



RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #205 December 2021

Meetings Happy Hour: Thursday 4 February 2022 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA.

Year in Review: Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles





Top Highlights

- Embracing the few opportunities to roll out in Waiouru and Tekapo to train our core Light Armour skills in between Op Protect rotations.
- Welcoming four groups of newly trained armoured soldiers and officers – the future crews for both NZLAV and Bushmaster.
- Reinvigorating our relationship with the City of Hastings in a ceremony to temporarily relocate the Wellington East Coast Guidon back to the Regimental Lines for safe keeping whilst the renovations are completed to the Council buildings.
- Turf was turned and construction of the new QAMR Regimental Lines & Q-Store commenced after seven-ish years of being in the pipeline. The new RHQ, Scots & WEC Lines, and Q-Store will officially open in 2022.

On the Radar for 2022

- Whilst our commitment to Op Protect remains high, our training in 2022 will see a focus on Light Armoured skills at up to troop level so we are across our game when regeneration starts.
- On the ceremonial front, the Regiment will formally 'lay-up' the Wellington East Coast Guidon in the Hastings Council Chambers; and we'll celebrate our 158th Birthday.

A Message from the Commanding Officer:

"To the family members of those posted to QAMR and to the wider support agencies, the RSM and I remain ever grateful for the support you give that keeps our people going. To the Regiment – Ake Ake Kia Kaha!" ~ Lieutenant Colonel Edward Crow

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Radio Check

It is often said that New Zealand is a small place. On 29 November I was fortunate to be on the remote Hump Ridge Track in Southland. After several tough hours climbing to the Okaka Lodge, I walked through the door to be met by Steve Buxton, former SSM of 2 Scots in Dunedin.

By coincidence we had decided to walk the track at the same. Steve was with his wife Margy and a large group of family and friends. It was great to catch up and reminisce about the old days with Scots over a beer. Steve sends his regards to everyone and remembers you all with fondness (Ed.).



Admin & Log

Attached to the newsletter is a letter from Graeme Ready, Chair of the RNZAC History Project, regarding the Corps book project. Please take the time to read it.

Humour



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