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New Association address

If you have a quick look at the header, you'll notice that our address has changed. Instead of maintaining a PO box in Canberra and needing to redirect all mail to the Treasurer in Sydney, we have decided to save money and just use the PO box above. We'll keep the Canberra box open for a while to catch those who may not have noticed.



From the President

By Harry Hoger 20th Radio Mech, President AAAA
president@austarmyapprentice.org

A big thank you must go to you, the membership, for the support you have given our Association to get us here, the start of another year.

Congratulations also to our Patron, MAJGEN Andrew Mathewson, AM on his recent promotion. We would also like to thank Andrew for his support of our Association in the past and hopefully into the future.

I forgot to publicly thank Albury City Council for their framed Certificate of Appreciation, which was

presented to us at our recent reunion for holding the event in their city. I passed it to Jim Hislop, who has made arrangements to have it placed in our Apprentice corner at the Army Museum Bandiana, Vic.

Calendar events to note please:

- 1st March 2016, next Committee meeting in Sydney.
- Saturday 4th June 2016, BBQ, Bulimba Bowls Club, the Annual Apprentices Reunion, SEQld hosted by Brian and Barbara Daley. A good, fun day, I am told.
- As I indicated at the Albury Reunion, our 2016 AGM will be held in October at the same venue, with date and information to be ratified at the next Committee meeting.

In these times, we represent and stand for national patriotism, duty and conduct. Let's stay together. We are always Army Apprentices. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead for everyone.

10th anniversary of the AAAA

We are approaching the 10th anniversary of the raising of the current incarnation of the Australian Army Apprentices Association on 12th April 2006. Keep an eye on the Website for more information.

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The Army Museum, Bandiana

Details provided by Harry Cole, 7th Intake Vehicle Mech, Heritage Officer



Image from <http://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/leisure-arts-visitors/things-to-see/army-museum.asp>

This impressive army display museum together with the Australian Army Apprentices Memorial and the RAEME Craftsman Memorial are located inside Gaza Ridge Barracks at South Bandiana. Four kilometres from Wodonga along the Murray Valley Highway, it is almost directly opposite the old RAEME Training Centre.

The Museum is open only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10.00 to 15.00. It is closed on Sundays, Good Friday and Easter Monday, Anzac Day, and from Christmas Eve until New Year's Day (inclusive).

Entry costs: Family: \$10.00 (2 adults and 3 children U/16yrs); Adult: \$5.00, Pensioner: \$2.00; Group of 10 or more: \$2.00 per person.

Unfortunately, due to the current security arrangements for entry to all Defence establishments, there is a procedure you must follow if you are planning a visit. **At least 24 hours prior to your planned visit, you need to either phone, fax or e-mail the Museum representative** with a list of the names of who will be visiting (including any bus drivers), along with the date of the visit and the time you will be arriving. A visit to any of the memorials opposite the museum is dependent on an escort being available from the Museum staff at the time. **Note also** that the BBQ area opposite the Museum is not currently available for public use.

The information and contacts for the museum are:
Museum OC/Manager - Major John Nelson; Museum staff member - Sharon Lillis.

E-mail: Sharon.lillis1@defence.gov.au Phone: 02 6055 2525 Fax: 02 6055 2886

Long Tan Cross, Nui Dat

Photos provided by Brian Williamson, 24th Radio Mech



The Long Tan Cross can be found in Ba Ria, Vung Tau Province, about 110 km south-east of Ho Chi Minh City. It marks the site of the Battle of Long Tan, Australia's most costly engagement of the Vietnam War, which resulted in the loss of 18 and the wounding of 24 Australian soldiers.

First erected in 1969 during 6 RAR's second tour, the original cross was removed sometime after the fall of Saigon in 1975, and is now in the Bảo tàng Đồng Nai (Đồng Nai Province Museum). It was replaced by a replica cross in the late 1980s.

In the background in this lower photo is Nui Dat Hill, or "SAS Hill", named for the SAS, which had its main base camp at the Task Force base.

The Battle of Long Tan took place on 18th August 1966 in a rubber plantation in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam. It initially involved 108 Australians from 6 RAR's D Coy and up to 2,500 Viet Cong (275 Regt) and North Vietnamese (D445 Provincial Mobile Bn and one or two other battalions). Supported by Anzac and US artillery and two UH-1B Iroquois helicopters from No 9 Sqn RAAF, and then reinforced by 6 RAR's A Coy (mounted in M113 APCs from 1 APC Sqn) and B Coy, the Australians won a decisive victory. August 2016 marks the 20th anniversary of the Battle.



