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## From the President

By Harry Hoger, 20<sup>th</sup> Radio Mech, President AAAA  
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This Association's all Intakes national reunion in Canberra 2018 is scheduled with all details available on our Website and further information in this issue. I believe it is important to at least recognise that those of us who are able to attend are the tangible link on the day to our military trade training schools, Balcombe and Bonegilla.

The Anzac Day March, led by our Association, will also give honour to everyone's service to this Nation. To those who have decided not to attend, change your mind; please come and make up the best numbers on the day. Our members are "closing ranks" from the welfare reports we see most weeks and months.

The Constitution directs the Committee to plan these reunions for the members every couple of years.

Everyone on your Committee volunteers his or her time and resources to make this happen - another reason to come and support their efforts.

Anyone who has registered some time ago and has not been contacted with acknowledgement, please send our Events Manager an email to be helped. We can only do our best.

Every week day at 5.00pm on the AWM Website, you can click onto a live feed of the [Last Post Ceremony](#) and commemorative service like the one we will have for

our KIA Apprentice. Have a look; see how it happens and support our service on the day.

From the Committee and myself, our best wishes to you for this coming year and we look forward to catching up at the reunion.

## Notices

### Correction

In the last TAA (Nov 17), I incorrectly stated a couple of Apprentices' Intakes. Apologies to Geoff Hawker, who was a 1<sup>st</sup> (not 2<sup>nd</sup>), and Herb Taylor, a 2<sup>nd</sup> (not 3<sup>rd</sup>). (Ed)

### Request

Don Gray, 22<sup>nd</sup> Intake Radio Mech is seeking information from any Apprentices who may have served with the Rifle Company Butterworth (Malaysia) (RCB), most likely between the 1950s and about 1988. Email me ([news@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:news@austarmyapprentice.org)) with details and I will pass them on to Don. (Ed)

## Reunion & Anzac Day March Canberra, 24-27 April 18

Contact Tim Wilde, 40<sup>th</sup> Plumber & Gasfitter, Events  
Manager [events@austarmyapprentice.org.au](mailto:events@austarmyapprentice.org.au)

By now, most people should have registered for this event but, if you haven't, there is still time. Simply visit the Association Website under [EVENTS](#). (contd page 2)

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## Reunion programme

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** 3:00-8:00pm, registration, meet & greet, National Convention Centre, Canberra; bar open 3-8pm - drinks & snacks at own cost; welcome & opening at 6pm.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018:**

5:30-6:00am, Dawn Service, Australian War Memorial (AWM), Association caps and medals to be worn.

7:00-9:00am, Gunfire Breakfast, rear Poppy's Café.

9:30am-1:00pm, Anzac Day March & Service (**refer to the map on page 8**), commences 10:30am,

Association caps, ties and medals as appropriate.

**Transportation/wheelchairs:**

**Transportation** for the disabled or for those who have difficulty marching will be arranged by the RSL and AWM. Defence and historic vehicles will be positioned adjacent to the roundabout just below the AWM Parade Ground. When the vehicles are directed to join the March, they travel to the Parade Ground entrance, past the saluting point, and then drop off those in the vehicles at the back of the Parade Ground for seating for the service. **No children permitted.**

**Attendees in wheelchairs** may participate in the March, provided they are accompanied by a carer (aged 12 or over). If you have any questions, please address them to [welfare@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:welfare@austarmyapprentice.org) or ask during the Meet & Greet.

**Reserved seating for spectators** (at this stage) should preferably be booked individually – AWM Website: <https://www.awm.gov.au/index.php/commemoration/anzac-day/national-ceremony>, Ticketing and Seating states: *“Free reserved seating is available in a limited quantity every year for the National Ceremony. Seating reservations are available approximately 2-4 weeks prior to Anzac Day. Please check back closer to Anzac Day 2018 for details”.*

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018:**

2:00-4:45pm, visit AWM under own arrangements.

4:50-5:30pm, Last Post Ceremony, AWM, Association caps and medals optional.

6.30-11:00pm, Dinner, National Convention Centre.

**Dietary requirements:**

**If you have any special dietary requirements and they have not been passed on, please let the Events Manager know at [events@austarmyapprentice.org.au](mailto:events@austarmyapprentice.org.au)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** Dispersal.

