







ARMY APPRENTICES SCHOOL AND ARMY COLLEGE OF TAFE STAFFING, APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS


Commandants, Commanding Officers/Chief Instructors/Deputy Commandants

Commandants* (AAS Bonegilla/ Army College of TAFE)	Dates	Rank/Name	Corps/Comments	Additional Source/ Evidence	Commandants* (Army College of TAFE)
	Jun 82 to Dec 84	COL DR Lawrence AM	Ex-RAAC; promoted COL to be COMDT of HQ Trg Comd units in Bonegilla.	Dec 82 & Dec 84 Graduation Booklets	
	Jan 85 to Jun 87	COL JC Hartley AO	Ex-RA Inf	Dec 85 & Dec 86 Graduation Booklets	
	Jun 87 to Jun 90	COL CJ Brewer AM	Ex-RA Inf	Dec 87 Graduation & Jun 90 COMDT Handover Booklets	
	Jun 90 to Aug 92	COL SB Bramah	Ex-RA Inf	Jun 90 COMDT Handover & Dec 91 Graduation Booklets	
	Aug 92 to Jul 95	COL WT Kendall	Ex-RAA	Dec 92 & Dec 94 Graduation Booklets	
	Jul 95 to Nov 95	COL CM Sharp AM CSC	Ex-RAEME	50th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook	
<p><i>* The Commanding Officers (COs) and Commandants (COMDTs) boards in the Army Museum, Bandiana list Colonels (COLs) from 1982, but there was also always a Lieutenant Colonel (LTCOL) Commanding Officer (CO)/Chief Instructor (CI)/Deputy COMDT until the Army Apprentices School (AAS)/Army College of TAFE (ACOT) closed down.</i></p>					


<p>COs/CIs* (AAS Balcombe)</p> 	Dates	Rank/Name	Corps/Comments	Additional Source/Evidence
	Dec 47 to Jul 52	LTCOL FB Oldfield ED	RAEME	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets, The Apprentice About Sep 11, page 7, para 5
	Jul 52 to May 58	LTCOL CB Ives OBE	RAAC	Dec 53 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	May 58 to Jan 62	LTCOL WT Cramp	RAEME	Dec 60 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Jan 62 to Mar 65	LTCOL CP West OBE	RA Inf	Dec 62 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Mar 65 to May 67	LTCOL RF Sutton MVO	RA Inf	Dec 65 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklet, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Australian_Infantry_Corps
	May 67 to Mar 70	LTCOL GR Mills BCE	RAE	Jun 67 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Mar 70 to May 70	LTCOL GO Thompson	RA Inf	Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans
	May 70 to Dec 72	LTCOL M Johnstone BCE MIE (Aust)	RAE	Jun 70 Queen's Birthday & Dec 72 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 72 to Jan 76	LTCOL AM McDonald psc	RA Sigs	Dec 72 & Dec 75 Graduation Booklets
<p>* The COs and COMDTs boards in the Army Museum, Bandiana list COLs from 1982, but there was also always a LTCOL CO/CI/Deputy COMDT until the AAS/ACOT closed down.</p>	Jan 76 to Jan 78	LTCOL GK Chapman	RA Inf	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, Portsea Staff Appointments (http://books.historia.com.au/loyalty-and-service_portsea/ls-tab/ls-tab-5_staff.html)
	Jan 78 to Jan 81	LTCOL WLH Smith	RA Inf	Dec 79 & Dec 80 Graduation Booklets
	Jan 81 to Jun 82	LTCOL DR Lawrence AM	RAAC; promoted COL in Jun 82 to be COMDT of HQ Trg Comd units in Bonegilla.	Dec 80 Graduation Guest List, Dec 81 Graduation Booklet

