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PRESIDENT ROBERT GESMUNDO

Welcome to our Commentary Newsletter

.It is pleasing to advise that even with the ever-present COVID-19 we have been able to participate in the Old Boys Parade on Saturday 31 October 2020 at Kings Park. A Sqn Tenth Light Horse did a superb job in organising the Parade. The format was the best I have seen in many years and I would like to congratulate A Sqn on a job well done.

RAACAWA Members did us proud in the numbers attending, and presentation and we received direct compliments on the day from the OC A Sqn MAJOR Duane Nurse. I was very proud to be the privileged President laying the Wreath and reciting the ODE. Well done RAACAWA Members attending.

Our second event was Cambrai Day Lunch commemorating the 103rd year of the Battle of Cambrai. This was held at the RAAFA Estate in Bull Creek on Sunday 22 November 2020. The attendance was fantastic, and The Parade made me proud to be your President.

Our Patron Col Ken Ashman sent me a congratulatory text message commenting how well we were on parade and the short March culminating in the traditional laying of the Wreath, the Ode, The Last Post, one-minute silence and Rouse followed by the address by our Patron Col Ken Ashman.

The lunch was a great success with the required formal protocol followed by great sharing of friendship. I would like to thank our Committee for their full support and Ross Leighton and his lovely wife Vicky for organising the Roses for the Ladies, the very impressive place mats and design and printing of the Menu. I especially thank you all who attended and made this such a great event.

Let us look at 2021 as a more positive and much improved year allowing us to share more time together at special events. Your Committee will be working hard to ensure that these events happen, but they can only be a success with your co-operation, attendance and support.

In conclusion Maria and I would like to wish you all and your families a Holy and Peaceful Christmas and a Fantastic 2021.
 Stay well and stay safe.

Yours in Armour

Robert Gesmundo
 President





10th Light Horse Regiment OLD BOYS PARADE 2020

The traditional Old Boys Parade held at Kings Park was a tribute by the young Tenth under the command of MAJOR Duane Nurse and organised by SSM Luke Wolfe. Together with past serving members of the unit we gathered together to honour those that have gone before us in the service of their country and in particular those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during times of conflict.

Association Patron COL Ken Ashman MSM USA (Retd) along with our President who laid the wreath and recited on the ODE were part of the official party with members of the Association forming part of the honour group along with two elements of the A SQN.

The unit paraded with colours with both the Guidon Party and the Catafalque Party groups with all members showing a high standard in dress, drill and overall presentation. The HON COL BRIG Phil White recounted for those present the contributions made by the original tenth thus setting a standard that has been the aim of all who have served in the regiment since that time.

It is an appropriate time to remember those members of the Association that have died during this COVID year all of whom made a strong contribution to the Regiment during the 60s and 70s and were active members of the Association.

SGT BARRY CLEMENTS

LT FRED HARMER

WO2 JOHN WILLIAMS

MR KEN MANSOM LM (CIVILIAN MEMBER)

In addition two members of the 10th Light Horse Regiment

LT DON BROWN

LT ALVIN HARRIS



GUIDON PARTY 60s

+

SGT Ray Lederer

WO2 Dick Jones

SGT Bill Horrocks

GROUP PHOTO

CAMBRAI PARADE AND LUNCHEON



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Members of the Association paraded at the RAAFA Bullcreek memorial for the remembrance service where our Patron Col Ken Ashman delivered an address in regard to the significance of the event and President Robert laid a wreath on behalf of all members of the Association and Corps

Cambrai Luncheon - President's Welcome

Distinguished Guests as previously mentioned, Members of RAACA WA and wives/partners, it is indeed my honour, privilege and pleasure to welcome you to this very meaningful annual event especially in my first year as President.

As we are all aware this has not been a great year but like others we stayed together and did our very best to live a normal life, if that is possible. Our strength lies in our belief that this shall also pass, and some normality return soon

I would like to extend a big Thank You to our Patron Col Ken Ashman for again accepting the role of Patron for 2021. I must acknowledge that your Committee initially this year under the leadership of Immediate Past President John Dwyer and later with me as President did exceptionally well and worked very hard to give Membership as much attention, activity and communication over this year 2020.

At the AGM we farewelled a great Committee member in Ian Goodall and I would like to thank Ian for his dedication and excellent work in Committee. We are also pleased to acknowledge the election of Tony Beekwilder to the Committee and he has already demonstrated his dedication and willingness to work within the team. Welcome Tony.

