



**AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED**

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**MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION
HELD AT KIRRIBILLI CLUB, 11 HARBOUR VIEW CRESENT
LAVENDER BAY, NSW ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2016**

1. The President opened the meeting at 1045hrs.
2. Ode recited by: Neil Bennett.
3. Apprentice Prayer read by: Harry Cole.
4. Reading and Blessing by: Rev Craig Potter. Following the Reading and Blessing, the President thanked Craig for his attendance and for the thought provoking Reading and Blessing. While the President held the floor he welcomed Joanne, Damien and Greg to their respective position on the Committee.
5. **Attendees:**
 - Harry Hoger – President
 - Greg Haggett – Vice-President
 - Richard Pike – Treasurer
 - Ian Morris – Webmaster
 - Harry Cole – Heritage Officer
 - Otto Aberle – Events Manager
 - Craig Malcolm – Membership Secretary
 - Jeff Heron – Committee
 - Joanne Cornelius – Committee
 - Neil Bennett – Secretary
6. **Apologies:**
 - Damien Tyrrell – Welfare Officer
 - Lucas McGann – Committee
 - Barry Minster – Committee
 - Frank Maloney – Committee
 - Frank Poole – Memorial Sub-committee Chair.
7. **Proxies:**

Jeff Heron raised a point of order regarding Proxies for ordinary Committee meetings which he believed were not required.

On checking the Constitution, Annex A Part 3 MANAGEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND APPOINTEES Section 12 Voting and decisions

 - a. Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee are decided by a majority of votes of the Members of the Committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.

Proxies are covered in Annex B; GENERAL MEETINGS Sec. 10 Appointment of proxies.

Therefore Jeff's point of order is valid, so the Proxies received have been deleted from these Minutes.

8. Membership Secretary's resignation:

Motion 1: That Gary Byard's resignation as Membership Secretary of AAAA per email to the President be accepted.

Moved: Harry Hoger

Seconded: Harry Cole

Carried

Motion 2: That Craig Malcolm be appointed as Membership Secretary of AAAA.

Moved: Harry Hoger

Seconded: Ian Morris

Carried

9. Confirmation of Minutes of previous committee meeting:

Motion 3: That the Minutes of the previous May 2015 meeting be confirmed and accepted.

Moved: Neil Bennett

Seconded: Jeff Heron

Carried

10. Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting: Nil

11. Correspondence In/Out:

- a. Notice of Incorporation Renewal.
- b. From and to Sophie Wehbe in reference to advertising an Exercise Gym Programme in our Newsletter.
- c. Correspondence between the 21st Intake and the Mornington Peninsula Council with reference to Commemorative Plaque for the two Crab Night event victims.
- d. From Peter Thompson commenting on and agreeing with Otto Aberle's idea of presenting the Patron's Award to the Balcombe Grammar School on the Sat. 20th Feb. 2016 during the 21st Intake Reunion get together at the old Balcombe Camp Site.

Richard Pike did the presentation of the Patron's Award to the School that was represented by the Vice-Principal, the School Captain and Vice-Captain. The School was also presented with a copy of From Boy to Soldier, a copy of the Pencil Drawings of Balcombe Camp Buildings and a CD.

- e. From Tim Reynolds 36th Intake to Webmaster re some problems that he was having at the time. Problem has since been sorted.
- f. Notice of 2015 AGM to be held at Albury NSW on Saturday the 24th October 2015.
- g. Damien Tyrrell circulated an email on behalf of the 40th Intake re locating the family of an Apprentice who died on duty as the Intake is in the process of dedicating a plaque for the Apprentice.
- h. To and fro between Bob Thompson and Heritage Officer Harry Cole and Webmaster Ian Morris in reference to a video circa Balcombe including 14th, 15th & 16th Intake Members.
- i. From Deb Felton re the passing of her Father Harold (Tubby) Frunks so that AAAA

records could be updated.

- j. Peter Snowdon via Gary Byard with reference to reviving the Army Apprentices School name.

The President informed the meeting that he has had considerable dealings with Peter on the subject of reviving the Army Apprentice School System. Some of these dealings have not been pleasant for the President and the revival of the AAS system is under control of ADF budgetary provisions as well as current OH&S consideration.

- k. From John Mullins 23rd Plumber on behalf of his brother via Ian congratulating Otto and the Committee on organising a great Reunion.
- l. Thank you note from Ian Morris for his Life Membership Award.
- m. From Otto Aberle re February meeting date change date.
- n. From Clint Robertson Via Webmaster, was not a happy person.
- o. From Jenny Theiss via Ian Morris re photos of 41st & 42nd Intakes.
- p. From Dave Phillips re tracking down an old schoolmate David Rackl who joined up as a 33rd Electronics Tradesman.
- q. From the Patron re his promotion.
- r. Various emails between Ian and Wally Rotow re an inside contact with access to the Apprentice files in Phil Scholz 35th VM.
- s. From Jim Hislop in reference ADF superannuation cut backs.
- t. From John Neenan re calling for a Royal Commission.
- u. Reply to John Neenan email from Jennifer Jacomb from Victims of Abuse in the ADF Association.
- v. John Neenan re ADF Superannuation payments.
- w. From Brian Eardley-Wilmot re 10th Intake 60th Graduation Reunion in NZ 2017.
- x. Bruce Lake via Webmaster via <http://austarmyapprentice.org/contact/> re acquiring a copy of RAEME history (With Skill and Fighting).
- y. From Peter Snowdon re Moderator's email. When using the correct email address he got through.
- z. Greg Haggett informed the meeting that an Australia Day Honour was bestowed on an ex-apprentice Brigadier Andrew Freeman who was a 40th EF.

Greg is following up on contact details for the Brigadier (maybe with some assistance from our Patron) so that the appropriate recognition can be forwarded to him.

It was also noted that the Brigadier is not a current member of the AAAA, a problem that will have to be addressed.

Motion: That the proposal by Peter Snowdon to request that the Committee of the AAAA Inc. lobby the Government of the Day to reclassify all trade trainees that pass through the RAEME Training Centre as Army Apprentices and that the RAEME Training Centre be renamed the Army Apprentices School.

