



Australian Army Apprentices Association Inc.



The Memorial Gates were erected, and dedicated on 24th November 1954, by the Australian Army to commemorate the contribution by the 1st Division US Marine Corps in WWII to the defence of Australia. They also record the appreciation of the US Marine Corps for the friendship and cordial hospitality extended to the officers and men of the 1st Marine Division by the people of the local area. The Gates also mark the location of the Balcombe Army Camp, a significant historical landmark in the Mornington/Mount Martha area.



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Patron Brigadier Andrew Mathewson, AM

The Apprentices Memorial
was dedicated on 28th October 2008
at Bandiana, Victoria.



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About us

The Australian Army Apprentices Association (AAAA) was formed and incorporated in the ACT in July 2006 for the purpose of fostering the interests of all Australian Army Apprentices. A Committee manages the Association with a range of appointments that reflect our aims and activities.

Ordinary Membership is open to all Australian Army Apprentices from the 1st to the 49th intakes. Other membership grades include Retired and Life Members.

Others who have been associated with a service apprentice training scheme may also apply to join the Association.

Regional representatives are located in each state and may be contacted through the Website.

For more information, see the contact details overleaf.

Association merchandise items

A range of Association merchandise items is available, including: Association tie, lapel badge, car sticker, plaque, baseball cap, key ring, AAS flag (School badge), 60th Anniversary (2008) DVD, Balcombe Commemoration (2013) DVD, and SPAASSM Collection DVD.

The Apprentices Memorial (pictured on the front cover) was dedicated at Bandiana, Victoria on 26th October 2008. The Memorial is for all Apprentices, NOKs or intake representatives who may: use the Memorial for ceremonies such as Anzac Day services, intake reunions and services; place a Memorial plaque on the wing walls celebrating the life of an Apprentice; place an engraved paver into the paved courtyard; have the ashes of an Apprentice or their spouse/partner scattered in the Memorial garden; and quietly meditate their life among the spirits of their Apprentice comrades.

Our objectives

Our objectives are to:

- Enable constant communication between members to promote the interest of members through the Association.
- Promote the welfare of members and their partners.
- Promote the maintenance of the Army Apprentices Memorial at Bandiana, the Marine Gates and plaques, Mace Oval, Citation Oval and the Parade Ground at Balcombe, the Apprentice Active Service Memorial at Bonegilla, the intake trees at Bonegilla, the Apprentice Governor General's Banner, the Apprentice collection and display at the Army Museum Bandiana, and the products of the SPAASSM Project.
- Create and maintain a record of the members' history, and that of the Schools.
- Support any related museum and relics.
- Promote the recognition of the contribution of members to Australia and the Army.

Services and activities

Our services and activities include:

- Welfare, such as:
 - Supplementing advice available to members on welfare and other support from Commonwealth and State Government agencies
 - Liaison with other service bodies (eg RSL, VVF, VVAA, and TPIA)
 - Support to NOK
- Helping with job opportunities for retiring and retired Apprentices
- Encouragement and assistance with reunions, and regional and national functions
- Providing public liability insurance for Association-sponsored functions.