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From the President

By Keith Lowe, 22nd Fitter and Turner, President AAAA, president@austarmyapprentice.org, 19 January 2025

Writing this we are already past halfway for January and regrettably we have already lost two of our brothers that I have been made aware of.

A detailed list of those we have lost since our November newsletter is included later in this edition.

Lest We Forget

I mentioned in my last newsletter report that our Annual General Meeting for 2025 will be held in the Bandiana Museum Conference room subject to availability. When attempting to book the venue I was advised we would need to wait until closer to our required date as the Museum is to be receiving some renovations and upgrade work early this year, so we keep our fingers crossed. Should we manage to secure it for our AGM I propose we arrange to have a short wreath laying service at our Memorial prior to commencement of our AGM.

As we need to secure a venue for the all-intakes Reunion scheduled for the evening following our AGM to acknowledge thirty years since the cessation of the Army Apprentice Scheme, it would be greatly appreciated if those interested in attending could submit an expression of interest if not already done so. This will assist greatly with planning.

From time-to-time members are asked to assist with funerals/memorial services for Apprentices who have died, so I wish to make mention of an observation concerning use of the Australian flag that was referred to me by one of our members. An image provided clearly showed the flag displayed upside down i.e., the canton (sometimes called the union) in the lower left position. To save embarrassment to the deceased and the flag, the correct protocol is to have the flag when covering a coffin/casket to have the canton over the deceased's left shoulder.

If in a memorial service without the deceased present where a table is used for display of artifacts, then perhaps it would be more appropriate to have the flag on a staff next to the memorial table rather than as a tablecloth. Further reading can be found at [Australian National Flag protocols | PM&C](#).

Since our Memorial was dedicated, Jim Hislop and Charlie Myhill, both 9th Intake Fitters & Turners have taken care of maintenance, placement of pavers and plaques, etc. Regrettably age is catching up and it's probably long overdue for us to organise some additional help. Fortunately, our current Heritage Officer, Rob Minato still works at Bandiana so he is able to coordinate but he cannot do it all on his own, so I appeal to our members in the Albury Wodonga area to please contact Rob and offer your services. Rob can be contacted in the first instance via email at heritage@austarmyapprentice.org.

Until next time please stay safe and reach out to any Apprentice you may know of who is not in the best of health.

Best wishes, Keith Lowe, President



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Apprentices in the news

Robert 'Rawby' SAWFORD, 32nd Intake Electronics Tradesman, Association Member no 1461, two Federation Stars

From RAQ Friday Files, 22 November 2024

Right: Robert receiving his Federation stars from Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Simon Stuart AO, DSC.

“On Wednesday, 20 November 2024, a remarkable milestone was recognised in a special ceremony at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera. Robert Douglas Sawford, fondly known as ‘Rawby,’ was be presented with his two Federation Stars by the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Simon Stuart AO, DSC.

A graduate of the 32nd Intake of Army Apprentices, Robert commenced his career in 1977 as an Electronics Tradesman, setting the foundation for over 45 years of dedicated service, retiring as a Major in 2022. The presentation of the Federation Stars acknowledges this extraordinary achievement and celebrates his commitment to the Australian Army and the Corps.

The ceremony took place at the Officers’ Mess, Gallipoli Barracks, surrounded by his close family, BRIG Ed Smeaton representing HOC, MAJ Steve Howells (himself a recipient of a Federation star), OC 106 Fd WKSP MAJ Joel Buntine, RAQ Chair Peter Matthews amongst other guests. RSM-A WO1 Kim Felmingham read out Robert's distinguished service. Robert spoke fondly about his career and thanked the Chief of Army himself for presenting the award and recognising his enduring service within the Corps and the broader Army community.”



Dave McBEAN OAM, 40th Intake Fitter & Turner, Association Member no 1394, retirement after 40 yrs

From a Facebook post on 19 January by Bernard Russell, RAEME Mates who posted “I was lucky that I went to the Lara RSL to catch up with Dave McBean last Friday night as it turns out the RSL were celebrating Dave’s retirement. Below is the text from an email sent by the Minister of Defence, it was read out by the RSL President.”

“As the member of Corio, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, I, Richard Marles, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Warrant Officer Class 1 David McBean OAM on 40 years of service in the Australian Army.

David enlisted in the Australian Army on 9 January in 1985 as an apprentice for the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Over the course of his career in the Army, David posted across Australia holding positions in workshops, headquarters, and everything in between in Queensland, the great state of Victoria, South Australia, and the Northern Territory. David’s operational service includes Operation Astute in East Timor and Operation Slipper in Afghanistan.

David’s successful career saw him receive the Medal of the Order of Australia, Australian Active Service Medal with clasp ICAT, Defence Long Service Medal with four clasps, Afghanistan Medal, NATO Non article 5 medal with clasp ISAF and Australian Defence Medal.



I am so pleased that family and friends are celebrating the successful 40 year career of Warrant Officer Class 1 David McBean OAM at the Lara RSL this evening. I hope everyone has a great evening celebrating David's fantastic contribution to the Australian Defence Force."

Andrew Charles McADIE, 34th Intake Motor Mechanic, Federation Star

Source: <https://www.defence.gov.au/news-events/news/2024-11-15/life-love-and-service>

In November last year, Major Wendi McAdie and Warrant Officer Class One Andrew McAdie were presented their Federation Star medals by Major General Michael Krause alongside their daughter, Clancy McAdie.

Photo: Michael Banovic



Andrew McADIE, 34th Intake Motor Mechanic, new tank at ALTC

Courtesy Defence via RAQ Friday Files 24 Jan 2025

Pictured: Andrew McAdie stands with the new M1A2 main battle tank at Bandiana North Barracks, Victoria

He has worked on Australia's tanks from the Leopard AS 1, and now he has his hands on the shiny new M1A2 system enhancement package SEPv3.

"I've been very fortunate to be in a position where I can pass on what knowledge I have to Australia's young soldiers," Armoured Vehicle Maintenance Instructor Andrew McAdie (Warrant Officer Class One McAdie on the weekends) said.



"It makes me want to go to work. I get to play with the big toys and I get to see fine young Australian soldiers, both men and women, and teach them how to repair these things. They make my job a pleasure." [Read his story here](#)

WO1 Bradley BARGENQUAST OAM, 48th Intake Vehicle Mechanic, Appointed CSM Aviation Command – Brisbane, 20 November 2024

From RAQ Friday Files, 29 November 2024

"WO1 Bradley Bargaquast OAM, pictured alongside his family, the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army (RSM-A) WO1 Kim Felmingham, and the Chief of Army LTGEN Simon Stuart AO DSC, has achieved a significant milestone with his appointment as the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) of Aviation Command, effective 25 January 2025. A proud member of RAEME, Brad joins an elite group of soldiers to be promoted into a Regimental Tier C position. He is a 48th Intake Apprentice Vehicle Mechanic and exemplifies the talent we have within the Corps of RAEME."