Alternative competition - who's the mystery man!

By Jeff Heron, 21st Radio Mech, Editor, moderator@austarmyapprentice.org

By way of giving you a break from the regular SPAASSM competitions, I have included a different competition in this edition. The prize is still a SPAASSM DVD - the difference is that the photo is not from the SPAASSM collection.

So who is this - name, Intake and trade please (nickname will do if you're stuck for his first name)? The first person who emails me with the correct answer receives a copy of the SPAASSM DVD. I'll even give you a clue. The photo was taken at Portsea in June 1965. As usual, Committee members may not enter.



Membership matters

By Gary Byard, 21st VM, outgoing Membership Secretary, membership@austarmyapprentice.org

Current membership status:

Financial members (as at 22 nd January 2016):	Outstanding renewals:
• Ordinary Members 262	• Mar & Sep 12 25
• Retired Members 262	• Mar & Sep 13 38
• Life Members 3	• Mar & Sep 14 78
• Associates 7	• Mar & Sep 15 65
• Total 534	• Mar 16 186
	• Total 392

Outstanding renewals continue to grow, as shown above. Fellow members, please consider your Association when your renewal notice is sent to you.

Once again we have received new applications from the following happy appies – details are as correct as the information provide on the applications (and as at 31st December 2015):

318532, Dick Fenton, 31st VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 238293, Adam Carter, 44th EF, RASIGS 🇬🇧 319649, Peter Baker,

32nd C&J, RAE 🇬🇧 230651, Craig Mahoney, 37th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 326052, Russell Glasson, 39th EF, RAEME 🇬🇧 317901, Gregory Watts, 30th F&T 🇬🇧 342652, Graeme Field, 9th EF, RAEME 🇬🇧 320664, Trevor Hunt, 33rd VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 242616, James Morrison, 5th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 219208, Ray Mullins, 24th EF, RAEME 🇬🇧 185695, Jamie Sharpe, 44th F&T, RAEME 🇬🇧 56389, Allan Weight, 27th F&T, RAEME 🇬🇧 556334, Andrew Irving, 43rd VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 218132, John Mullins, 23rd Plumber, RAE 🇬🇧 317910, Mal Norrie, 30th F&T, RAEME 🇬🇧 326056, Bill Donnelly, 39th ET, RASIGS 🇬🇧 1206165, Noel Goltz, 31st EF, RAEME 🇬🇧 1203580, Paul Green, 26th RM 🇬🇧 342646, Robert Hamilton, 9th F&T 🇬🇧 326071, Stewart Lawrence, 39th ET 🇬🇧 518556, Arthur McConnell, 7th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 226604, Shane White, 32nd VM 🇬🇧 222803, Kevin White, 28th EF, RASIGS 🇬🇧 242593, John Neenan, 4th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 Christine Emery, Associate 🇬🇧 230696, Moose Gordon, 37th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 65226, Neil Richards, 45th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 1203089, Chris Roughley, 25th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 324669, David Rye, 37th C&J, RAE 🇬🇧 62140, Steve Woolston, 25th F&T, RAEME 🇬🇧 320633, Lindsay Bragg, 33rd VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 316054, Darryl Britton, 28th EF, RAEME 🇬🇧 1203114, Gary Mahon, 25th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 62138, Alan Kelb, 25th F&T, RAEME 🇬🇧 315158, Raymond Moon, 27th F&T, RAEME 🇬🇧 1204596, William Munster, 28th ET, RASIGS 🇬🇧 57460, Bill Lawrie, 28th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 242847, Bob Ellison, 9th C&J, RAEME 🇬🇧 243291, Felix Mitchell, 17th VM, RAEME 🇬🇧 243035, Bob Player, 12th RM, RAEME 🇬🇧 225644, Peter Golding, 32nd RM, RASIGS 🇬🇧 326604, Deon Stevenson, 40th C&J, RAE 🇬🇧 313193, Tony McMahan, 24th EF, RAEME 🇬🇧 F328051, Joanne, Cornelius, 43rd VM 🇬🇧 242691, Arthur Newman, 7th VM, RAEME/RAE.

