



The WAURior

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In this edition...

Look out for these items and more

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- ✓ ANZAC Day headsup
- ✓ Member contributions
- ✓ Unit History file
- ✓ Funny Stuff!

Contributions Sought!!

Thanks to Barney Clarson and John Kargotich.

For the rest of you useless bastards thanks for nothing. Remember, if there is something you would like to see in your Newsletter, please let me know. As was often said by Chook "I would be delighted to receive your contributions - no matter how small!"

Regards, Michael Jenkin (Editor)

Want more?.....

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our website members
section***

Ramblings from the President

With John Kargotich aka Kargo

Greetings WAURiors and welcome to edition 33 of the WAUR Association newsletter.

In recent times the WAUR landscape has been peppered with the passing of many a good WAURior, no less traumatic was the passing of a founding member of this Association, good Mate and Regimental Legend Shaun "Chook" Chapman.

There has been much that has been said about Chook and, by consensus there is no doubt much to be remembered but, in his passing Chook left us a lesson, the importance of Mates, the importance of supporting your Mates, of bravery in adversity, of maintaining humour in life, that importantly, when the job is on, it is on!! And, in true infantry tradition, to never give ground.

We know of Chook's heroic struggle with cancer right to the end but at no time during that period did he ever retreat from his responsibilities or, being with his Mates – all of you.

So now the Association goes forward with those lessons and we welcome Geoff "Barney" Clarson onto the Committee as Vice-President where all three of us – Barney, Jenks and Kargo – look forward to sharing further beers and yarns with all.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas,

John

FACEBOOK

WAUR is on Facebook you are welcome to join or add to the group as a way of keeping in touch with other WAURiors.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4995212210/>

www.waurassociation.iinet.net.au

As the vast majority of members are aware, Regiment stalwart and legend, Shaun 'Chook' Chapman, lost his battle with cancer on 30 July 2017.

In inimitable Chook fashion, he left strict instructions on the conduct of his final journey and true to his wishes we sent him on his way to the sound of ACDC's 'Highway to Hell' and a rendition of 'Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life' sung by family and friends.

Leiomyosarcoma is a particularly aggressive form of cancer and the prognosis was never really good. Whilst Chook suffered the roller coaster ride of this insidious disease, he outwardly maintained a positiveness right to the end, including ensuring members of this Association were appraised of ANZAC Day detail and the production of newsletter no' 32 of June 2017.

It was heartening to see so many of us rally around Chook in those final days, including a tremendous ANZAC day turnout, answering rally cries for working bees and clogging up the hospital hallways to be near him at the end.

During those many hours and those subsequently at Chook's memorial 'piss-up', funeral and wake, I heard many of us wax lyrical about the importance of maintaining contact and not letting Chook's legacy of good friendship and work for Association falter and wither away.

Whilst I was one of the worst offenders in this regard, I have stepped into the breach undertaking a more active position in the Association and becoming a member at our local RSL (where they even let me behind the bar!).

My challenge to you dear members is to join with me in 'keeping the dream alive". Keep in touch, join your fellow members at social gatherings when opportunity presents and send in submissions for your newsletter.

So, with that in mind.... Let's hear some ideas.

Barney

BARNEY



THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE!

Comrades, the first edition of the WAURior (in this format) was issued in March 2001. I was the Editor back then and I continued to fill that role until the end of 2004. At that stage, I think I was sacked for incompetence, and the Newsletter passed into the talented hands of our beloved Shaun Chapman, aka Chook. Chook showed real skill with the pen and tapped into a vast archive of materials so that the Newsletters at once became much more interesting than they ever were under my editorship.

For obvious reasons, it is with very deep regret that I once again assume the responsibility for issuing the Newsletter. Shaun's untimely death shocked all of us deeply. To be honest, it still seems somewhat unreal. All I can say is that I will do my best to issue a quarterly Newsletter. I shall make no promises whatsoever about the quality thereof.

One thing I do intend to do in the New Year is to start using MailChimp to deliver these Newsletters. This is mainly self-interest because the MailChimp system is easy to use and issues the Newsletter by email. There is a downside – namely photos and images are a bit more painful to upload, but the upside is that instead of circulating a large pdf and potentially clogging up your inbox, the email that MailChimp issues takes up no room at all. With that in mind, if any of you have changed email addresses, please send me an update so we can keep you in the loop.

