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From the President

By Keith LOWE, 22nd Intake Fitter and Turner, President AAAA, president@austarmyapprentice.org, 12 April 2026

I am writing this report on 12th April so by the time it appears in our May Newsletter I hope all aspects of the fuel crisis have started to settle down. That said I have doubts, as whilst we hear plenty of platitudes from numerous politicians that solutions are being evolved, in reality they are only short-term contributions.

We have obviously learnt little from the Covid crisis with great reliance on the importation of pharmaceutical supplies, as history is now repeating itself with fuel. I am of the view that consecutive governments of all political persuasions have failed to adequately ensure our security is being adequately addressed. I trust all our members have managed to or are managing the effects of this on their lives.

Vale Notifications

Just when we seem to be having a slight reprieve from losing members of our Apprentice ranks, a number came in almost on the same day.

It is sad to receive notifications of all deaths; however I was particularly saddened to learn of our former Committee member Joanne Cornelius's (née Maloney) passing. Joanne's obituary is included later in this Newsletter.

A list of all recent death notifications is also included, and I extend our sincere condolences to all affected by these losses.

Lest We Forget

Eightieth Anniversary of the Army Apprentice Scheme

Members, 2028 being 80 years since our 1st Intake enlisted is another milestone for those who have participated in Apprentice training during the 47 years of the scheme. Your committee is about to commence planning for a national, all intakes 80th Anniversary event to be held in 2028. Because our Memorial, which does include the remains of some deceased Apprentices, is located at Bandiana the obvious choice would be to hold the event in the Albury Wodonga area.

I appreciate Apprentices were only trained in that area in latter years and many have no connection to that area except for our Memorial. Little remains of Balcombe except for the Marine Gates, Parade Ground (now a car park) and Mace Oval.

To assist your committee to commence the detailed planning I am seeking input from members as to what you would like to have included. When submitting ideas via email to event2028@austarmyapprentice.org please reference your email "EVENT SUGGESTIONS".



Your early input will be appreciated.

I have just become aware that the RAAF Apprentices have an Association <https://www.raafapprentices.com.au/>. They too are planning events for 2028.

Fortieth Anniversary of the Presentation of the Prince Phillip Banner to RAEME

As listed in our Events section of our Website (and in Upcoming Events below) this will be celebrated on Wednesday 20 May 2026 at North Bandiana. I take this opportunity to offer our Association’s congratulations and best wishes for a very successful commemorative event.

Call for Assistance

I have been contacted by the daughter of a former Balcombe Bricklaying Instructor from the early 1960s into the 1970s by the name of Mr Martin Fraser. She is keen to make contact with any of his former students to learn more about them and him. Any brickies interested could you let me know please (president@austarmyapprentice.org) and I will pass your details on to Martin’s daughter.

Until next time stay well and look out for your mates. All the best, Keith

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Association members in the news

Simon BROOKS, 40th Intake Motor Mechanic, AAAA Secretary

From RAQ Friday Files 13 February 2026 by Simon Brooks, 40th Intake Motor Mechanic, AAAA Secretary

Simon is employed with RSL Queensland as an Engagement Specialist. He is pictured below with Terry Bodle, National Serviceman 1970-72, commemorating Anzac Day in 2025.



RAQ Friday Files 13 February 2026 carried a story about Terry Bodle, who “was drafted in 1969 and commenced his National Service in January 1970, one of more than 63,000 who served under the second scheme which ran from 1965 to 1972.

Terry had emigrated from England in the early 1960s and his family has a long history of military service, dating at least as far back as WWI. The military tradition has carried on in Terry’s family. His son, Ty, is a former Army Apprentice Motor Mechanic (44th Intake) and now volunteers as Secretary of the RAEME Association Queensland.”

Steve HOWELLS, 28th Intake Electronics Tradesman, AAAA Member #471 – Farewell

From a Facebook post by 7th Brigade – Australian Army, 4 February 2026

In the May 2024 Edition of TAA, we featured Steve Howells receiving his third Federation Star in acknowledgment of 50 years of dedicated service, the November 2024 Edition of TAA featured Steve being presented with a



RAEME Corps painting in recognition of his 50 years' dedicated service to the Corps and, on 4 February this year, the 7th Brigade posted the following on Facebook:

“Honouring Decades of Service.

Over more than five decades, Major Howells has dedicated himself to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME), steadily rising through the ranks before commissioning as a RAEME officer.

