**PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2016**

Gee Whiz…how time has flown flew by so quickly. Unfortunately, 2016 updates for the website were overlooked. Continued below is a ‘snapshot’ of my President’s Report for the Annual General Meeting held on the 9th of December 2016.

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“It has been a privilege and an honour to serve this great organisation as President and even a bigger honour to work alongside such an amazing group of people who give up their time for LCCC.

 It was a memorable and productive year although the year brought with it some sadness, disbelief and a lot of relief.

A ‘Special General Meeting’ was held on the 27th of May 2016 to resolve issues with LCCC’s Bravo Company in Jimboomba. Unfortunately, at the end of the day, 66 cadets and adult members from Bravo Company resigned from the Logan City Community Cadets Inc. to form their own stand-alone cadet unit. We wish them all the best.

The year was busy with Recruiting, Recruit Courses, Leadership Courses, Bivouacs, Maintenance Days, Community Events such as ANZAC Day Marches, Ex Stone Pillow and Legacy Week and Wednesday Parades.

Exercise Stone Pillow 2016 was a success again and this time, LCCC handed over another cheque to aid the work for our homeless veterans. We also sold sausages and coffee and raised more for Wounded Heroes.

Our End of the Year camp at Tallebudgera was a blast and all who attended had fun.

LCCC has been fortunate to secure two grants in the year and with these grants, we have purchased a great Gazebo with the LCCC logo as well as a projector for our hall. We continue to receive support from the Greenbank RSL and this year from the Beaudesert RSL as well.

Trevor and I are working closely with the Sports and Recreation Officer, Chester Hiki, who is with the Logan City Council. We are in the process of applying for a Grant Writer to hopefully, secure the Community Gambling Benefit Fund of $35,000.00 to pay for our facility upgrade. These upgrades include an extension to our shed, a new bigger oven, and a shaded structure over the area between the scout hall and cadet hall just in front of the toilet block.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few people who deserve recognition for their hard work they put into LCCC during the year 2016.

The Executive Committee; Cherie Thompson and Nicole Keene who worked alongside me, I would have been lost without the two of you. Many are unaware that their work with LCCC does not stop when we walk out of these gates every Wednesday night. Cherie and Nicole, I value your friendship and I am thankful for all you do for LCCC.

Not forgetting Ange Geraghty, who sits at the reception desk and takes in money and documentation on Wednesday nights. Thank you Ange, you do not realise this but you do make a difference.

Our Commanding Officer, LTCOL Trevor Schulze who works tirelessly behind the scenes preparing documentation for Exercises and Activities, guiding other personnel in different areas as well as manning the Q-store together with SGT Ben Goddard and CPL Caden Wardle. In 2016, we welcomed Di Goddard into the Q-store and appreciate all her help with sorting out uniforms, issuing equipment, and getting the Q-store in order.

We welcomed our new Medical Officer, LT Jodi Cox, who came onboard May, 2016. I thank her sincerely for taking over from me and relieving me of my duties. I am grateful though, of the odd opportunity to still run First Aid lessons when work takes her away, as I do admit that I still enjoy hanging out with the cadets now and again. “Mumma Cox” has definitely made an impact on our cadets.

To all in the training cell, Major John Arnold, CPT Jeremy Bettison, LT Michael Cripps, SGT Jason Cox, LT Aaron Chase-Currier and SGT Peter Paunovic, and Mathew Richardson, Torrin Carlson and Jackson Keene who all together run Alpha Company. As I have always said, these people give up their Wednesday evenings and many weekends in the year because of a passion for empowering the young children with life skills and that is what LCCC is all about.

To our lovely Kitchen Coordinator, Kirsty Wardle and all the Parent Volunteers who put in their time to cook and serve the members, LCCC and our tummies thank you. Thank you Kirsty for keeping the Kitchen spotless and keeping our members fed.

I must mention Richard James who also volunteers his time behind the scene attending to our Website monitoring and updates. Thank you for what you do for LCCC.

And last but by no means the least, a huge thank you to my husband, Allen, for always being there for me; loading the trailers, packing up the car, doing the ‘b-b-q-ing’, restocking the Catering Trailer and helping me whenever I needed him.

Fellow LCCC members, I give my sincerest thanks to all of you; We shared our time, we shared our talents, and we shared our resources….and, ever so rewarding, we shared our love for the Logan City Community Cadets Inc., our organisation and each other.”

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At our 2016 AGM, Nicole Keene and Cherie Thompson stepped down as treasurer and secretary. Andrea Taylor took over as ‘Money Bags’ and Sarah Bettison as Secretary.

Unfortunately, Sarah had to step down due to family commitments and Odette Cheal has kindly filled in as interim secretary, until our official AGM later on in this year 2017.

Anthea Chase-Currier, President, Logan City Community Cadets Inc.