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### PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – 22 SEPTEMBER 2008

This update is to provide the latest on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations over the 24-26 October at Albury/Bandiana.

**Pavers:** The response to the pavers has not been as good as we would have liked. However, just over 120 pavers, made up of singles and double pavers were ordered. For those who missed out there will be opportunities later to have additional pavers added to the memorial, but at this stage we still need to work out a cost for these. Thank you to all who bought a paver (or two) as the cost for all paving has just about been covered.

**Memorial:** Construction started on the Memorial today and it will be finished for the dedication. You will see from our web site the donations in cash and kind that have been received, but we still need about \$5000.00 to cover the cost; I would appreciate any donation that can be afforded, otherwise the two Franks will need to mortgage their homes.

The memorial service is almost finalised and when cleared will be put on the web site.

Anyone wanting to lay floral or other tributes, either from intakes, trades or individuals should notify Steve Hladio ([Stephen.hladio@defence.gov.au](mailto:Stephen.hladio@defence.gov.au)) before 20<sup>th</sup> October. It will be the layers job to provide the wreath or tribute.

We still will have the memorial to finish off with power, lighting, irrigation and donors and explanatory plaques, and we will be running raffles during the weekend to raise the money for that (after the contractor is paid!!).

There will be disabled seating allocated in the name of the person and their carer(s), but I need to know who will need these seats as soon as possible.

**Parade:** We look like having about 500 on parade, which should present quite a sight with band, flags and historic vehicles.

The parade marshal will be Steve Hladio, the parade commander will be myself. Details of the parade can be found in my last Update.

The march will be led by a flag party, then vehicles with the mature, injured and disabled Apprentices, followed by parade commander and Frank Maloney, then No 1 Block with intakes 1 to 21 led by Jack Westernhagen, Steve Hladio (Parade Marshal), Band, Block 2 with intakes 22 to 49 led by Ray Wilson. Marchers should assemble by 0945 on the pavement in Swift Street outside the Convention Centre in their Blocks in column of route, 10 wide facing Kiewa Street, with earlier intakes to the front with the left marker by the sign for their Block.

**Saturday Afternoon:** This is a free time period but the ASEME at Bonegilla will be open for inspection and I will be laying a wreath on the Bonegilla memorial outside the chapel at 1430. Anyone else wishing to join me will be most welcome, just turn up and meet me there.

The chapel will be open to view the GG's Banner that is laid up there and private meditation. Intakes may care to visit their intake tree beside the road leading into Latchford Barracks.

**Dinner:** We are almost to capacity and from now on I cannot guarantee a seat at your intake table. However, I allocate these later registrations to an available table nearest their intake. **Please get registrations in ASAP and table captains who have yet unallocated reserved seating should chase up these diners.** There will be a number of raffles running throughout the evening so please give your support so that the memorial may be completed.

Frank Maloney is the MC for the night and there will of course be the inevitable short speech and toasts.

Remember that drinks are waiter service and CASH only.

There will be a table seating plan and floor plan showing what table you are on displayed at the Meet and Greet and in the foyer of the Convention Centre. Unless it is a critical situation, we will not be able to change table seating at that time. The doors open at 1800 hrs, please be seated by 1830, and remember to wear your name tag.

**Annual General Meeting:** The agenda for the AGM is on the web site. Unfortunately, there is only limited seating available so it will be first in seating.

Please get your nominations for Committee Positions into Stephen Hladio ASAP; the positions falling vacant can be found on the web site.

**Help Wanted:** If anyone is able to assist with manning registration tables at the Meet and Greet, and the Dinner, I would be forever (or at least for the day) grateful. Please email me if you can assist; I will have a briefing session at 1200 at the Museum.

**Bravery Awards:** Jim Hislop from the Army Museum is looking for any information on Apprentices who have been awarded bravery decorations and the story behind the award. This is needed by our Ministers conducting the dedication as part of their sermon. If anyone can help, you can contact Jim on [jghislop@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jghislop@bigpond.net.au).

**URGENT.**

1. If you require a special diet email me ASAP.
2. If you require a vehicle for the parade email me ASAP.
3. If you and your carer require disabled seating at the dedication email me ASAP.
4. As I only distribute this Update to members with email, please distribute this on your own networks to ensure every body sees a copy, especially those without email and who are not yet members.
5. Watch the web site for latest information and news.

Drive safely; I look forward to seeing you all on 24th October.

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