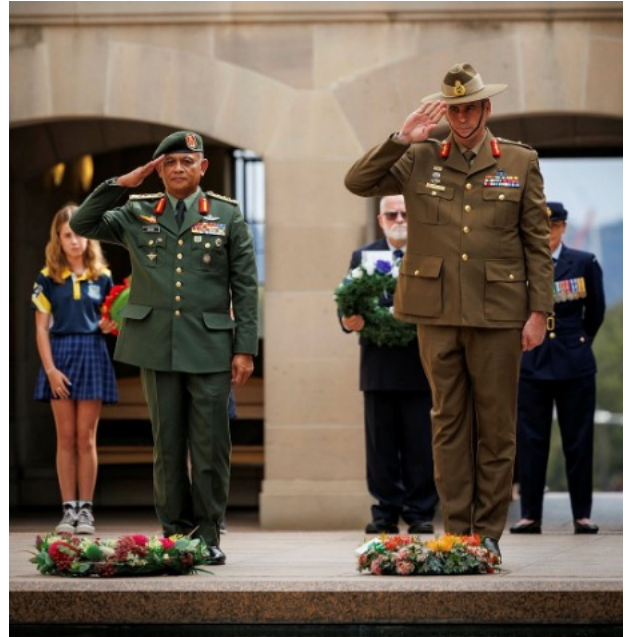
Major General Andrew FREEMAN AM (Retd), 40th Intake Electrical Fitter, Patron AAAA Malaysian Army Staff Talks – Canberra

Article and images courtesy Defence via RAQ Friday Files 13 December 2024

Head of the Australian Delegation, Major General Andrew Freeman, met with his counterpart with the Malaysian Army, Major General Dato' Azhan bin Hj Md Othman, to discuss key areas of interest including regional security, army-to-army interoperability, and relationship building. The Malaysian delegation conducted several office calls and working groups with key Australian counterparts and took part in a Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial over their visit, 2-3 December 2024.



Below: MAJGEN Freeman, Head of Australian Army Delegation and MAJGEN Dato' Azhan bin Hj Md Othman, Assistant Chief of Staff Operations and Training for the Malaysian Armed Forces, sign the Army to Army staff talk minutes at Russell Offices in Canberra.



Above right: MAJGEN Freeman and MAJGEN Dato' Azhan bin Hj Md Othman conduct a salute after laying wreaths during the last post ceremony at the AWM in Canberra.

Promotions to Colonel – Congratulations to Ross THOMAS and Mat PENNEY, 48th Intake

From Facebook – Army Apprentices we; were the cream of Australian Youth

Last December, Apprentices Ross Thomas and Mat Penney, both 48th Intake Electronics Tradesmen, were promoted to Colonel. Congratulations to you both and, along with Bradley Bargaenquast (page 2), that's three "well dones" for the 48th Intake in this issue.



MAJGEN Warren Gould AM, Head of Cyber Operations Division and COL Mat Penney (right)



COL Ross Thomas and family (his daughter commenced her final year at ADFA this year)

Welfare and Vale notices

Contact: Association Welfare Officer Grant Cotterill, 38th Intake Plumber & Gasfitter, welfare@austarmyapprentice.org

The Welfare Officer:

- supports members in determining welfare and other Commonwealth and State Government entitlements by helping them locate the organisations who may assist



- liaises with similar service bodies (e.g. Returned and Services League, Vietnam Veterans Federation, Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Association) on welfare matters
- on the advice of the death of a member, verifies that the Vale notice is not already on the Association Website, ensures that information received is complete and correct (e.g. spelling, missing regimental number), ensures that the NOK is being cared for and sends condolences, advises the President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Newsletter Editor of updates required
- on the advice of a member in hospital, sick or otherwise indisposed, arranges a visit from a member to ensure his/her welfare (through a Regional Representative if applicable).

Vale notices

The untimely passing of a former Army Apprentice is always a sad occasion. It is important when notifying of the passing that we are clear about the details of the notice. Whilst Facebook posts draw our attention to the passing of Apprentices, occasionally there is insufficient information to assist in maintaining the Apprentices nominal roll.

The AAAA Website [Vale Notification Form](#) prompts for the necessary information. If you don't have all requested information, then send what you have, and we can follow it up. Thank you to all those who have provided details. This edition's Vale summary below includes five historic entries.

Intake	Reg No	Name	Trade	Passed away
22	55304	Robert William DAVIES	Carpenter & Joiner	18 Apr1988
13	48574	Robert Barry LOCKETT	Radio Mechanic	8 Jul 2020
4	242583	Graeme Howell HUTCHINSON	Telecom Mechanic	6 Jun 2023
13	48571	Barry Charles (Snow) BILLINGS	Radio Mechanic	18 Sep 2024
13	58686	Ian Ranger GILMORE	Vehicle Mechanic	24 Oct 2024
8	242810	Brian Alexander MOTT	Vehicle Mechanic	16 Nov 2024
11	342751	Ian Robin Morrison McVIE	Clerk	17 Nov 2024
8	242795	Robert Wilson WRIGHT	Electrician	17 Nov 2024
8	18537	Donald Holt ADAMS	Carpenter and Joiner	19 Nov 2024
14	243186	Alan Keith (Lou) GOSTELOW	Vehicle Mechanic	22 Nov 2024
18	243319	Stephen Charles GILES	Electrical Fitter	9 Dec 2024
9	342652	Graeme Donald (Tank) FIELD	Fitter and Turner	25 Dec 2024
13	243116	Ronald Hugh LITTLEFAIR	Vehicle Mechanic	6 Jan 2025
39	182699	Kenneth John DAFNEY	Motor Mechanic	8 Jan 2025
7	58559	Lawrence James HANCOCK	Fitter and Turner	31 Jan 2025

Vale Alan Keith (Lou) GOSTELOW, 14th Intake Vehicle Mechanic

From Barry Shipway (Welfare Rep RAEME Association Qld)

"It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news of the passing of another member of the RAEME community, Alan "Lou" Gostelow who left us on Friday 22 November 2024.

Alan tragically sustained a neck injury, was transferred to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, however sadly passed away.

Alan enlisted in the Army as a 14th Intake Apprentice Vehicle Mechanic graduating in 1961 and later attended OCS Portsea as a graduate of the Class of June 1967. He served on operations in the Malay Peninsula as a Craftsman in 1965 with HQ 28 Commonwealth Infantry Brigade and later as a Lieutenant in South Vietnam in 1970 with 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot.

His service spanned numerous postings, including roles as a Platoon Commander, OC Support Company, and various senior staff officer positions. Alan discharged in 1984 at the rank of Major after more than 26 years' service.

Alan was a life subscriber of the RAQ, Member No.841.

As per Alan's wishes, there will be no funeral. He will be cremated and his ashes will be interred, and at a later date put to rest in the waters off Hervey Bay.





