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The Association and the Det 131 Div Loc Bty Banners on the Brisbane GPO steps after the 2012 ANZAC Day March.

Members of 20th STA Regt added strength to an impressive turnout.

(Photograph courtesy of Tahlia Benson)



The Eyes and Ears of the Battlefield

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings

In this issue of LOCREP we will cover ANZAC Day, the Executive Committee's visit to 20th STA Regt, the proposed changes to the name and rules of the Association and the usual lead up formalities to the Annual General Meeting.

I am grateful to Tahlia Benson, Robert Retrot, Allen Morley, and John Dellaca for their contributions of photos from ANZAC Day commemorations in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. More detailed reports appear later.

Association Vice President Joe Kaplun and Secretary Bob Morrison accompanied me to Enoggera to meet with the CO and RSM of 20th STA Regt to discuss our plans for the long term future of the Association. We were made most welcome and were able to clear up some misunderstandings of the respective positions of the two Locating Associations.

Our plans to re-name the Locating Artillery Association and to have new banners made were warmly received both by RHQ and the soldiers. We displayed our current banner at the Gunfire Breakfast following the Dawn Service at the Regt and invited members to join us and march behind it in the city later that morning.

The invitation was accepted in number (see cover photo).

Artwork for the proposed new banner was distributed among members of the Regt at breakfast and it was very well received. An example of the artwork appears later in this edition.

The proposals around the change of name and associated matters were discussed in detail at the most recent Committee Meeting in Sydney and motions to be resolved at the AGM were drafted.

Those motions appear later in this edition, together with postal and proxy voting forms.

These proposals have been widely discussed both at and since the last Coffs Harbour re-union and have been well publicised in LOCREP.

I urge members to attend the AGM to vote, or to lodge postal or proxy votes, on these most important issues.

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Allan Harrison
President

ANZAC DAY 2012

BRISBANE

As indicated in the President's report, the Executive Sub-Committee of the Association was in Brisbane for ANZAC Day this year and the Association Banner was on ANZAC Day parade for the first time outside Sydney.

The Banner was also on display at the Gunfire Breakfast at 20th STA Regt following the Dawn Service. That service was preceded by a stirring "mock battle" staged by members of the Regiment, in which machine gun fire lit up the pre-dawn darkness.

The President laid a wreath at the service, on behalf of the Association.



Assn Banner on display at daybreak at the Gunfire Breakfast, 20th STA Regt

Members of the Regiment joined us in numbers at the march in the City (see cover photo) and we adjourned to Irish Murphy's pub for a coldie or two after the march.



After March refreshments at Irish Murphy's, L to R Robert Retrot, Joe Kaplun, Bob Morrison, Allan Harrison

(Photos courtesy of Robert Retrot)

MELBOURNE

John Dellaca reports that cold and wet weather reduced numbers in Melbourne this year. Nevertheless the 131 Banner was prominent.



L-R John Dellaca, Phil Mullgrew, Terry Hunt, ? Mike Butler.



On the March in Melbourne

(Photos courtesy of John Dellaca)

SYDNEY

Allen Morley reports a good turnout of Locators at the Sydney march, followed by the usual camaraderie at City Tatts.



Locators after the March, about to descend on City Tatts

(Photo courtesy of Allen Morley)

Report on visit to 20th STA Regt

A delegation of the Executive Sub-committee of the Association (President, Snr Vice President and Secretary/Public Officer) visited 20th STA Regt on ANZAC eve for the purpose of presenting the Association's plans for the future. We noted that some confusion existed in the Regiment with regard to the existence of two Locating Associations, namely the Locating Artillery Association and the 131 Locators Association.

That confusion was cleared up and we proceeded to present our plans for the future which broadly covered:

- the change of name to the *Locating Surveillance and Target Acquisition Association (LSTAA)*,
- the plan to migrate management of the Association to a South East Queensland based Committee,
- the further plan to make members of the Regiment automatic Honorary Members of the re-named Association and
- the purchase of newly designed banners (2), one of which is to be presented to the Regiment.

Those plans were warmly received and permission was granted to inform members of the Regiment of those plans at the Gunfire Breakfast which was to follow the Dawn Service next morning.

That duly occurred and the members of the Regiment were shown copies of the artwork for the proposed new

Banner and were invited to join us behind the current Association Banner at the ANZAC Day March later in the morning. Members responded positively to the information and joined us in numbers at the march (see cover photo).

In all, that aspect of the visit was highly successful and the delegation was well pleased with the outcome.

Report on meeting with SEQ Branch Executive

While in Brisbane, the above delegation took the opportunity to meet Jnr Vice President (Phil Swinsburg) and SEQ Branch President (Joe Fabri) to discuss progress in the planned migration of management of the Association to a SEQ-based Committee.

It was clear from those discussions that more time is needed to establish a local Committee which can progressively absorb management responsibilities.

It was agreed that:

- The SEQ Branch will be re-named "STA Branch"
- Phil and Joe will work towards creating a committee which mirrors the current Sydney-based Committee in its principal functions
- That committee will gradually take over those functions as people are trained and able to do so
- In the meantime the Sydney-based committee will remain in place

Ultimately, the Sydney Committee will form a new Branch, name TBA, and the STA Branch will assume management control of the Association.

