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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 TO 2023-SPECIAL UPDATE

RNZAC History Brochure

I believe that many of us will be familiar with the saying “a picture is worth a thousand words.” In the spirit of this, the Trust has arranged for the design and production of a brochure to support our fundraising campaign for the RNZAC History; a copy is attached. The entire cost of this brochure has been very kindly met by supporters of the Trust.

The theme is “Help Make History” and the key messages are:

- This is the first consolidated history of the RNZAC and its Predecessor Cavalry and Mounted Rifles units ever written
- It will cover the sacrifices and achievements as well as the challenges faced by all those who have served in mounted and armoured units. It will therefore be an important addition to New Zealand military history
- Families and relatives of those who served in volunteer cavalry units formed during the New Zealand Land Wars in the 1860's, the mounted rifles units in the Boer War, and World War I, armoured units in World War II as well as those individuals from the RNZAC who, after World War II have served in South Korea, the Malayan Emergency, Malaysia, South Vietnam and Afghanistan, and in peacekeeping and monitoring operations in India, Pakistan, the Middle East, Bougainville, Zimbabwe, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Timor Leste, South Sudan, Iraq and the Solomon Islands will want to read this story and add it to their collections.
- It will be of particular interest to both serving and ex members' of the RNZAC and historians.

Due to the very kind generosity of all those who have donated funds to the project over the last 12 months as well as what the Trust has also been able to raise, we have secured a third of our budgeted total figure for the History. This is a very satisfying result for which we are most grateful to all our donors who have got us to this point.



As predicted in my last update to you on 31 Mar 20, Covid 19 is already having an effect on our fundraising. Accordingly, we are constantly reviewing our budget and examining our funding plan to ensure that we are as innovative as possible in our future fundraising efforts. This is consistent with the Trust's unwavering commitment to achieving publication in November 2023.

We therefore believe that the attached brochure will help our fund raising efforts. To this end, The RNZAC Association and Mounted Trooper Association have kindly given approval for the brochure to be placed on their website and Facebook page respectively. Separately, we will be approaching the Army to seek their permission to place the brochure on their website.

We know too that social media is a powerful messaging tool for reaching the widest possible audience. So, I am asking for your help please to circulate the brochure to family, relatives, friends and business associates.

If you know of potential sponsors who may be interested, can you please email details to Chris Wotton direct (am.cg.wotton@gmail.com) so that he can coordinate the response and follow up from the Trust.

I am also asking that if you have not yet made a donation to this worthy project, please consider making one now. Every donation, no matter the amount, enables us to get this long overdue first consolidated History of our Corps done. Account details are set out in the attached brochure.

Next Update

My next update will be sent out to you on 31 July 2020 after our next Trust Meeting earlier that month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Graeme Ready'.

Graeme Ready
Chair
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