Alan’s memory lives on through his wife Marj, their two daughters, and all who had the honour of knowing him.
Arte et Marte, Rest in Peace”

[We reported in the August 2023 edition of TAA on Alan on Anzac Day 2023 at Nikenbah. Amongst Alan’s postings, his service with HQ 28 Commonwealth Infantry Brigade during the Indonesian-Malaysian confrontation included training as a recovery mechanic in the ready reaction force. Ed]

Membership matters

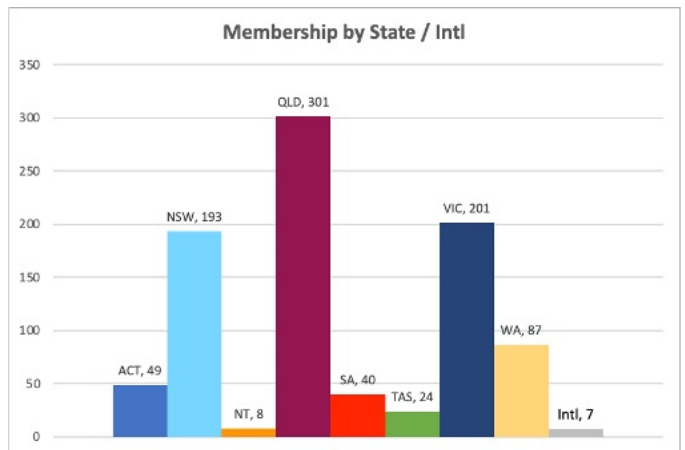
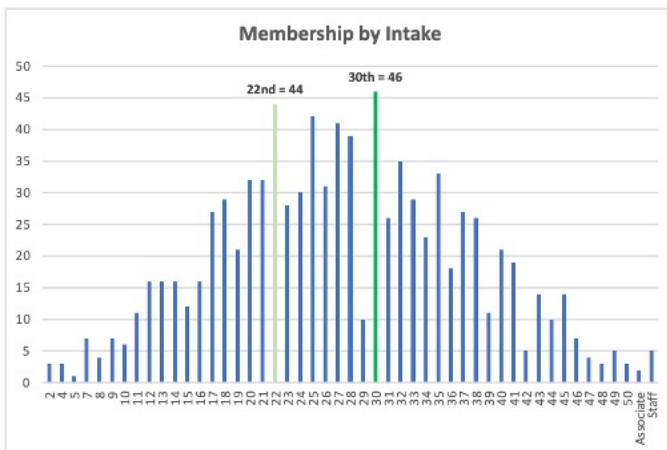
By Graeme Smail, 35th Intake ET – Membership Secretary, membership@austarmyapprentice.org

Membership Status

1. The current state of the membership (as at 25 Jan 2025) is 910 financial members (right).
2. These figures show an increase in membership of 15 since October 2024. During 2024 there were 41 new members which is pleasing. This number was offset by 50 members whose membership lapsed without renewal. Only two of those lapsed since the November 24 Newsletter.

Membership Type	25/1/2025	16/10/2024
Life	3	3
Ordinary	599	591
Retired	301	297
Associate	7	4
TOTAL	910	895

Membership analysis



For those who have logged into the Website lately you may (should) have noticed some changes to the way you login and / or renew your membership. Hopefully it is an improvement on the previous version.

For those who have recently joined the Association I will be sending your new member pack in two weeks so look out for it in the post. If your mailing address is not up to date, please get that sorted asap.

If you need any assistance with your membership, then please give the Membership Secretary a call on 0438 212964 or email at membership@austarmyapprentice.org.

Events reports

ACT Region Quarterly Lunch, Ainslie FC, Wednesday, 11 December 2024

By Jeff Heron, 21st Intake Radio Mech, ACT Regional Rep

With 26 attending (including 7 partners), we had the fourth largest group in the last 7 years. Representing the 10 Elec Trades, we had 8 Radio Mechs/ETs, and 2 Elec Fitters. Other trades represented were 1 Fitter & Turner, 2 Musicians, 2 VMs, 2 Plumbers, and 2 Carpenter & Joiners. Intakes ranged from the 2nd to the 39th, with the highest numbers from the 25th Intake with 4. There were 3 visitors from interstate and 1 new ACT-based member. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday, 5 March 2025.



Back to Bonegilla for the 40th Class in 2025

By Simon Brooks, 40th Intake Motor Mechanic, AAAA Secretary

More than 100 Apprentices from the Class of 1985 – yes, the term ‘intake’ had been retired by then – gathered in Albury Wodonga over 10-11 January this year for a reunion to mark the 40th anniversary of their enlistment.

With partners included, the final tally for the reunion was 160 attendees. This was nearly double the number who turned out for the pandemic-delayed 35-year reunion in Brisbane.

Both the Friday evening meet and greet event and the Saturday evening dinner were held at Sodens Hotel, an old 40th stomping ground.

Early arrivals also enjoyed a 9-hole Ambrose tournament at Thurgoona Golf Club on the Friday afternoon, while a very large contingent took advantage of a guided tour around Latchford Barracks the following day.

By all accounts, the organising committee’s planning and delivery of the reunion was exceptional. Therefore, a special mention must go to James Walker (F&T), Chris Childs (F&T), Dean Farnsworth (EM), Greg Haggett (P&G) and Barry Holmes (C&J) for their efforts.

Not a single ‘incident’ was reported over the entire weekend, even after the boffins backed up again on Sunday. We must all be getting old!

In a final email to attendees, Dean ‘Farny’ Farnsworth said the staff at Sodens had noted the well-behaved way that revellers carried themselves during the reunion.

“Mel (our wonderful bar lady on both nights) texted me yesterday and said what a pleasure it was looking after us and how rapt she was with the three cheers she received as she marched us out at stumps on the Saturday night, not sure who instigated that, but well done you!!” he wrote.

Farny also said the “40” theme popped up during the weekend a couple of times.

“Firstly, on Friday at golf where Deon Stevenson and Phil Daly (two of our legend chippies) won the golf with a score of 40!” *“Further, 40% of our class attended the weekend. Very cool,”* he added.

The organising committee offered a special thanks to James ‘Max’ Walker and Scott ‘Babbs’ Babbington for arranging the tour of Latchford. The access we were given was simply extraordinary.

Thanks were also extended to MAJ Nigel Bellette, a 42nd Class Motor Mechanic, who is currently posted to the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (as the AAS is now known) and who came into Latchford while on leave to welcome our tour group.

Those on the tour were pleasantly surprised when Nigel offered everyone a souvenir shoulder patch currently worn by personnel at the School. Incidentally, it has retained the AAS badge in a nod to its proud history.

This patch went well with the quality range of reunion merchandise arranged by the organising committee, which included embroidered polo shirts, challenge coins and neoprene stubby holders, along with the various ‘bootleg’ souvenirs that members of some platoons knocked together at the last minute.

On a personal note, I found the journey back to Bonegilla to be both emotional and nostalgic. To be again walking the pathways around Latchford, where we began our army careers, as young men and women – and in my case, as a not quite 16-year-old boy – was surreal.

Certainly the old AAS has seen some changes, but a lot has stayed the same. One thing that will never change – as all Apprentices know – is our camaraderie.

The stories flowed thick and fast during the reunion. Some I’d heard before, but many I’d forgotten, and I’m so very grateful for the opportunity to reflect, remember and celebrate how fortunate we all were to be selected to become Army Apprentices – the cream of Australia’s youth.