Major Howells enlisted in January 1973 as a Craftsman and has held key leadership roles both in Australia and overseas, including deployments on Operation Catalyst in 2005 and Operation Slipper in 2009.

Major Howells remains deeply committed to the Army community through ongoing volunteer work with the RAEME Association Queensland, the Gallipoli Barracks Recreational and Welfare Fund and the Australian Army Training Team Iraq Association.

Recently, Major Howells was farewelled by Commander 7 Brigade and presented with a Gold Service Medallion.

On the day, Major Howells said it was the people he met along the way who made his time in the Army truly memorable.



Thank you Major Howells for your exceptional service and ongoing dedication to 7 Brigade.

We wish you all the best in the next chapter.”

Gary Sargent, 23rd Intake Electrical Fitter, AAAA Member #573 – RSL Life Member

From RAQ Friday Files 10 April 2026

“The RAQ extends its sincere congratulations to Gary Sargent on being awarded Life Membership of the RSL in recognition of his outstanding service to the veteran and broader communities.

Gary’s decades of dedication, including his leadership as Secretary of the Springwood Tri Service RSL Sub Branch and his tireless support to veterans across Logan City, reflect a commitment that is both enduring and deeply respected. His contribution to commemorative activities, welfare initiatives, and community engagement has had a lasting and meaningful impact.

Gary is also well known to RAQ members (Member No.3), in 2015 was awarded Honorary Life Member and in 2022 was awarded the Chairman's Award recognising his exceptional service to our Corps and Association. His humility, professionalism, and unwavering support to others embody the very best of RAEME values.

On behalf of the Association, we congratulate Gary on this well-deserved honour and thank him for his continued service to veterans, the community, and the RAEME family.

Right: John Robinson OAM Vice President of South Eastern District presents Gary with his Life Member Award.



Arte et Marte”



Non-Association members in the news

Raymond G Norman OAM Chairman's Award to Mick HARRIS, 38th Intake Motor Mechanic

Extract from RAQ Spanner News Weekly 27 February 2026



At last Saturday's NQ Gathering, RAQ NQ Committee Chair Brian Robb presented the Raymond G Norman OAM Chairman's Award to Mick 'Harry' Harris, 38th Intake Motor Mechanic. Mick was recognised for his outstanding contribution as an inaugural NQ Committee Member and Merchandise Officer. His dedication, initiative and commitment significantly strengthened the presence and capability of the Association across the region. Establishing and growing RAQ's footprint in NQ has required energy and persistence and he was there from the start. Harry is just the second recipient since the Chairman's Award was renamed the Raymond G Norman OAM Chairman's Award.

Welfare and Vale notices

Contact: Association Welfare Officer Grant COTTERILL, 38th Intake Plumber and 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 social media posts draw 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, send what you have, and we can follow up. Thank you to all those who have provided details.

This edition's Vale summary below includes **12** historic entries.

Intake	Reg No	Name (AAAA Membership no)	Trade	Passed away
20	64375	Robert Geoffrey KAISER	Vehicle Mechanic	19 Dec 1978
30	1205552	Kevin George LAWRENCE	Vehicle Mechanic	(Correction) 22 Oct 1987
20	342974	Peter Norman HUNTER	Vehicle Mechanic	13 Mar 1995
20	342987	Norman Lindsay NORRIS (#814)	Vehicle Mechanic	6 Jun 2021
16	48616	David Garth HOWELLS	Fitter and Turner	21 Jan 2024
18	58805	Zdzislaw Jan ZAWADA	Fitter and Turner	8 Oct 2025
8	64288	Wallace Alfred Noel (Noel) DODDRIDGE	Carpenter and Joiner	28 Dec 2025
26	45872	Garry Andrew JONES	Vehicle Mechanic	1 Jan 2026
16	243232	William James (Bill) CULBERTSON (#49)	Fitter and Turner	2 Jan 2026
11	242967	Neville James BARRETT	Vehicle Mechanic	10 Jan 2026



