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Follow The Sapper

Greetings fellow Sappers and Friends.

The 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day was celebrated by our members together with all the members of 1 CER based at Robertson Barracks. The 1 CER hospitality was like family meeting family. They made their Garden of Remembrance available for our Memorial Service. We asked the SSMs of the four squadrons to read out every name of every Sapper KIA within 1 FD COY, 9 FD COY, 2/1 FD COY, 1 FD SQN GP and 1 CER. We made sure that "Their Name Liveth For Evermore".

We provided three speakers for the 1 CER seminar on PTSD - Jethro Thompson OAM, Trevor Cox and George Hulse. We provided two interviewees for the general public - Jethro with the Darwin ABC and Ken Ford with a Palmerston High School.

1 CER hosted us to lunch and presented a magnificent display of military hardware including the Tiger Attack helicopter, Abrams tank, explosive detection gear and vehicles, combat engineer tractor, AFVs, modern combat engineer plant and equipment and of course their fantastic explosive detection dog teams. We helped to drink their boozier dry (literally) and made a cash donation to their Regimental Funds. 1 CER treated us to a barbie lunch in the area adjacent to their Sapper Fred Reynolds Centre.

ANZAC Day commenced with a "Gunner's Breakfast" of rum and coffee in the Palmerston Sports Club (collocated with the RSL Sub-branch). Dawn Service was a moving ceremony at the Palmerston Shrine. It was packed with the local people who came to pay their respects to those who gave so much. The Association laid a book (not a wreath) entitled "History of 1 FD SQN GP RAE" by Colonel Brian Florence AM MC. This book is to be donated to a local high school.

... Celebrations continues on the next page .

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After the Dawn Service we returned to the Sports Club for breakfast. Assembled for the ANZAC Day march in the Palmerston Bunning's car park, put up our new banner, marched up front of the parade (behind the Palmerston RSL management contingent), followed by pipes and drums. Behind the band was 1 CER led by their CO LTCOL Mick Scott. 1 CER RSM, WO1 Allan Lewis CSM organised the contingents and we stepped off. At the saluting dais we passed under the crossed barrels of 155mm cannon, gave an "eyes right" to the Mayor, Commander Norforce and two United States Marine Corps officers. As we did that, two Tiger Attack helicopters roared overhead.

After the march, we assembled again at the Palmerston Shrine for a post-march commemorative service. Again, the local population packed the park with people. The Association laid a second book. This was donated and placed at the Shrine by Jethro Thompson. The book is entitled "A Vietnam Vet's Remarkable Life" by John "Jethro" Thompson OAM.

Lunch was served in the Sports Club and was a feast at a very low price. We gathered in groups at tables and yarned well into the rest of the day. The Palmerston RSL Sub-branch and the Sports Club supported our events to the maximum extent possible. 1 FD SQN GP RAE Association is very grateful to the Palmerston RSL and Sports Club team for their support, conviviality and facilities.



Images from ANZAC Day Commemorations at Darwin 2015

To all our avid readers and fellow Sappers - I am sure you have some great photos and yarns that we would all enjoy reading. We want more content for "Follow the Sapper". Please, if you have stuff you are happy to share, pass it along to me. My email address is dvsmith@ozemail.com.au.



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Cover photo: 1 FD SQN new banner being marched at the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day at Palmerston NT

From the Editor

By the time this edition goes to print, many of us will have attended an ANZAC Day service. Some of us will have marched with the current serving members of 1st Combat Engineer Regiment including 1 Field Squadron. Photos and stories will appear further in this edition. All of us will have cause to remember fallen comrades.

As we know, 2015 is a very significant year. It is the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli in what most would agree gave birth to the ANZAC Spirit. 18th June sees the 100th anniversary of the completion of Watsons Pier at Gallipoli and the birth of the Waterloo Dinner which some will be at Gallipoli to celebrate that event.

April 2015 also has great significance for the Vietnamese people. 30th April 1975, 40 years ago, saw the fall of Saigon. No doubt some will rejoice, some will reflect with sadness and a feeling of great loss while others will question the need for that dreadful conflict. Many of the Allied forces fell during the bitter war years. Our enemy suffered horrendous losses. It has been estimated that 2.5 million civilians lost their lives during the Vietnam War. However more than just people fell. Through the insidious use of Agent Orange and other defoliants, leaves fell from the trees, supposedly to deny the enemy cover. This tactic continues to be a blight on, not only the people of Vietnam, but on many who fought there.

