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## **HARIM TOK TOK VOLUME 49 DECEMBER 2006: PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2005/6**

The Association has progressed in many ways during 2005/06, thanks to your hard working Committee members. Other than our usual functions such as ANZAC Day, Regimental Dinner, Bush Dinners and memorial services, the two stand out 'activities were the establishing of our Military Museum at the National Servicemen's Historic precinct at the Wacol Army Barracks in Brisbane, and the 2006 visit to Papua New Guinea.

Both activities have been reported in previous issues of Harim Tok Tok. Colin Gould and Bruce Crawford's work in PNG coupled with on the ground support by John Mudge, has certainly paid off. More ASM's with PNG Clasp are in the pipeline for our PNG comrades, and those with 4 or more years service in PNGVR may also be entitled to the new Australian Defence Medal. (ADM)

I am very pleased to announce that Major-General John Pearn, AM, RFD. (Retd) former Surgeon General, Australian Army and Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health, at the Royal Children's Hospital in Brisbane, has accepted our invitation to become our Association Patron.

Bob Collins has continued his wonderful work in interviewing and recording the service recollections of our NGVR embers. Some interesting and unusual stories and events. He been recorded and efforts are being made to secure funding so that these personal stories from a small but unique Australian Militia Unit can be put into a book form.

I was amazed to learn that there is an NGVR-ANGAU plaque in the foreground of the Australian War Memorial. Although it was installed in 2001, no one in our Association was aware of its existence. The AWM has kindly offered to sponsor a dedication ceremony for the NGVR-ANGAU plaque. There is also plans to dedicate a PIR plaque incorporating the NGIB and PNGIB. It is proposed to commence a combined dedication service at the AWM, Canberra at 10.00 am Tuesday 15 May 2007, followed by a tour of the AWM and lunch. It is hoped that his Excellency the Governor General and Mr Keith Payne, VC. CAM. will be able to attend as well as NGVR, PNGVR, ANGAU and PIR members.

Transport to and from Canberra, accommodation, meals etc etc will be by individual arrangements and cost. As you are aware our Association will assume responsibility for PIR members as from 26 April 2007, hence the reason for coordinating the two ceremonies on the same day.

Members and partners interested in attending are requested to write or email our Secretary, Colin Gould, as soon as possible, as confirmed numbers will have an important bearing on the format and style of the dedication ceremonies. Further information will be available in 2007.

The issue of up to 6 editions of our newsletter year is perhaps our most important function, as it is the main means to keep all our Members, Associates, Friends and related organizations informed of our activities. Favorable comments from members regularly confirm this, and such comments are helpful and well received. The unheralded work of planning, typing, photo copying and mailing some 400 copies is done solely by our Secretary Col Gould. On behalf of all our members, thank you very much Colin.

The following, not in any order, will give our members and supporters an idea of all the various activities of our Association. If you wish to help out in any way, please email or contact the Association or the various function coordinators:

MUSEUM- maintenance; displays; administration; open days; security; Liaison with other museums; ( John Holland-Museum Curator & Paul Brown)

PLAQUE DEDICATION 2007: Planning / hosting  
( Bruce Crawford-Chairman Planning Committee and Phil Ainsworth)

9 RQR MILITARY EXCELLENCE AWARDS: (Col Gould)

PNG INDEPENDENCE FUNCTIONS: (Col Gould)

NGVR/PNGVR FUNERAL SUPPORT SERVICE: ( Paul Brown & Tom Dowling)