Intake	Reg No	Name (AAAA Membership no)	Trade	Passed away
12	243039	George Thomas DAWSON (#130)	Bricklayer	24 Jan 2026
1	22310	Douglas Ivor McCARTHY	Carpenter and Joiner	31 Jan 2026
9	342673	Robert Henry (Bob) DRAPER	Vehicle Mechanic	1 Feb 2026
11	342722	Gordon Williams QUANTOCK	Fitter and Turner	2 Feb 2026
11	64320	Terence (Terry) DILLON OAM (#811)	Fitter and Turner	4 Feb 2026
36	323666	Allan David WILBY	Fitter and Turner	5 Feb 2026
24	313155	Gary Alan (Ag) BRAUER	Vehicle Mechanic	6 Feb 2026
33	552868	Drew Anthony (Hoss) MORTON (#1374)	Musician	8 Feb 2026
9	58612	Brian John STANDEN	Electrician	19 Feb 2026
10	342690	Daniel Henry CLARK	Carpenter and Joiner (RAEME)	12 Feb 2026
19	243400	Kevin Brian PARKES	Fitter and Turner	27 Feb 2026
22	217291	Craig Allan VAUGHAN	Carpenter and Joiner	4 Mar 2026
19	64363	Anthony (Tony) Michael FLANAGAN	Clerk	8 Mar 2026
21	243513	Patrick John THOMPSON	Musician (AABC)	17 Mar 2026
42/43	F328051	Joanne Eva CORNELIUS (née MALONEY)	Electronics Tradesman/Motor Mechanic	19 Mar 2026
9	242848	John Cecil FENTON	Fitter and Turner	22 Mar 2026
27	1204060	Garry Peter BOSHAMMER	Fitter Maintenance	3 Apr 2026
27	221717	John Edward SMITH	Carpenter and Joiner	4 Apr 2026
15	58748	Johannus Wilhelmus (John) PRONK (#419)	Radio Mechanic	22 Apr 2026

Vale – 64320 WO1 Terry DILLON OAM, AAAA Member #811

By Barry Shipway (Welfare Rep), RAEME Association Queensland

“It is with deep sadness we advise of the passing of WO1 Terence 'Terry' Dillon OAM on February 4th 2026, aged 86. Born on 2 April 1940 in Alonnah, Tasmania, Terry joined the Army on 13 January 1956 as an 11th Intake Army Apprentice Fitter and Turner graduating in 1958.

He went on to qualify as an Instrument Artificer in 1965, serving in both Base and Field Workshops before deploying to Vietnam with 102 and later 106 Field Workshop RAEME [from 23 Apr to 4 Oct 1968 and 5 Oct 1968 to 16 Apr 1969 respectively]. In Vung Tau and Nui Dat he became known for his ingenuity, resourcefulness and leadership, keeping critical instruments, sights and equipment operating under difficult and dangerous conditions, often through innovation, cannibalisation and sheer determination.

A proud soldier-tradesman Terry served for over 20 years and carried that same professionalism into his post-Army life, becoming a respected training manager and later leading Australian teams to the WorldSkills competitions. The values he learned in RAEME shaped his life, and in 2003 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to vocational education, a fitting tribute to a man whose legacy was built on skill, service and selfless commitment to others.

Terry continued his service through Legacy, joining in 1978 and devoting over 40+ years to supporting widows and families on the Sunshine Coast. He was a RAEME Association Queensland member joining 2021 and was Subscriber No. 851. More of Terry's service history can be found in the Craftsman Magazine No.72 Page 55-57.

Arte et Marte, Rest in Peace.”

Vale – 342673 MAJ Bob DRAPER, 9th Intake Vehicle Mechanic

By John FENTON, 9th Intake Fitter & Turner on 8 February 2026

“Hi all, I have just learnt that Bob Draper passed away on the 1st February with his funeral to be held on 17th February. I remember many a day water skiing on the Hawkesbury River with Bob and Wal & Stan Cove.

Bob was a great engineer and friend. He convinced the powers to fully understand the thinking of pilots that an engineer should also earn his wings. Proud to say I was his first passenger after he earned his wings in the Sioux flying from Amberley to JTC Canungra to give a demo of an external litter mounted on the outside of the Sioux.

Sadly missed, John Fenton”



Vale – 243232 SGT William James (Bill) CULBERTSON, 16th Intake Fitter and Turner, AAAA Member #49

By Mrs Alison Culbertson (Bill's wife) on 8 February 2026

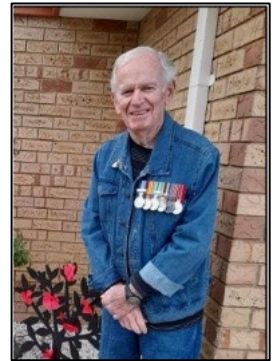
“Born on the 11th Dec 1945. at Manly, NSW. He enlisted as a 15-year-old, and did his training at Army Apprentices School, Balcombe, Victoria.