## Reunion memorabilia

Memorabilia items are included in Registration costs and will be provided at registration. Limited additional stocks as well as normal AAAA merchandise will also be available for purchase at registration.

## Photographic record and baseball caps

A photographic record on DVD/CD for \$20.00 and caps for \$12.50 can be ordered as part of registration.

### Cost per person:

**Normal registration:** includes memorabilia, meet & greet, Gunfire Breakfast, & Reunion Dinner - \$170.00.

**Discounted registration:** for current financial AAAA Members - \$155.00.

**Reunion Dinner only** - \$100.00.

### Reunion sub-committee members:

**Event Manager** - Tim Wilde; **Treasurer & Merchandise** - Richard Pike; **Membership** - Craig Malcolm; **Graphics design & registrations** - Jeff Heron; **Parade Marshall** - Kevin Noon; **Raffles** - Brian Daley; and **Association President** - Harry Hoger.

### Crowne Plaza Accommodation Offer

Crowne Plaza Canberra has an attractive accommodation offer for those attending the Reunion. Situated adjacent to the National Convention Centre, and a short distance from the AWM, Crowne Plaza has reserved 80 rooms (50 Superior City View rooms and 30 Deluxe Park View rooms) at a rate of, respectively, \$195.00 and \$230.00 per room only. The offer includes \$25.00 extra per person for a full buffet breakfast in the Redsalt restaurant. Interested attendees may access and book at these special rates through this Weblink: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/AAAAAnniversary>

Crowne Plaza advises that a credit card is required to secure bookings, but payment is only collected directly at the property on check-in. A 14-day cancellation policy applies. This means that any cancellation, reduction of room nights or no shows are charged in full if done within 14 days of arrival. The offer closes two weeks prior to the Reunion.

## Other Upcoming events

### AAAA Committee meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The first Committee meeting for 2018 will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Kirribilli Club, Lavender Bay (Sydney) commencing at 1100 hrs.

### Canberra Region Lunch 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**ACT Region Rep, Jeff Heron, 21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mech**  
[news@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:news@austarmyapprentice.org)

This get-together and lunch will be held at the Golden Grille, Southern Cross Club Woden. This is to make use of a refund voucher paid to the Association.



Those attending the lunch will pay the lunch coordinator, who will use the voucher and pay the money received back to the Association. Please let Jeff Heron know if you are attending at [news@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:news@austarmyapprentice.org)

### 10<sup>th</sup> Intake Reunion Dinner, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Unfortunately Frank Poole is not well and is no longer able to organise this gathering. Do we have a volunteer?

### 28<sup>th</sup> Intake 45<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion 2018

Contact Craig Jones, 28<sup>th</sup> ET [carj776@hotmail.com](mailto:carj776@hotmail.com), 0411 573 044

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 **Venue:** New Farm Bowls Club, Brisbane. All 28<sup>th</sup> Apprentices, spouses and deceased members' spouses are welcome to attend.

### HOLDFAST 2018 All Engineer Reunion

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 **Venue:** Bundaberg, Qld.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Intake Get Together, late-July 2018

Contact Ian Hartshorn - 19<sup>th</sup> Radio Mech 0422 670080, [ian@testandtagsupplies.com.au](mailto:ian@testandtagsupplies.com.au)

**Date:** TBA July 2018 **Venue:** TBA

### AABC Association Reunion and AABC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Canberra (2-4 August 2018)

Contact Kevin Noon – 14.5<sup>th</sup> Musician, [welfare@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:welfare@austarmyapprentice.org)

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 18:** Last Post Ceremony, AWM, followed by Meet & Greet, RMC SGTs Mess

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 18:** AABC Association Golf Trophy, Combined Concert by RMC Band and Basel Band

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 18:** Association AGM, RMC SGTs Mess (am), then Pre-dinner Drinks, followed by Association Dinner, 'G for George' area at the AWM (pm). More details next edition.

### Justice McClellan address

#### To the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science Seminar, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

Thanks to Ed Zielinski, 23<sup>rd</sup> VM for these details

The Hon. Justice Peter McClellan AM, Chair of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, addressed the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science Seminar at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne. Justice McClellan's speech is available [here](#).