Moved: Harry Hoger
Seconded: Ian Morris
Motion defeated by 8 votes against, 2 votes for

12. Reports:

a. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report Committee Meeting 1 March 2016

The Association's current financial position is:

At bank as of 31 Jan 2016	\$43,686.16
Term deposits	\$32,904.82

In terms of financial outcomes, the 2015 reunion was an outstanding success with the association banking a profit of \$11,490.00 plus \$1,388.00 from raffles, donations \$1,316.00 and \$4,894.00 for memorabilia sales (outlay \$2,945.50).

Although we are in a strong financial position we must remember that, apart from membership, memorabilia, pavers and donations, we will have no major input of monies until the next reunion.

Regards
 Richard Pike
 21st VM

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Otto Aberle
Seconded: Ian Morris
Carried

Accounts for Payment March 2016

491	\$186.16	J Heron	Postage	520	\$88.48	I Morris	Website
492	\$315.40	I Morris	Website	521	\$247.50	Balls	Plaque
493	\$226.40	N Bennett	Meeting	522	\$147.37	J Hislop	Memorial
494	\$224.85	F Maloney	Meeting	523	\$327.36	Evelon	Plaque
495	\$190.00	W Miller	Refund	524	\$124.20	G Byard	Postage
496	\$103.00	J Wilson	Refund	525	\$963.79	Anon	Insurance
497	\$25.00	M Weigh	Refund	526	\$78.00	Aust Post	Redirect
498	\$440.00	Website Marketing	Website	527	\$120.40	G Byard	Postage
499	\$138.30	F Poole	Postage	528	\$245.00	S Williams	Refund
500	\$149.00	I Morris	Website	529	\$171.60	Evelon	Plaque
501	\$186.52	J Heron	Postage	530	\$758.01	C Malcombe	Membership
502	\$694.88	G Byard	Meeting	531	\$984.00	Impressive	Badges
503	\$150.00	F Poole	Wreath	532	\$300.00	Kirribilli	Lunch
504	\$368.50	Ball Plaques	Plaque				
505	\$290.00	H Wilson	Refund				
506	\$290.00	M Farrar	Refund				
507	\$75.00	R Weeding	Refund				
508	\$50.00	D'Cruz	Refund				
509	\$150.00	Willmette	Refund				
510	\$290.00	T Gross	Refund				
511	\$150.00	A Newman	Refund				

512	\$150.00	F Owen	Refund
513	\$153.99	J Heron	Labels
514	\$290.00	F Maloney	Refund
515	\$1,985.50	Totally Workers	T Shirts
516	\$125.00	J Morrison	Refund
518	\$100.00	G Byard	Postage
519	\$30,856.62	O Aberle	Re- union

Motion: That these Accounts as presented be accepted for payment.

Moved: Richard Pike

Seconded: Harry Hoger

Carried

b. President's Report:

President's Report for Committee Meeting Kirribilli, Sydney, NSW. 1st March 2016

The All Intakes Reunion held during Oct 2015 was, from most reports, a success.

Comments to help improve expectations from the next reunion, I am sure our Events Manager is across them.

The financial position detailing the outcomes from expenditure against profit will be made clear with the Treasurer's report to be tabled at this meeting.

The membership responsibilities were transferred to Craig Malcolm from it becoming vacant from resignation. The strategies brought to this portfolio have been implemented to address the membership concerns.

The new Membership Secretary from previous experience has insights which will help to get the right renewal to the correct member and keep our income streams flowing.

The Heritage Officer's responsibilities were transferred to Harry Cole from it becoming vacant from resignation.

I welcome these new appointments and support them in these important portfolios.

Start of 2016 welcomed an initiative from committee member Joanne Cornelius to conduct a survey, using social media Facebook as the carriage.

From my reading of the results the following are my thoughts.

Our collective thinking is fragmented when we talk about the membership, understanding their motives.

There is little continuity between what the Committee knows, the Association Newsletter, Association Website, Facebook, non-members and members who are financial.

Comments such as, why do we need a committee?

What does the AAAA do for us?

I don't need to be a member I get everything I want from Facebook.

Some of the commentary is due to lack of scholarship, low to no interest in being an ex-apprentice.

What we can do is be more competitive with our service, products and info available to the customer base.

The inclusion of a visitor counter on our web home page, gives confidence to the subscriber that there is management across this site, so it should be correct with the information.

The icon, email this page, is a wonderful tool, when speaking to someone who is interested, can say I will send you our home page.

The video link on the menu, will give the membership access to videos on our portal, on their computer screen, as against a small iPhone screen.

The claim, this site last updated, Day, date, year, normally found at the bottom of home page, just makes good sense for us to have.

These insights have been suggested to our Webmaster for consideration and comment.

The Association merchandise is far from being gone and forgotten. The example used in the survey to get comment was pleasantly surprising with the positive results.

The committee has one vacancy, which has been posted in our newsletter and web page.

All current committee members with responsible portfolios are being productive and proactive to give traction to the management of this Association.

The next committee meeting date and AGM date is to be discussed at this meeting.

Harry Hoger 20th RM

President AAAA Inc.

Motion: That the President's Report as presented be accepted?

Moved: Harry Hoger

Seconded: Jeff Heron

Carried

c. Vice President's Report:

Vice President's Report for Committee Meeting Kirribilli, Sydney, NSW 1st March 2016

I am honoured to have been appointed to assist the President Harry Hoger in the role of Vice president of the AAAA.

Although my role is primarily to support the President, I have been active in contacting as many ex-Apprentices both pre and post 40th Class in an attempt to grow the membership base. This exercise has been relatively successful in the short term however I do believe that membership numbers will increase toward the latter part of this year.

The All Intakes Reunion held during Oct 2015 was in my opinion a resounding success and it did open my own eyes to the extent of the Apprentice Alumni that I did not appreciate beforehand.

There has been a considerable amount of correspondence in email and social media regarding some historical events at Balcombe and Bonegilla such as Crab Night (and its origin) and some of these traditions may need to be further explored so as to provide greater accuracy. In saying this, the growth in social media appears to be the dominant (or preferred) platform to communicate between members. I think this is something we need to take advantage of and utilise to ensure long term viability of the Association and to maintain the membership.

It is my intention to provide an open and frank account to all ex-Apprentices regarding the value of the Association and the benefits of being a member to the wider community which will benefit the Association as a whole. This will ensure that the question of 'why should I join?' will not be a sticking point for future members. There is a need to ensure the long term viability and presence of our membership is strong such that the future legacy of the Association remains.

Regards

Greg Haggett 40th P&G

Vice-President

AAAA Inc.