In closing, let me wish you all Happy Holidays – this seems the most appropriate greeting I can use, given that at my joint, in our nativity scene, the baby Jesus is being cradled lovingly by Ganesha whilst a Santa in a swing looks on...

Cheers, Jenks (Editor for the moment)

ANZAC Day 2018

The Committee is now planning a number of get-togethers in the New Year. The one event we would like to make BIG in 2018 is ANZAC Day (Wed, 25 Apr 18).

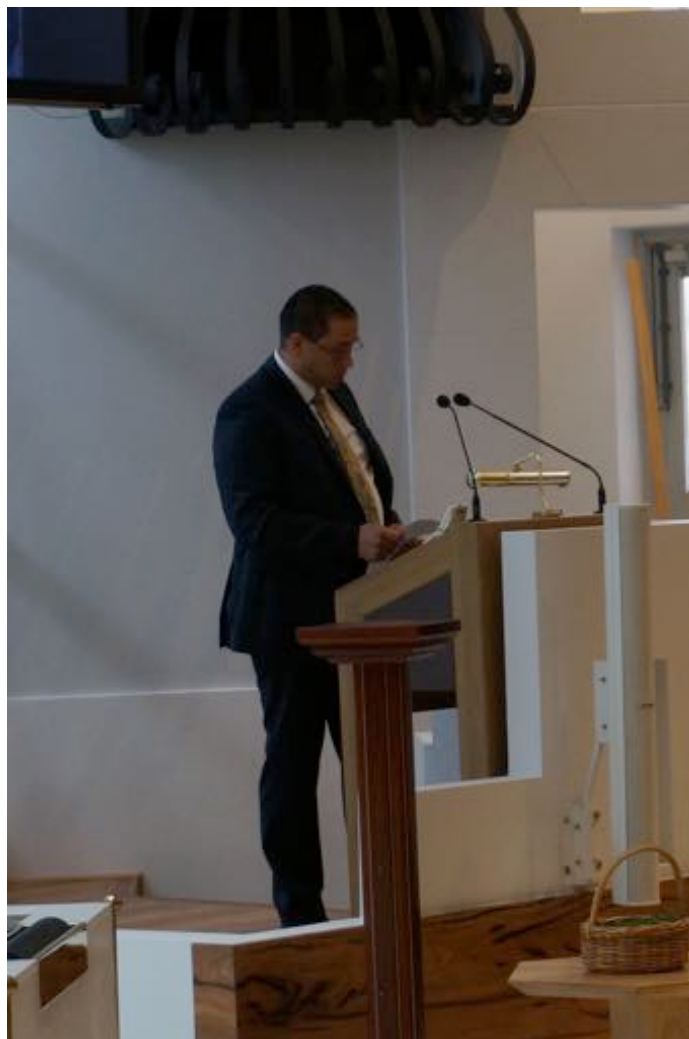
This will be the first ANZAC Day after the death of Shaun Chapman and it is pretty much confirmed that Shaun's father Rod (and possibly his kids) will be joining the WAUR contingent to march in Chook's memory. It would be great if we could have a big turn out to support them.

It is important for us all to march and if we spread the word we could have a big contingent. Please register your interest with Jenks at southern.cross@icloud.com, this will help our social planning and also the justification for purchasing a banner – to let them all know who we are!!

Up the Guts with Lots of Smoke!!!!















The Northam Advertiser (WA : 1895 - 1918; 1948 - 1954), Friday 25 February 1955, page 1

TROOPS FOR NORTHAM CAMP
More than 600 troops will begin 16 days' training at Northam Military Camp tomorrow.

They include about 220 members of the West Australian University Regiment, 250 from Headquarters Group, and 120 from the 13th Infantry Brigade. The W.A.U.R. training will include a three-day field exercise in the Bobokine area and a two-day bivouac this week-end. Training at the Regiment's annual camp will be directed by the commanding officer (Lieut.-Col. R. Bray).

Headquarters and Brigade camps being held at the same time are to provide alternative training periods for troops who were unable to attend previous camps because of seasonal occupation commitments, sickness, or other reasons.