## Centenary of Armistice, RSL Tasmania



- **Remembrance Concert:** Albert Hall, Launceston, Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. There will be two performances: matinee at 1.30 pm and evening at 7.30 pm. Tickets: \$50 per person, \$40 concession, available from [www.cvent.com.au](http://www.cvent.com.au).
- **Northern Midlands Sub Branch Commemoration Dinner and US Marines 243<sup>rd</sup> Birthday:** Albert Hall, Launceston, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 6.00 for 6.30 pm. Tickets from the Princess Theatre, phone 6331 0052 or <https://theatrenorth.com.au>
- **Northern Midlands Sub Branch Armistice Day service:** Longford Village Green, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, to be broadcast nationally and to Pacific and Indian Ocean islands. The service will be followed by a free BBQ and entertainment.

For more details, see the AAAA Website, [EVENTS](#).

### Membership matters

By Craig Malcolm, 31<sup>st</sup> ET, Membership Secretary, [membership@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:membership@austarmyapprentice.org)

#### Current membership status:

There has been a huge influx of new members lately - thanks to all those who have signed up or renewed their membership in the last few months. Latest membership numbers as at 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2018 are:

• Ordinary Members	333
• Retired Members	393
• Life Members	4
• Associates	9
• <b>Total</b>	<b>739</b>

This is an increase of 80 since the last newsletter and includes 55 new members since 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The next renewal date is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and those 131 members whose membership is due for renewal should have received a Renewal Letter from me (via Australia Post) in early February. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please do not



hesitate to get in contact with me on 0438 808 233 or [membership@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:membership@austarmyapprentice.org)

I look forward to seeing many of you at the reunion in Canberra. Please travel safe and ensure we all arrive in one piece.

**Member No 1000 Dale McKeough, 24<sup>th</sup> Fitter & Turner.** Congratulations Dale, you have won a SPAASSM DVD. It will be sent to you in due course.

## Association Website changes

By Jeff Heron, 21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mech, Editor,  
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### Heritage pages

In 2017, we changed the Website Heritage pages to provide Members direct access to the various heritage-related items of general interest and to help those who might need specific details to aid their research.

The Heritage pages include:

- [Our Prayer](#)
- [All About Apprentices:](#)
  - AAS Facts and Figures
  - AAAA History of Units at Balcombe
  - Staffing Appointments and Awards
  - AAS Graduation Parades
  - AAS High Achievers
  - AAS Trade Proficiency Medal
- [Honour Board](#)
- [Photos](#)
- [AAS Memorial](#)



### Forum

Recently, we removed the link to the Website "Forum", which had provided the opportunity for up to date news items, reunion and events notices, job ads, and discussion. The software is no longer compatible and, with modern social media options such as Facebook, we did not see a need to pursue a replacement.

## Event reports

**Canberra Region Lunch 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
ACT Region Rep, Jeff Heron, 21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mech  
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A change of venue this time saw 15 (14 Apprentices plus Jan Heron) enjoy a pleasant lunch at the Ainslie

Football Club. Unfortunately, the usual Sydneysiders weren't able to make it and a couple of locals were conspicuous by their absence. The "silly season" makes having to be in two places at the one time a problem. Lucky door prizes of seven Xmas hampers were much appreciated by the winners. Thanks to Harry Cole, whose generous donation helped to bolster the prizes. Hope to see you next time Harry.

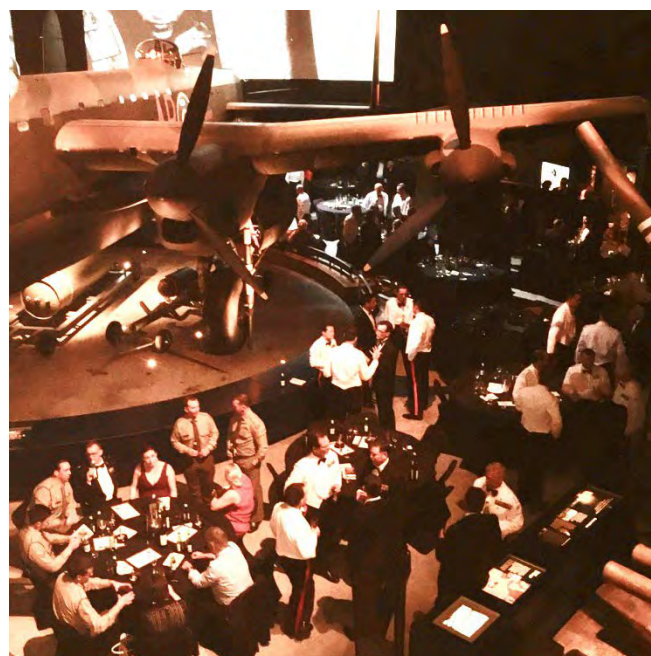
## RAEME 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Dinner Australian War Memorial 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017



