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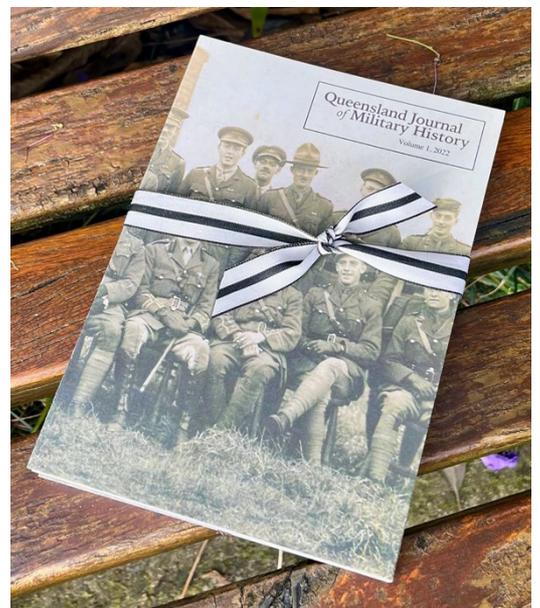
Newsletter of the Queensland Military Historical Society

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## President's Report

The last quarter has been busy for the Society in terms of preservation of our collection, updating our museum displays and undertaking community engagement through our exhibits. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, we attended an Open Day at Government House in acknowledgement on our new sovereign, King Charles III. The Open Day saw more than 1,300 people pass by the exhibit with many stopping to look at artefacts. We also have supported other likeminded organisations such as providing artefacts for the annual Legacy Ball and an open day held by the Salisbury RSL.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, member and guests joined us at Government House for an afternoon reception where we were presented a certificate of Vice Regal Patronage by our Joint Patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD. At this function we were also pleased to officially launch of the Queensland Journal of Military History. Our thanks go to Her Excellency The Governor The Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD for their ongoing support and patronage and the kind offer to hold the launch at a reception at Government House. The Journal was originally proposed by the late Peter Crossman and over the period since 2020 the elements which might make it possible became reality. The launch of the Journal is covered further in this edition. Special thanks go to our Editor and Research Sub Committee leader Dr Geoff Ginn for his focus and commitment to quality and production of a journal with a balance of engaging topics.



*Queensland Journal of Military History Volume 1, 2022*

Congratulations also to our authors for their contributions. For those members not able to attend the official launch at Government House, a copy of the Journal is available as a member benefit.

This year has seen many achievements and I would like to thank our Joint Patrons Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD and Major General (Em. Professor) Darryl Low Choy, AM, MBE, RFD, PhD (ret'd) for their ongoing support, the amazing QPWS team lead by Jay Lessons and Roland Dowling and our dedicated Committee and association members.

The Museum will be closed to the public from the 12<sup>th</sup> of December until the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. We are looking forwards to celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organisation in 2023 and to continuing the work of the Society.

All the best and I look forwards to seeing you at the Fort in the new year.

**Kate Drews**  
**President**



# Committee News

## Committee Meetings

The Committee meets monthly to discuss relevant issues. This month it was proposed to acquire more cases to improve the capability to display artefacts. A revised quote for additional cabinets will be sought for Committee consideration. Work on the ICT upgrade including WIFI is almost complete. This will allow access to the online Library system so cataloguing can commence. The Committee plans to undertake a strategic planning exercise in early 2023 under the guidance of Joint Patron Major General (Em. Professor) Darryl Low Choy, AM, MBE, RFD, PhD (retd) who has kindly offered to facilitate. A survey will be distributed to members to commence this process in due course. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member Dr Jonathan (Jack) Ford. Jack served in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion R.Q.R. mortar platoon from 1978 to 1981 and lists his interests as World War II especially the Netherlands East Indies and the American Civil War.

## Acquisitions and Disposals

### Donate to the Collection

We collect original items that relate to Queensland's defence from 1824 to the present day. Items that come with good stories, or are associated with people or events significant to Queensland are of primary interest. We seek to preserve the heritage of the armed forces based in Queensland through objects such as art, photographs, letters, diaries, books and pamphlets, souvenirs, trophies, uniforms, medals, weapons, inert munitions, maps, plans, flags and banners. If you have items to donate please contact the Society.

## Volunteering for QMHS



*QMHS Volunteers*

The Society has done a lot of complex and heavy curatorial work done during 2022. That was due, in no small part to our loyal core of volunteers.

The QMHS is always on the lookout for new volunteers to join.

In 2023 we will be launching a volunteer video that showcases the types of tasks we need assistance with. Standby for the launch of this.

In the meantime, further information can be obtained on the QMHS website or by contacting the Secretary.

## Queensland Journal of Military History Official Launch

At the end of 2020, the QMHS Committee endorsed a revised research strategy for 2021-2023, to better further our aim of encouraging research into Queensland's military history and heritage. A key part of the strategy was the development and launch of a new research journal, to be published annually by the Society. This was a long-term goal of the Society first envisaged by the late Peter Crossman. This month we were proud to launch the inaugural edition of the Journal.



Members and contributors gathered at Government House for the launch.

The event began with a speech by Joint Patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD outlining his career and interest in military history. The President of the Society Major Kate Drews was presented with a certificate of Vice Regal Patronage

*Left to right: Patron Major General (Em. Professor) Darryl Low Choy, AM, MBE, RFD, PhD (retd), QMHS President Major Kate Drews (retd), Patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD and Her Excellency The Governor of Queensland The Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM*

(as seen in the adjacent photo). In return the President thanked Her Excellency and Professor Nimmo for their ongoing support and patronage and presented copies of the Journal.