New Association Banner

As indicated above, work on the design of a new Banner is well advanced and quotes for making two Banners are being sought. The current design looks like this:



Unashamedly and for obvious reasons, the winged lion emblem of the 20th STA Regt is the centrepiece of the Banner while the original Association emblem is retained in the stylised gunner badge in the top left hand corner.

It is proposed that one of the two Banners will be presented to 20th STA Regt.

Gunner Dinner (Sydney) 2012

Members are urged to support the 85th Annual Gunner Dinner. The theme this year is the 40th Anniversary of the withdrawal of Australian Forces from South Vietnam.

If all goes according to plan, the new Association Banner will be on display in what will probably be its first public outing. In the circumstances, a solid Locator presence will underline what is sure to be a spectacular unveiling.

Details are as follows:

Date:	4 August 2012
Timings:	1900 for 1930
Venue:	Parramatta RSL
Cost:	\$65 per person (tables of 8, \$60 per person)
Dress:	Uniform, Black tie or lounge suit with miniatures. Ladies after 5.
Bookings To:	Paul Vanderveer 64 Fallon Drive, Dural NSW 2158

Please combine table bookings in one envelope and make cheques payable to the **RAA Association Gunner Dinner**.

Accommodation is available at the nearby Clarion Hotel (tel 02 9891 1277) and a bus will be available for transport to and from the club. Mention the Gunner Dinner when booking to get a special rate.

The Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at Paddington RSL on Sunday 15 July 2012 at 1115 hrs. Notices of motion to be considered at the AGM should reach the Secretary, 63 Highland Drive, Bowral NSW 2576, not later than 24th June 2012.

Nominations for the ten positions on the Executive Committee (President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary/Public Officer, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and three members) should also reach the Secretary by the same date. A nomination form is enclosed. 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 **SECONDING** 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

Motions to be resolved at the AGM

The following motions to be resolved at the AGM were agreed upon at the last Committee meeting:

1. That the name of the Association be amended to "*Locating Surveillance and Target Acquisition Association Incorporated*"
2. That the definition of an "ordinary member" in Para 1 (1) be deleted
3. That Paragraph 3.1 'Membership type' be amended by the addition of sub-para 4 and 5 as follows:

"(4) Ordinary Members:

- Are Members of the Association who, on admission to membership, must pay to the Association a joining fee of \$10 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.
- In addition to any amount payable by the member under the above clause, an Ordinary Member of the Association must pay to the Association an annual membership fee of \$10 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount, which is due for payment on the First day of July in each calendar year.
- Will be on the mailing list to receive "Locrep" and other mailings.
- Will have voting rights.

(5) Service Members:

- Are Members of the Association who are current serving members of the Australian Defence Force.
- Will not be required to pay joining or membership fees whilst a serving member of the ADF.
- Will be on the mailing list to receive "Locrep" and other mailings.
- Will not have voting rights."

(Service Members may apply to become Ordinary Members at any time)

Services Available for Members

Members will have been aware for some time that Hunter Valley Branch Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Maker has been available to members in his role as a DVA Advocate.

Northern NSW Branch President David Auld has advised that he and Geoff Carthew have recently completed Courses in Pension and Welfare matters respectively and are available should members need assistance or advice in their respective specialty areas.

Contact details are as follows:

DVA Advocacy	Kevin Maker	02 4934 2172
Pensions	David Auld	02 6552 3560
Welfare	Geoff C arthew	02 6766 1593



POSTAL VOTING FORM FOR AGM 2012

I

.....
(Please print name in full clearly)

Being a financial member of the Locating Artillery Association Inc. of:

.....
(Please print home address in full clearly)

Wish to vote as follows:

Motion #1: FOR AGAINST (Please circle your choice)

Motion #2: FOR AGAINST (Please circle your choice)

Motion#3: FOR AGAINST (Please circle your choice)

...../...../2012
(Please sign and date)

Please return this form NOT LATER THAN 24th June 2012 to:

The Secretary
Locating Artillery Association Inc.
63 Highland Drive
BOWRAL NSW 2576



PROXY VOTING FORM FOR AGM 2012

I
(Please print name in full clearly)

Being a **financial member** of the Locating Artillery Association Inc. of:

.....
(Please print home address in full clearly)

Give my proxy vote to:

.....
(Please print the name of the **financial member** of the Locating Artillery Association Inc. to whom you give your proxy vote. **That member must attend the 2012 AGM and lodge this form at the meeting**)

I wish to vote as follows:

Motion #1: FOR AGAINST (Please circle your choice)

Motion #2: FOR AGAINST (Please circle your choice)

Motion#3: FOR AGAINST (Please circle your choice)

...../...../2012
(Member giving proxy please sign and date)

NOTE:

In accordance with rule 34 (2), no member may hold more than 5 proxies



NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION

1. PROPOSER TO COMPLETE

I Being a Financial Member of the Locating Artillery Association Inc., hereby propose
(Please print)

..... for the position of
(Please print)

..... on the Committee of the
(Please print)
Locating Artillery Association (Inc).

.....
(Signature & date)

2. SECONDER TO COMPLETE

I Being a Financial Member of the Locating Artillery Association Inc., second the above nomination.
(Please print)

.....
(Signature & date)

3. NOMINEE TO COMPLETE

I Being a Financial Member of the Locating Artillery Association Inc., accept the above nomination.
(Please print)

.....
(Signature & date)

Please return this form NOT LATER THAN 24th June 2012 to:

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BOWRAL NSW 2576