

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fellow Members I am pleased to present the Chairman's Report to the Association's 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the association and for taking the time to attend this AGM. I would especially like to recognise the attendance of our life members Jim Blackburn, Frank Rands and Peter Smith.

The first few months of the reporting period were relatively quiet with the highlight being the announcement of the 2013 COTY LCWS Christopher Lawson.

The New Year saw the committees' focus shift to organising the upcoming reunion in May 2015. The Wellington based reunion committee led by Bob Olsen has put a lot of exceptional work into arranging the reunion with regular consultation with the executive committee.

On a social note, five unofficial luncheons were held through the year with four in Auckland and one in Wellington. These have gained some popularity and are becoming a great way for members to catch up.

2014 has seen some significant changes for our serving Communicators. They are now trained in IT and network management; have a new title of Communications Warfare Specialists and a new branch badge. I know these changes have been received with mixed emotions and comments by some but I'm sure we would all agree the branch has always been an ever evolving entity as technology and command needs change.

The Flagship of our Association our internet Blog continues to grow in popularity thanks in large part to member's contributions. The same growth has occurred with the Association Facebook page which is seeing a significant increase in members over the last 12 months.

I am pleased to report that the Association continues to be financially stable and solvent. Membership continues to grow and one of the committee's focus' this year has been initiatives to encourage more serving members to join.

As always I would like to thank the committee especially its executives for their support and contributions over the past year ensuring the association is well managed and functioning iaw its constitution. On a similar note I would also like to extend a special thanks to the 2015 reunion sub-committee and the regional coordinators around the country.

Finally before I close, sadly a number of our members crossed the bar this year and their names added to our Roll of Honour. I acknowledge the contributions of these friends and colleagues to the branch, the association and their country. May they rest in peace and always be remembered.