Reunion dinner at Sodens Hotel, Saturday 11 January



Greg Haqgett addresses the reunion dinner



One of the obligatory group photos: 40th Fitters



MAJ Niqel Bellette welcomes attendees to Latchford Bks



Enjoying a quiet beverage are (L-R) Chris Childs (F&T), Barry Holmes (C&J), Greg Haqgett, Allan Koschel (P&G), Dean Farnsworth, & Tony Richardson (F&T)



Simon Brooks & Andrew Rostan (MM), & Greg Haqgett in the background, gathering for the Latchford tour



MMs Robert 'Tank' Pontifex, Richard Gladdish, John Herring & Marko Benazic, gathering for the tour



Greg Carson (F&T), David McBean (F&T) & Liz Fitzgibbon (ET), gathering for the tour



Beginning the tour of Latchford Barracks



Touring Latchford's trades wings. Tim 'Wilbur' Wilde (P&G) & Mark 'Dutchy' Versteegen (P&G) doing what Plumbers do in the Sand Pit



Touring Latchford's trades wings



Touring Latchford's trades wings



Left: Lindy 'Schwingy' Knight (Schwinghammer – ET) touring Latchford



Right: Simon Brooks with an old Holden red engine training aid, at MV Wing



Upcoming events

END OF AN ERA FOR ARMY • APPRENTICES

Saturday the 8th April 1995 saw the end of an era with the last parade of the Army Apprentices Battalion held at the Army College of TAFE, Bonegilla. Almost 300 staff and apprentices were on parade to commemorate the cessation of the Army Apprenticeship Scheme and the introduction of the Army Technical and Trade Scheme. The parade was attended by a number of senior officers as well as almost 2000 ex-apprentices and their families.

The weekend festivities began with a cocktail party and a reunion for ex-apprentices on the Friday night followed by the Apprentice Battalion Parade on the Saturday. The parade was reviewed by the GOC TRG COMD MAJGEN S.N. Gower, AM. The band was formed by ex-apprentice musicians from all over Australia and despite only having minimal time to prepare, performed to an exceptional standard. After the parade the College of TAFE was open for visitors to view the training facilities and the RAEME TRG Centre provided a display of Vehicles, Weapons and Equipment.

After reviewing the parade MAJGEN Gower paid tribute to the more than 6000 apprentices who had graduated from the scheme. MAJGEN Gower said that the apprentices from both the school at Balcombe and Bonegilla had achieved and maintained a very high standard in both military and technical skills. This achievement is highlighted by over 400 apprentices who had gone on to achieve commissioned officer status. He said that army apprentices had been the backbone of our ever increasingly technical army by maintaining the mobility and fire-power of our land forces. Our soldier technicians who have been trained under the apprenticeship scheme have always provided effective support to our forces regardless of where they were deployed and in most cases in very trying conditions.

MAJGEN Gower explained that due to reforms in civilian training combined with changing societal trends the army was no longer able to recruit enough capable personnel through the existing apprenticeship scheme. This has led to the introduction of the new scheme which will give the army a much larger pool of applicants from which to choose. MAJGEN Gower stressed that the standards set by past apprentices would not be diminished in any way under the new scheme and that all graduates would be more than capable of carrying on in the footsteps of their predecessors.

MAJGEN Gower also congratulated the 49th apprentice class which graduated from apprentices to trainees. MAJGEN Gower complimented the trainees on their achievements to date and stated that as the last apprentice class it was their responsibility to carry on the apprentice traditions which have served the defence force so well over the past 47 years.

The Army Apprentices School was established in 1948 at Balcombe, some 70 km from Melbourne on the Mornington Peninsula. On the 20th August 1948, the Minister for the Army, the Honourable Cyril Chambers, MP, officially opened the school.

The first intake of apprentices numbered 63 and they received instruction in eleven different trades. Since 1948 over 6000 apprentices have graduated from the college and some 400 of

these have subsequently gained commissioned rank as army officers.

The last graduation parade at Balcombe was held in December 1982. The school then moved to the current location at Latchford Barracks Bonegilla.

On the 1st January 1991 the Army Apprentices School was renamed the Army College of Technical and Further Education to more accurately reflect the expanding role of the college to include pre and post vocational training for adult trainees.

Army Apprentice Reunion 2025, AAAA AGM and Formal Dinner, Albury, 25 October 2025, to recognise cessation in 1995 of the Australian Army Apprentice Scheme, further details to follow. Send AGM agenda items to secretary@austarmyapprentice.org.

It was decided at the 2024 Association's AGM we should conduct the 2025 AGM combined with an all-intakes reunion on the weekend of 24-26 October 2025 within the general Albury Wodonga Area to commemorate this significant anniversary – a big event for all Apprentices, especially the 49th and 50th Intakes.

Meet & greet – there will be an all-intakes get-together on the Friday evening with casual drinks at attendees' cost. Finger food will be provided.

The **AGM** will be held on the Saturday morning from 1030 hrs AEST. Members' attendance would be appreciated to see what is happening within the Association and a chance to be part of voting for those Committee positions that become vacant at the AGM, or to nominate for a position prior to the meeting.

A **formal sit-down dinner** for all Apprentices and Association members and their partners will be held on the Saturday evening at 1830 hrs AEST for 1900 hrs start, with seating at round tables. This will be a coat & tie event with miniature medals optional.

Expressions of Interest – to enable the Committee to better select the venues and best pricing we can negotiate, we need an indication as to the number of personnel who will be attending the get-together, AGM and dinner. Please provide the following information to treasurer@austarmyapprentice.org by 30 April 2025:

- Name, Regimental no, Association Membership no (financial members only), Intake, total number of personnel attending, i.e., self and how many others?
- Friday night get together YES/NO, number
- Saturday am AGM YES/NO (financial members only)
- Saturday evening dinner YES/NO, number.

Registrations – in time, we will provide a registration form which will provide actual pricing and venues.



Notification of upcoming events

For Regional Representatives or Association members organising events where Apprentices are attending, notify the AAAA so the event can be listed on the Website for all to see. Potentially more people will know about it and attend. It can also be “sponsored” by the AAAA and be covered by our insurance so, if there is an incident or the like, the organiser may not be out of pocket.

To notify of an event, members can use the AAAA Website form (at <https://austarmyapprentice.org/association-forms/>). This information is then sent to the Secretary who will minute the event and have the notice added to the Website; the insurance cover will then attach.