A good friend and Vietnamese lady, Janette Maring who escaped down the Highway of Tears, (from Pleiku to Qui Nhon) has allowed me to make reference to her Face-book Page, titled 'Fallen Leaves'. Warriors and habitats were not the only ones to fall. According to the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign (www.VN-AgentOrange.org.info@vn-agentorange.org), in South Vietnam alone, 300,000 children were orphaned. 800,000 lost one or both parents. They were 'fallen leaves'; the flotsam and jetsam of the War. The leaves continue to fall in Vietnam. As many will know, I directly support Montagnard orphanages in Kon Tum. The six orphanages in that city of 200,000 people are home to 770 children aged 0 to 18.

As we commemorate this 100th anniversary of ANZAC, let us also remember those other tragic losses and the legacy that to this day are the Fallen Leaves of Vietnam.

LEST WE FORGET.

Regards

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Photos taken during the Vietnam War with permission from Janette Maring

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STOP PRESS!

The report contained in our previous newsletter concerning 1 FD COY AE at Gallipoli in respect of Sapper Fred Reynolds is not correct.

Fred was KIA helping his mates in difficulty and those WIA. He is reported as being KIA while helping a third WIA back into the boat from which they came ashore. His body was put aboard the same vessel and transported back to the hospital ship where (presumably) he may have been the first aboard and hence listed as the first to be KIA Gallipoli 25 April 1915. His bravery under fire earned him the Mentioned-In-Despatches.

The documents that support this statement were provided by CO 1 CER, LTCOL Mick Scott and were sourced from Australian War Memorial records.

Order of Merit.	Unit.	No.	Rank and Name	Particulars
1st Field Coy. Engineers.	1st Field Coy. Engineers.	191	Sapper	REYNOLDS, F.A.
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1st Field Coy. Engineers.	1st Field Coy. Engineers.	197	Sapper	REYNOLDS, F.A.
1st Field Coy. Engineers.	1st Field Coy. Engineers.	198	Sapper	REYNOLDS, F.A.
1st Field Coy. Engineers.	1st Field Coy. Engineers.	199	Sapper	REYNOLDS, F.A.
1st Field Coy. Engineers.	1st Field Coy. Engineers.	200	Sapper	REYNOLDS, F.A.

LIST "A".

Unit.	No.	Rank	Name.	Particulars.
1st Field Coy. Engineers.	191	Sapper	REYNOLDS	Three times he went to the assistance of men who were in difficulty or wounded when getting out of the boats on 25th April. Sapper Reynolds was killed in assisting the third man ashore. (Reported by O.C. 1st Field Company.)
Div. Sig. Coy.		Major	MACKNORTH, H.L., D.S.O., R.E.	The good work performed by the Divisional Signal Company was referred to in his previous despatch by the late General Officer Commanding the Division. The results achieved are largely due to the efforts of the commanding officer, Major H.L. Macknorth, D.S.O., who raised, organized, and trained the unit. (Reported by G.S.O. I.)
"		Lieut. (Hon. Capt.)	GOOLD, R.H.	For his distinguished services in keeping communication on 25th/26th April at Anzac Cove, and on 8th May at Erithia, at which latter place he also met great danger in looking

President's Report 15 May 2015

1 Combat Engineer Regiment Association

Planning for the 1 CER Association is well advanced and it should become a reality later in 2015. There are two aspects of interest to our members. These are:

- a. *We intend to establish an **inter-operable link** between 1 FD SQN GP RAE Assn and 1 CER Assn. To that end we intend to have a representative on the 1 CER Assn committee of management and have a 1 CER representative on our management committee. There may be opportunities to have common merchandise (e.g. caps and polo shirts) and to exchange invitations to each other's social activities.*
- b. *A **succession plan** whereby when our Assn becomes too small in numbers to exist as a viable Assn, we could pass on all our assets and funds to the 1 CER Assn at which time all our members could become members of 1 CER Assn.*

We will discuss/decide these avenues of opportunity at the AGM in August 2015 at Twin Towns RSL, as part of the reunion.

Proposed Battlefield Tours to Gallipoli and Villers-Bretonneux (France) in 2018

I have written to the DVA Commemorations Branch and they have confirmed that we are able to lay a wreath at the completion of the ANZAC Day service at ANZAC Cove. We may also lay a wreath, with our banner at the Lone Pine memorial service which is conducted after the Dawn Service.