Motion: That the Vice-President's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Greg Haggett

Seconded: Richard Pike

Carried

d. Secretary's Report:

As per the Correspondence Report.

Motion: That the Secretary's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Harry Hoger

Seconded: Harry Cole

Carried

e. Heritage Officer's Report:

It was with pleasure that I accepted the role of Heritage Officer at the last AGM at Albury as I have kept in touch with many of the previous personnel who went through the AAS at Balcombe before and much after my time. I saw the 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Intakes graduate in my time at Balcombe.

My main project last year was to write up the story of Ross Bland (4th Intake), the first apprentice RSM of the AAS at Balcombe. Although Ross is credited with this story I did the interview with him and got the information required for inclusion in the newsletter.

This gave us the exact period when the apprentice rank of WO1 was first instigated and I understand that it was reverted back to BSM around the 22nd Intake period.

Another project was "Did the AAS send a large contingent of army apprentices to Canberra in 1954 as part of the guard of honour for the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to open the parliament".

After much debate and the digging up of memories and photographs by various early intake members it was proved beyond doubt that it did occur as suggested.

I was advised the contingent travelled by bus from Balcombe to Frankston, then by train to Spencer St Station, then again by train from Melbourne to Albury, then from Albury to Goulburn, then from Goulburn to Canberra. This trip took almost two days in 2nd class travel mode. These days it would be direct by comfortable Greyhound coaches.

The remainder of the AAS apprentices lined Swanston Street for three hours to see her majesty and her consort whisk past in about five seconds and it was drizzling.

I had mentioned access to the Army Museum and the Apprentices Memorial in another recent report but have received a lot of correspondence from our committee on it is impossible to maybe it is possible and even hold everything for the moment.

This relates to access for visitors due to the current security arrangements in place and I would like to hold this over for further discussion at the meeting if time permits.

I have noticed on my job description that I should be involved with the preservation of the SPAASM collection yet I must admit I have never seen the video that has been produced on the project.

In the AAS section of the Army Museum I have supplied several historical photographs for inclusion in the Col Ives period of 1954 (per Jim Hislop).

Regards

Harry Cole

7th VM

Heritage Officer

Motion: That the Heritage Officer's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Harry Hoger

Seconded: Greg Haggett

Carried

f. Welfare Officer's Report:

WELFARE REPORT – February 2016

RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Advise members on their welfare and other Commonwealth and State Government entitlements. NOTE: it is not the intention of the Association to duplicate the services offered by other service associations, but to supplement them by advising members of the best association to assist or provide primary advice when members are not members of other associations; and
- (2) liaise with similar service bodies (eg. Returned and Services League, Vietnam Veterans Federation, Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Association) on welfare matters; and
- (3) organise Welfare Officer training for both him/herself and for Regional Representatives when required; and
- (4) on the advice of the death of a member, ensure that the information is correct, ensure that the NOK is being cared for and send condolences, and advise the Webmaster of updates required on the Website – Regional Representatives have a role to play here: and
- (5) on advice of a member in hospital, sick or otherwise indisposed, arrange a visit from a member to ensure his/her welfare. Again Regional Representatives may be used; and
- (6) act as a member of the Memorial Sub-committee.

1-WELFARE ENTITLEMENTS

Based on the discussion at the last meeting on 26 May 2015, all work in progressing training with TIP and membership VITA has ceased.

It was agreed at the meeting on 26 May 2015 that it is not the intention for AAAA to be a provider of primary advice, therefore no training is required.

The law states that any volunteer or paid practitioner who provides pension, advocacy and welfare services to members of the veteran and defence communities and their families must have insurance.

It was pointed out that the current Welfare Officer responsibilities include a reference to primary advice, which needs to be removed.

To better reflect the service provided by AAAA, it is PROPOSED at the next Annual General Meeting that the Constitution and Role Responsibilities be amended as follows:

Current:

(1) advise members on their welfare and other Commonwealth and State Government entitlements. NOTE: it is not the intention to duplicate the services offered other service associations, but to supplement them by advising members of the best association to assist or to provide primary advice when the members are not members of other associations.

Proposed

(1) advise members on their welfare and other Commonwealth and State Government entitlements. NOTE: it is not the intention to duplicate the services offered by other service associations, but to supplement them by advising members of the best association to assist.

2- EX-SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

I started collating a list of service bodies and associations that have similar objectives to AAAA and making contact with them by email and phone. Due to the lack of response over the last 6 months this effort has stopped.

The AAAA is a paid-up Group Member of the Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA).

It has clearly apparent that other organisations are not interested in working with AAAA as we are with them. Nearly all organisations have failed to reply or acknowledge our correspondence. A number of the Corp associations have even failed to return phone calls.

We will continue to reach out to very select groups, like the RSL and DVA, and foster a long term relationship.

3 – TRAINING

With the removal of the requirement to provide primary advice, any training associated with it has become unnecessary.

The Welfare Officer responsibilities state “(3) organise Welfare Officer training for both him/her self and for Regional Representatives when required.”

This responsibility is not in conflict with providing primary advice and can remain unchanged for potential future use “when required”

4- VALE NOTIFICATIONS

Nothing to report at this time. As per website.

5- SICK PARADE

Nothing to report at this time.

6- MEMORIAL

Nothing to report at this time.

Damien Tyrrell 40th ET
Welfare Officer

Motion: That the Welfare Officer’s Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Harry Hoger

Seconded: Otto Aberle

Carried

Following the presentation of the Welfare Officer’s Report, a discussion was had on the validity of the title of Welfare Officer. As the Association does not carry out the duties as a full time welfare agency due to the cost and time required to have fully qualified Welfare Officers within the Association as advised by Damian at previous Committee meetings.

It was suggested that there are various organisations similar to ours that have changed the title of Welfare Officer to Wellbeing Officer.

Greg Haggett proposed:- that the title of Welfare Officer be changed to Wellbeing Officer be put to an AGM as will require changes to the Constitution ANNEX A e Welfare Officer and also to ANNEX A e 3 by removing the reference (organise Welfare Officer training for both him/her self and for Regional Representatives when required; and) as it will no longer be applicable.

Moved: Greg Haggett

Seconded: Otto Aberle

Carried

This was carried by the Committee giving Jeff Heron another redraft job.

Action by: Jeff Heron

g. Membership Secretary’s Report:

Committee Meeting – 1 Mar 2016 Membership Secretary Report

The current state of the membership (as at 23 Feb 2016) is **554 financial members**, consisting of:

Ordinary Memberships	274
Retired Memberships	270
Associate Memberships	7
Life Memberships	3

Table 1 - Members by Membership Type

This is an increase of 79 members since the AGM in October and an increase of 97 compared to this time last year.