When he finished his apprenticeship, he was posted to 32 Small Ships Sqn, Sydney, where he did tours of duty on the ships Clive Steel, Vernon Sturdee, Brudenell White and the John Monash to Vietnam and Papua New Guinea. After that he was posted to 36 Water Transport at East Fremantle in Western Australia. He served 21 years in the Army.

After his discharge, Bill was then employed by Western Power for the next 20 years, doing various management positions in the Workshop.

He retired in 2005 and volunteered at Wheelchairs for Kids, Wangara, WA, where he was an integral part of their inception for building wheelchairs which were sent for children all around the world.

He passed away peacefully on the 2 January 2026 at Hollywood Private Hospital, Perth from Parkinson's Syndrome and Lewy Body Disease. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, his two daughters and three grandchildren.”



Vale – 552868 LCPL Drew (Hoss) MORTON, 33rd Intake Musician, AAAA Member #1374

By John FRANKLIN, 33rd Intake Musician on 8 February 2026

“I received very sad news this afternoon that Drew (Hoss) Morton, a 33rd Muso of 11 PI D Coy, passed away unexpectedly on Thu 5 Feb. Drew was a great mate to many of us and a very generous and kind-hearted bloke who would give you the shirt off his back.

This is a great photo of the big fella gathering up a few of his 33rd mates.

There are no funeral details at this stage. Condolences to his wife, children and grandchildren.

RIP my friend.”



Vale – F328051 CFN Joanne Eva CORNELIUS (née MALONEY), 42nd Intake Electronics Tradesman / 43rd Intake Motor Mechanic – 6 July 1970 – 19 March 2026, AAAA Member #884

From Facebook, Maintenance Matters, 19 March 2026

“It is with deep regret, we advise the passing of Joanne Eva Cornelius (née Maloney), aged 55.

Joanne enlisted in the Australian Army in 1987 at 16 years of age through the Army Apprentices School, Bonegilla. She originally enlisted as a 42nd Intake Electronics Tradesman before transferring to the 43rd Intake to become a Vehicle Mechanic, graduating in 1989 as a Mobile Plant Mechanic and Apprentice Sergeant.

She was among the first female RAEME Apprentices trained to the same combat and trade standards as her male peers, including rifle handling, fitness testing, and Canungra training.

During her nine years of service, Joanne served with 2 Base Workshops, 2/3 Field Engineer Regiment, 17 Construction Squadron, and 101 Field Workshops. In 1991, she is believed to have been the first female RAEME tradeswoman posted to a field-force combat engineer regiment (see below).

Following her discharge in 1995, Joanne built a successful career in the automotive and vocational training sectors, eventually becoming CEO of her own Registered Training Organisation.

Joanne will be remembered for her professionalism, determination, and contribution to the Corps. RIP, Jo”



Photos below from Michelle Lafferty, Facebook, RAEME Sisterhood Group



Joanne was a solid AAAA member, serving on the Committee from 2015 to 2019 and performing the role of Social Media Administrator.

She was a special guest at the RAEME Association Queensland's Annual "Women in RAEME" event on 28 November 2025, "sharing her amazing career story" with over 40 others who registered.

Joanne and her husband Morgan, 45th Intake Motor Mechanic, featured in the May 2021 edition of TAA with their yacht "Apprentice G621" in the Melbourne to Geelong Passage Race, and again in the August 2021 edition at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club Keelboat Presentation Night – 10 July 2021.



The next Women in RAEME event is scheduled for 27 November 2026 – location TBA.

From the Women in RAEME event speech by Joanne Cornelius at Gaythorne RSL, 28 November 2025

"...in early 1991, something unexpected happened. I was posted to 2/3 FER Field Workshops. A Combat Engineer Regiment. I was finally doing the training that I've trained for. But, and the problem with this is, I cannot go back and work out the dates because it is not recorded on my military record that I was there. Because it was illegal for me to be there because of the Sexual Discrimination Act at the time.

So I remember after doing a 15k route march, 30 kilo pack on my back, doing the lineup and the red hats. Sorry if you're a red hat. But the red hats walking past and someone said to me, "Who are you?"

And I said, "Craftsman Maloney." And they said, "What are you doing here?" And I said, "I'm posted here."

