 1967 and arrived in South Vietnam with 3 Troop of the Squadron in April 1968.

On 22 August 1968, during Operation Nowra, Corporal Rainey was a tank crew Commander with 3 Troop when the Troop was sent into Long Dien with an infantry Company, to clear it of enemy. At approximately 1025 hours, Corporal Rainey's tank came under small arms and anti-tank rocket fire from both sides. Because of the narrowness of the road, 3 Troop was able to advance only in line ahead formation with Corporal Rainey's tank leading and receiving heavy fire.

Despite this he continued to advance, returning the enemy fire and destroying several strong points. In the face of his accurate fire the enemy commenced to withdraw. A running battle then commenced which lasted for six hours during which Corporal Rainey continued to lead the advance.

During this period his tank suffered a gunnery failure which limited his ability to return fire. He continued to advance firing his machine gun only until, after an hour, he was able to rectify the fault. In the course of the battle Cpl Rainey's tank was constantly under action he greatly contributed to the speed of the advance and the rout of the enemy.

His disregard for his own personal safety and his leadership of his crew were an inspiration to the remainder of the Troop and showed a standard of sustained courage which reflects great credit upon himself and his Regiment.

TENTH LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT 3RD BRIGADE
AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE AIF
COMMEMORATION OF STATUE STIRLING SQUARE GUILDFORD



Around this location men and horses gathered to enlist in the newly formed Regiment and train for war. The nominal roll held at the Australian War Memorial for the unit during WW1 was 1429 Officers and Soldiers of whom 249 paid the ultimate sacrifice in defence of their country. Many returned with injuries as demonstrated by the 52 Red Cross files held at the AWM.

The Regiment was granted 16 Battle Honours with 186 individual bravery awards to those serving during the course of the war.

The dedication of this memorial will ensure future generations in the area will be reminded of the standards set by Regiment, its Officers and Soldiers, the women who supported them overseas and the families they left behind. Those standards are the measure of those have served in the unit over the past century and those who now serve.

This memorial Statue would not have been achieved without a committee of heritage people and politicians who have worked together over many years to bring the project to fruition. To Laurens West a member of our Association who joined the committee in the early days and has used his and the expertise of others to ensure authenticity - we thank you.



GRANTING OF THE FREEDOM OF ENTRY BY PERTH CITY TO THE TENTH LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT 13 BRIGADE ARMY ADF

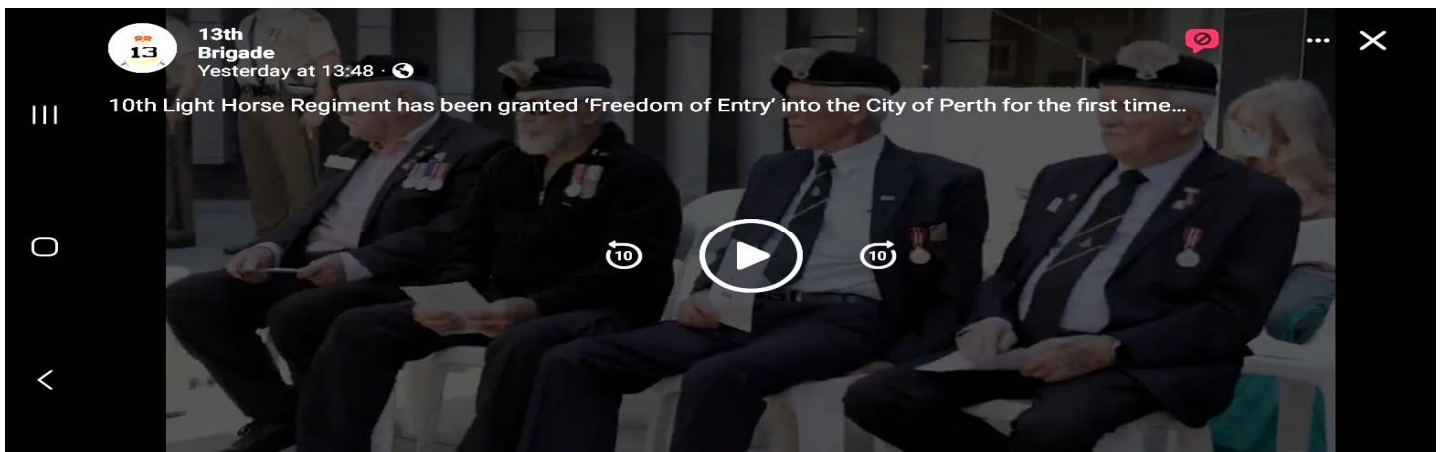
The granting of freedom of entry represents the highest civic honour the city Of Perth can bestow on a military unit and is a symbolic honour, demonstrating trust, loyalty and a sense of community between the city and 10th Light Horse Regiment, the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Wright said.

“Today we express our appreciation to the local community, in which our soldiers live, work and train, for granting this privilege for the first time in our 108-year history.

“Army has been supported by the community in Western Australia since before the First World War, and that support is essential for us to do what we do, and continues today. We are so proud to call this city our home.”

Regimental Sergeant Major Warrant Officer Class 1 Christopher Sharp said the freedom-of-entry parade acknowledged the regiment’s strong history while looking to the future.

“The 10th Light Horse Regiment is one of the most storied units in WA history, and the city of Perth bestowing the freedom of entry reflects that,” Warrant Officer Class 1 Sharp said.



ACTIVITIES 2023 RAACA WA

Black Hat Coffee Mornings
Last Thursday of the Month
APRIL 27 AND MAY 25

10am at the Dome Deepwater Point 100 the Esplanade Mt Pleasant
All black hats welcome no bookings just come along bring some memorabilia if you like

Committee Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the month 1pm
At Cambrai House Irwin Barracks
MAY 9 JUNE 13

Any member welcome please contact Secretary who will organise entry into the barracks
(Please note MAR meeting on the 7th)

Old Boys Parade
Sunday 23rd of April
10am 10LH Memorial Fraser Avenue Kings
Coffee Shop Fraser avenue after the event

ANZAC DAY ACTIVITIES 25th of April

Dawn Service Perth Wreath Laying Ceremony
Coffee Plus under palm trees near Boer War Memorial

Perth Parade
8.30am St Georges Tce between Barrack St and Trinity Arcade

10LH Regiment Unit Function
12 noon Es Salt Lines Irwin Barracks

Weekend 17 and 18 June

Merridin and Nungarin Bus Trip inclusive of overnight stay

Merredin Military Museum
Nungarin Overnight Stay
Big Sunday Breakfast and Visit Nungarin Museum

ANZAC House Visit inclusive of Lunch at ANZAC Club
Wednesday 20th of September
Time to be advised

Sunday 26th of November
Cambrai Day Parade and Luncheon

Please note details of each event will be provided when developed