For the remainder of the function the Vice Regal couple chatted to members and guests and spoke with contributing authors. The authors pictured here with Editor Dr Geoff Ginn (top right) include (from left to right) Brian Rough, Robin Franklin, Roger Sak, Darryl Low Choy, Amanda Wilde and Naomi Simpson.

The articles span topics from colonial times through to World War Two. In the editorial preface, Dr Geoff Ginn notes that *"military matters are of perennial interest to historians"*.

Not all contributors to the Journal are professional historians and all articles were peer reviewed prior to publication.

Production of the Journal was the result of efforts from numerous of volunteers. Special thanks to all involved and congratulations on an excellent first edition.

The second edition is planned for 2023 and submission guidelines can be found on the QMHS website.



*Journal Contributors Outside Government House*



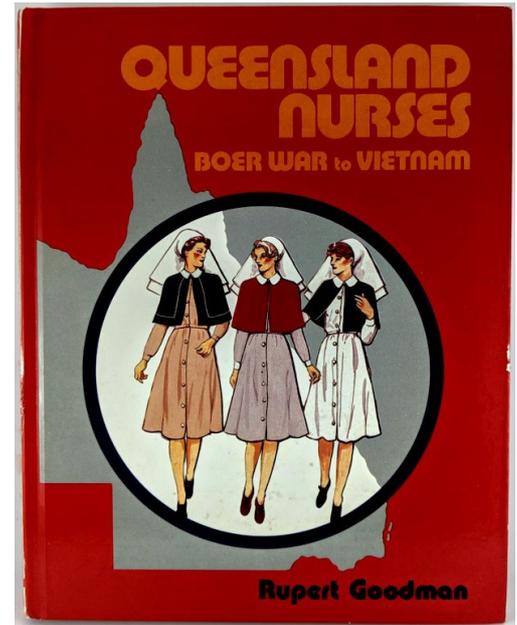
# Features

## Book Review

### Queensland Nurses

Boer War to Vietnam. By Rupert Goodman.

This book from our library collection was published in 1985 and produced on behalf of the Returned Sisters Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League (Queensland). The book outlines that recruiting women as enlisted nurses in times of war is a relatively recent practice. It covers the evolution of military nursing through the lenses of medical practice, religion and war. It considers the first instances of nursing in society. The earliest known army nursing services were by men during the Crusades. The period of the Crimean War (1854-1856) saw Florence Nightingale rise to prominence. It then covers the evolution of military nursing from the Boer War to Vietnam. The author Dr Rupert Goodman is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and the Australian National University. He served as a hospital orderly in World War Two with the 2/4 Australia General Hospital, later becoming their Education Officer.



## Support of Community Events in 2022

### Government House Open Day

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, the Society attended an Open Day at Government House in acknowledgement on our new sovereign, King Charles III. The more than 1,300 people in attendance viewed the artefacts which included a naval sword, uniforms, a model and helmet.



## 2022 Legacy Brisbane Gala Dinner

On 5<sup>th</sup> November Legacy held their Brisbane Gala Dinner. The dinner is held to raise much needed funding to support the partners, children and families of veterans. QMHS was able to support the dinner through provision of artefacts for the evening. These included the jeep and Gatling gun which were on display during the evening.

Thanks to Committee members Malcolm Catchpole and Brian Rough for arranging transport and carrying out the installation and demobilisation of the artefacts.

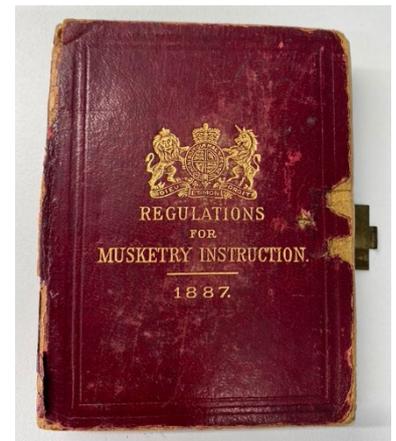


## Military Pamphlets

### Regulations for Musketry Instruction 1887

This pamphlet was one of a series of military books published by Royal authority and printed for Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Stationery Office.

Others in the series covered pay, promotion, allowances, equipment and ordnance matters. There were volumes on dress, cavalry, stores and supplies and detailed instructions for functional elements of the Army such as cavalry, artillery and engineers.



## Artefacts

### Vietnam Memorial Tiger



This rare Royal Doulton stalking tiger was donated to the Society specifically to commemorate the memory of those Australian service personnel that lost their lives during the Vietnam Conflict from 1962 to 1972 and especially those members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment which has a tiger as its unit mascot.

The accession number for the artefact is 2865. The figurine is believed to be model number HN 2646 designed by Charles Noke and available on issue between 1955 and 1992.



# Society News

## Coming Events

### Fort Lytton

Events such as guided tours and firing the canons are still suspended at Fort Lytton but the park is open 10am - 4pm Sundays and Public Holidays (except Christmas/New Year Period and Good Friday).

## The Society

### Committee Details

President: Kate Drews

Vice President: David Swift

Secretary: Sharyn Brown

Treasurer: James Schmidli

Members: Dr Geoff Ginn, Brian Rough, Malcolm Catchpole, Elizabeth Hawkins

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### Volunteering

The Society runs on the commitment and support of its volunteers. There are many opportunities for members to contribute to, and volunteer for, a range of roles and projects during the year. Brian Rough is the society's Volunteer Co-ordinator.

### Membership

New Members are most welcome. Please email the Secretary for an application form. Volunteers are also welcome.

### Newsletter

Our newsletter "Mentioned in Dispatches" is free and is distributed via email. Any articles for inclusion are most welcome. They should be sent direct to queenslandmilitary@gmail.com. Articles should be in MS Word and photographs as a Jpeg file. Please note, the Society reserves the right to alter the story if required and no article on current politics or Defence Force policy will be published.