A letter to the Military Attaché in Paris for permission to perform a memorial service at the Villers-Bretonneux Monument on 11 November 2015 is yet to receive a response. Regardless of that response, our Assn (together with 1 CER Assn?) can attend that ceremony as a group.

Battlefield tours are available at a cost and these are yet to be assessed. These are matters for discussion and decision at the next AGM at Twin Towns during the 2015 reunion.

History of 1 CER

I am well into writing the history of 1 CER and its antecedents. My objective is to complete WW1 combat engineers, with an emphasis on 1 FD COY AE, 9 FD COY AE and 1 FD SQN AE before the Waterloo Dinner in June 2016. The Waterloo Dinner is an anniversary celebration of the completion of Watson's Pier at Gallipoli. It is intended to "release" the history of our WW1 sapper-combat engineer heritage possibly during that function at Robertson Barracks.

Further writing after June 2016 will include 2/1 FD COY RAE and 1 FD SQN RAE WW2 followed by all the wars into which 1 FD SQN (GP) and 1 CER have been deployed from 1945 to the present day.

Reunion at Twin Towns 28 to 30 August 2015

Please commit to our reunion at Twin Towns Services Club as soon as possible if you are intending to come. I can assure you that we receive incredible discounts for the events we organise over that weekend. The Twin Towns RSL and Club provide sound equipment, chairs, get the garden of remembrance for our memorial service prepared for us, provide meet and greet facilities, a full service dinner, lunch next day and facilities for our AGM at a price that is extremely competitive (market tested by our management team). That's why we keep going back there.

George Hulse

G.L. Hulse

President

1 FD SQN GP RAE Association

15 May 2015

These images are for our good President George to ponder over. Which dog would you recruit George?



Our President has voted for the hound with the M79

The Unit Citation for Gallantry FSPBs Coral and Balmoral 12 May to 6 June 1968

The battles of FSPBs Coral and Balmoral were the largest, longest and most intense actions to be fought by the Australian Army during the War of South Vietnam. There were four major ground attacks and 57 significant patrol clashes between Australian diggers, supported by New Zealand and United States forces, and the North Vietnamese Regular Army. These occurred between 12 May and 6 June 1968.

The battles have received recognition in the media in recent times but there is a lapse of Australian military history in that although these actions were worthy of the Unit Citation for Gallantry (UCG), no recommendation was ever raised. A committee has been formed to take a submission to the Directorate of Honour Awards Appeals Tribunal (DHAAT) to have the issue of a UCG approved. A part of the submission is to provide the DHAAT with a nominal roll of every member present at the battles. A difficult ask, but not impossible. The units that fought at the battles have representation and ours is the President of 1 FD SQN GP RAE Assn who was present at both FSPBs at various times.

What does this mean?

If the DHAAT and Federal Government approve that the UCG be issued to the personnel and units nominated, every member on the nominal roll will receive an insignia with the Federation Star device and may wear this citation at appropriate times. The UCG is also issued to the current day unit to be worn on the uniforms of personnel - without the Federation Star device - for as long as the personnel are members of that unit. The current day unit that was formed from 1 FD SQN GP RAE is 1 CER.

The submission will be delivered to DHAAT in May 2015. We should have a good idea of how it is travelling by the time our reunion is held at Twin Towns, 28 to 30 August 2015. Updates will be provided as details of it emerge. Additional details, such as how to apply for the UCG for those who were at the battles but were not included on the submission's nominal rolls will be made known.

Why Australia Needed a Combat Engineer Regiment

1 Field Squadron Group RAE was a development of the war in South Vietnam. It was one of those organisations which had "add-ons" to answer calls for military engineering support to satisfy calls for a diverse range of engineering work. It provided close-in dedicated support to the combat arms with its Combat Engineer Teams of seven men, splinter-teams of two men and mini-teams of two men. The unit provided water supply, timber and building construction materials, quarry material, earthmoving, land-clearing, field fortifications, permanent and temporary buildings, obstacles, vehicle tracks, gravel roads, bituminous sealed roads, helicopter landing zones and sites, an airfield (assisted by the US Army Corps of Engineers), entertainment facilities, shower blocks, toilet facilities and kitchen areas. It had a small design capability and a liaison group for assisting the local population and also supported the Civil Affairs Unit. The unit built a big earth-fill water dam in the Australian Task Force area. It managed to provide an Operations and Engineer Intelligence cell in its Command Post.