COs/CIs/Deputy COMDTs* (AAS Bonegilla)	Dates	Rank/Name	Corps/Comments	Additional Source/Evidence
	Oct 82 to Dec 85	LTCOL JG Hislop OAM	RAEME; marched in to Balcombe in Oct 82 to prepare for the move to Bonegilla.	AAS Journal 1982
	Jan 86 to Dec 87	LTCOL PM Newman MBE ARCM	RAE	Freedom of the City of Albury Aug 86 Booklet, 50th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Jan 88 to 1990	LTCOL SJ Jones	RAE	50th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	1990 to 1992	LTCOL L Shearwin	RAAC	50th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, AAS Journal 1992
 <p>* The COs and COMDTs boards in the Army Museum, Bandiana list COLs from 1982, but there was also always a LTCOL CO/CI/Deputy COMDT until the AAS/ACOT closed down.</p>				
CO/CIs/Deputy COMDTs* (Army College of TAFE)	1992 to Dec 93	LTCOL PG Raue	RA Svy	AAS Journal 1993
	Jan 94 to Dec 95	LTCOL A Hodgkinson	RAA	Dec 94 Graduation Booklet, Army College of TAFE Journal 1995


Army Apprentices School and Army College of TAFE Regimental Sergeant Majors

RSMs (AAS)	Dates	Rank/Name/Corps	Comments	Additional Source/Evidence
	1948 to Dec 53	WO1 LR Sergeant, RA Inf		50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, The Apprentice About, Mar 11, page 7, para 4
	Dec 53 to Jan 59	WO1 JCV Inglis, RAAC		AAS Journal 56, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Jan 59 to Jan 63 [^]	WO1 AD Johnston, RA Inf	[^] It appears that the RSM Board is incorrect. WO1 Moore is known to have commenced in Jan 1963.	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, SPAASSM Ph II Binder 34 Item 01 Image 00008
	Jan 63 [^] to Jan 68	WO1 LE Moore MBE, RA Inf		50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, SPAASSM Ph II Binder 19 Item 01 Image 00119
	Jan 68 to Dec 69	WO1 NE Heritage, RA Inf		Jun 69 Graduation Booklet, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans
	Jan 70 to Jun 70	WO2 PJ Hoyne, RAA	A/RSM (from C Coy CSM)	RSM Board Army Museum, Bandiana, Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans
	Jun 70 to Oct 73 ^{^^}	WO1 DC Dalton, RA Inf	^{^^} It appears that the RSM Board is incorrect. WO1 Dalton retired in Oct 73 and WO1 Hobley commenced in late 1973.	Dec 71 Graduation Booklet, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, AAS Journal 1970, Mrs Helen Dalton
	Dec 73 ^{^^} to Jan 75	WO1 RW Hobley, RA Inf		AAS Journal 73, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Jan 75 to Dec 77	WO1 NH Goldspink MBE, RA Inf		50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 77 to Dec 80	WO1 R Boyce, RA Inf		Dec 80 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 80 to Nov 82	WO1 RB Hartigan OAM, RAA		Dec 80 Graduation Guest List, Dec 82 Graduation Booklet
	Nov 82 to Dec 85	WO1 RN Clinghan, RA Inf	Marched in to Balcombe prior to the School's move to Bonegilla.	Dec 84 & Dec 85 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 85 to Jun 87	WO1 GA Crowley, RAA		Freedom of the City of Albury Aug 86 & Feb 87 Graduation Booklets
	Jun 87 to Dec 90	WO1 AL Reid OAM, RA Inf		Dec 87 & Dec 90 Graduation Booklets
RSMs (Army College of TAFE)	Dec 90 to Dec 92	WO1 BT Boughton OAM, RA Inf		Dec 91 & Dec 92 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 92 to Dec 95	WO1 BJ Hatfield, RAAC		Dec 93 & Dec 94 Graduation Booklets

Army Apprentices School and Army College of TAFE
Apprentice WO2 Company Sergeant Majors/WO1 Regimental/Battalion Sergeant Majors