1 March 2016 is the next renewal date with 385 renewals having just been sent out including reminders sent to those lapsed members. Of the 385 renewals, 179 are due for renewal in March 2016 and 206 are lapsed members.

The current lapsed member table is as follows:

Mar-12	8
Sep-12	16
Mar-13	14
Sep-13	15
Mar-14	62
Sep-14	14
Mar-15	25
Sep-15	24
	178

Table 2 – Lapsed Members

This shows that 28 Lapsed members have renewed their membership over the last month and we currently have 37 members due on 1 Mar 2016 having renewed already. Reminders will be sent out during the second half of March to those who haven't renewed by that time.

There has been 14 new members sign up since Oct 2015 with 6 new members signing up since the beginning of this year.

Upon taking over the role of membership Secretary, I have reviewed the membership listing and corrected a few errors, but I am now comfortable that by the end of this renewal period, the listing will be correct.

Craig Malcolm (31st ET)

Membership Secretary

Australian Army Apprentices Association Inc Telephone 0438 808 233

membership@austarmyapprentice.org

Motion: That the Membership Secretary's Report as presented be accepted.

Proposed by: Harry Hoger

Seconded by: Joanne Cornelius

Carried

h. Events Manager's Report:

Australian Army Apprentices Association, National Reunion 2015, Report to Committee

Introduction

1. At the time I assumed responsibility at the beginning of 2015 for the planning and conduct of the Reunion in October 2015, the dates and location had been finalized. An outline concept for the various activities had been prepared, but no budgets, bookings or anything else had been done.

2. The purpose of the Reunion was to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the closing of the Army Apprentice Scheme.

Planning

3. During my initial reconnaissance to Albury/Wodonga in late January 2015, it quickly became apparent that having a street march in Wodonga would be more problematic than having it in Albury as we had done in 2008. Also, Albury has far greater accommodation capacity than does Wodonga, therefore, it was concluded that the majority of Reunion participants would inevitably need to seek accommodation in Albury. With this in mind, and also taking into account the risks of drink driving ruining the Reunion for somebody, it was decided to concentrate the Friday and Saturday events on the

Albury CBD which would all be within easy walking distance from most accommodation.

4. Jim Hislop and Dave Miller assisted me in Albury/Wodonga with local contacts, information and advice. Their help was greatly appreciated.

5. Detailed plans for each Reunion activity were produced and a Reunion Review Meeting was conducted in Sydney with Jeff Heron, Richard Pike, Kevin Noon, Harry Hoger and Harry Cole two months before the Reunion weekend. This was effectively a “Critical Design Review” where the whole Reunion weekend was examined in detail to try to identify potential problem areas. A co-ordination meeting was also held with the Army in Bandiana at this time, as well as with Albury City Council and the commercial venues being used for the Reunion. I believe this series of meetings in both Sydney and Albury/Bandana contributed to a smooth and successful Reunion.

6. Frank Maloney had originally been invited, and accepted, to take on the MC role for the Reunion. An “MC Run Sheet” was produced to aid him in his tasks. Unfortunately, a week before the Reunion, Frank advised that due to circumstances beyond his control, he and his wife would be unable to attend the Reunion. I decided that at that late stage it would be unfair to ask anyone else to assume the MC role and elected to do it myself. As the weekend progressed, it became apparent to me that in all probability I should have assumed the MC role from the outset and not invited someone else to do it. The lesson here was that the MC should be someone who is intimately involved in the planning of the Reunion, and has the knowledge to make adjustments at very short notice.

Registrations

7. The registration system that was used for the Reunion was an on-line system based on Google Drive with a paper based registration form being available for non IT literate people. The biggest advantage of using an on-line system was that individual Reunion participants each entered their data directly into the database, thereby greatly reducing the administrative workload on the Reunion organizers to transcribe it from paper into the database. Both Jeff Heron and Richard Pike were given full read/write access rights on the database. Richard as treasurer was able to record payments received, and Jeff was able to monitor registrations. A disadvantage of the system used was that it could not (at least I didn’t know how to) produce individual activity participation lists. These were produced manually by transcribing the database into a master Excel Spreadsheet and then into individual activity participant lists.

Attendances

8. Attendances for each of the Reunion activities are detailed in the following table.

Activity	Apprentices	Partners	Total
Meet and Greet Function	179	84	263
AGM	126	0	126
Street March	179	0	179
Latchford Barracks Visit	198	103	301
Reunion Dinner	202	99	301
Memorial Service	164	79	243
Farewell BBQ	165	81	246

9. Whilst the overall attendance was down on previous National Reunions (367 attended the 2013 Reunion in Mornington and 637 attended the 2008 Reunion in Albury/Wodonga), nonetheless, an attendance of 301 was a good sized reunion and was very close to the budget planning figure used. Potential reasons for the progressively reducing attendance rate at the National Reunions are,

- a. The increase in separate individual intake reunions,
- b. The cost of attending the reunions,

- c. Reunions following much the same format (nothing new syndrome),
- d. Ever diminishing apprentice population who would attend a National Reunion. (67 apprentices had passed away since the 2013 National Reunion.)
- e. Other causes not immediately apparent.

Finances

10. A budget was prepared very early on in order to determine the Reunion costings. The draft budget was peer reviewed by Frank Poole, Jeff Heron and Richard Pike, resulting in a few minor adjustments. The budget was prepared for 200, 250, 300, 350 and 400 attendees. In the end, and in order to remain conservative, it was decided to base the Reunion costs on 300 attendees. (367 had attended the 2013 Reunion). The final costing was set at \$170 per person, with Association members getting a discount at \$145 per person. Spouses for all were charged \$145. This differential costing appears to have worked well and was readily accepted by all. Initially, the Saturday night dinner cost for dinner only attendees was set at \$50, which was the same as that being charged to those attending all Reunion activities. This \$50 charge did not include any Reunion administrative costs. Due to the early comparatively large number of people registering as “Dinner Only Attendees”, the AAAA committee decided at its May 2015 Committee Meeting to charge \$75 per person for those attending the dinner only. This pricing system appears to have been accepted by all.

11. A Budget Reconciliation has been prepared to compare the actual costs against the original budget, refer annex A. The reconciliation showed a surplus against the budget of \$11,280.94.

