



AUSTRALIAN ARMY

4th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery

Chau Pha Lines, Lavarack Barracks, TOWNSVILLE QLD 4813

Dear fellow Gunners

4th Field Regiment will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on the 4th May 2010. As a unit with a rich history in peace and war, forged by the high number of distinguished former and current serving members, this will be a significant occasion. This initial letter provides all former members, Associations and supporters of the regiment with the initial outline of the planned events surrounding the occasion and encourages both your attendance and contribution.

The main events will centre on Saturday the 1st May 2010 starting with a parade in the City of Townsville where the Regiment will receive Freedom of Entry to the City of Townsville as a result of the amalgamation of the Cities of Thuringowa and Townsville. There will subsequently be a number of events held at Chau Pha Lines including the opening of the new barracks, a Memorial Dedication, the opening of the new Regimental Museum and a Regimental Ball.

Leading upto the 1st May there will be a number of other activities. ANZAC Day will involve a Dawn Service, Gunfire Breakfast, the ANZAC Day March along the Strand for both current and former members and then regimental drinks at a venue in town. On Friday 30th April, the regiment will hold an Open Day as well as a Gun Race and Old Boys Rugby match to set the tone for the following day's festivities.

I would like to invite all to donate historically significant items so the regiment's collection can continue to evolve and showcase the last 50 years of dedicated service. The significant cost of holding these events will be met primarily through privately raised funds and contributions by the current serving members of the Regiment. Association and personal contributions will be gladly received and appropriately recognised to ultimately ensure the occasion is a memorable one.

If you require more information or are interested in contributing to the activity or donating to the Historical Collection please contact me or my second in command, Major Matt Finnerty on mobile: 0448 920 487 (email: matthew.finnerty@defence.gov.au).

The Commanding Officer designate, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Weller and I look forward to meeting you all in person and hope you can accept our invitation to celebrate such a significant milestone for the Regiment.

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Sequence of Events

Date	Activities
Sunday 25 April 2010	ANZAC Day ~Dawn Service ~Gunfire Breakfast ~Past & present mbrs march on the Strand ~Regimental Drinks
Friday 30 April 2010	Regimental Open Day ~Bty and Regt barracks opening ~Displays ~Gun Race ~Old Boys Rugby Match
Saturday 01 May 2010	Parade to receive the Keys to Townsville Memorial Dedication Service Museum Opening Regimental Ball

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