

Reserve Forces Day

Brisbane parade wins 2004 excellence award



Soldiers from the 9 Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment, march past the Brisbane reviewing officer and now-former CDF General Peter Cosgrove (at right of reviewers), with RFDC Chairman CAPT Bob Hume, left, accompanied by Brisbane Lord Mayor Campbell Newman.

More than 1000 people watched the parade past Brisbane's City Hall at King George Square.

Brisbane's Reserves Forces Day Council adopted the national theme of Year of the Horse for the parade, which was subsequently awarded the national award for excellence from among the 2004 parades.

Number 23 (City of Brisbane) Squadron, RAAF Reserve from RAAF Base Amberley led off the parade.

Brisbane's 2005 parade theme of 'Women and the Reserves' has been warmly received in the Defence community north of the border.

HQ 13 BDE ensures Reserves are honoured in the West

In Perth, Reserve Forces Day was organised by the Defence Reserves Association initially, although subsequently a RFD Committee was set up and took over organisation. More recently ADF formations have coordinated RFD observances and HQ 13 BDE has been very active in this respect.

The 1998 observance was the 50th Anniversary of the raising of the CMF in 1948, and, in Perth, was conducted as a parade and march through the City.

Since then Reserve Forces Day has been observed annually in different ways such as a service at the State War Memorial, a church service at Christ Church Grammar School, and a march and parade at the Army Museum of WA at Artillery Barracks in Fremantle.



Below: The 2004 service was well attended by Reservists past and present, and Z Force veterans and was supported by ADF Cadets from the Army Cadets. The service took place in cool but sunny weather.

This year, as in 2002, 2003 and 2004, Reserve Forces Day will be observed as a combined service at the State War Memorial in King's Park with the Z Force Operation Rimau Memorial Service on Sunday 3rd July and will be organised in conjunction with HQ 13 BDE.

The combined service results from the proximity of the two dates (1st & 7th July) and enables 13^o Brigade to support an Association whose numbers and age present difficulties in organisation of such a service.

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Wimmera region is latest to honour Reserve service



Horsham, in country Victoria, in 2004 was the latest rural area to join national Reserve Forces Day celebrations.

The event, designed for the Wimmera region of Victoria, was held on July 4, 2005.

It commemorated the service given by past and present members of the Militia, VDC, CMF, National Service, Army Reserve and ARA Cadre Staff who served in Reserve Units raised in the Horsham and Stawell area.

The event was held at the War Memorial in Sawyer Park, followed by lunch at Horsham RSL.

Rural Victoria has a proud tradition of providing fighters for the defence of Australia.

Just deciding to hold the event locally gave service personnel past and present a feeling of pride.

Horsham organising committee spokesperson, Major Jim Amos RFD ED Retd commented: "There's been hundreds of

people from throughout the Wimmera and beyond whose service has never really been recognised. Apart from that, it was a great opportunity for people to catch up."

Horsham history of serving the nation goes back a long way, into the 1800s. Army unit in Horsham included:
1800s: Victorian Rangers, 59 Infantry Battalion;
1918-1935: 19 Light Horse;
1935-1938: 1 Armoured Car Regiment;
1939: mobilisation to form part of 19 Machine Gun Batt and various armoured units;
1948-1952: A Sqn 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse;
1952-1973: 36 Coy RAASC;
1973-1975: HQ 36 Transport Coy RACT;
1975: HQ 15 Transport Coy RACT, 128 Transport Platoon;
Now: 15 Transport RACT 128 Transport Troop.

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Adelaide honours 'Snowball' march



After celebrating the successful 2004 Tri-Service Band concert, the focus in Adelaide turned to the 2005 event.

The main emphasis at the 2005 launch at Government House on 15 April was on Butler's 500 'Snowball March' of 1918.

The march, from Edithburgh to Adelaide, raised 170 men just before the war's end. Lt Col Butler's daughter and grandson attended the Government House reception.

The 2005 event will be held on Sunday, July 3, and will include a church service at St. Peter's Cathedral at 10.30am followed by a free barbecue and Tri-Services Band recitals at Torrens Parade Ground at noon.

Above: Air Force cadets at the launch.

Right: Capt Barrie Newman, RFD, ED (Retd), Deputy Chairman, Reserve Forces Day Council - SA, with co-presenter, The Hon Francis Bedford, MP at Launch of Reserve Forces Day 2005 at Government House, Adelaide.

Below: Quintet from Army Reserve Band, Adelaide playing at the launch.



Prince of Wales award winners for 2004



LT Jodie Strong

Keeping the people you already have

Studying methods to retain Army Reserve personnel and ensure a more experienced part-time force is one of the aims of Army Reservist Lieutenant Jodie Strong, one of the six 2004 Prince of Wales Award winners.