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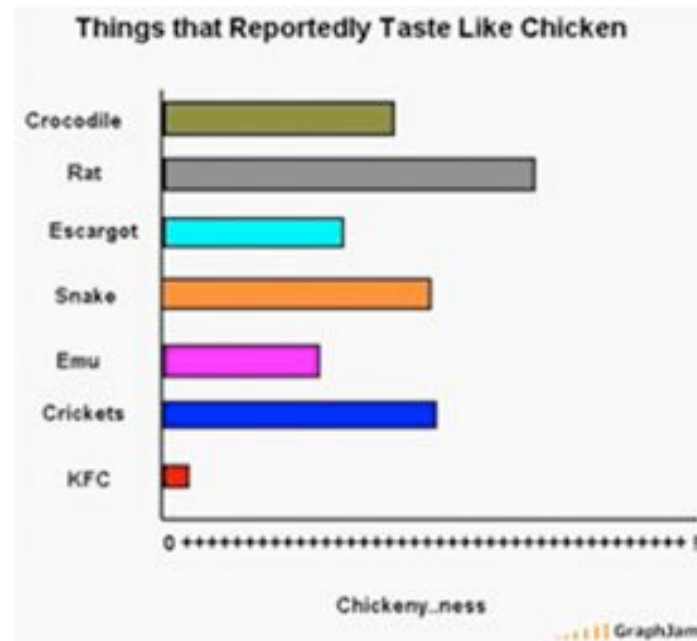
Anyone have any memories of Northam they would like to share?

Email the Editor: southern.cross@icloud.com

Laurence John DIBBLE - Can you help?

Recently, I received an email from Laurance Dibble's daughter seeking information about her father. Can anyone help? Email me at: southern.cross@icloud.com

"Dad, Laurance John DIBBLE retired about June 1973 (?1972) whilst still attached to UWA - he was with UWA for just a few years taking him to his retirement. During ww2 he was with 2/8th Field Regt Artillery Sigs 9th Division. Was in the Middle East at El Alamein and then back in Qld for Jungle training and then before his unit was sent to Borneo. He never spoke of his service during ww2 and except for Malaria he appeared to come through OK but perhaps that was because he had re-enlisted and still had the Army life support. I am 80 and am trying to put together as much as I know about Dad for the family. "



When someone tells you it's too early for decorations...

After an absence of several years the Association Q-Store has taken delivery of a new batch of stubby holders. Intensive testing by the Stubby Holder Investigation Team have resulted in a stitched base (no more blow outs) and stitched and taped seams (classy) for first class military spec item that unlike us is sure to withstand years of use and abuse.

Get in quick - they will sell out!!!



You asked for it - now **buy** it!

In response to member's demands, your Association (at great expense to the management it has to be said) arranged for the production of quality ties, lapel badges, cuff links and tie bars. These items are available by mail order. The lapel pins, tie bars and cuff links are in a quality gold coloured metal and feature the Unit crest. The Association ties are modelled on the original Unit tie and have been made up in a quality silk blend material. Visit the Website for ordering details or contact Jenks at: southern.cross@icloud.com

Price List

Individual Items

Cuff links (pair)	\$20.00	(Gold metal)
Lapel pins	\$ 7.50	(Gold metal, single pin)
Stubby holders	\$ 7.50	(Yellow text on Green, top quality)
Tie bars	\$12.50	(Gold metal)
Ties	\$45.00	(Silk blend, top quality) (Only one left at this price)



Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LAST NAME				
FIRST NAME				
NICK NAME				
ADDRESS				
		BIRTH DATE		
CONTACTS	WORK		HOME	
	MOBILE		EMAIL	
SERVICE DETAILS	REG NUMBER		RANK	
	YEAR IN (WAUR)		YEAR OUT (WAUR)	
MOST MEMORABLE WAUR OCCASION:				
FAVOURITE SAYING FROM THE ERA:				
SERVICE HISTORY:				
BRIEF PERSONAL PROFILE: (Family/Job/Hobbies/Achievements etc)				
Membership Agreement				
I HEREBY APPLY to be an ordinary member of the Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc. ("the Association"), and I agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Association.				
Name of Applicant: _____ Date: / /				
Please email completed applications via the email link on the contact page of the WAUR website www.waurassociation.iinet.net.au				
Once processed you will be added to the Associations email list for inclusion in mail outs.				