AAAA and other Apprentices functions

- * **30th Intake 50th Reunion**, Maroochydore, **7-9 February 2025**, *contact Don Hewett, 30th Intake Electrical Mechanic, dhewett5865@gmail.com or Ian CLEGG, 30th Intake Vehicle Mechanic, icclegg@bigpond.net.au.*
- * **AAAA Committee Meeting**, via ZOOM, **1 Mar 2025**. Agenda items to secretary@austarmyapprentice.org.
- * **ACT Region Quarterly Lunch**, Ainslie FC, **Wed, 5 March 2025**. Please let me know if you intend to be there.
- * **35th Intake 45-year Anniversary**, Mudgee NSW, **28-30 March 2025**, *contact Dave (Clemo) Clements, 35th Intake Motor Mechanic, clemacdc1@gmail.com or Bill Burns, 35th Intake Motor Mechanic, willyb1963@gmail.com or visit 35th Intake Army Apprentices Facebook Group.*
- * **20th Intake 60th Reunion**, Pinjarra WA, RSL etc, **4-6 April 2025**, *contacts Fred Santich or Bob Bandy via FB Messenger.*

Other associations, etc

- * **RAE Association Victoria Inc.**, *contact [RAE Future Events](#)*
- * **RAE Association WA Inc.**, *contact <https://wasappers.com.au/events/>.*
- * **17 Construction Sqn Wksp UNTAG – Namibia Reunion**, Kedron-Wavell Services Club, Chermside, Qld, **19 July 2025**, *respond to the events section on the [UNTAG Namibia – 17 Construction Squadron Facebook page](#).*
- * **RASigs Association**, *contact <http://www.rasigs.com>.*
- * **RAEME ACT**, *contact <https://act.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/events>*
- * **RAEME QLD**, *contact functions@qld.raeme.org.au, <http://qld.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/events>*
- * **RAEME SA**, *contact <https://sa.raeme.org.au/>*
- * **RAEME TAS**, *contact <https://tas.raeme.org.au>.*
- * **Central Victorian Veterans Group**, monthly get-together, Bendigo RSL Club Terrace, 1st Thursday of the month, 1830 hrs, *contact Jonathan Crust, 48th Intake Carpenter & Joiner via Facebook, [Army Apprentices are the cream of Australia's Youth](#).*
- * **Greensborough RSL Friday Veterans Coffee Club 2025**, 1000-1200hrs in the Members' Bar **Dates: →→→→**
- * **RASigs Certa Cito 100th Anniversary, 2025**

January - 3rd & 17th
February - 7th & 21st
March - 7th & 21st
April - 3rd & 18th
May - 2nd, 16th & 30th
June - 13th & 27th
July - 11th & 25th
August - 8th & 22nd
September - 5th & 19th
October - 3rd, 17th & 31st
November - 14th & 28th
December - 12th

Commemorating 100 years of the Corps, reflecting on the past, present, and future, by ARA/ARES Signals units across Australia, concluding in November 2025, major events are being planned for SE Qld, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, including:

Victoria (some still tentative):

- * Friday 14 February – Launch of Certa Cito 100, parade in Melbourne consisting of Royal Guard & the Corps Banner, & the Shrine of Remembrance, 0930 for 1000hrs start, for to all present & past members of the Corps, Regular & Reserve and their families



- * Friday 14 February, 1700-2000hrs, Cocktail Function, Watsonia RSL, \$65 entry, for current serving and Veterans of RA Sigs, and current serving members and families of Signals units, RSVP no later than 7 February
- * Friday 25 April – RA Sigs Units & Associations lead the Anzac Day march, ALL to be formed up by 0830hrs for a 0900hrs step off
- * Friday 25 April – recognition at Anzac Day AFL match, MCG
- * Dates TBC – Freedom of Entry parade, City of Banyule, & RA Sigs Units combined, RSL activity, Museum modernisation event
- * 30 June – 108 Sig Sqn 50th Birthday
- * 2, 5 and 10 July – Royal Corps of Signals (UK) Rugby Tour vs RASigs Rugby Club (TBC Melbourne), vs RASigs Spartans (TBC), and vs Mercury Marauders (TBC)
- * 11-18 November – National Reunion of Veteran Community at Healesville
- * 11 November – DFSS rehearsal for VIP visit and Open Day for RA Sigs Community
- * 12 November – VIP visit, welcome guard, virtual training demonstrations, 138 & 108 Sig Sqn demonstrations, lunch, Corps Museum visit, Corps dinner @ Government House (TBC)
- * 14 November – Gold afternoon, RACV Club Healesville & then BBQ run by Lions club
- * 15 November – National Dining In Night, Rochford Winery, Yarra Valley, \$70, only 300 seats, [contact Bruce Long – prontobrl@gmail.com](mailto:prontobrl@gmail.com)
- * 2 December – DFSS 23rd birthday
- * **Canberra:** 9 or 10 November (TBC) – National Corps Day Commemorative Parade.

Visit <https://rasigs.org/certa-cito-100/> for more details or contact Mr Bruce Long prontobrl@gmail.com or Gavin Lee gavin.lee18@hotmail.com.

Contribute to an Illustrated History of RASIGS

To mark the centenary, The Royal Australian Corps of Signals is seeking to produce a coffee table style book in the form of an illustrated history which covers the Corps from its inception to the present day.

Visit <https://rasigs.org/an-illustrated-history/> for details.

Letters to the Editor

Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Commemorations

From Ed Zielinski, 23rd Intake Vehicle Mechanic [edited for readability]

Good afternoon team

After reading the appy newsletter, it will be interesting to know how many appys actually were there. I am sure there were a few Army, Navy and Air Force, and I also hope that the Salvation Army personnel get recognition as well; all did a great job.

I am hoping that Prime Minister recognition will occur. Thank you team. Also note I got an Australia Day award for helping out a young aboriginal boy at the five ways, now called the Threeways in the NT, on my second tour on the way back.

Many thanks for keeping me in touch. Stay safe. Ed Zielinski

From Alex Duwakin, 20th Intake Electrical Mechanic

I noted a question regarding those who went to Darwin after cyclone Tracy, by Ed Zielinski. My interest is that I was in Darwin during the cyclone on the night of Dec 24, 1974. I had been working as an electrician on a site at Tenant Creek, Peko Wallsend mine and had been asked to deliver a truck to Darwin for trans to Port Hedland. Having acquired a truck licence while serving with RAE I was the only licenced driver. On the evening of the cyclone I had taken a room at the Fanny [sic] Bay hotel and the rest is history.

My name is Alex Duwakin 20th Intake Electrical Mechanic and I live in Auckland New Zealand.

Regards, Alex D



Cyclone Tracy experience

From Rodger Andrews 8th Intake Telecom Mechanic

Hello Jeff, Your article in the recent Newsletter has raised my interest in the subject of Cyclone Tracy.

I have quite a deal of experience and stories about that night and some time following. I was there from 1971 until January 1975 as the Supervising Senior Technical Officer of the Northern Territory for the ABC.

I remained working for the ABC for some two weeks following the Cyclone mainly to make sure we could continue to provide Radio services to the population.

My time in Darwin was broken by the disaster but I returned in 1976 to change the old monochrome television service to colour.

If you would like any of my story, I will put something together but if not that's OK. I'm attaching a couple of pictures of my experience.

The first picture is of a block of Govt Units in which we were living while our new house was being built. The picture depicts our bedroom with the rafters over the bed. We had escaped downstairs within a hair's breadth of being crushed. I had forgotten to take the car keys with me going down the stairs and when I turned to go back there was just debris and concrete blocks blocking the stairs.



The second picture is my new house under construction on 22 Dec and the third picture was the remains of that house on 25 Dec, the day after the Blow. Luckily, I had taken those pictures as the insurance company denied there was ever a house there! The pictures fixed that argument! Kindest regards, Rodger Andrews 8th Tels.