1 FD SQN GP RAE had as many as 450 all ranks on its posted strength at the peak of its manning. This included a RAEME Workshops and 21 Support Troop, plus a Plant Troop and a HQ Troop.

All this work and just 450 Sappers! There was a management issue. It centred on how much REST a Sapper might get after an intense operation in the bush. Our Infantry brothers could expect at least five days off to recover from a six week operation. The Sappers were given (in 1968/69) about five hours - if they were lucky. The work load was just too intense on the SQN to give our men much more time off than that.

Many RAE officers who served in 1 FD SQN GP RAE were not happy with the structure of neither the unit nor its design for the amount and diversity of work it was expected to deliver. Many of us argued

that a better fit for the Vietnam War would have been a unit of two standard field squadrons, a support squadron containing a plant troop, a materials troop and a services troop and a HQ which was designed to manage these resources on a "management by objective" basis, rather than the philosophy of "make do with what we have". Ironically, 1 Field Engineer Regiment (1 FER) had been raised in 1947 and then disbanded in 1953. The original 1 FER contained 1 FD SQN as one of its core units.

Compelling arguments, based on the 1 FD SQN GP experience in South Vietnam, resonated in Canberra and Army HQ re-established Field Engineer Regiments, one for each of its Brigades. 1 FER was raised in Gallipoli Barracks at Holsworthy in 1972 with 1 FD SQN as its combat engineer sub-unit. 1 FER was re-designated 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1 CER) in 1993. 1 CER relocated to Robertson Barracks in the Darwin area in 1999. The CER is commanded by a LTCOL and his staff. Exactly what was needed in Vietnam and it arrived just as we left that war.

Today's 1 CER contains 1 FD SQN, 9 FD SQN, 23 SPT SQN and an Operational Support Squadron. It is a source of pride and honour in the veteran 1 FD SQN GP community, to have contributed a significant part of the Vietnam War combat DNA to today's 1 CER.



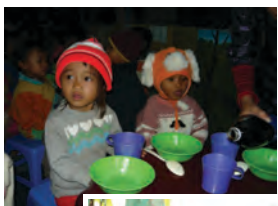
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*George Hulse
President January 2015*

We will all remember the Julian calendars from our Vietnam days. Some were just calendars and some were a wee bit more. This one was sent home by the late Chaplain Bill Mills to his wife. Who was short? It was a bit of fun.



Taken by Derek Smith. Children from the Vinh Son orphanages in Kon Tum, Vietnam. See Page 3.



VALE ROBERT JAMES WILTSHIRE

Earlier this year I attended a funeral at Charters Towers of Robert James Wiltshire 1734064 DOB 17 July 1947, Sapper from Ayr, 1 FD SQN Vietnam 7 Jan 69 to 15 Oct 69. It was a sad affair; just a graveside service. The family did not seem to know too much about his time in Vietnam. His widow is his second wife so knew nothing. The family thought he had been wounded somewhere along the line. I combed through the Commander's Diaries from Oct 69 back to Jul 69 and could find no mention of him having been a casualty. I would like to plug some of these gaps for his family. Did you serve with Bob? If you can send me any information or memories you have of his time in 1 FIELD Squadron, I would be pleased to pass it along to his family.

History of 1 CER

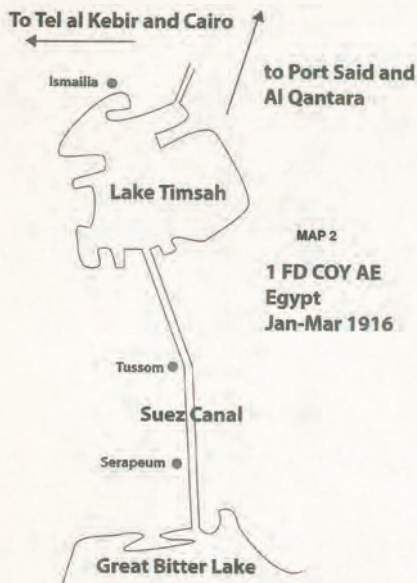
The military history "hot topic" for the next four years will be World War 1 (WWI). 1 CER has strong links to this war through 1 FD COY AE and 1 FD SQN AE. To keep faith with the Sappers of WWI, we will remember them by running a serialised history relating to our forebears of the "Great War" - "The War To End All Wars" - in our newsletter "Follow The Sapper". Our first instalment covers 1 FD COY AE at Gallipoli. The principal reference for this series is "The Royal Australian Engineers 1902 to 1919 - Making and Breaking": Major General R.R. McNicoll CBE: ISBN 0 9596871 2 2. Also acknowledged is "The Great War". Les Carlyon, ISBN 9781405037990.