12. The overall financial outcome of the Reunion is shown in the following table.

	Income \$	Costs \$	Outcome \$
Reunion	45,213.00	31,056.64	14,156.36
AGM	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Raffles	1,388.00	418.86	969.14
Donations	1,546.00	0.00	1,546.00
Total	48,147.00	31,725.50	16,421.50

13. In summary, the Reunion outcome (including the raffles and the AGM) was a profit of \$16,421.50. Note however, that included in the overall figure is the \$1,546.00 in donations which were for Memorial Fund. They have been included in the overall figure, as it is very unlikely they would have been received if the reunion had not occurred.

14. This result was achieved primarily by a number of cost savings. All printing was done on a private laser printer instead of being done commercially, saving \$1,262 against the budget. Albury City Council sponsored the Street March thereby providing a saving of \$2,000 dollars for traffic control.

15. The original budget provided a contingency of 10% against all known costs for each activity and then a 10% profit margin. The total contingency was \$3,520.22. Of this, \$534.00 was used to pay for the Saturday VIP Luncheon.

Meet and Greet Function

16. The Meet and Greet Function was held in the Albury Entertainment Centre (AEC) which provided safe indoors open-plan venue. Timings were 3 to 8 pm with the official opening of the Reunion by the Albury City Mayor at 5pm. The Registration desk was setup in the AEC Foyer and most ably staffed by Jeff and Jan Heron. At Registration, participants received their “show-bags” which contained all the information for the weekend, as well as Reunion Memorabilia, the cost of which was included

in the registration costs. In addition, it included an Albury Tourist Information most kindly donated by the Albury Tourist Centre.

Annual General Meeting

17. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the Waratah Room at the Albury Commercial Club (ACC) at 9.30am. There was some original concern that the AGM might go longer than allowed for thereby impacting on the commencement of the street march. In the end, the AGM finished early and participants arrived at the street march forming up place in plenty of time.

Street March.

18. The street march was effectively a short march “around the block” finishing up in QEII Square with formalities on the steps of the Albury Theatre. It was intended that the march be conducted in four contingents each comprising about 45 marchers and each having their own contingent commander. However, with the provision of the Intake Identifying Signs, each intake marched in its own right in ascending order. The Intake Identify Signs appeared to be hugely popular with each being “souvenired” and none returned as requested. The street march was supported by the Army Band Kapooka, the Light Horse Association Albury Branch, the NSW Police and the Vintage Vehicles Association Albury Branch. Traffic Control was provided by a private contractor engaged by Albury City Council at a cost of \$1240, which was paid for by Albury City Council. The Principal Official Guest who took the salute on the street march was LTCOL (Retd) Andrew Hodgkinson the last CO/CI supported by WO1 Brian Hatfield, the last RSM.

VIP Luncheon

19. A VIP Luncheon was organized for immediately after the street parade formalities in the Chandelier Room overlooking the QEII Square. This luncheon was not included in the original budget and was paid for out of the Reunion contingencies. It was considered an appropriate way to recognize the official guests and it provided a chance for the organizing committee to meet the official guests, such that they would at least know a few people at the dinner that evening.

Latchford Barracks Visit

20. ASEME had agreed to open the School for participants to visit and see the current training regime. Whilst the request for the visit was submitted months before, the Army didn't really get organized until the week of the visit. Whilst this caused me some concern, in the end the opportunity for the visit was appreciated by the Reunion participants, and based on all reports, went well. The current security arrangements meant that participants could not walk freely around but needed to be escorted at all times.

Saturday Night Dinner

21. The Saturday Night Dinner was held in the Auditorium of the Albury Commercial Club. The Army Band Kapooka provided an ensemble to provide music during the dinner. Jeff Heron organized a light show of pictures of the apprentice's school at both Balcombe and Bonegilla. The Dinner was the most popular event of the Reunion weekend and was attended by 301 participants (including partners), three official guests and 6 ensemble members for a total attendance of 310. Whilst Reunion registrations closed earlier in the week, 8 late enquiries were received for attendance at the dinner. They were able to be accommodated as allowance for some late comers had been made. The raffle was drawn at the dinner following the official speeches.

Sunday Memorial Service

22. This Service was conducted by Rev Alan Kelb OAM at the Apprentices Memorial at Gaza Ridge Barracks. When I arrived on the Sunday morning, I found the seating and flag had been set up at the RAEME Memorial. When I enquired of the escorts why this was, I was not provided an answer.

I guess someone else arranged the set up and they were only responsible for traffic management. Anyway, a quick reorganization before anyone else arrived saw the seating relocated to the correct memorial. The lectern was borrowed from the Museum.

BBQ Lunch

23. The BBQ lunch was intended to be on the grassed area to the north of the Museum. When I arrived for a “final Co-Ord meeting” on the Friday morning, the tents were being erected on the football fields on the opposite side of the road to the Museum. When I enquired why this was, I was informed it had been decided to put them there as it was closer to the Apprentices Memorial. When I explained that we were also visiting the Museum after the Memorial Service, the Army staff agreed to relocate the tents to the designated area to the north of the Museum. Originally, the Museum Foundation was invited to do both the BBQ catering and drinks, but when it became apparent that they didn’t have the staff numbers to run both, an outside commercial caterer, Redback BBQ, was engaged to provide the BBQ with the Museum Foundation providing the drinks.

Conclusion

24. Based on the feedback I received both during and after the Reunion, everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and appreciated the effort that had been made in preparing the Reunion. Whilst the numbers were down on previous Reunion attendances, 300 participants provided a good sized community without causing overcrowding issues or appearing to be few in number. My appreciation and thanks goes to all those people who assisted me in delivering the 2015 Reunion.