A warm welcome to all these new members.

A final note. My time as Membership Secretary has come to an end; however, I am pleased (and relieved) to advise that Craig Malcolm has returned to the position. I am sure that Craig will continue as he did in his previous term, with professionalism and dedication.



Event reports

21st AAS Intake - 50 Year Reunion - Return to Balcombe 19th to 21st February 2016

By Jeff Heron, 21st Radio Mech, moderator@austarmyapprentice.org

Of the 180 boys aged between 14 and 18 who enlisted as 21st Intake Army Apprentices in **January 1966**, 147 graduated on 7th December 1968. By the time this Newsletter reaches its audience, a 50th Anniversary of enlistment reunion will have occurred on the Mornington Peninsular over the weekend of 19th to 21st February 2016. Nearly fifty 21st Intake Apprentices and their partners will have enjoyed a meet and greet at the Dava Hotel, a short visit to Balcombe, a dinner at the Frankston RSL, and a farewell BBQ at El Rancho, Bittern.



Upcoming events

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

Contact Terry Naylor, Phone: (07) 5497 6441 | Mobile: 0429 792 346, Email: tercar64@bigpond.com

Venue: Peninsula Beachfront Resort, Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast, QLD. More details to follow. **Source:** <http://www.armyappy.com/15th/index.html>

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

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

There WILL be a 50th anniversary enlistment reunion of the 22nd Intake. All members and families are invited. Please contact any other 22nd Intake Appies you know who might be interested.

Lost "Crab Day" memorial plaque

Reprint from TAA August 2010

"This is a plea for help in locating the whereabouts of the "Crab Day" memorial plaque that was dedicated to the two 21st Intake Apprentices (P.K. Russell and A.J.T. (Jo) Pearce) who lost their lives on Crab Day 1968. As far as can be remembered, there was a flag

pole, a small gun and a plaque erected between two of the (then) C Coy huts near the top of the road that led to the northern end of the Parade Ground.

It appears that the memorial was disassembled during the move to Bonegilla in 1982/3 and that the plaque was relocated to the stairwell at C Coy HQ at Latchford Barracks. It was last seen around 1994. Current evidence are the four holes where the screws were on that stairwell, but there is no trace of the plaque. Anyone who can remember what happened to the plaque after 1994, or can shed any light on its whereabouts, is requested to contact any member of the Committee. You may remain anonymous."

Welfare Officer's Report

By Damien Tyrrell, 40th ET welfare@austarmyapprentice.org

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service

Many people are aware of the VVCS 24 hour support line (1800 011 046), but did you know that VVCS also runs free group programs? The programs cover a variety of topics, such as dealing with depression, sleeping better, and transitioning from the ADF to civilian life, among others. Please visit <http://www.vvcs.gov.au/Services/group-programs.htm> to find out more.

Have you heard about DVA's Non-Liability Health Care (NLHC)?

Under NLHC, DVA will pay for the treatment of certain mental and physical health conditions without the need to prove that they relate to your service. NLHC allows former and current ADF personnel, depending on their eligibility, to receive treatment for a wide list of conditions. Your eligibility to receive treatment can depend on the period in which you served or the nature of your service. Please visit <http://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/treatment-your-health-conditions#nlhc> or ring 133 254 (1800 555 254 in regional areas) to find out how to take advantage of this program.

Vale

342577, Albert Carlyle BOOTH, 7th VM, 10th December 2015 🇺🇦 217274, Graeme Robert LYTTLE, 22nd Elec Mech, 30th March 2007 🇺🇦 243195, Robert Edward GARTH 15th C&J, unknown 🇺🇦 18802, Edward Francis HAIDLEY, 18th VM, 25th October 2011.

LEST WE FORGET



Website review - Monument Australia

Jeff Heron, 21st Radio Mech, Editor and Website Forum Moderator moderator@austarmyapprentice.org

In the August 2015 edition, I included an article on the UNSW, Australian Centre for the Study of Armed Conflict and Society Website, which highlights the activities in South Vietnam between 1966 and 1971, focusing on the combat operations of the 1st Australian Task Force. In this edition, I draw your attention to a very interesting site with a much wider focus. The Monument Australia Website (www.monumentaustralia.org.au) lists Australian public monuments and memorials. The site focuses only on public monuments and memorials and not private ones. There is also a Monument Australia app for Apple and Android (\$2.49 for the app via iTunes). It has a powerful search capability, allowing specific (keyword) searches plus various filters to narrow the view. As at 5th February 2016, there were 27,324 monuments recorded on the site.