As author of this series, George Hulse, President of 1 FD SQN GP RAE Association bears full responsibility for any errors or omissions. Should any member of the Association have an issue with the information presented, please feel free to contact George at eddsniffer@optusnet.com.au



Western Front Map

1 Field Company - Australian Engineers-Suez Onwards Egypt-December 1915 to March 1916



On withdrawal from the Gallipoli Peninsular in December 1915, 1 FD COY, as a part of 1 DIV, was deployed to Tel-el-Kebir a small place between Cairo and Ismailia in Egypt. The transport, which had been left behind while the sappers deployed to the Gallipoli Campaign was brought up to them and in January 1916, 1 FD COY was moved to a place named Serapeum, located on the Suez Canal. Their work included digging trench lines in the soft sand and learning new revetment skills.

They, together with a number of other Australian Engineer units, provided the management for the construction of roads, light railways and water pipelines. Most of the labour for these tasks was provided by Egyptian labourers under supervision of the sapper units.

The sappers also manned and controlled floating bridges which provided access across the canal. It was not without its challenges as the Turkish forces were active in the Suez Canal area and had orders to seize the Canal from the British and French. Sappers were involved in contacts with the Turks and were quick to adopt the secondary role of the sapper - to fight as infantry when required.

Squads of Turkish soldiers were seen approaching the Canal from the East at around 0420 hrs on 3 February 1916. They had with them, pontoons and rafts. It became clear that a deliberate assault water crossing by the Turks was about to take place. At Serapeum, the Turks were fired on by British units and this stopped most attempts by the Turks to get their craft into the water at this point. However, North of Serapeum the Turks succeeded in crossing the Canal. Vessels loaded with Turkish soldiers crossed a stretch of about 2.4 Kms of the Canal under cover of Turkish machine gun and rifle fire from the sand dunes on the eastern bank. As they landed on the western bank of the Canal every boat load of these soldiers was immediately attacked by the British. All the Turkish soldiers were either killed or captured. The Turkish assault on the Tussum Post to the North of Serapeum was a little more successful for the Turks initially. A group of 350 Turkish soldiers established a beach head on the Western Bank of the Suez Canal and dug in. They were engaged by British units in that area and after a fierce fight, suffered a total defeat. 3 FD COY AE was stationed at Al Qantara to the north of Tussum Post and Serapeum. These sappers also adopted to their secondary role in addition to completing engineering work on the Canal.

As dawn arrived on the morning of on 3 February 1916, the extent of the failure to seize the canal by the Turks was self-evident. The British Army counter-attacked and in a succession of victories in The Sinai, Gaza and Palestine, rolled the Turks away from the Suez Canal. These actions included the second element of the original 1 FD COY AE mustering - 1 Field Squadron AE (1 FD SQN). The actions of 1 FD SQN in the WWI Middle Eastern campaign will be described in future editions of "Follow The Sapper"

The Western Front-March 1915 to November 1918

By early 1916, the pressure on the British and French forces on the Western Front had reached crisis point. Fresh Divisions were needed urgently to boost the intended offensive against the German forces in Belgium and France. In Australia, the recruitment campaigns were working well enough for the nation to expand its commitment to the defence of the British Commonwealth and its Empire by raising a number of Infantry Divisions and associated supporting arms/service units.

In the third week of March 1916, 1 DIV embarked by ship from Egypt to Marseilles in France, then entrained from there to the town of Armentieres in Northern France. The Australian 1st and 2nd Divisions were joined by the New Zealand Division and formed a new 1st ANZAC Corps.