Otto Aberle
Events Manager

Annex

A. Reunion 2015 Budget Reconciliation

Australian Army Apprentices Association Reunion 2015 Budget Reconciliation

Consolidated Costings Summary

Item	Budget		Actual	
	Base Cost \$	Planning Cost (Incl Cont & Profit) \$	Actual Cost \$	Surplus Against Budget \$
Nos Attending	300	300	Varied	
Miscellaneous Costs	8,980.50	10,866.41	7,146.91	3,719.49
Meet & Greet Function	6,879.88	8,324.65	6,932.58	1,392.07
AGM	250.00	302.50	250.00	52.50
Street Parade	2,283.75	2,763.34	197.74	2,565.59
Luncheon	0.00	0.00	534.00	-534.00
Latchford Visits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dinner	11,573.00	14,003.33	11,492.40	2,510.93
Memorial Service	560.00	677.60	85.00	592.60
BBQ Lunch	4,675.00	5,656.75	4,675.00	981.75
Final Reunion Costs	35,202.13	42,594.58	31,313.64	11,280.94

Miscellaneous Costs

	Budget	Actual
Item	Item Cost	Item Cost
Nos Attending	300	300
Feb 2015 Reconnaissance	228.50	228.50
May 2015 Reconnaissance	110.00	109.00
Aug 2015 Reconnaissance	0.00	409.15
Oct 2015 Reconnaissance	400.00	0.00
Showbags (\$5.50 per Person)	1,650.00	1,650.00
Name Tags	300.00	6.80
Lanyard	600.00	423.00
Printing Costs	2,182.00	920.11
Memorabilia (\$11 per person)	3,300.00	3,235.00
Presentation Costs	0.00	136.50
Postage	210.00	28.85
Sub Total	8,980.50	7,146.91
Contingency 10%	898.05	
Sub Total	9,878.55	
Profit 10%	987.86	
Sub Total Miscellaneous	10,866.41	7,146.91

Budget Reconciliation	
Budget Base Cost	8,980.50
Budget Planning Cost	10,866.41
Actual Costs	7,146.91
Surplus against Budget	3,719.49

Printing Costs

Budget	Each	Total
Reunion Program x 300	2.00	600.00
Dinner Placemats x 300	3.94	1,182.00
Memorial Service Prog x 200	2.00	400.00
Dinner Programs x 332	0.00	0.00
Total		2,182.00

Actual	Total
Placemat cards	23.23
Laminating Pouches	29.89
Laser Toner	680.00
Printing Paper	9.98
Card & Laminating Pouches	106.24
Stationary	58.11
Stationary	12.66
Total	920.11

Meet & Greet Function

	Budget	Actual
Item	Item Cost	Item Cost
Nos Attending	264	264
Venue Hire	1,024.00	1,029.30
Catering (\$19.50 per person)	5,148.00	5,147.99
Chips	250.00	0.00
Tea/Coffee	407.88	525.29
Biscuits	50.00	0.00
Services Data Proj & Mike	0.00	230.00
Sub Total	6,879.88	6,932.58
Contingency 10%	687.99	
Sub Total	7,567.87	
Profit 10%	756.79	
Sub Total	8,324.65	6,932.58

Budget Reconciliation	
Budget Base Costs	6,879.88
Budget Planning Costs	8,324.65
Actual Costs	6,932.58
Surplus against Budget	1,392.07

Annual General Meeting

	Budget	Actual
Item	Item Cost	Item Cost
Venue Hire	250.00	250.00
Sub Total	250.00	250.00
Contingency 10%	25.00	
Sub Total	275.00	
Profit 10%	27.50	
Sub Total AGM	302.50	250.00

Budget Reconciliation	\$
Budget Base Costs	250.00
Budget Planning Costs	302.50
Actual Costs	250.00
Surplus against Budget	52.50

Street Parade

	Budget	Actual
Item	Item Cost	Item Cost
Traffic Control	2,000.00	0.00
Coreflute Signs (\$4 each)	183.75	183.74
Sign Handles	100.00	0.00
Screws & Tape	0.00	14.00
Presentations	0.00	
Sub Total	2,283.75	197.74
Contingency 10%	228.38	
Sub Total	2,512.13	
Profit 10%	251.21	
Total	2,763.34	197.74

Budget Reconciliation	\$
Budget Base Costs	2,283.75
Budget Planning Costs	2,763.34
Actual Costs	197.74
Surplus against Budget	2,565.59

Luncheon

	Budget	Actual
	Item Cost	Item Cost
Nos Attending	0	24
Cost (\$22.25 per Person)	0.00	534.00
Sub Total	0.00	534.00
Contingency 10%	0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	
Profit 10%	0.00	
Total	0.00	534.00

Budget Reconciliation	\$
Budget Base Costs	0.00
Budget Planning Costs	0.00
Actual Costs	534.00
Surplus against Budget	-534.00

Latchford Barracks Visit

Item	Item Cost	Attendee Number
	200	200
Sub Total		0.00
Contingency 10%	0.10	0.00
Sub Total		0.00
Profit 10%	0.10	0.00
Sub Total		0.00

Budget Reconciliation	\$
Budget Base Costs	0.00
Budget Planning Costs	0.00
Actual Costs	0.00
Surplus against Budget	0.00

Saturday Night Dinner

	Budget	Actual
Item	Item Cost	Item Cost
No of Attendees	300	301
Meal Cost (\$37 per person)	11,100.00	11,137.00
Ensemble Meal	148.00	222.00
Ensemble drinks	40.00	22.40
VIP Meals	185.00	111.00
VIP Drinks	100.00	0.00
Presentations	0.00	
Sub Total	11,573.00	11,492.40
Contingency 10%	1,157.30	
Sub Total	12,730.30	
Profit 10%	1,273.03	
Sub Total	14,003.33	11,492.40

Budget Reconciliation	\$
Budget Base Costs	11,573.00
Budget Planning Costs	14,003.33
Actual Costs	11,492.40
Surplus against Budget	2,510.93

Memorial Service

	Budget	Actual
Item	Item Cost	Item Cost
Nos Attending	250	250
PA System	500.00	0.00
Wreath	60.00	85.00
Sub Total	560.00	85.00
Contingency 10%	56.00	
Sub Total	616.00	
Profit 10%	61.60	
Sub Total	677.60	85.00

Budget Reconciliation	\$
Budget Base Costs	560.00
Budget Planning Costs	677.60
Actual Costs	85.00
Surplus against Budget	592.60

BBQ Lunch

	Budget	Actual
Item	Item Cost	Item Cost
Nos Attending	250	250
Trailer Hire	550.00	550.00
Cost per person	3,625.00	3,625.00
Museum Entrance	500.00	500.00
Sub Total	4,675.00	4,675.00
Contingency 10%	467.50	
Sub Total	5,142.50	
Profit 10%	514.25	
Sub Total	5,656.75	4,675.00

Budget Reconciliation	\$
Budget Base Costs	4,675.00
Budget Planning Costs	5,656.75
Actual Costs	4,675.00
Surplus against Budget	981.75

Motion: That the Events Manager's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Otto Aberle

Seconded: Ian Morris

Carried

Australian Army Apprentices Association 2018 National Reunion Proposal

Introduction

1. At the last National Reunion dinner, the AAAA President announced that in discussion with a number of members, it had been decided that the next national reunion would occur in 2018 in Albury/Wodonga to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Australian Army Apprentice Scheme. Whilst the concept of a national reunion in 2018 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Army Apprentice Scheme is sound, it has not previously been considered nor endorsed by the AAAA Committee. As such, it would appear that the President's announcement was a little premature.