APP WO2 CSMs [#] & WO1 RSMs/BSMs [#] (AAS)	Date	Intake/ Class	Name/Trade	Comments/Additional Source/Evidence
	Jun 51	1 st	RJ Scott, Bricklayer [#]	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 51	2 nd	KT Williamson, Carpenter & Joiner [#]	
	Jun 52	3 rd	AW Cook, Vehicle Mechanic [#]	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 52	4 th	AM Gillespie, Plumber [#]	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 27 Item 01 Image 00001
	Jun 53	5 th	RF Bland, Fitter & Turner [#]	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, The Apprentice About, Aug 15, page 14, para 6
	Dec 53	6 th	BS McDonald, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 53 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 54	7 th	JM Leigh, Fitter & Turner	Dec 54 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 55	8 th	G McCormack, Vehicle Mechanic	Dec 55 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 56	9 th	BR Windsor, Vehicle Mechanic	Dec 56 Graduation Booklet
	Jun 57	10 th	AC Simpson, Musician	AAS Journal 56/57, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 57	10 th	BD Rogers, Carpenter & Joiner	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 28 Item 01 Image 00041, AAS Journal 56/57, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 58	11 th	REJ Cook, Blacksmith	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 32 Item 01 Image 00031 and Binder 28 Item 01 Image 00042, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 59	12 th	BJ Nance, Plumber	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 32 Item 01 Image 00031, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 60	13 th	ID Mitchell, Fitter & Turner	Central Records Cell BSM List, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 61	14 th	S Cartner, Electrical Fitter	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 33 Item 01 Image 00010, AAS Journal 1960-61, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 62	15 th	RM Fitzgerald, Vehicle Mechanic	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 34 Item 01 Images 00008 and 00012, 50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 63	16 th	PG Andrew, Vehicle Mechanic	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 64	17 th	DS Rolfe, Vehicle Mechanic	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, Dec 64 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 65	18 th	MJ Downey, Electrical Fitter	Dec 65 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 66	19 th	MWJ Botfield, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 66 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 67	20 th	EC Shepherd, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 66 Certificate Presentations Booklet
	Dec 68	21 st	DS Ross OAM, Carpenter & Joiner	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook

[#] Until APP WO1 RF Bland in 1953, the four earlier CSMs were APP WO2s.

APP RSMs/BSMs (AAS) (contd)				
	Date	Intake/ Class	Name/Trade	Comments/Additional Source/Evidence
	Dec 69	22 nd	KS Lowe, Fitter & Turner	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 70	23 rd	AL Black, Radio Mechanic	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, Dec 70 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 71	24 th	MJ Wetherill, Radio Mechanic	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, Dec 71 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 72	25 th	MT Swain, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 72 Graduation Booklet, DJ Stewart (27 th)
	1973	26 th	GJ Kalem, Radio Mechanic	BSM for 26 th Electronics Tradesmen 3 rd year, Central Records Cell BSM List, DJ Stewart (27 th)
	Aug 73	27 th	J Dihm, Electronics Tradesman	1973 Freedom of the City photograph, DJ Stewart (27 th)
	Dec 73	27 th	DJ Stewart, Vehicle Mechanic	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook, DJ Stewart (27 th)
	Dec 74	28 th	SC Joyce, Electrical Mechanic	Dec 74 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 75	28 th	CC Jones, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 75 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 76	30 th	CS Ferguson, Vehicle Mechanic	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 77	31 st	GJ Carter, Musician	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 78	32 nd	GJ Gillespie, Carpenter & Joiner	50 th Anniversary Jan 98 Handbook
	Dec 79	32 nd	SJ Brown, Electrical Mechanic	Dec 79 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 80	34 th	KE Earle, Motor Mechanic	Dec 80 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 81	35 th	PA Thornton, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 81 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 82	36 th	AR Mann, Motor Mechanic	Enlisted as 35 th , Dec 82 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 83	37 th	CJ Cockroft, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 83 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 84	38 th	GW Sukroo, Electrical Mechanic	Dec 84 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 85	39 th	RR Sams, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 85 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 86	40 th	MJ Eggert, Fitter & Turner	Dec 86 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 87	41 st	DR Thomas, Electrical Fitter	Feb 87 & Dec 87 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 88	41 st	GD Wadley, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 88 Graduation Booklet
APP BSMs (Army College of TAFE)	Dec 89	42 nd	DA Hutchison, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 89 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 90	44 th	JL Ware, Fitter & Turner	Dec 90 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 91	45 th	ZC Woolley, Fitter & Turner	Dec 91 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 92	46 th	AL Bartley, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 92 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 93	47 th	ML Murdoch CSC, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 93 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 94	48 th	RG Nelson, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 94 Graduation Booklet