Two days later I was posted out. I was not legally supposed to be there. ...

I now believe, and I don't know, I may have been the first RAEME female to serve in field force. I definitely know I was the first RAEME field force [woman] in a combat unit and probably was the first army female in a combat unit way before we were even allowed to be there."

From Simon BROOKS, 40th Intake Motor Mechanic, AAAA Secretary

BADGE N°	NAME	DATE	SIGNATURE
128	WOBBLY WADDELL	6/3/91	[Signature]
129	PETER VINEY	6/3/91	[Signature]
130	JO MALONEY		
131	MATT HILL (REISSUED)	1 NOV 91	[Signature]
132	RICHARD PREISS	1 NOV 91	[Signature]
133	BRENDON WEEKS	1 NOV 91	[Signature]
134	DAVID LOONEY	1 NOV 91	[Signature]
135	ANNONY GOATCHER	1 NOV 91	[Signature]
136	TIM CONNOLLY	24 JAN 91	[Signature]
137	DAVID NEESBENS	24 JAN 91	[Signature]
138	SCOTT CLEMENT	31 JAN 92	[Signature]
<small>PREVIOUS BADGE 101</small> 139	KEVIN MERRICK	29 JAN 91	[Signature]
140	DARRIN RIDDLE	3 APR 92	[Signature]
141	RANDALL MARTIN	12 MAY 92	[Signature]
142	JOANNE MALONEY	4 JUNE 92	[Signature]





The image above is from a page from the Bung Country Club badge book (accessible by members of the Bung Facebook Group). Every soldier who marched into the unit was issued a Bung badge and it appears that one was set aside for Jo in 1991. It was probably decided not to issue it because she was then an Apprentice on attachment to the unit. She was, however, subsequently posted there in June 1992 and given badge number 142.

Vale – 242848 MAJ John Cecil FENTON, 9th Intake Fitter and Turner

By Michael Fenton, Facebook RAEME Mates Group on 23 March 2026

“It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you all of the passing of my dad 242848 Maj. John Fenton (Retd.) on Sunday 22nd March. Dad enlisted into the Army as a 9th Intake Fitter. He had many postings during his +20yrs service. They included 4 Base Wksp Wodonga, Maralinga Nuclear Testing facility, NQ Area Wksp Townsville, 101 Fd Wksp, 17 Const Sqn Wksp in South Vietnam, 5 Base Wksp at both Amberley and Oakey, a couple of years in Port Moresby, also 2 yrs in London (on exchange with the RAPIER missile program), Melbourne, Sydney and many others. Upon his retirement from the Army, dad was never too far from the Military with senior roles at JRA for the 110 Land Rover project and as the GM of the Small Arms Factory (ADI) in Lithgow where he oversaw the Steyer Rifle project. For the past almost 30 yrs dad has been a very active Veterans Advocate. We don’t know the exact number, but he has helped many hundreds of Veterans over those years. Dad finally called time on that just after his 87th birthday in December last year so that he could focus on his health.

Dad was surrounded by family and passed away peacefully after a short period of illness at Camden Palliative Care Hospital. Funeral details will follow in the coming days.

Rest in Peace dad your duty is done. Arte et Marte.”

News from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) – 17 February 2026

Source: Maintenance Matters Edition 2 – March 2026

Show your Veteran Card – get the care you deserve

Health providers need to confirm what treatments are covered under your DVA entitlements. Showing your Veteran Card— physical or digital—helps providers understand your eligibility and prevents delays.

If you hold a Veteran White Card, bring details of your accepted conditions to your appointment. This helps them understand what treatment DVA will fund.

How to find your accepted conditions:

- If you have linked MyService to your myGov account, you can view your accepted conditions under your DVA Veteran Card in MyService. From MyService you can generate a list of your accepted conditions to be saved as a PDF which you can choose to share with your provider.
- Step by step guidance to help you find your accepted conditions is in MyService, visit: How to find your accepted conditions and check your legislation in MyService.
- If you don’t have MyService it’s easy to set up, visit the DVA website to find out how.
- Call the Veteran Access Network on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) and ask us to send you a letter listing your accepted conditions.

Tips for a hassle-free visit:

- Check before booking: Contact the health provider to find out whether they accept Veteran Cards before making the appointment.
- Keep records handy: Give permission to your GP or other regular health providers to store your accepted conditions in your health records. This makes future appointments easier.

Need help?