Aim

2. The aim of this proposal is to formally propose to the AAAA Committee that the next National Reunion be held in 2018 in Albury/Wodonga to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Australian Army Apprentice Scheme.

National Reunion Proposal

3. A purpose of the AAAA organization is to organize national reunions on a periodic basis every two to three years. These are usually linked to a particular milestone within the Army Apprentice Scheme history.

4. 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Australian Army Apprentice Scheme. As 2018 will be 3 years since the last national reunion, it is an appropriate time for a national reunion.

5. National reunions may be conducted almost anywhere. In the past, in addition to being conducted in Albury/Wodonga, they have been conducted in Canberra ACT and Mornington Victoria. In considering where to conduct a national reunion, numerous influencing factors are usually taken into account. However, as a principle, it is considered that national AAAA reunions should occur in locations of some relevance and significance to Army apprentices. In line with this principle, there are effectively only two locations for national AAAA reunions – Albury/Wodonga or Mornington. In considering locations for a national AAAA reunion, the location of the Army Apprentices Memorial at Bandiana is also relevant. It is considered that the AAAA should formally visit the Army Apprentices Memorial on a periodic basis and the best way of doing this is to hold a national reunion in the Albury/Wodonga area.

6. In the past, national reunions have usually been held in the latter part of October where the weather is reasonably mild and the risk of adverse weather minimal, lending itself to outdoor activities. One national reunion has been held in May.

7. In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed the AAAA Committee APPROVES that the next national Reunion be held in the Albury/Wodonga area in the latter part of October 2018, to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the commencement of the Army Apprentice Scheme.

Army Apprentices Memorial

8. The Army Apprentices Memorial is located within Gaza Ridge Barracks at Bandiana South. Whilst it is not known what formal agreement the AAAA has with the Defence Department for the location and on-going preservation of the Memorial, without some form of protection, the Memorial could be subject to various threats in any future redevelopment of Gaza Ridge Barracks, or indeed change of heart within the Defence Department towards memorials of this kind.

9. Heritage Victoria provides heritage listing for locations within Victoria that are of significance to Victorians and that deserve protection for future generations. A number of locations within Gaza

Ridge Barracks, such as the Simpson Gates Memorial and Museum building already have Heritage Victoria listing. As such, it is considered that the Army Apprentices Memorial might also be a suitable candidate for heritage listing.

10. Heritage listing provides protection against potential future challenges and threats, but also brings with it a number of restrictions. The most significant restriction is that the protected site cannot be altered without Heritage Victoria approval. This restriction could impact on our ability to add commemorative pavers and plaques to the Memorial. However, the requirement for this could perhaps be covered in the submission to Heritage Victoria.

11. It is considered that a suitable time for the unveiling of any Heritage Listing of the Army Apprentices Memorial might be at the proposed 2018 national reunion. Heritage listing is an exhaustive and lengthy process and can take 2 to 3 years to achieve. Accordingly, if the AAAA were to seek Heritage Listing for unveiling at the 2018 national reunion, then work on the submission would need to start almost immediately.

12. It is proposed that the AAAA Committee ENDORSE the proposal to seek heritage listing of the Army Apprentices Memorial at Gaza Ridge Barracks for unveiling at the proposed 2018 national reunion. It is also proposed that the Heritage Officer and the Memorial Sub-Committee Chair take the lead in seeking Memorial heritage listing.

Otto Aberle
Events Manager
28 February 2016

Motion: That the Events Manager's Reports as presented be accepted.

Moved: Otto Aberle
Seconded: Ian Morris
Carried

Following the presentation of the Events Manager's Reports a discussion took place on the when and where the next National Reunion should take place and what the main theme should be.

As 2018 will be the 70th Anniversary of the commencement of the Army Apprentice Scheme back in 1948 and with the Australian Army Apprentices Memorial being located at Gaza Ridge Barracks, Bandiana, Albury/Wodonga area should be considered as the location for the Reunion as recommended by Otto Aberle.

Heritage listing of the Memorial could provide another theme for the Reunion with unveiling of the Memorial's Listing at this gathering. The Listing would also provide protection for the Memorial from potential future challenges and threats created by future Government policies.

Motion: That the next National Reunion be held at Albury/Wodonga during the weekend of 19th, 20th and 21st October 2018.

Moved: Greg Haggett
Seconded: Jeff Heron
Carried

Motion: That the AAAA Committee endorse the proposal to seek heritage listing for the Army Apprentices Memorial at Gaza Ridge Barracks for the possible unveiling at the proposed 2018 National Reunion.

Moved: Otto Aberle
Seconded; Harry Hoger
Carried

Action by: Frank Poole (Memorial Chair) & Harry Cole (Heritage Officer)

j. Public Officer's Report: Nil.

k. Webmaster and Forum Moderator's Report:

Webmaster's Report

Website Maintenance

Normal website maintenance during the period included vale additions, corrections, new document uploads, addition of new photos and general housekeeping. Wally Rotow raised an interesting question about KIA's. We have two listed very inconspicuously in the vale section. He said there were two more. How many are there and how should we recognise them?

SPAASSM

I have made considerable progress with getting the SPAASSM photos onto the website. Its quite a complex task and there are no simple solutions such as Flickr available. However, I should have a test set of photos available for viewing by the committee soon.

Website Stats

Jeff was interested in the activity on the forum. There is a stats package in the website hosting account which I may be able to use. I will investigate further.

Ian Morris
Webmaster
25/2/16

Motion: That the Webmaster's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Harry Hoger
Seconded: Craig Malcolm
Carried

l. Forum Moderator's Report:

Website Moderator's Report for the Committee Meeting of the Australian Army Apprentices Association 1st March 2016

This report notes that the Website Forum has had some but not a lot of action since the last report. Penske Power Systems job advertisements continue to be one of the main areas of activity.

The Forum continues to receive numerous hits every week, and we continue to provide a reunion service to numerous people and groups.