Editor's response

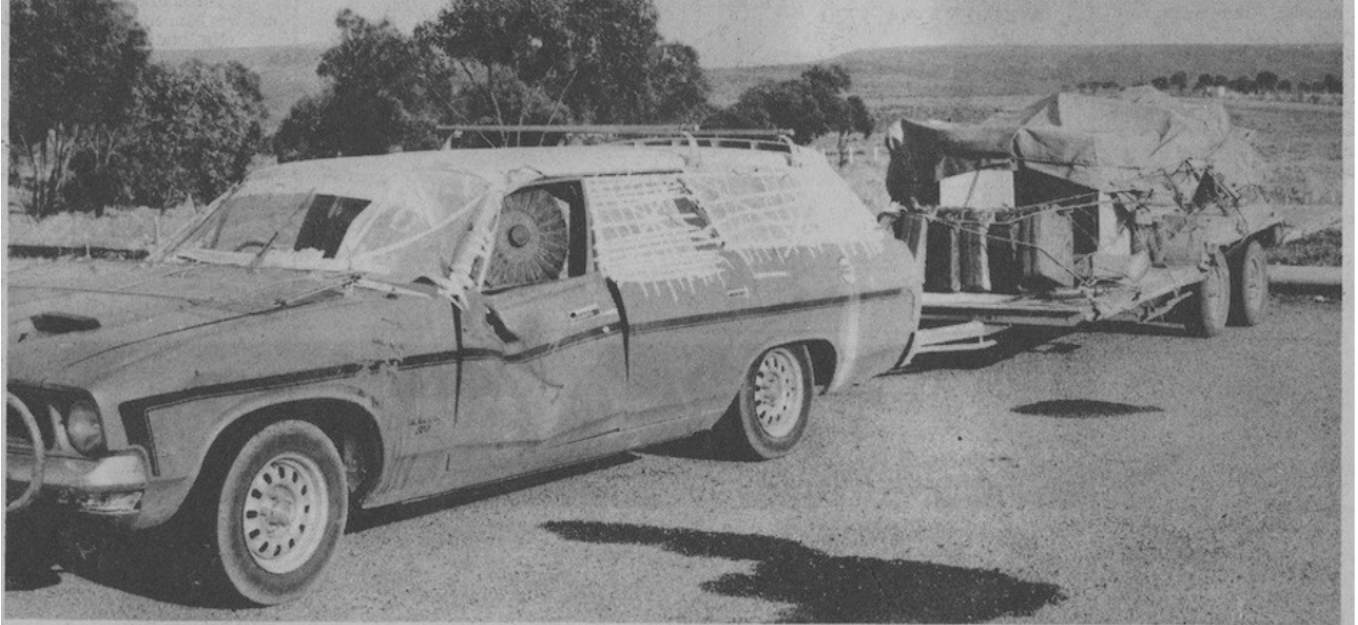
While there were very few Apprentices in Woomera in December 1974/January 1975 (I know of two – myself and one other), the image and short story below reflect my experience of Cyclone Tracy. Yes, we were very much aware of the disaster and the terrible loss of lives, but being in Woomera tended to isolate us somewhat from most of the world. Adelaide was nearly 500km away by road, with 50km of the 180km to Port Augusta still dirt. So, when survivors from Darwin arrived by car (about five times further than the drive from Woomera to Adelaide), we suddenly realised how fortunate we were.

The Gibber Gabber (Woomera's community newspaper) of 23 January 1975 reported:

"The tragic events at Darwin brought many new faces to the town (not including over 500 visitors to families here)



and locals spending Christmas at Woomera rose to the occasion and were able to feed, clothe and offer shelter to those unfortunate enough to need it. The Prime Minister Mr Gough Whitlam spent 40 minutes with the Woomera and Darwin people at the Village clubrooms whilst awaiting his plane to be refuelled. The Darwin affair prompted the ELDO/Staff Mess to donate \$750 to the Darwin Relief Fund. The money came from door takings at the club's successful New Year's Eve dance."



This vehicle was shown some mercy by cyclone Tracy when she swept all before her. The trailer is not a true trailer but the remnants of what once was a caravan. This picture was taken in the car park at the Village clubrooms. The clubrooms were open 24 hours a day from December 29 serving beer and refreshments donated by clubs and messes on the area to Darwin victims. Over 1000 meals were served and the club became the sleeping quarters for many of the Territorians.

Photo: Woomera Photo Services.

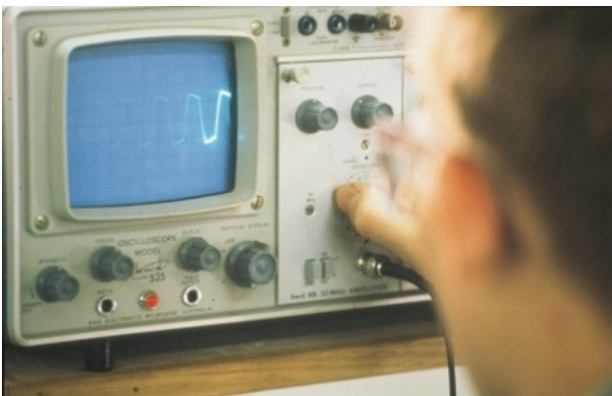
SPAASSM Collection

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tcmowfh3ulz8rr7/SPAASSM%20Index%20and%20Cover.pdf?dl=0>

November 2024 solution

Q: For the boffins, what make (and model if you're really good) is this 'scope (below)?

A: bwd 525 (with bwd 6B DC-50MHz Amplifier plug-in visible) ([SPAASSM Ph I Image 00507](#)).



There were only two responses. One answer was very close with "BWD 521 CRO (oscilloscope)" while the other (from a Clerk turned Elec Wing storeman) was a bit further off with "HP1740".

So the most correct answer was from Pete Losin, 32nd Intake Electronics Tradesman.

Congratulations Pete, your USB has been sent to you.

BWD Electronics was an Australian manufacturer of electronics test equipment, based in Melbourne, best known for their range of oscilloscopes.

Founded in 1955 by immigrant British electronic technicians: John Beesley, Peter Wingett and Robert Dewey, BWD was eventually bought by McVan Instruments, which changed its name in 2014 to Observator Instruments Pty Ltd part of the Observator B.V. group of the Netherlands. (Source Wikipedia)



February 2025 competition



Q: What is the building in this image?
Where is it? Is it still there?

The first person to send the most correct answer (all 3 parts) to news@austarmyapprentice.org will win a copy of the SPAASSM Collection on USB.

And can anybody identify the date, occasion and makeup of the band?