By Jeff Heron, 21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mech, Editor,  
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"Under the wings of G for George", nearly 300 past, present and perhaps even future (there were at least two pregnant ladies present) members of the Corps, VIPs, guests, and industry representatives had a very enjoyable evening.



On the podium during the dinner were: MC – BRIG Ross Grant, AM; and speakers LTGEN Angus Campbell, AO, DSC – Chief of Army; BRIG David McGahey – Director General Plan Centaur; Michael Ward – Managing Director Raytheon Australia; and BRIG



Andrew Freeman – Commander 17 Combat Service Support Brigade and AAAA Patron.

BRIG Grant gave thanks to the industry sponsors of the event: Aspen Medical, Boeing, KPMG, Logistic Solutions Australasia, Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific, Raytheon Australia, Thales and Volvo Group Australia.

LTGEN Campbell reflected on the valuable service provided, and the skilful and fighting qualities shown, by the RAEME tradesmen and women who have supported him, the Army and the Nation, specifically mentioning his various postings including the SAS, South Vietnam, 2 RAR in East Timor, and Joint Task Force 633 in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

Mike Ward addressed the future of the Corps in the increasingly complex battlefield and the likely increased systems of systems expertise required of the Corps.

BRIG Freeman read out the [The Duke of Edinburgh's signed message](#) to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corps:

*“When historians write about battles, they describe composition of the opposing armies, their tactical manoeuvring, the relative casualties and the outcome. What they seldom, if ever, mention are the people who equip, arm, feed, clothe and generally make it possible for the armies to fight each other at all. With developing technology, the tasks of the supporting services have become ever more complicated and demanding.*

*In modern warfare, of all the supporting services, none are more vital to the outcome of the battle than the engineers who manage and maintain the fighting equipment. For the last 75 years, this task has been performed for the Australian Army by the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Its work may not hit the headlines but it is quite certain that, without its services, the Australian Army would not have been able to perform its allotted tasks, and it would have no hope of winning and future battles, let alone get to the battlefield adequately armed and equipped.*

*I hope that these 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations will help to demonstrate to the general public, and to the rest of the Army for that matter, just what a vital contribution the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers have made, to the potential and to the efficiency of the Australian Army.”,*

The message was signed Philip, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

BRIG Freeman also presented regional and national Craftsmen of the Year awards, and various Subject 4 and Logistics Course awards, plus the LT Peter Jennings Award to LT Evan Reeves, RMC-D (now 5<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment).

Finally, in her address on behalf of the AWM Director, Dr Brendan Nelson and the Chairman of the Council, Mr Kerry Stokes, during the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parade earlier in the day, Wing Commander (Ret'd) Sharon Bown **almost** concluded with the following:

*“... my husband – an Army helicopter pilot and veteran of 27 years’ service ... told me that ‘Arte et Marte’ is Latin for ‘Twist to Open’.”*

Of course, Wing Commander Bown ensured that she did finish with the true meaning – **‘With Skill and Fighting’**.

## Vale notices summary

From Kevin Noon, 14.5<sup>th</sup> Musician, Welfare Officer  
[welfare@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:welfare@austarmyapprentice.org)

The Welfare Officer’s role includes advising of any passing of Apprentices, so the Association and its members may be aware, and the information can be recorded. Readers are asked to advise the Welfare Officer of any deaths of Apprentices of which they become aware. If any member becomes aware of a fellow Apprentice who passes away, if the information is available, please include in your notification the NOK’s name and address details.

Vale notices are posted on the Association Website (<http://austarmyapprentice.org/vale/>) and other social media sites.

