



Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps History Project Charitable Trust

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To all Serving Members and Members who have Served in the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps (RNZAC) and its Predecessor Organisations

**Greetings,**

**THE RNZAC HISTORY PROJECT 2019-2023-CONTRACT WITH AUTHOR**

It gives me great pleasure to let you all know that we have successfully concluded a contract with our chosen author for the research and writing of the History of the RNZAC and its Predecessor Units during the period 2019-2023.

Our Author is Mr Matthew Wright who has been internationally recognised for scholarship in military history. He has had over 30 years' experience as a qualified professional historian and writer. Matthew specialises in military and social history and has had over 60 books published by leading publishers including Penguin, Random House, Reed and others. He has also written over 500 academic papers and articles.

Matthew has an established reputation for recording history in the context of its time. He has courageously challenged revisionist history that looks to judge historical events only from a modern viewpoint. In essence he deals with historical facts. Matthew is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society at University College, London; an honour that has been accorded to only three other New Zealanders.

The Trust very early on recognised that the writing of our History would be complex and challenging. It will involve non-operational as well as operational content. It will require the documentation and illumination of the organisations and key achievements of earlier cavalry, mounted rifle volunteers and mounted rifle units whilst maintaining a focus on the modern armoured era from 1940 onwards. Further, the Trust realised that the History had to be about all of us. We have always believed that Matthew's skills would be fundamental to achieving those goals.

The Trust welcomes Matthew and looks forward to working with him throughout this project.

**Regards,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Ready'.

**Graeme Ready**  
**Chair**  
**RNZAC HPCT**  
**Registered Charity Number CC56897**