Support is available. If you're having trouble with MyService or unsure how to find your accepted conditions, DVA staff and Veteran Support Officers can assist.



Contact DVA on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372). For further information on MyService visit <https://www.dva.gov.au/about-myservice>.

Membership matters

By Graeme SMAIL, 35th Intake Electronics Tradesman – Membership Secretary, membership@austarmyapprentice.org

Perpetual membership reminder

In the August 2025 edition, we advised that Perpetual membership of the Association is available. In addition to the established terms of one-, three- or five-year terms, Perpetual membership is available to all classes of membership. Fees range from as low as \$25 for those who have remained financial members continuously for a period of ten (10) or more years, to \$125 for those who have remained financial members continuously for a period of five (5) but less than ten (10) years, to \$225 for those who have less than five (5) years continuous membership, and to \$235 for those who have not yet joined.

Events reports

ACT Region Quarterly Lunch, Ainslie FC, Wednesday, 18 March 2026

By Jeff HERON, 21st Intake Radio Mechanic, ACT Regional Rep

Another good turnout with, again, 18 attending, again including 4 partners. We welcomed Tony and Dolly Hickey (26th VM) from Queensland. The 6 electronics trades outnumbered the others vs 3 building trades, 3 vehicle mechs, 1 elec fitter, and 1 black trade. Intakes represented were from the 2nd to the 33rd (1 x 2nd, 2 x 15th, 1 x 18th, 1 x 19th, 1 x 21st, 2 x 22nd, 3 x 23rd, 1 x 24th, 1 x 26th, and 1 x 33rd). Hopefully the next lunch in June will see many Canberrans and perhaps some more visitors emerge from hibernation before the real winter weather sets in.

18th Intake Metal Trades in Wodonga

Source: Maintenance Matters Edition 2 – March 2026



Nobody is owning up to hitting Blue, seated, with a cattle prod.

18th Metal Trades (+ Wags) 63 years on at Wodonga RSL, 2nd of February. We've had a rough trot since the last reunion two years ago. Somehow, we lost three of our brothers in that time, Reg Brown (Blacksmith), and John 'Zulu' Zawada and George Reid (Fitters). George, who did all the ground work for the reunion, died less than a fortnight before we had it.



Fourteen out of the original thirty managed to make it, a few medical apologies and one who has been AWOL for fifty odd years. The wives have managed to stick with us for forty years plus, they are all gems who deserve more than we can give them. We thought this might be the last reunion for us, but a couple of the blokes are talking about Canberra and venues, and accommodation, etc. Watch this space in two years, it may be filled. They are a great bunch of blokes.

Balcombe Grammar School ANZAC Service 21 April 2026 – report next edition

Upcoming events

AAAA and Apprentices functions

- * ACT Region Quarterly Lunch, Ainslie FC, Wednesday, 10 June 2026. Please let me know if you will be there.
- * SE Qld AAS Reunion, Bulimba Bowls Club, Saturday, 6 June 2026, from 1100, pizzas for lunch, *RSVP to Brian Daley, 14th Intake Vehicle Mechanic, bjdaley14@gmail.com*
- * 20th Intake plus any Bundaberg Apprentices gathering, BIG4 Cane Village Holiday Park, 19/20/21 June 2026, *contact Paddy Steele, 20th Intake Vehicle Mechanic, graypad1@gmail.com*, group booking available, T-shirts featuring the Appy Badge and “Bundaberg Gathering June 2026”, \$20 each, advise sizes before the end of April (pockets can be arranged).
- * AAAA Committee Meeting, via zoom, Saturday, 4 July 2026, 1000.
- * AAAA AGM 2026, Fawkner RSL, Vic, and via Zoom, Saturday, 24 October 2026, 1000.

Other associations, etc

- * RAE Association Victoria Inc., *contact [RAE Future Events](#)*
- * RAE Association WA Inc., *contact <https://wasappers.com.au/events/>*
- * RASigs Association, *contact <https://rasigs.org/events/category/rasigs-association-events/>*
- * RAEME National Network, *contact <https://raeme.org.au>*.
RAEME Prince Phillip Banner Ruby celebration, North Bandiana, Wednesday 20 May 2026, *from <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/component/rseventspro/event/54-prince-phillip-banner-40th-anniversary-parade?Itemid=101>*, for expressions of interest, RSVP to *https://raeme.org.au/index.php?option=com_rsform&view=rsform&formId=28*
- * Keswick Army Museum History Week Lunch, Wednesday 13 May 2026, *see [Museum website for details](#)*.
- * 101 Fd Wksp & Friends Reunion, Friday 14 – Sunday 16 August 2026, Currumbin RSL, *contact [Michelle Lafferty on 0404 004775 for details](#)*.