To the rest on our Committee I again thank them all for their dedication, enthusiasm and maximum effort, and for being my strength and support.

Due to COVID -19 we had very limited Social activities. Thanks to Ross Leighton's Social responsibilities we did enjoy a very successful visit to the Mosman Park Tunnels and a free visit to Whiteman Park and the Motor Museum. We were also invited by A Sqn Tenth Light Horse to participate in the Old Boys Parade and I am please to say that we had a very good attendance and the OC A Sqn personally thanked and congratulated us for attending.

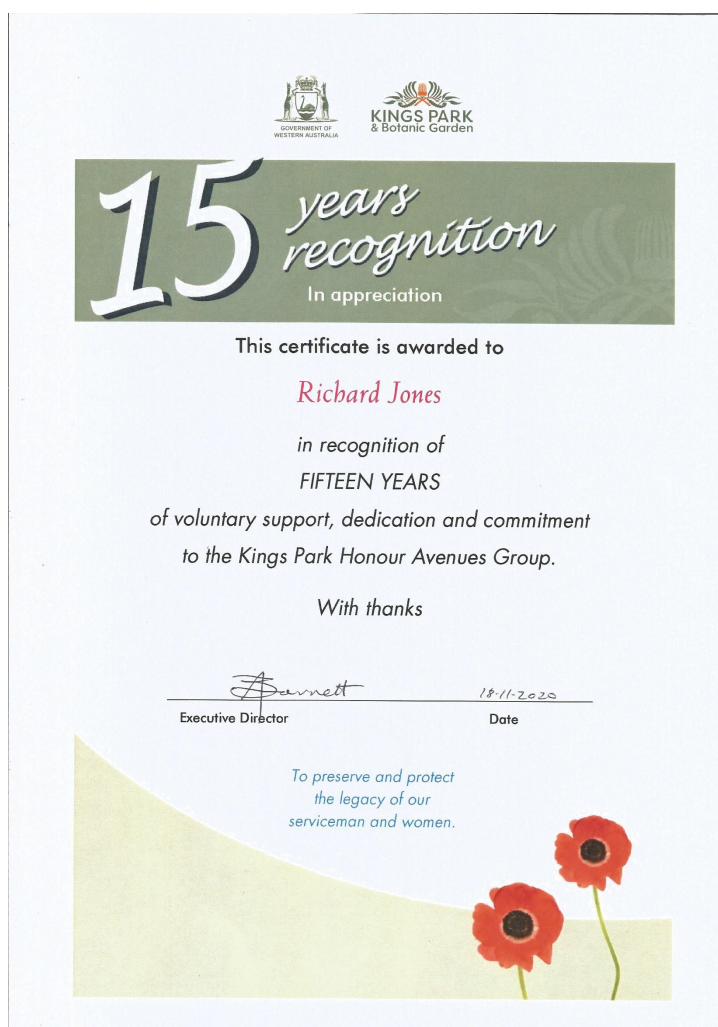
It was our privilege and Honour to attend. We were also able to hold our AGM as we did have a quorum. Thank you all for your support and understanding. As the COVID - 19 restrictions seem to ease we may be able to organise more social activities during 2021

Our best method of communication with our membership is via our newsletter Commentary currently sent to you via email so please do open it and read it. I am currently working on a possibility to post a hard copy of Commentary to all the Membership but that is a work in progress - as they say

In conclusion I would like to assure you that your Committee will work diligently and always in the best interest of you, our members. Please share good times and great memories and enjoy this Commemorative Lunch today.

On behalf of our Committee and Maria and I we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your Families a Peaceful and Holy Christmas and a fantastic and safe 2021.

HONOURS AVENUE GROUP



May Drive became the first Honours Avenue in Kings Park in 1919. Some 1800 plaques are now in place commemorating the service of Western Australian who did not return to Australia.

Currently the Honours Avenue group where Dick volunteers as foreman of the workshop where the plaques are designed and produced . The Group, part of the Highgate RSL, is responsible for all activities associated with allocation, production, upkeep and support for commemorative days.

For information in regard to the group and information on each of the plaque holders go to web site bgpa.wa.gov.au and look up the Honours Avenue Group

Well done Dick

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TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

ENJOY THE FESTIVE SEASON

STAY SAFE