The reason for mentioning this site is because, of course, all three Apprentices-related memorials are included. A keyword search for "Apprentice" finds 24 monuments, including: "Army Apprentices School" and "Australian Army Apprentices Memorial". Results for a search on "Balcombe" include the "United States Marines Memorial Gates". When I found this site, there were no photos for any of these Memorials, but thanks to Frank Poole, there is now a great set of photos of the Australian Army Apprentices Memorial at Bandiana and I have provided photos of the Memorial Gates, the Parade Ground storyboards and plaques, and Mace Oval.



Newsletter contributions

If you have any items of news or other suitable material for inclusion in **The Apprentice About**, please contact a member of the Committee.

Association merchandise

Contact Richard Pike, 21st VM, Merchandise Officer merchandise@austarmyapprentice.org

The Association has the following items for sale. Order form and contact details are on the Association Website: <http://www.austarmyapprentice.org>

• Association tie	\$25.00	+\$7.50 P&H
• Lapel badge	\$10.00	+\$1.00 P&H
• Car sticker	\$5.00	+\$1.00 P&H
• Plaque	\$45.00	+\$10.00 P&H
• Baseball cap	\$12.50	+\$7.50 P&H
• Key ring	\$5.00	+\$1.00 P&H
• AAS flag	\$175.00	+\$9.50 P&H
• DVDs:		
60 th Anniversary (2008)	\$10.00	+\$7.50 P&H
Balcombe Commemoration (2013)	\$15.00	+\$7.50 P&H
SPAASSM Collection	\$25.00	+\$7.50 P&H

"Just in time"

By Frank Poole, 10th Architectural Draughtsman

This is a warning to all "fit" and "indestructible" soldiers and is based on my recent experience.

I had an ECG as part of my annual check-up. My doctor was not quite happy with the result and asked if I had experienced chest pains. I said, "NO," but THEN thought, "I do get an ache around my neck when I walk up a slope or exercise too much".

Two days later, I saw a cardiologist who, after an ultrasound, sent me home with instructions to rest and next morning I was to be back for an angiogram. While waiting for discharge from day surgery, a surgeon dashed in and said he had just come out of surgery and had scheduled me for a heart valve replacement in four days' time and would come back when he was finished operating and explain.

On his return, he went through the percentages of what could go wrong and I responded by saying that that resulted in a 12.5% chance of something going wrong. He replied that I had 100% chance of dying in the next 12-18 months. He didn't even give me the option of not having the operation!!

The procedure was brought forward a day and, on waking, I had no pains and very little discomfort, but a beautiful cut the full length of my sternum, qualifying me for the "zipper club". Healing went well and, apart from tiring easily, which will pass, I feel fine and better than I have felt for some time.

The lesson to learn from this is to recognise and have checked any chest or neck pain BEFORE it becomes a



heart attack. Insist on a proper check; an ECG isn't always a reliable check and relies on the skill of the doctor in interpreting the results. Don't be like me and ignore the ache/pain, putting it down to ageing and lack of fitness. I was lucky and had a great GP.

Heart attack warning signs

The symptoms of a heart attack can include:

(Source: <http://www.hri.org.au>)

- Pain or discomfort in the centre of the chest
- Pain or discomfort in the arms, left shoulder, elbows, jaw or back
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness or fainting
- Cold sweats
- Becoming pale



Australian Army Apprentices Memorial

By Frank Poole, 10th Architectural Draughtsman, Memorial Sub-committee Chair
memorial@austarmyapprentice.org

At last Apprentices were permitted to visit our Memorial to pay respects to our mates no longer with us and to those Apprentices who died on overseas service, and to reflect on our lives after Balcombe and Bonegilla. Unfortunately it was only a one-off event to allow a church service as part of the last Association national reunion and there is still no easy way we can access our Memorial (see page 2 for the procedure).