Letters to the Editor

Certificate of Appreciation to Lionel Schutt of L&S Coatings

*From Rob MINATO, 31st Intake Electronics Tradesman,
AAAA Heritage Officer*

“Hi Jeff

See photo attached. Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lionel Schutt of L&S Coatings at Bandiana by Heritage Officer Robert Minato in appreciation of their work performing some restoration work on the Apprentices Memorial at no cost to the Association.

Regards, Rob”





National Emergency Medal

From Bill ALLOM, 25th Intake Vehicle Mechanic, AAAA Member # 1373, AAAA NT Regional Rep, 4 February 2026

"Hi Jeff

Good news for the recognition for those who served in the recovery after Tracy.

Any mention of the 74 Brisbane floods. I believe those who were involved in the 2011 floods are eligible so why not the 74 floods which were much worse.

I'm not suggesting an extra award just that the award certificate (if there is one) recognises the disasters people were involved in.

Regards, Bill Allom"

[The fight for recognition for Cyclone Tracy is ongoing, with no decision from Parliament as yet. Noting Bill's comment that he is not suggesting an extra award for the 1974 floods, the Cyclone Tracy decision may set a precedent.

At the moment, under the legislation for the National Emergency Medal, it is not a simple matter to add another event to the list of nationally-significant emergencies. Below is an extract from the National Emergency Medal Regulations 2011, which shows the main limitation at sub regulation (3.b): (Ed)]

PART 2 AWARD OF MEDAL

3. Nationally-significant emergency

(1) For these Regulations, each of the following emergencies is a nationally-significant emergency:

- (a) the bushfires that happened in the State of Victoria in February 2009;
- (b) the floods that happened in the State of Queensland during December 2010 and January 2011;
- (c) Cyclone Yasi;
- (d) an emergency declared to be a nationally-significant emergency under sub regulation (2).

(2) The Governor-General may, on the recommendation of the Minister, declare another emergency to be a nationally-significant emergency for the purpose of these Regulations.

(3) The Minister must not make a recommendation under sub regulation (2) unless:

- (a) the emergency happened in Australia; and
- (b) the emergency happened during the previous 3 years; and
- (c) the Minister has received advice from the Committee about whether the emergency should be declared a nationally-significant emergency."

February 2026 Edition

From Fred ABBOTT, 16th Intake Carpenter and Joiner, AAAA Member #968, 5 February 2026

"Good morning Jeff,

What a great read. Thoroughly enjoyed the Feb 26 edition.

Cheers, Fred Abbott"

Early Electronics Trades

From Ian MORRIS, 12th Intake Wireless Mechanic, AAAA Member #12

"Dear Jeff

Another excellent edition. One small change:

Page 20, Life Members, my trade should be "Wireless Mechanic".

Regards, Ian"



Apologies to Ian. "Vehicle Mechanic" was obviously a mistake on my behalf. The early electronics trades were called (variably) Wireless, Telecommunications, and Radio Mechanics. It had been decided some time ago to standardise on Radio Mechanic (up to the 26th Intake) and Electronics Tradesman (from the 27th Intake).

According to the 1959/60 AAS Journal, the "electronics tradesmen" were called "Telecommunications Mechanics", but Ian has advised that his Graduation Certificate states "Wireless Mechanic". The confusion is obvious from the following AAS Journals:

- * In 1955, the 8th were called "Mechanics Telecom", allocated to RASigs or RAEME.
- * In 1956, the 9th were called "Radio Mechanics" if allocated to RASigs, and "Wireless Mechanics (Field)" if allocated to RAEME.
- * In 1957, the 10th were called "Radio Mechanics", if allocated to RASigs and RAEME, and "Wireless Mechanics (Field)" if allocated to RAEME.
- * In 1960, the 13th were all called "Radio Mechanics".

Any comments are welcome.

SPAASSM Collection

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

May 2026 competition

Q. What are these guys standing/squatting on?

The first to email news@austarmyapprentice.org with the correct answer will win a copy of the SPAASSM Collection on USB wafer.