The award allows Lieutenant Strong, Systems Education Manager at Australian Business Limited in North Sydney, to go to the UK to analyse, review and report on the human resource policies and practices of the UK Territorial Army.

She will document her findings in a thesis as part of her Doctor of Education studies at Sydney's University of Technology.

While in the UK, Lieutenant Strong plans to study logistics, particularly the supply chain, within the UK Army's 210 General Support Squadron and 151 (Greater London) Logistic Support Regiment.

Improving gunshot wound treatment

Developing specific expertise in treating civilians and soldiers who have sustained gunshot wounds is the aim of Army Reservist Captain Sandy Zalstein.

A senior intensive care registrar at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Captain Zalstein's secondment is with the R. Adam Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Maryland, to study their ballistic trauma management, from patterns of injury and clinical approaches, to infrastructure and trauma system features.

He also plans to investigate special operations medical training provided to US medics, nursing and medical officers while attached to the Joint Special Operations Bragg, North Carolina.

"In my Reserve role as a Company Medical Officer, I believe this award will allow me to provide better operational health support and technical advice to Special Operations Command," he said.



CAPT Sandy Zalstein

Making things safe, doubly

Investigating how to make improvised explosive devices safe and to collect intelligence on possible terrorists are some aims of 36-year-old Army Reservist Captain Brian Caswell during his Prince of Wales Award travels.

Captain Caswell, qualified as a Bomb Technician and Bomb Scene Examiner in the WA Police Service, is taking up a secondment with Scotland Yard Police Bomb Response and Counter Terrorism Unit.



CAPT Brian Caswell

"Traveling overseas to the UK will increase my knowledge in this field, subsequently ensuring best practices are met by the WA Police Service and the ADF," he said.

"It will also provide me with the opportunity to research other topics including up-to-date equipment and best practices on intelligence gathering on possible terrorist organisations operating throughout the world."

The Prince of Wales Awards scheme was established in 1984 as a reward for Reservist achievement in both civilian and military employment. The award also acknowledges the support of a Reservist's employer. The award consists of a two-week attachment to a military establishment, followed by a similar attachment to relevant civilian organisations in the USA, Canada or the UK.

Prince of Wales award winners for 2004 (continued)

Helping liver patients to stay alive

An intensive care and anaesthetic registrar from Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney is a Prince of Wales award winner.

Army Reservist Captain Robert Lewin, 37, will use his award to investigate ways to sustain the lives of acute liver failure patients while they wait for life-saving liver donations.

His secondment is with King's College Hospital in London, where he will train in methods of extra-corporeal support for patients with acute liver failure as well as the intensive care management for pre-and-post liver failure.

While in the UK, Captain Lewin will also aim to develop and improve methods of delivering surgical support to air assault operations. He hopes to spend two weeks attached to Royal Army Medical Corps' 144 Parachute Medical Squadron.



CAPT Robert Lewin



LT Anthony Stavrou

Transit and transport to be studied

Utilising latest transit technology to improve Queensland's public transport system is the motivation for Army Reservist Lieutenant Anthony Stavrou Prince of Wales award.

A senior information technology adviser for TransLink organisation, he will work at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the American Public Transportation Association, and also attend the 12th World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems in San Francisco.

He plans to study how information technology can be used to assist the public's understanding of public transit services through real-time information and automatic fare collection systems utilising smartcard technology.

While in the US, 35-year-old Lieutenant Stavrou also hopes to investigate the US Army's logistics systems and visit the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

Reserve doctor to bone up on hips

Army Reservist Captain Patrick Weinrauch, 30, is set to help young patients with severe osteoarthritis of the hip after winning a Prince of Wales Award.

Captain Weinrauch, an orthopaedic registrar with Brisbane's Prince Charles Hospital, will undertake a secondment with the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham in the UK to investigate contemporary techniques of hip resurfacing arthroplasty (HRA).

Although still experimental technology, it is hoped that HRA will provide a reliable and long-lasting alternative for the management of severe osteoarthritis of the hip joint.



CAPT Patrick Weinrauch

While in the UK, Captain Weinrauch also hopes to investigate and observe procedures and techniques for provision of forward medical support to air assault operations and mobility of surgical capability at 16 Close Support Medical Regiment in Colchester.

The award, considered the military equivalent of the Churchill Fellowship, is open to all serving members of the active Reserves across the three Services from Sergeant (E) to Major (E). For information on nomination for a Prince of Wales Award, go to www.defence.gov.au/drsc or phone 1800 803 485.

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