This was a very different war compared to that of Gallipoli or Egypt. It differed in two significant aspects:

1. The people of France were extremely friendly, They waved and cheered the Australians as the troop trains went by their towns, villages and farms. The lice, stench and flies of Gallipoli were bad memories and became eased by the homeliness of the pastures and fields of crops. It gave them a warm, lush and comforting feeling. Morale was high and the boys were on a dream trip with all expenses paid despite the cramped conditions of a troop train;

2. The ANZAC Corps was part of the British 2nd Army and this was a part of the British Expeditionary Force. If that sounds like a lot of soldiers, imagine this. 1st ANZAC Corps found that their British neighbours included 41 British Divisions, 3 Canadian Divisions, 5 Cavalry Divisions all with their supporting combat arms, services and administrative and logistic units. Then, add to that, the French Army to their south and the Belgian Army to their north. The British Area of Operations (AO) included some 130 Kms of front and they were confronted with a determined, well equipped and experienced German Army. This was a far cry from the circumstances of Gallipoli. Then, there were the guns. By Gallipoli and Egypt standards, some of these guns were huge, made a lot of noise and did a lot of damage. And the Germans had a multitude of them.

It would pay to remind ourselves that the Germans had a totally different vision of their style of warfare to that of the British. The Germans assessed that they were there for the long haul and so constructed deep emplacements hardened with copious amounts of concrete. They made themselves as comfortable as the circumstance would permit. The British, on the other hand, decided that getting unnecessarily comfortable was not consistent with an Army's determination to advance, attack and push forward. So the British side was Spartan compared to that of the Germans. In 1916, it also meant that the British forward edge of the battle area was more vulnerable to German artillery bombardments compared to similar German locations under British artillery.

Our next edition will cover Armentieres, The Somme and Pozieres

More shots from Darwin



Remember the APC – Notice anything different – It has been modified – cut in half, a piece seamlessly added in the middle, engine up-gunned and more power and it is now more comfortable and better performer than our versions were in Vietnam. Pictured is 1 CER tracked ambulance. Count the road wheels.



Our President stands proudly with our banner in Darwin





1 Field Squadron Group
Royal Australian Engineers Qld Inc.
28th, 29th & 30th August 2015

2015 FAMILY REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Venue: Twin Towns Services Club – Tweed Heads NSW

Personal Details

Family Name: _____ Contact Phone: () _____

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Postal Address: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

'Nickname' or

Preferred Name: _____ Partners Name: _____
(Required for ID Tags at Reunion) (Required for ID Tags at Reunion)

Other guests attending - Number () Preferred guests names: _____
It is preferred by the Executive Committee that all Members Guests are over the age of 18 years.

Cost of Events

Cost: \$150.00 per person.

Covers all events, Friday Meet and Greet, including Saturday Memorial Service and
Saturday Evening Family Reunion Banquet and Sunday Luncheon

Payment Details

Please accept my Registration for:

Number attending: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Method of Payment: ☐ Cheque. ☐ Money Order. ☐ Direct Deposit into account.

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Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make cheques, money orders payable to: **1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc.**

All registrations to be pre-paid by Friday the 14th August 2015

(This is a huge catering event. Much goes on behind the scenes, therefore

'No Late Numbers will be taken—DEFINITELY.')

Please send this Registration Form to:

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‘NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.’

In accordance with Rule 19 of the Incorporation Act, the above meeting has been called for Sunday the 30th August, 2015, at the Coolangatta/Tweed Heads RSL Sub-Branch Anzac Room, at 9.30am, Outrigger Resort, Coolangatta.

Nomination are called for all Executive and Committee of Management positions, being; Honorary President, Honorary Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, plus five (5) Committee of Management positions.

I nominate; (Print) _____

for the POSITION of _____

who is a financial member of the 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc, for election to the Executive or the Committee of Management, of the association at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday the 30th August 2015.

Signed by Nominator: _____

Print Name: _____

being a 2015 Financial Member 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc.

I Second the nomination of the above financial member for the position indicated, of the 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc.

Signed by Seconder: _____

Print Name: _____

being a 2015 Financial Member 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc.

I Accept the nomination for election to the Executive or Committee of Management, being a financial member of the 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc 2015 and agreeing in all respects with the Objects of the 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

Signed by Nominee : _____

Print Name: _____

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Surname ^{Mrs} _____ First Names _____
 (Family Name) ^{Ms} _____ (Given Names) _____
^{Mr} _____

Date of Birth _____ Wife/Partners Name _____
 (Confidential if ticked) ☐ (Confidential if ticked) ☐

Residential Address _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Private Phone () _____ Email _____ @ _____
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Unit/Units _____ Which Country Served for? Australia or Other _____

Which duties? (F.E, Plant, Mine Clearing, etc.) _____

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