Merchandise

AAAA Shop: <https://austarmyapprentice.org/shop/>

For enquiries, contact the Treasurer: treasurer@austarmyapprentice.org

MERCHANDISE ITEMS		PRICES	POSTAGE
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	60 th Anniversary 2008	\$10.00	\$10.00
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PLAQUES	AAAA badge OR AAS badge	\$85.00	\$14.00
AAS BADGED ITEMS	Cloth badge large (260 mm x 210 mm) – Balcombe OR Bonegilla	\$25.00	\$3.50
	Cloth badge small (100mm x 70mm)	\$20.00	\$3.50
	Flag (1800 mm x 900 mm)	\$175.00	\$14.00
	Baseball cap	\$15.00	\$14.00
	Polo shirt (M, L, XL, 2XL,3XL, 4XL)	\$35.00	\$14.00
	Stubby holder	\$5.00	\$5.00
FACE MASK	With both AAAA and AAS badges	\$15.00	\$5.00



Apprentices Memorial Gates refurbishing



Following on from last October's Association AGM and the last Committee meeting, Heritage Officer Rob Minato, 31st Intake Electronics Tradesman has arranged for the Bandiana Memorial Gates to be removed for refurbishing.

The photo (left) shows the Memorial with the Gates removed.

Work is still in progress, so we hope to be able to report on the completion of the project in the next Newsletter.

Photo by Rob Minato

History

The Recruiting and Training of Apprentice Musicians in the Australian Military in the 1950s

Sources: https://arts.monash.edu/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1668410/eras-17-11.pdf and https://www.monash.edu/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1674158/eras-171-5-skinner-final.pdf

Eras Journal | Volume 17 | Number 1, November 2015 from Monash University included this article by Dr Anthea Skinner, who (according to The University of Melbourne <https://findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/profile/830153-anthea-skinner>) is an ethnomusicologist who specialises in disability music culture and education, organology and heritage archiving. At 14 pages, it makes interesting reading.

“Abstract: In 1951 the Australian military introduced an apprentice musicians' course to their recently formed Military Apprenticeship Scheme. This decision was made to increase dwindling personnel numbers in Australian military bands. However, unlike other apprentices under the scheme, early apprentice musicians did not receive any formal trade qualifications upon completion of their course. This article explores the recruitment and training of apprentice musicians in Australia in the 1950s. It examines the Australian military's attempts to both compensate them for their lack of formal qualifications, and create a long term career structure within the military for graduates of the apprentice musicians' course.”

The Army Apprentices' School, A Survey of Its Aims, Organization, and Some Educational Problems

Source: *Australian Army Journal NO. 105, February 1958*, https://researchcentre.army.gov.au/sites/default/files/aa_j_105_feb_1958_0.pdf

Written by an Army Education Corps officer, LT RT Jones B.Ed, this eight-page article makes interesting reading, particularly in the light of recent discussion on the end of the Army Apprentice Scheme, including on Facebook. Published almost 10 years after the start of the Scheme in August 1958, the article begins by discussing the demand for highly-skilled, specialized tradesmen, and the establishment of apprentices' schools for all three armed services.

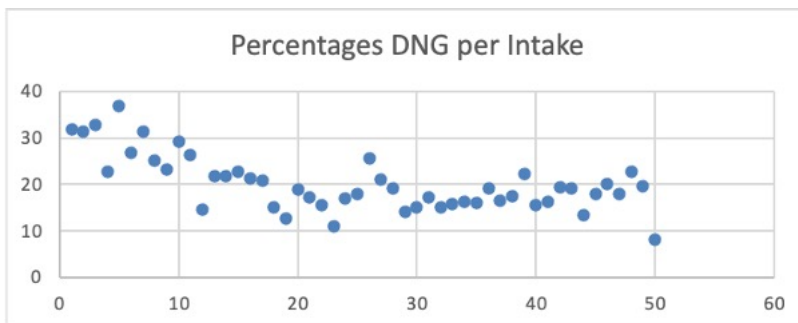
Prior to the establishment of the Army Apprentices' School (AAS), the only three sources of skilled tradesmen were: recruitment of already-skilled tradesmen from civilian occupations, training of selected men at Army Trade Training Schools, and the apprenticeship of selected youths to base workshops and technical units ^(note 1). But the Army could not compete with the salary expectations of post-war industry, could not train sufficiently skilled tradesmen, and could only guarantee 100 apprentices over five years. The latter of these seemed to be the answer: skilled tradesmen, with civil qualifications, and men conversant with Army methods and requirements – soldier-tradesmen.



Note 1. *The post-war workshop apprentice scheme (the first 100 Apprentices) was featured in the May 2015 edition of TAA.*

So, to achieve the required numbers of tradesmen, the Army adopted a similar approach to those in the UK, and on 2 August 1948, the first intake of apprentices marched into the AAS at Balcombe. The primary aim of the School was to produce skilled soldier-tradesmen who, on leaving the School “has qualified in his trade (to the satisfaction of both civil and military authorities), has reached a satisfactory standard of education, and has received his initial military training to allow him to take part in unit activities and to fit him for advanced training.”

The problems associated with such an aim were seen to be threefold, that is, the need to serve three masters: military, technical and civil. Each on its own would not seem to be such a problem, but when adolescents were involved, care needed to be taken to ensure that their regimental, educational, technical, physical and spiritual training were complementary and not contradictory. Potential problems were foreseen with the “control” required by the two main elements, regimental and technical. Over time, this became one of the main focuses of the School, commencing as early as the recruitment process and then progressing through initial military training, attempting to get educational standards equalised, and looking at how to reduce wastage (from discharge, external transfers, internal trade transfers, and back-squadding).



The graph shows the “did not graduate (DNG)” percentages over the 50 intakes from 1948 to 1995. All those who did not graduate were not necessarily discharged. Many transferred to the Regular Army and some even went on to complete their trade training in their chosen or another trade. Note the general decline in percentages DNG over the years.

Concluding the article, LT Jones wrote: “All the foregoing problems are actually educational; they are all concerned with the operation of a School which is residential, technical and military in character.” And: “After eight years the School is still undergoing changes in organization; these changes are being made with the above problems in mind.” Clearly, such changes continued to develop for many years after that. Changes included dropping particular trades (Architectural Draughtsman and Clerk), introducing Musicians, changing some trades to better align with industry, changing most trades to the 2 + 2 system rather than the 3 + 1, aligning more closely with the Victorian Education and Apprenticeship agencies, introducing the roles of Principal and Director, moving to new and better accommodation at Bonegilla, accepting female enlistees, adopting self-paced learning methods, changing to the Victorian TAFE, and so-on.

Ultimately, as we know, the scheme was dropped in favour of the adult training scheme. The “abolition of the apprentice system had been proposed for some time and would bring significant changes to the running of college, without diminishing its throughput.” And, apprentices would give way to adult trade trainees, which would allow “the same trainee at the end of the day because the technical training is exactly the same as under the apprentice scheme”. [COL Wayne Kendall, COMDT Army College of TAFE, 24 February 1994]. [source: SPAASSM Collection Phase II, Binder 11, Item 1, various images]. And “the change in the apprentice scheme was adapting to a changing society.” [source: SPAASSM Collection Phase II, Binder 12, Item 1, Image 10, Border Morning Mail, 5 and 10 April 1995]

RAEME – Preserving our history – we need your help!

From RAQ Friday Files 20 December 2024

The RAEME Association Queensland (RAQ) and the North Queensland RAEME Association have a rich history of honouring the traditions and achievements of the Corps. To ensure this proud legacy is preserved for future generations, we are calling on members, past and present, to assist in maintaining and enriching our historical records and memorabilia.



