

51st Battalion, Far North Queensland Regiment



51st Battalion – Association Members AGM

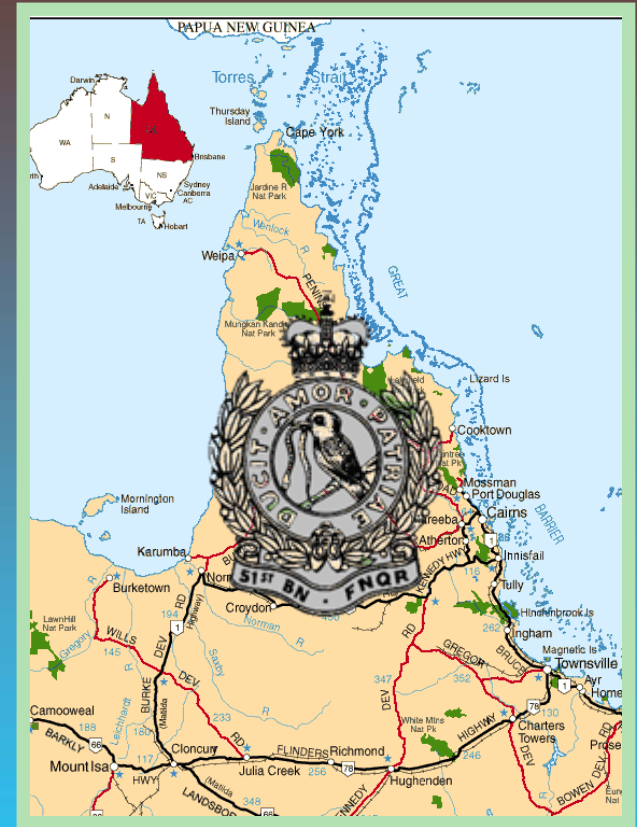
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Scope

- RFSU Development
- RFSU Concept
- Battalion Area and Mission
- Manning
- Battalion Capability
- Equipment
- Issues for the Association





RFSU Development

- Concept approved in early 1980s.
- Existing units re-tasked as RFSU in 1985.
- New equipment issued.
- New doctrine developed.
- New training designed.
- Unique peace and wartime operational role.

Operational Concept

- Regionality
- Personnel
 - Reserve pers who live within the region:
 - Community based.
 - ‘One Skin’ approach to Military Life and Culture
 - ARA – C2/Governance/Planning
- Patrol in respective and adjacent AOs
- Main Effort is Surveillance
- Supporting Effort is Training
- A 365 Day ongoing commitment to recon
surveillance in AR