The AAAA Website now contains a direct link to the Forum on the front page and there appears to be an increase in visits to the Forum; however, without any way of identifying "hits", I can't quantify this.

Jeff Heron
21st RadioMechanic
AAAA Website Forum Moderator
24th February 2016

Motion: That the Moderator's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Harry Hoger
Seconded: Neil Bennett
Carried

m. Memorial Sub-committee's Report:

Memorial Sub-Committee Chair Report to Committee Meeting 1st March 2016

At last Apprentices were permitted to visit our Memorial to pay respects to our mates no longer with us, to those Apprentices who died on overseas service and to reflect on our lives after Balcombe and Bonegilla.

Unfortunately, this was only a one off event to allow a church service as part of the last Association national reunion and there is still no reasonable way we can access our Memorial. There has been a recent development which eases these restrictions but can still be improved and given more certainty.

This security restriction on access to the Barracks also effects RAEME, Ordnance, Band, RACT, Catering and RAE(tn) members whose Corps memorials are also within the Bandiana Memorial Park and also to those who wish to visit the Army Museum, which is a major tourist attraction to the Albury/Wodonga area.

I have proposed at this Committee meeting that we contact all stake holders to find a way for public to access the Museum and the memorial park, whilst still ensuring the security of the Army base.

Over the next three months the Memorial Sub-committee will review the Standard Operating Procedures for the Memorial since it has been some years since they were originally written and over this time changes have occurred in the way things are done.

I have also proposed at this Committee Meeting that I consider some designs and costs for a path from the rose garden to the Memorial.

Thank you for those who kindly donated to the Memorial account at the last Reunion, it all helps to ensure that the Memorial is maintained and developed, even if at this time it cannot be visited without submitting to prior advice and paperwork.

My regards to all
Frank Poole
Chairman, Memorial Sub-committee

Motion: That the Memorial Sub-committee report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Harry Hoger
Seconded: Harry Cole
Carried

m. Merchandising Report:

Merchandise details are included in the Treasurer's Report.

13. General business:

a. Post Reunion Survey:

This was covered in the Events Manager's Report.

b. Facebook Survey:

The results from the survey carried out by Joanne Cornelius made for some interesting reading even though the sample of responses may be considered small in some circles (201/7,515 Graduates) they provided the Committee with things to think about for the future of the Association.

Some of the items raised in the replies were as follows:

1. Lack of knowledge of the existence of AAAA Inc.
2. Where Reunions should be held eg. rotated between Capital Cities, Albury/Wodonga or Balcombe.
3. Does AAAA put a keyring into our available merchandise.
4. Use Facebook pages to promote what the AAAA is about.

President Harry Hoger commended Joanne for the effort that she put into and the presentation of the Survey with the full support of Committee Members.

c. Creating a position of Social Media Co-ordinator/Moderator:

Motion: Barry Minster proposed that the Committee create the position of Social Media co-ordinator/ moderator. The following discussion settled on the title of Social Media Administrator. Barry Minster nominated Joanne Cornelius for the position.

Joanne Cornelius accepted the position of Social Media Administrator with the support of the Committee.

Moved: Barry Minster

Seconded: Harry Cole

Carried

d. DFWA and ADSO membership:

We are members and have regular contact with both Organisations.

e. Do we make a project out of the keyring survey results?

Based on the results of the Facebook Survey, the discussion was led by the President as to whether we should proceed with having keyrings as part of AAAA merchandise.

Motion: That the Treasurer/Merchandiser obtain several quotes from suppliers and circulate the quotes to all Committee Members for approval for the purchase of keyrings from the selected supplier.

Moved: Harry Hoger

Seconded: Joanne Cornelius

Carried

Action by: Richard Pike

f. Web Page:

Harry Hoger inquired of Ian Morris (Webmaster) whether the following items could be incorporated onto the Web Page.

- (1) Can we have a visitor counter?
- (2) Video link in menu?
- (3) This site last updated, day, month and year?
- (4) Email icon on home page screen?

Ian inferred it was possible and put it on his to do list for earliest action.

Action by: Ian Morris

g. Protocols and Motions:

The 15 proposed motions by Frank Poole were deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints and that Frank was not at the meeting to speak to the motions.

Jeff Heron to do a draft of the possible Constitution alteration for the next meeting.

Action by: Jeff Heron

h. Meetings:

i. The President put the following questions to the meeting.

- (1) Do we have 2 committee meetings and 1 AGM per year when it is not a reunion year?
- (2) Do we have 3 meetings and 1 AGM in a reunion year?

This is because of income streams being different. The Constitution says we do more. We need to change this please.

Following some discussion on this matter, the Committee concluded that the frequency of meetings stay the same with a further revue at a later date.

(3) Do we have the AGM this year in Bulimba, QLD, either, Sat 22 or 29 Oct 2016. The Committee agreed that the 2016 AGM should be held at Bulimba, QLD, on Sat 22nd October 2016.

(4) Do we have the 2017 AGM in Melbourne?
The Committee agreed that the 2017 AGM should be held Melbourne at a venue to be nominated.

(5) Do we have a reunion in the Albury area in 2018?
This was covered at the conclusion of the Events Manager's Report.

(6) Do Regional Representatives have a Website Contact Number?
It was agreed by Committee Members that the Regional Representative be given a Website contact address.

j. Closure of the Canberra Mail Box:

The question was raised as to whether we are able to close the mail box in Canberra because the Association was incorporated in Canberra. Secretary to investigate and report back.

Action by: Neil Bennett

k. Reunions:

15th Intake 2016 Queensland Reunion – Monday 9th to Sunday 15th inclusive.

Contact Terry Naylor, Phone 07 5497 6441, Mobile 0429 792 346, Email tercar@bigpond.com

Source: <http://www.armyappy.com/15th/index.html>

22nd AAS Intake - 50th year Reunion - 27th - 28th January 2017

Contacts: Keith Lowe, 22nd F&T, Email keith_lowe@optusnet.com.au, Mobile 0416 765 921;
Nobby Clarke, 22nd VM, Email bob@clarkecoaches.com.au, Mobile 0407 941 366

38th Intake Electronic Technicians Reunion, 22nd to 26th April 2016 Contact Trevor Goldsmith
trevor@conkataustralia.com.au

14. Confirmation of next meeting date and venue:
Next meeting at Kirribilli Club Tue 5th July 2016

15. Meeting closed at 1430 hrs.