This security restriction on access to Gaza Ridge Barracks also affects RAEME, RAAOC, Band Corps, 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 intend to propose to the next Memorial Sub-committee meeting that we contact all stakeholders to find a way for the public to more easily access the Museum and the Memorial Park, whilst still ensuring the security of the Army base.

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

I welcome Harry Cole, the new Association Heritage Officer, as the Secretary to the Memorial Sub-committee.

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 though it can't be easily visited.

My regards to all.

Canberra Region Report

By Frank Poole, 10th Architectural Draughtsman, ACT Regional Representative

Twenty-six fellow Apprentices ranging upwards from the 2nd Intake met at our usual watering hole, the Golden King Restaurant in Phillip for our quarterly lunch. This time we celebrated Christmas with bon-bons, paper hats and a host of lucky ticket prizes. The catch was that to win a prize you had to be wearing your paper Christmas hat. As usual, the food came in both quality and quantity with many a doggy bag taken home.

The next lunch will be in early March and all Apprentices are invited. If you are visiting Canberra or, like Harry Cole, Kerry Tunbridge and Harry and Judith Hoger, come from outside the region, let me know and I will ensure you are advised of details.

A happy and healthy 2016 to all.

Christmas Luncheon, Canberra, 16th December 2015

By Kerry Tunbridge, 14th VM

What a great day for Harry Cole and myself with a pleasant drive to Canberra early morning in Harry's Toyota Yaris limousine, but we had to forgo our usual 'Maccas' stop for egg and sausage muffin with free Seniors coffee because of a morning tea engagement with BRIG Ian Wills (RAAOC) and his lovely wife Jo at Torrens. Harry had plenty in common with Jo, both being 80 years of age. We endeavour to do morning tea with old mates to add a further dimension to our 5-hour return trip.

Apart from the regulars, lunch was enhanced by the presence of Geoff Hawker 1st F&T, whom I last saw at the official opening of the Vietnam Forces National Memorial in October 1992 and Mick Ross, 7th Tels, whom I had not seen since Army Office in 1978-80. My memories of Geoff were more vivid at the old Albert Pk Bks, Melbourne in 1972/73 with Don



Hodgart and Don Horsley, and Mick Leonard, with whom I remained good friends and enjoyed his oysters before his passing in 2005.

The big surprise was to see Otto Aberle, 21st VM, whom I last saw in 1969 as a 4th year Apprentice, when I was a junior CAPT and OC Veh Coy, 3 Base Wksp. At this stage of his career Otto clearly showed aptitude and responsibility beyond his years and was destined for OCS, Portsea. It was great to hear of his career progress particularly in Army Aviation. He is also an adept home handyman as I consider myself to be and I listened intently about his latest project on home insulation including double glazed windows. Later, on reflection, I thought of so many questions I should have asked so there may now be ongoing dialogue on the Internet when tackling home improvements.

I am equally fascinated by the detailed recall of events long past by others when I have no recollection whatsoever. Otto is one of those and reminded me about potted sports at 3 Base Wksp where I was his passenger in the fireman's lift and run. I have to confess that, as one enters the 70s + age group, the rate of information absorption and retention changes significantly from a solid-state drive (SSD) to a sponge.

Our adventure was further enhanced as we departed Canberra in the middle of a heavy downpour and we inadvertently missed our turnoff to the Federal Hwy whilst heading north on the new Majura Rd. Coincidentally, Ian Wills had told us only that morning about major developments in the north of Canberra near Hall. Well, we can confirm that we have seen all these new suburbs and wondered where all the people work - perhaps they don't. The detour added about 40 km to our trip but we did consider the pros and cons - time spent on reconnaissance is never wasted; or give an officer a map if you want to get lost (which recalls an amusing incident in Vietnam when a Bn CO in a helicopter was heard to say on the radio, 'what I have dropped would tell me where I am').

It was a great day, and we are indebted to Frank Poole (who had recently been in hospital for a heart bypass!) for his usually excellent organisation of lunch and we look forward to many more.

By Harry Cole, 7th VM

Thank you to Frank Poole for a very successful Christmas luncheon and the chance to meet up with those mates we have known for many years from our service days. It was great to see Geoff Hawker (1st

F&T), looking really well and also Herb Taylor (2nd C&J).

Kerry Tunbridge (14th VM) and Otto Aberle (21st VM) got together during the lunch and discussed the missing years since they were both at 3 Base Wksp 46 years ago.