Notification has been received of the passing of many ex-Apprentices and this information is much appreciated. Unfortunately, many of our former colleagues have passed away years ago, unrecorded. I want to take this opportunity to thank Wally Rotow (18<sup>th</sup> Radio Mech) who continues to investigate through a number of sources and is compiling lists of those who have previously passed away by Intakes and passed these lists on for recording in the Register and subsequently on our Website. The previous Newsletter listed the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Intakes. In this issue, he lists the 11<sup>th</sup> Intake. Latest details as at 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 are:

Intake & trade	Name	Address	Passed away
9 <sup>th</sup> Brick-layer	John McKinnon	Liverpool, NSW	8 Nov 17



Intake & trade	Name	Address	Passed away
20 <sup>th</sup> VM	Ian Donald Bruce	Beerwah, QLD	TBA
25 <sup>th</sup> Blacksmith	Steven John Boyd	Thornlie, WA	24 Mar 17
12 <sup>th</sup> VM	Dennis Mackey	Point Clare, NSW	3 Jun 17
16 <sup>th</sup> Clerk	Richard Anthony (Tony) Joseph Hoy	Coondle, WA	19 Oct 17
6 <sup>th</sup> F&T	Bryan James William McCoy	No details	Sep 17
19 <sup>th</sup> F&T	Patrick John Smith	No Details	13 Aug 17
17 <sup>th</sup> VM	Michael (Mick) Terrence Farrar	Tea Gardens, NSW	21 Dec 17
27 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Glenn Archie (Henry) Holden	Bli Bli, QLD	25 Dec 17
7 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Henry Gobel	No details	1 Jul 17
7 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Sydney Whiley	No details	16 Jul 05
7 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick James Wilson	No details	27 Jun 16
7 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Frederick Wood	No details	12 Apr 03
7 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Frederick Goold	No details	25 Sep 04
7 <sup>th</sup>	Angus James Jeffrey	No details	17 Dec 13
7 <sup>th</sup>	James Edward Kenneth Mendel	No details	20 Feb 15
7 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Allan Robert Charman	No details	15 Apr 10
7 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Thomas Charles Crick	No details	25 May 15
7 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Nicholas Francis Wallis	No details	21 Nov 10
7 <sup>th</sup> Elec	Graeme Walker Lang	No details	22 Oct 16
7 <sup>th</sup> F&T	Francis Joseph Hallinan	No details	27 Jul 14
7 <sup>th</sup> F&T	Stanley Edward Whitwell	No details	30 Apr 17
7 <sup>th</sup> Musician	John Herbert Wearing	No details	13 Nov 07
7 <sup>th</sup> Musician	Lesley Arthur Adland	No details	11 Apr 00
7 <sup>th</sup> Plumber	Raymond John Borger	No details	2 Nov 02
7 <sup>th</sup> VM	David Lorger	No details	2 Jul 08
7 <sup>th</sup> VM	Geoffrey Edgar Mason	No details	14 Oct 02
8 <sup>th</sup> VM	Arthur George Craig	No details	4 Jan 18
37 <sup>th</sup> EF	Darren Leslie Campbell	No details	6 Jan 18
14 <sup>th</sup> VM	Robin Paul Moseley	Banksia Beach, QLD	5 Jan 18
8 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Robert John Ernest Boniface	No details	4 Jul 13
8 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Robert Henry Higgins	No details	2 Dec 14
8 <sup>th</sup> Electrician	Raymond Vincent Miller	No details	23 Oct 17

