



## **COURIER**

### **2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

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## **NOVEMBER 2017**

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### **68TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

**Lovekin Drive, Kings Park, 3pm, Sunday 19  
November 2017**

Association members, their families, friends and other supporters are reminded and encouraged to attend this year's commemoration ceremony.

The ceremony will again be live streamed online for those that cannot attend and for later viewing. Save the link and make sure you subscribe to our YouTube channel while you're there:

<https://live.doublereds.org.au/>

John Carey Jr. MP, Federal Member for Perth, and the son of former stalwart of the old 2/2 Commando Association of Australia, Jack Carey will give the address at the service.

Those present, will be invited to sign a new Attendance Book to commence an ongoing record of the occasion.

### **AFTER THE COMMEMORATION SERVICE ...**

The committee of the 2/2 Commando Association also invites you for a drink and a chat.

After the commemorative ceremony please join us for a drink and a bite to eat at the Captain Stirling Hotel.

We expect the ceremony to finish at around 4pm. Drinks will be from 4.15pm.

Hope you can join us.

Venue: Captain Stirling Hotel, 80 Stirling Highway, Nedlands in the alcove section of the bar.



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The annual general meeting of the Association was held at Rob Crossing's offices in Nedlands at 6pm on Tuesday 24 October. In the election of officers, Peter Epps and John Denman were re-elected to the positions of President and Vice-President, Rob Crossing takes over as Secretary from Colleen Thornton-Ward who continues as Treasurer. Geoff Payne joined the committee along with Noel Strickland, John Burrridge, Louis Crossing, Murray Thornton and Ed Willis.

### **PROGRESS REPORT ASSOCIATION GRANT TO MELVILLE FRIENDS OF HATOLIA (MFoH)**

We are pleased to advise that Snr Francisco Jorge dos Santos, Program Manager, Learning Resource Development Centre has forwarded reports on the Compact Teaching Program for Ailelo/Cosbouk and Samara schools that was

completed with funds donated by 2/2nd Commando Association of Australia and organised by the MFoH.



The training program was completed in 25 sessions at Ailelo school between the 10th May – 2nd June 2017 with the teachers from Cosbouk and Ailelo travelling there to participate.

For a full report and photos from the training sessions, see the July 3 post on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/2nd2nddoublereds/>

#### **PROGRESS REPORT ASSOCIATION GRANT TO CONTAINERS FOR TIMOR-LESTE**



At its meeting on 25 October 2016, the Committee decided to grant \$4,000 to the Containers for Timor Project in support of their ongoing work. Members of the Project team attended the Commemoration Ceremony last November and issued a Certificate of Appreciation to the Association for the grant.

The container (C34) that 2/2 funds were used to purchase was fully loaded by the Containers for

Timor Project team with donated school desks and chairs, tables, stationery, office equipment, computing equipment, educational toys and books, household goods, electrical appliances, linen, bicycles and spare parts, sporting goods, hand/electrical tools, gardening equipment and medical supplies and equipment.

Unfortunately, the container was delayed being transported for several months while a Customs procedural issue was resolved with the Dili port authorities. Thankfully, that issue was resolved and the container received in Dili.

Peter Snell, the Containers for Timor Project representative in Dili has advised that the container have been unloaded and the contents transported to recipients in Hatolia. The Association thanks Peter and his fellow workers in Dili and the members of the Containers for Timor Project team for their contributions to this endeavour.

#### **PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING GRANTS**

The Committee is seeking members' suggestions about further projects that the Association should support.

The committee has a broad discretion, but will, in considering these proposals, take into account any benefit to the people who live in the areas in which the unit saw action.

If you wish to make a proposal that the Association support a project, or spend money in a particular way, please start a new Forum topic in the Funding Proposals page of the Doublereds website:

<https://courier.doublereds.org.au/funding>

When making a submission please include how much you propose be spent, who would benefit and why you think we should support that project and post it before 31 December 2017.

#### **DONATIONS**

The association has set a donation target of \$5000 for 2017/18. The objectives for the Association's fund raising and a payment link can be found on the Doublereds Donations webpage:

<https://doublereds.org.au/donations/>

A payment facility for donations and memberships will also be available at the Commemoration Service on the 19 November.

### PRODUCTS FOR SALE

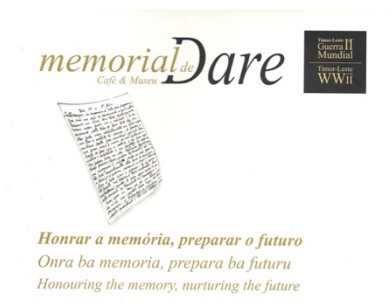
Products are available for purchase from the Doublereds Store:  
<https://doublereds.org.au/store/>

The Doublereds insignia badge in vitreous enamel (\$20) has sold well through the online store, but a few of the badges will be available for sale at the Commemoration Service.

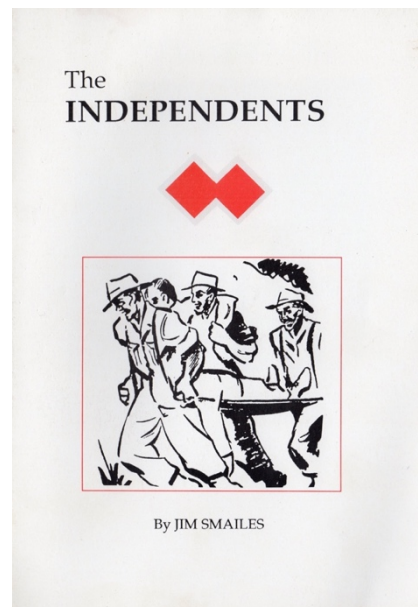
### FREE PUBLICATIONS

The Association has multiple copies of two publications that will be available free to those attending the Commemoration Service on a first come first served basis:

- Memorial de Dare Café and Museum: honouring the memory, nurturing the future. – Dili: Timorese Resistance Archive and Museum, 2009. – [28] p.; illus., maps.



- The Independents / by Jim Smailes. – Perth, W.A.: 2/2nd Commando Association, [199?]. – 40 p.; illus.



### TIMOR 1942 COMMANDO CAMPAIGN TOUR

Committee member, Ed Willis, is undertaking a 9-day tour of Timor-Leste between April 23 – 2 May 2018 and invites expressions of interest from others who may wish to join him. The tour includes participation in the dawn Anzac Day ceremony in Dili on April 25.



The tour will go of the usual beaten path for such tours and visit locations in western and central Timor-Leste where the 2/2 were based, where they fought against the Japanese and where significant events occurred.

Contact Ed Willis for costs and additional information: 0438907480 or [ew988662@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ew988662@bigpond.net.au).