There was plenty of food for the day as usual although the seating was a little cramped it went off well. The many lucky door prizes were also a surprise and appreciated.

These two photos were taken at the Canberra Xmas lunch but five years apart! The first was taken this year (2015) and the other at the same lunch in 2010. They say Apprentices age gracefully and here is the proof. (L-R) are 7th VM Bernie Sullivan, 7th Tels Mick Ross and 7th VM Harry Cole. We hope to all be there in 2016.



A funny short story

A group of Apprentices, all aged 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. It was agreed that they would meet at the Golden King in Phillip because the waitresses were very attractive and friendly.

Ten years later, they again discussed where they should meet for lunch. They again agreed to meet at the Golden King in Phillip because the food, service and beer selection were excellent.

Another 10 years passed, and the friends again discussed where to meet for lunch. It was agreed that



they would meet at the Golden King in Phillip – there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet, and it was good value for money.

Aged 70, they discussed where they should meet for lunch and agreed to meet at the Golden King in Phillip because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Golden King in Phillip because they had never been there before!



A new friendship

By Harry Cole, 7th VM

I have been a Facebook friend of Fred Smith, 28th VM for some time but have never actually met him until we both attended the recent Army Apprentices reunion in Albury. There are 21 years separating our Intakes, both of us VMs (although he is an “even”).

Fred is the quintessential Aussie outback Rambler, living in almost the centre of Australia and on his motorcycle, riding to just about everywhere. It took him almost three days to ride to Albury in the dust and wind and the same going home, except it was in the rain for a change. When he speaks his mind he means what he says.

I sometimes wish we could swap places so I can have the quiet of the outback instead of the sounds of sirens, screeching tyres, aircraft fly-overs and raving lunatics on the streets, even if just for a day. Keep well Fred.



Harry (L) and Fred at the October Reunion

AAAA Committee

Congratulations and thank you to Craig Malcolm for again volunteering as Membership Secretary. And many thanks to the outgoing Membership Secretary, Gary Byard, for his hard work and excellent results in

keeping our membership records for nearly three years. That leaves us with one vacant Member position, so who would like to step forward?

Management Sub-committee, comprising:

Office Bearers:

President - Harry Hoger, 20th Radio Mech

Vice President - Greg Haggett, 40th Plumber & Gasfitter

Secretary - Neil Bennett, 13th VM

Treasurer (and Merchandise Officer) - Richard Pike, 21st VM

And:

Membership Secretary - Craig Malcolm, 31st ET

Public Officer - Ray Wilson, 15th Plumber

Welfare Officer - Damien Tyrrell, 40th ET

Events Manager - Otto Aberle, 21st Veh Mech

Memorial Sub-committee Chair - Frank Poole, 10th Arch

Draughtsman - Life Member

Other Committee Members:

Heritage Officer - Harry Cole, 7th VM

Webmaster - Ian Morris, 12th Radio Mech - Life Member

Member - Joanne Cornelius, 43rd VM

Member (and Newsletter Editor and Forum Moderator) - Jeff Heron, 21st Radio Mech

Member - Lucas McGann, 35th Elec Fitter

Member - Frank Maloney, 13th VM

Member - Barry Minster, 20th Radio Mech

Member - **Vacant**

Appointees:

Honorary Trustee - Jim Hislop, 9th F&T

Chaplain - Rev Alan Kelb, OAM, 25th F&T

Chaplain - Rev Craig Potter, 38th F&T

Auditor - Michael Farrar, 17th VM

Legal Adviser - **Vacant**

Regional Representatives:

NT - David Cooper, 24th F&T

NQld - David Young, 30th Fitter Maint

SQLd - Brian Daley, 14th VM - Life Member

NSW - Richard Pike, 21st VM

ACT - Frank Poole, 10th Arch Draughtsman - Life Member

Northern Vic - Jim Hislop, 9th F&T

Southern Vic - Matt Bouma, 30th C&J

Central Vic - Mark Ryan, 33rd Motor Mech

SE Vic - Neil Bennett, 13th VM

Vic Metro - Lucas McGann, 35th Elec Fitter

SA - David Miller, 22nd Elec Fitter

Tas - Gary Byard RFD, 21st VM

WA - Tom Esze, 36th Motor Mech