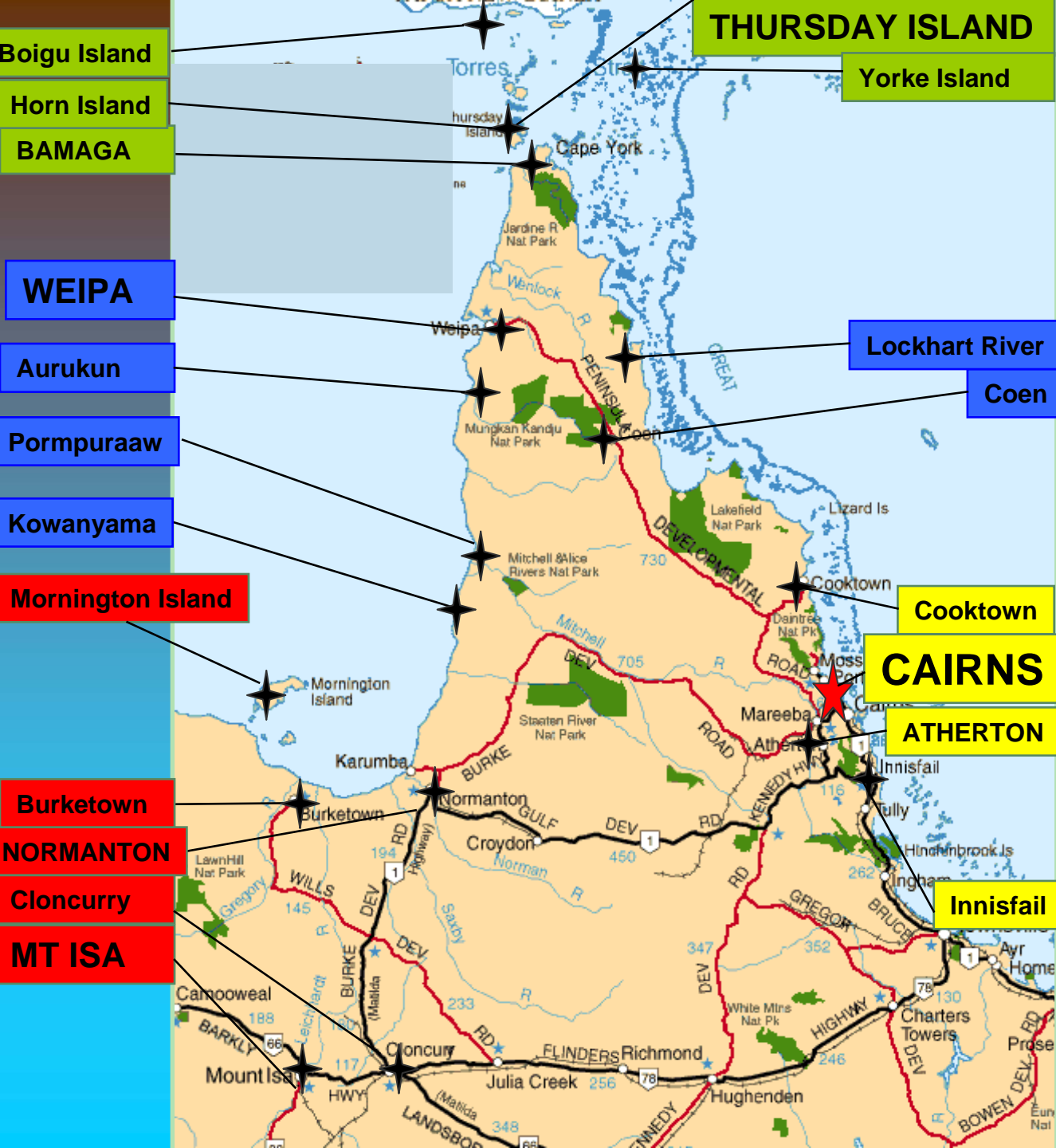


51 FNQR Mission



‘51 FNQR is to conduct land based and littoral surveillance and reconnaissance within its assigned Area of Responsibility (AR) in order to support National Surveillance and ADF Operations’

Yellow writing highlights RFSU role



51FNQR Dispositions

- **HQ facy:**
 - Cairns - BHQ, A Coy, OSC & Trg Coy
 - Weipa - B Coy
 - TI - C Coy
 - Mt Isa - D Coy

- **Fwd op bases:**
 - Atherton (A Coy)
 - Coen (B Coy)
 - Bamaga (C Coy)
 - Normanton (D Coy)

- **Ptl bases:**
 - A Coy - Innisfail & Cooktown
 - B Coy - Arukun, Pormpuraaw, Coen, Lockhart River & Kowanyama.
 - C Coy - Boigu, Yorke & Horn Is.
 - D Coy - Mornington Is, Burketown & Cloncurry.



Manning

Generic Posted strength: 500 (70 ARA, 430 A Res):

- Indigenous soldiers (~ 33%).
- Females (~ 15% in non-cbt related roles).
- Incl a small number of Airforce and Navy specialist personnel.



Battalion Capability

Our Soldiers



Integral Insertion Techniques



FOOT



VEHICLE



BOAT



Core Capability



Six man ptl:

- **Comd (LT/SGT)**
- **2IC (CPL)**
- **Sig**
- **Cbt First Aider**
- **Scout**
- **Patrolman**

- **SA – F88/F89.**
- **Image capture / ltd data transfer.**
- **NFE / sight sys.**
- **Sec Comm.**
- **Long Range / Self Sufficient.**
- **2 x RFSV / 4.4m dinghy.**

