



The Tracker Times

ADFTWDA Newsletter

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“ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE AS THE QUALITY OF THE NEWSLETTER IS DEPENDENT UPON THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION WE RECEIVE TO PUBLISH.....”

-PRESIDENT ADFTWDA

Welcome to The Tracker Times – ADFTWDA Newsletter

G'day readers and welcome to the first of many newsletters to come. The purpose of our newsletter is to provide information to our members and keep us all in contact throughout the year. We have members all over Australia, with the majority of the committee in SE QLD, so this is the perfect opportunity to maintain and hopefully reconnect comms with our members and mates, maybe even a few we have not seen in a while.

The first edition can be considered a walk-through talk-through edition, explaining the different sections of our newsletter. We welcome any feedback and hope members will contribute to the relevant sections.

With that said, have a read of our first edition of “The Tracker Times”.



National Military & Service Working Dog National Monument & Memorial to Sapper Darren Smith & EDD Herbie, RSPCA Animal Care Campus, Wacol QLD. This is also the location of our service each year on the 07 June for National Military Working Dog Day.



Our association has the following committee vacancies or are currently dual rolled. If you are interested in taking up one of the positions, please contact the SEC at: secretary@aussietrackers.org



The MIA section is for members who are looking for lost mates that are also members of our association. The committee will also add members who we have lost contact with to ensure our member database is up to date with correct contact information.



The “R&R” section is for our members to let us know if you are out and about travelling. We can then letter members know where you are off to, and who knows? You may be travelling through a town or city where one or many of your mates now reside.



The “Then & Now” section is an opportunity for us to let members know what we have been up to over the years since our time serving as a handler or tracker, and what we are up to now. We can also have a laugh at one another by providing a photo from when we were a tracker/handler and a photo of us now...



The Vale section will be utilised for notifying members of the passing of a member, former serving dog or current serving dog.

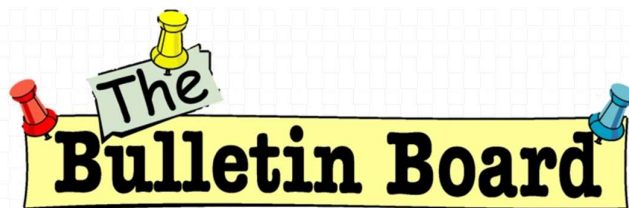


The RAP will allow the chance to notify us on members who may not be doing too well at the moment and be kept updated on progress. Obviously, some of us may want to keep this information private. But those that are willing to pass on basic details – there could be nothing more therapeutic than a call from a mate, especially one we may not have heard from in some time.



Our association has our own welfare member and advocate, past President, Ben Hall. In this section we will post relevant information/updates from DVA and any other relevant organisations that may be of assistance to our members. If we have members that are currently advocates, or would like to volunteer their time and become an advocate, please contact our association.

- As of 01 Jan 22, the DVA disability pension will be removed from the income test for Social Security payments. This will simplify the way income support payments are calculated, indexed, and administered by DVA and Services Australia. The initiative will exempt the Disability Pension from the Social Security Act 1991 income test and the rent assistance test under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986. As part of these changes, Disability Pension will be re-named 'Disability Compensation Payment' to better reflect the nature of the payment. Visit www.dva.gov.au for more information.



The Bulletin Board is used to notify upcoming events that our association is hosting or participating in. If you have an event coming up and wish for our members to know, feel free to submit. An example of such an event is:

- **7th June – National Military Working Dog Day – Wacol QLD**

It can also be used for brief reminders such as:

- **Email newsletter submissions to:** president@aussietrackers.org

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS EMAILED TO: PRESIDENT@AUSSIETRACKERS.ORG

Merchandise – www.aussietrackers.org/merchandise/

As you may be aware, our association does not charge a membership fee. We rely purely on donations and the selling of merchandise. So, if you are in need of a new hat, shirt or the good old faithful stubby cooler, please click the link above and support our association.



Brassall Vet Surgery

17 HUNTER ST BRASSALL QLD 4305 – 07 3201 6464

The team at Brassall Vet Surgery in the greater Ipswich area, have graciously offered a 20% discount to **all retired Military Working Dogs**. So, if you have a retired dog from the Army or RAAF, drop into to the team at Brassall Vet Surgery with proof of your dog's service to receive a 20% discount!!!!



The Rant!!!

The Rant!!! is our opportunity to share a story or two about our time in the military. No doubt we all got up to mischief or in a little strife during our time in (as is the Aussie way), were involved in some hilarious situations or even an event that now looking back on you would like to share. The Rant!!! is the place to share these stories.

Wrap up Well ladies & gents, that is the concept of The Tracker Times. We hope you like it and we welcome any feedback, especially the positive kind. Remember it will only be as good as the content we receive, and everyone will pretty soon get sick of the world according to Barney if we do not get contributions. You have been warned.

How often we write a newsletter will also depend on the content we receive, so get cracking ladies & gents and while you are at it, give a mate a call that you have not spoken to in a while.

Until the next edition....