Intake & trade	Name	Address	Passed away
8 <sup>th</sup> F&T	John Geoffrey Taylor	No details	5 Oct 12
8 <sup>th</sup> Musician	Donald Hastings Gibson	No details	9 Jan 16
8 <sup>th</sup> Musician	Thomas Ewart Laycock	No details	3 May 16
8 <sup>th</sup> Musician	Cecil Edward Miller	No details	9 Jul 11
8 <sup>th</sup> Musician	John Edward O'Regan	No details	21 Jan 01
8 <sup>th</sup> Telecom	John Anthony Gardoll	No details	31 Oct 17
8 <sup>th</sup> Telecom	Colin Thomas Sheather	No details	17 Jun 57
8 <sup>th</sup> VM	Michael John Cole	No details	11 Feb 14
8 <sup>th</sup> VM	Gene William Constable	No details	26 Apr 05
8 <sup>th</sup> VM	Reginald Funnell	No details	20 Nov 10
8 <sup>th</sup> VM	Keith John Maxwell	No details	27 Oct 13
13 <sup>th</sup> MV	Rodney Stewart Lye	Beenleigh, Qld	12 Jan 18
20 <sup>th</sup> F&T	John Thomas Loch	No details	16 Jan 18
10 <sup>th</sup> F&T	Philip Bernard Lumb	No details	29 Jul 16
10 <sup>th</sup> Telecom	Clyde Vincent Hopkins	No details	23 Jul 87
9 <sup>th</sup> VM	Brian Frederick Cooper	Kingsley, WA	22 Jan 18
11 <sup>th</sup> Arch Draughtsman	John Leslie Holman	No details	23 Dec 16
11 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Neal Edward Bentley	No details	13 Jul 13
11 <sup>th</sup> Electrician	Kevin Charles Phillpott	No details	11 Jul 15
11 <sup>th</sup> Electrician	Kenneth Rogers	No details	2 Nov 16
11 <sup>th</sup> Electrician	Barry Samuel Colbert	No details	15 May 10
11 <sup>th</sup> Electrician	Allan William Denham	No details	11 Jul 15
11 <sup>th</sup> F&T	Leslie John Hockey	No details	22 Mar 11
11 <sup>th</sup> F&T	Walter Marshall Jones	No details	26 May 13
11 <sup>th</sup> Musician	Leon Joseph Farley	No details	28 Feb 99
11 <sup>th</sup> Radio Mechanic	Harley Clarke	No details	28 Mar 12
11 <sup>th</sup> Radio Mechanic	Richard Playford Hall	No details	22 May 05
11 <sup>th</sup> Clerk	Kerry Edward McAloon	No details	28 Nov 17
33 <sup>rd</sup> ET	Alexander Bodo Gregoran	No details	30 Jan 18
11 <sup>th</sup> VM	Robert Richard Campbell	No details	01 Jun 69
14 <sup>th</sup> F&T	William Francis McInerney	Bathurst, NSW	26 Jan 18
30 <sup>th</sup> C&J	Michael Passey	No details	05 Feb 18



## The Apprentice badge

By Jeff Heron, 21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mech, Editor,  
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An article in the November 2017 Newsletter showed the new Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (ASEME) badge, adopted in August 2017 from the Army Apprentices School (AAS) hat badge.

The images below show the progression of the badge from the original (1951) "King's Crown" hat badge, through the "Queen's Crown" hat badge, and then the three School emblems, which were never actually struck as hat badges.



AAS 1951-54      AAS 1954-90      Army TAFE 1991-96      ALTC 1996-2017      ASEME 2017-on

For more details, including the badge used before 1951 and where the 1951 design came from, see the Association Website article: "[The Apprentice Hat Badge](#)".

## Association merchandise

Contact Richard Pike, 21<sup>st</sup> VM, Merchandise Officer  
[merchandise@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:merchandise@austarmyapprentice.org)

The Association has the following items for sale.

Order form and contact details are on the Association Website:

<http://austarmyapprentice.org/merchandise/>

- Polo shirts (AAS badge, M, L, XL)    \$35.00 +\$9.50 P&H
- 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
- Stubby cooler    \$10.00 +\$1.00 P&H
- Keyring (Assn badge - ask for your no)    \$20.00 +\$1.00 P&H
- AAS flag    \$175.00 +\$9.50 P&H
- **DVDs:**
  - 60<sup>th</sup> 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



## A plug for 2 books

**A Twist in the POGO's Tail, ISBN – 9780994 559104, by Derek Smith, Townsville, 18<sup>th</sup> Intake Clerk, [dvsmith@ozemail.com.au](mailto:dvsmith@ozemail.com.au)**

I wonder if The Apprentice About could give a plug to my book again (see [TAA November 2016 - Ed](#)). I have reduced the price to \$20 plus postage. Now that I have covered costs (self published) ALL proceeds from sales go to the Montagnard orphanages and remote villages. I am trying to raise funds for my June 2018 mission.

