

2/4 RAR LADIES ASSOCIATION



The Slippery Dip at the ladies "Anything Goes" Day

Well, here we are! Another year is nearly over for the 2/4 RAR Ladies Association. Once again, 1983 has been a very successful year for our club.

The Committee put their heads together at the beginning of the year, and came up with a variety of activities that we hoped the ladies would come along and enjoy.

Calling numbers from 1 to 90,
Someone waiting for a line,
Caller pulls out another five numbers,
The lucky lady calls out a nine.

On you go, while many are waiting,
This place is as quiet as a mouse,
The tension around is just unspeakable,
But Alas! Thank goodness, someone calls house.

As well as a couple of Bingo mornings, we also enjoyed a combined Ladies Club Swimming Carnival organised by the 103 Signal Regt Ladies. 2/4 RAR Ladies may not have been 100% successful in the novelty swimming events, but our Sandy Twigg did come away with the prize for the best novelty hat. "A Joh and Flo hat, peanuts and scones, (pumpkin of course)." Our banner was used for the first time and looked great flapping in the breeze.

Many fingers were crossed for Mother's Day gifts of microwave ovens after the demonstration we held in April. "The ladies were interested, that's why they kept looking, which really paid off, as they sampled the cooking."

The Army Wives Thrift Shop Fund raising effort this year was a fashion parade. Three of our ladies joined with others to model the garments. We work on a roster with other groups to support the shop. A big thank you to our small band of regular workers.

2/4 RAR Pipes and Drums entertained us at our Annual Luncheon at the R.S.L. Club. We have always thoroughly enjoyed the toe tapping and melodious tunes that they have played for us during the year. With 85 ladies attending, the R.S.L. Catering Service again did us proud. To top it all "Foxy" Gray with guitar sang some songs for us to finish off a great day.

Cricket and softball are our forte,
Red and black T-Shirts won the day!!

This year we played 1 RAR ladies in cricket and softball. On each sporting occasion both teams strived hard to win. No doubt the enthusiasm of our spectators spurred our girls on to top score in both games.



More fun — or is it?

Now our Hoy morning was slightly different in July. Most of us hadn't tried Hoy before, but more than half of the ladies went home with a prize.

The prizes were food packages
And bottles of wine
We know all the ladies,
Had a great time.

Wine, Cheese, Fun and Games — the title says it all. A small sample of wines were available for tasting — some donated by the two Messes. Also several varieties of cheese — some donated by Malanda. Various games — darts, hookey, quoits etc. were played and enjoyed. The Hawaiian Hut was a delightful venue for this occasion.

August 1983 — Anything Goes — What a terrific day!!

All the work the Committee put in was well and truly worth it. Teams were entered by ladies clubs from 3/4 Cavalry Regiment, 1 RAR, RAAF, 4 Field Regiment, 2 Field Supply Battalion, 103 Signal Regiment and of course 2/4 RAR. The magnificent seven!!! Our guests were Mrs. Ena Blake and Mrs. Jan Kelly who judged the best dressed teams in the march past. The ladies groups were in their husband's unit colour and looked sensational. Some teams had really made a special effort. Our mascot "Mr George" the bear, was with us again, dressed in

the red and black team colours and sported a black derby hat. Thanks to the invaluable help from PTI Dave Bell, the fun events contested were: "Egg Foo" Run, Tent Erection, Combat Fashion Dash, Slide for Life, Obstacle Course, Caterpillar Derby and the Billy Can Race. LTCOL Michael Keating presented the perpetual trophy and a magnum of champagne to the 1 RAR Ladies Club — the excited winners. All the other teams received a small gift for their efforts. The 105 ladies then settled down to a barbecue to round off a fabulous day.

During the year the Ladies Association has received assistance from many people. Our sincere thanks goes to all of them. To mention some — the Catering Staff for the delicious morning teas, tasty barbecues and buffets, the RP's for their newsletter delivering, directing of traffic, cricket pitch preparing and so on, the Pipes and Drums for their entertainment, the work parties and the photographer.

A bigger, bolder and brighter Christmas Break-Up Party and Luncheon is planned for the end of November. The outgoing committee is giving much time and energy to making this their best effort yet and wishes the Association every success in 1984.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.



Tent "Erection" during Anything Goes

LADIES TENNIS

Every Tuesday morning the tennis courts at 2/4 RAR are invaded by the ladies. All enjoy the exercise and chance to catch up with friends. The children share the swings and playground equipment and learn to socialise.

Thanks to the PTI's, Badminton is usually set up in the gym for us and quite a few ladies look forward to playing a set or two. The Squash court is also available for the ladies on Tuesday mornings. A sprained ankle has been the only injury so far — although many of us have discovered hitherto unknown muscles after a strenuous game!

The "cooks" usually bring us over a "brew" for which we are always extremely grateful. So, for 30c, Tuesday is a morning few of us would miss.



The Victors — those other people!