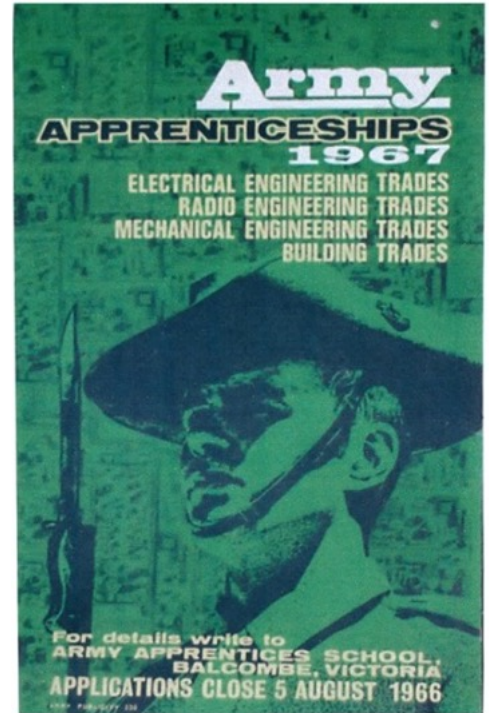
The history of RAEME is not just about equipment and technical excellence, it's about the people, their service, and the enduring camaraderie forged over decades. Preserving this history is vital to understanding and celebrating the contributions of RAEME to the Australian Army and our nation.

We are initially seeking to document the formation of both entities. So, if you have photographs, documents or personal stories that showcase this, your material and personal stories will help keep our history alive.

If you would like to assist or contribute, please contact Peter Matthews via email (chairman@qld.raeme.org.au). Your support will play an essential role in safeguarding the heritage of RAEME for future generations to appreciate and learn from.

AAS apprenticeships recruiting poster, 1966 for 1967 intake

Thanks to Ed Draper, 22nd Electrical Fitter, at the right is a copy of a recruiting poster from August 1966 that offered four types of trades commencing in 1967. Note that Apprentice Musician wasn't listed even though that trade was available until 1982.



Canberra Services Club

Most Canberrans and many others will be aware that the Canberra Services Club that used to operate near Manuka Oval was destroyed in a devastating fire on 27 April 2011. The Club had operated as a registered community club from 29 April 1948, having commenced as the Lady Gowrie Services Club on 13 March 1941.



Source: <https://www.canberraclub.com.au/LATEST-NEWS.aspx>

A history of the Club is to be found here: https://www.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/717176/canberra-services-club-background-information.pdf.



Since the fire, the Club has been working to rebuild its premises at its original site, while operating in the old Rugby Union Club building (RUC) in Barton. For this to occur, the Club needs to have changed the type of lease that applies to the old site. The current “concessional lease” limits the uses available to the Club to activities that primarily relate to the not-for-profit nature of the Club which, in themselves, are not expected to be sufficiently profitable for the Club to survive.

In a letter to community groups and stakeholders (link below), the Club advises that it has applied to remove the concessional status of the site, hopefully allowing it to proceed towards development of a “*financially viable, modern and vibrant Community club with access to commercial accommodation as a mixed development (as per current zoning),*” which “*will enable us to provide services to the community not based predominantly on gaming revenue.*” (https://www.canberraclub.com.au/site/files/ul/data_text12/6719494.pdf)

“The two key strategies [to provide those services] are:

a “Services Club” in the wider sense; (For Defence, Police, Emergency Service and those who provide volunteer /not-for-profit “services” to the Canberra Community); and

to implement an innovative Community Incentive Program that financially supports Affiliated entities that provide “services” to both our Community & Country.”

The recently erected signs advertise the fact that the Club currently remains open in Barton, and that the “*Club intends to return to [its] historic site*” – alongside Manuka Oval, pictured above. Note the decommissioned Leopard Tank that remains at the poorly-maintained site, along with the Kokoda Memorial (pictured), a flagpole, and a Bofors anti-aircraft gun.

It is hoped that the signage will assist in deflecting “*negative and false comments being made*” which may “*hinder our opportunity to return to our historic club site and 'plays into the hands of developers' who would love to buy our land off the ACT Government, if we are unable to return to our historic site with a new financially viable community club.*”

AWM Development Project – progress

For those who don’t live in, or regularly visit Canberra, here is a progress report on the Australian War Memorial’s Development Project – Our Continuing Story. This Website (<https://www.awm.gov.au/ourcontinuingstory>) is the place to look for more details; the details below are personal photographs and observations. And you might wish to look at the publication Year in Review 2023-2024 (<https://www.awm.gov.au/about/our-work/year-in-review>).

New Southern Entrance and Oculus

On 18 December last, “Practical Completion” of the new Southern entrance was achieved and it was scheduled for opening in early 2025. Behind the large stairway on the lower ground level is the “Oculus” which is now open. Its shape is an inversion of the Hall of Memory dome, providing views up to the dome and the main building.





Construction crane – “before”



The large crane currently visible above the Memorial has been on site for over two years (nicknamed “Duffy” after Private John Simpson Kirkpatrick’s donkey) and was scheduled to be removed early this year.

Hopefully, it will be removed before the next Newsletter and an “after” photo taken. “Duffy’s” role included placing the massive beams across the new Anzac Hall and interfacing Atrium that provide the “*column-free design on multiple levels [that] was noted to provide high levels of adaptability for the future*”. Another crane (“Teddy”, after Teddy Sheehan VC, Australia’s most recent

Victoria Cross recipient), had been erected to deliver the new Charles Bean Research Centre and CEW Bean Building and was removed last year.

Main Entrance and Foyer, open early 2025

The sculpture of Simpson and his donkey (Duffy) was repositioned on 13 December and is now in the north-east courtyard, adjacent to the new Main Entrance.



Charles Bean Research Centre and CEW Bean Building

The extended CEW Bean Building & Research Centre achieved practical completion on 20 December and will reopen in the first half of 2025. It houses the Memorial’s extensive archives with extended space to store, digitise and preserve them.

New Memorial shop

The new Memorial shop, situated on the lower ground level adjacent to the Oculus, opened in late January. Coinciding with the opening, there is a new range of products, which are also available on-line. New products are scheduled to arrive each month.



First aircraft delivery

Scheduled for 1 March 2025, the first aircraft from storage at Mitchell will make the journey to the AWM for installation in the new Anzac Hall.

Anzac Hall and Atrium

The Anzac Hall and Anzac Atrium will not open until 2026, providing a vast increase of exhibition space to display military aircraft and vehicles from the three services of the ADF. An additional onsite café/restaurant will be included catering for something like 400 people. Last December, the Director Mr Matt Anderson PSM said that this was to cater for those who wish to spend longer at the Memorial. Visitor statistics show that those who don't visit the café generally stay two hours or less, while those who do visit the café usually extend their stay for up to four hours.

Heritage main building

Scheduled for completion in 2028, the changes to the heritage main building will include refurbishment of the lower-level gallery spaces and some new galleries, such as a renewed Discovery Zone and Pre-1914 Conflicts.





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