Apprentice Governor-General's Medallists

Governor-General's Medallists ^{##} (AAS)	Date	Intake/ Class	Rank/Name/Trade	Comments/Additional Source/Evidence
 <p>^{##}The Governor-General's Medal was awarded to the most outstanding Apprentice of the graduating class in consideration of trade and educational subjects, regimental training and ability and qualities of leadership.</p> <p>From 12 July 1951, this was initially a silver medal, presented to the Apprentice "gaining the highest aggregate points in trade, subjects, sport, regimental training and qualities of leadership in the graduation class each year."</p>	Jun 51	1 st	APP WO RJ Scott, Bricklayer	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 51	2 nd	APP WO KT Williamson, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Jun 52	3 rd	No award	No Award, Dec 68 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 52	4 th	APP RSM AM Gillespie, Plumber	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 27 Item 01 Image 00001
	Jun 53	5 th	APP WO RF Bland, Fitter & Turner	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 53	6 th	APP CSM AD Hughes, Vehicle Mechanic	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 27 Item 01 Image 00024, Dec 53 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 54	7 th	APP RSM JM Leigh, Fitter & Turner	Dec 54 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 55	8 th	APP SGT WA Rollason, Fitter & Turner	Dec 55 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 56	9 th	APP WO2 CSM JM Bensley, Radio Mechanic	Dec 56 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 57	10 th	APP WO1 RSM BD Rogers, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 58	11 th	APP SGT SS Meiklejohn, Electrician	SPAASSM Ph II Binder 32 Item 01 Image 00030, Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 59	12 th	APP CSM EMH Heslin, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 60	13 th	APP GBJ Leslie, Radio Mechanic	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 61	14 th	APP SGT JI Smiley, Electrical Mechanic	Dec 63 & Dec 73 Graduation Booklets
	Dec 62	15 th	APP WO1 BSM RM Fitzgerald, Vehicle Mechanic	Dec 62 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 63	16 th	APP CB Tiller, Fitter & Turner	Dec 63 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 64	17 th	APP DN Phillips, Electrical Fitter	Dec 64 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 65	18 th	APP WO1MJ Downey, Electrical Fitter	Dec 65 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 66	19 th	APP WO1 BSM MWJ Botfield, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 66 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 67	20 th	APP WO1 EC Shepherd, Carpenter & Joiner	Dec 67 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 68	21 st	ASM RJ Emery, Vehicle Mechanic	Dec 68 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 69	22 nd	APP BSM KS Lowe, Fitter & Turner	Dec 69 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 70	23 rd	APP BSM AL Black, Radio Mechanic	Dec 70 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 71	24 th	APP BQMS KM Riley, Vehicle Mechanic	Dec 71 Graduation Booklet, AAS Journal 71
	Dec 72	25 th	APP BQMS DJR Smith, Radio Mechanic	2 issued in 72 – last 3+1 for non-Electronics Tradesmen, Dec 72 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 72	26 th	APP SGT MS Wharton, Fitter Maintenance	2 issued in 72 – last 3+1 for non-Electronics Tradesmen, Dec 72 Graduation Booklet

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	Dec 75	28 th	APP BSM CC Jones, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 75 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 76	30 th	APP BSM CS Ferguson, Vehicle Mechanic	AAS Journal 1976
	Dec 77	31 st	APP BSM GJ Carter, Musician	AAS Journal 1977
	Dec 78	32 nd	APP BSM GJ Gillespie, Carpenter & Joiner	AAS Journal 1978
	Dec 79	32 nd	APP BSM SJ Brown, Electrical Mechanic	AAS Journal 1979
	Dec 80	34 th	APP BSM KE Earle, Motor Mechanic	Dec 80 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 81	35 th	APP BSM PA Thornton, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 81 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 82	36 th	ASM CJ Hembling, Electronics Tradesman	AAS Journal 1982
	Dec 83	37 th	APP BSM CJ Cockcroft, Electronics Tradesman	AAS Journal 1983
	Dec 84	38 th	APP BSM GW Sukroo, Electrical Mechanic	AAS Journal 1984
	Dec 85	39 th	APP BSM RR Sams, Electronics Tradesman	AAS Journal 1985
	Dec 86	40 th	APP BSM MJ Eggert, Fitter & Turner	AAS Journal 1986
	Dec 87	41 st	APP BSM DR Thomas, Electrical Fitter	Dec 87 Graduation Booklet
	Dec 88	41 st	APP BSM GD Wadley, Electronics Tradesman	Dec 88 Graduation Booklet
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