Milk is a rare thing in the Montagnard orphanages. No one gives the kids milk unless the Nuns buy it, but they must rely on donations. One litre of milk in Vietnam costs about VND 30,000 (about \$1.70). One litre will give 6 small cups of content. I would like to provide milk for about 300 five to 13-year-old kids for 30 weeks (2 cups a week = 18,000 cups). A donation of \$5,000 can provide 2,917 litres of milk – 17,502 cups for 30 weeks.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Intake Vehicle Mechanics, by John Heafield, 22<sup>nd</sup> Intake VM**

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I have recently completed a book on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Intake VMs which, of course, includes a lot of information and photos relating to other trades.

Due to the timelines to enable me to distribute the book at the 2018 Reunion (and thereby avoid postage costs), I have to close off orders on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, which may preclude a request for orders through this Newsletter.

**BUT there is just time if you hurry. Failing that, you can always just turn up at the Reunion and buy a book or order one direct from John and pay the postage (Ed).**

## AAAA Committee

<http://austarmyapprentice.org/about/committee/>

We are carrying a couple of vacancies at the moment. The number recently increased, sadly, due to the passing of our Auditor Michael Farrar.

Please consider carefully your availability and your willingness to support the Association as a Committee Member. Most roles are not onerous, and you will be helping an increasing number of members and their families.

**Management Sub-committee, comprising:**

**Office Bearers:**

**President** - Harry Hoger, 20<sup>th</sup> Radio Mech



**Vice President** - Greg Haggett, 40<sup>th</sup> Plumber & Gasfitter  
**Secretary** - Keith Lowe, 22<sup>nd</sup> F&T  
**Treasurer, Merchandise Officer** - Richard Pike, 21<sup>st</sup> VM

**And:**

**Membership Secretary** - Craig Malcolm, 31<sup>st</sup> ET  
**Public Officer** - Ray Wilson, 15<sup>th</sup> Plumber  
**Welfare Officer, Memorial Sub-committee Member** -  
Kevin Noon, 14.5<sup>th</sup> Musician  
**Events Manager** - Tim Wilde, 40<sup>th</sup> Plumber & Gasfitter  
**Memorial Sub-committee Chair** - **Vacant**

**Other Committee Members:**

**Heritage Officer, Memorial Sub-committee Secretary** -  
Peter Thompson, 21<sup>st</sup> VM  
**Webmaster** - Ian Morris, 12<sup>th</sup> Radio Mech - **Life Member**  
**Member** - Bob Clarke, 22<sup>nd</sup> VM (contd page 8)

**Member, Social Media Admin** - Joanne Cornelius, 43<sup>rd</sup> VM  
**Member** - Phillip Gibbs, 24<sup>th</sup> VM  
**Member, Newsletter Editor** -  
Jeff Heron, 21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mech - **Life Member**  
**Member, Assistant Secretary** - **Vacant**  
**Member** - Barry Minster, OAM, 20<sup>th</sup> Radio Mech

**Appointees:**

**Honorary Trustee, Memorial Sub-committee Member** -  
Jim Hislop, 9<sup>th</sup> F&T

**Chaplain, Memorial Sub-committee Member** -  
Rev Alan Kelb, OAM, 25<sup>th</sup> F&T

**Auditor** - **Vacant**

**Legal Adviser** - **Vacant**

**Regional Representatives:**

**NT** - Kevin Forster, 28<sup>th</sup> VM

**NQId** - David Young, 30<sup>th</sup> Fitter Maint

**SQId** - Brian Daley, 14<sup>th</sup> VM - **Life Member, Memorial Sub-committee Member**

**NSW** - Richard Pike, 21<sup>st</sup> VM, **Treasurer, Merchandise Officer**

**ACT** - Jeff Heron, 21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mech - **Life Member, Member, Newsletter Editor**

**N Vic** - **Vacant**

**Central Vic** - Mark Ryan, 33<sup>rd</sup> Motor Mech

**Southern Vic** - Matt Bouma, 30<sup>th</sup> C&J

**SE Vic** - Neil Bennett, 13<sup>th</sup> VM

**Vic Metro** - Lucas McGann, 35<sup>th</sup> Elec Fitter

**SA** - David Miller, 22<sup>nd</sup> Elec Fitter

**Tas** - Gary Byard, RFD, 21<sup>st</sup> VM

**WA** - Bob Coventry, 22<sup>nd</sup> Radio Mech

**Anzac Day March Map – 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