Training & Courses



Recruit to Retirement

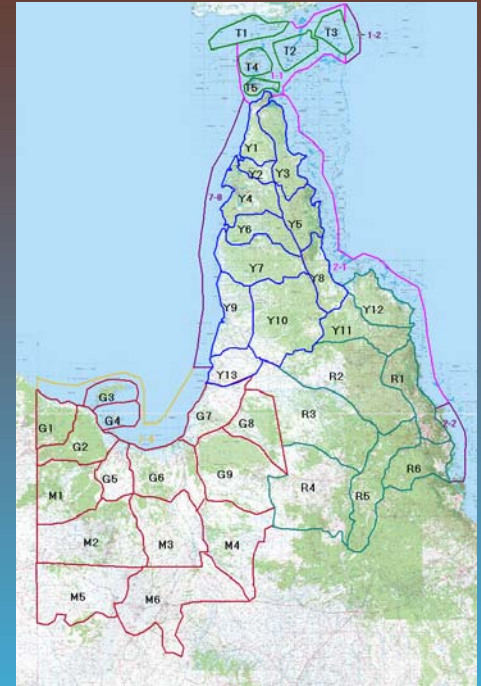
- Recruit Induction
 - Patrolman
 - Driver Courses (C2 & RFSV)
 - Patrol Signaller (incl Recert)
 - Advanced Combat First Aid
 - Advanced Combat First Aid Recertification
 - RFSU Small Craft Handler
 - RPC/ Chainsaw/ Survival/ Tracking
 - Patrol Second in Command
 - Patrol Commander
 - Patrol Master
 - Gap Trg (1/15 RNSWL/GE Res)
- But wait there is more!!**
- Vanuatu Trg Team (IP Div)





Big Picture

- National Surveillance Plan
- Inter Agency
 - 51 NQR/AQIS/BPC/ Customs/AFP/QPol
- Tactical Areas of Responsibility based on cultural areas.
- BERT and ERNIE



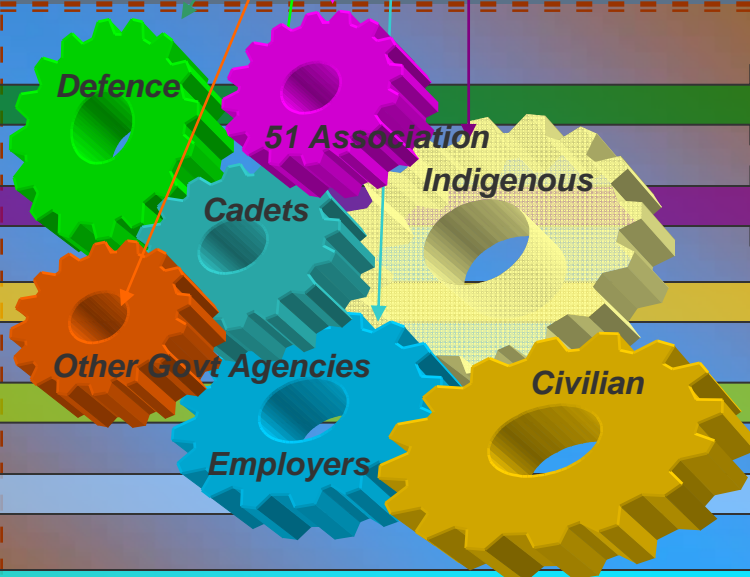
51 FNQR Community Engagement Plan

STEEPS Analysis

Engagement

Enhanced Awareness

Social
Training
Environment
Economic
Political
Security



PR Themes and messages to Community via Local Media

COG Protected and/or Enhanced

Mission Success

Input:
TAOR Analysis
IIRs – OGAs and Military
Review of current databases and open source material
= Basic awareness

Output:
TAOR Profiles
Patrol Reports/AAR/POR
Human Terrain Mapping
= Increased Situational Awareness



Bn Projects

Memorial Walk:

- Front of Bldg.
- Opened Sep 09
- Ongoing sponsorship by Bn and Association (design & money)

■ **ANZAC Days :**

- Association Members marching under Association Banner. We must demonstrate our strength, our unity.

■ **Villers Bretenoux Cross:**

- Displayed at St Gregory's Cathedral WA
- Regt Mess is renamed after VB.
- Rename Bars – Offr/SGT – Sadler VC Bar, Soldiers - ??

■ **Bn Ball 2009 and all Bn activities.**

- Open to all paid up members and guests.

■ **OP RESOLUTE**

- Recognition....**MUST** represent our soldiers as an Assoc!



Take Away Points



- **51 Association remains a critical element of 51 FNQRs CE Plan.**
- **Membership may reflect past, however your deeds build our future.**
- **Promote Bn in your area...educate Cairns.**
- **Remain engaged.**
- **Update your contact details!!!!**



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QUESTIONS

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“EYES AND EARS OF THE NORTH”