February 2026 solution

Q: What is this tank: Type, Model, Year Introduced into Service and Year Removed from Service?

A: The German-designed and built Leopard AS1 was brought into Australian Army service in 1976. The tanks were officially withdrawn in 2007, replaced by the US M1A1 Abrams main battle tanks, themselves replaced by the Abrams M1A2 System Enhancement Package Version 3 (SEPV3). ([SPAASSM Ph I Image 00699](#))

There were no correct answers!



Merchandise

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

Notes:

1. Postage is calculated on ordering. **Shipping is free for Promotion items.**
2. When ordering a Name Badge, include your preferred first name, and Intake/Class.
3. When ordering a Key Ring, ask if a number (between 1 and 1000) you would like is still available.

MERCHANDISE ITEMS




PRICES (Note 1)

2013 Balcombe Commemoration DVD	\$10.00
60 th ANNIVERSARY 2008 DVD (Albury Wodonga).....	\$10.00
70 th Reunion STUBBY HOLDER (Canberra)	\$5.00



MERCHANDISE ITEMS

PRICES (Note 1)

AAAA Badged CAP (BALCOMBE on the RHS and BONEGILLA on the LHS)		\$20.00	
AAS CLOTH BADGE – Balcombe – Large (260 mm x 210 mm)		\$25.00	
AAS CLOTH BADGE – Bonegilla – Large (260 mm x 210 mm)		\$25.00	
AAS CLOTH BADGE – Small – 100 mm x 70 mm.....		\$20.00	
AAS Flag (Original Badge) (1800 mm x 900 mm)		\$175.00	
Association Car Sticker		\$5.00	
Association Lapel Badge.....	Large Cloth Badge Balcombe	Original Sports Pocket c.1968	\$10.00
Association Name Badge (Note 2)		\$16.50	
Association Name Badge with 70 th Anniversary Reunion Photo Card Promotion (Notes 1 & 2)		\$30.00	
Association Name Badge with Key Ring Promotion (Notes 1, 2 & 3)		\$30.00	
Association Tie		\$25.00	
Badged Face Mask (both AAS & AAAA badges)		\$5.00	
Baseball Cap (AAS Badge).....		\$15.00	
DVD – 1998 50 th Anniversary Video (Albury Wodonga) (price includes postage)		\$10.00	
Key Ring (Association Badge) (Note 3).....		\$15.00	
Plaque (Association Badge)		\$85.00	
Plaque (School Badge).....		\$85.00	
Polo Shirt (M, L, XL, 2XL,3XL, 4XL)		\$35.00	
Reunion Cap (70 th) (Canberra)		\$12.50	
Reunion PHOTO CARD (70 th) (Canberra).....	\$10.00		
SPAASSM Collection USB (card)		\$25.00	
Stubby Holder (AAS Badge).....		\$5.00	

History

1st Intake Graduation 15 December 1951

Army Apprentice Graduations

The first ceremonial graduation parade of apprentices at the Army Apprentices School, Balcombe, will be held on Saturday, December 15.

There will be 88 graduates from classes of apprentices who entered the school in August, 1948, and February, 1949.

The Chief of the General Staff (Lt.-General S. F. Rowell) will inspect the battalion of 329 apprentices, and present the Governor-General's medal to the outstanding apprentice of each of the graduating classes.





Defence Estate Audit – Government response

<https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/media-releases/2026-02-04/delivering-future-defence-estate>

On 4 February 2026, the Government “released a public version of the Defence Estate Audit and the Government’s response to it – agreeing or agreeing-in-principle to all 20 of the Audit’s recommendations.” Among the Army barracks and RAAF sites recommended for full divestment were Derwent Barracks Glenorchy, Fort Queenscliff, Hampstead Barracks Adelaide, Irwin Barracks Karrakatta, Lancer Barracks Paramatta, **Latchford Barracks**, Leeuwin Barracks East Fremantle, Newland Barracks Geelong, RAAF Glenbrook and Point Cook, Randwick Barracks, Timor Barracks Dundas, Victoria Barracks Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, and Woodside Barracks.

Whilst it is not the place for this Newsletter to make specific comment on any of the Government’s recommendations, it is important that we ensure that our readers are aware of the proposals and can inform themselves of how they may be involved in any public response. The Website above provides links to a full copy of the audit report, and a full list of the sites involved, including links to each site and any community information sessions, many of which have already occurred.

Defence Estate Audit site –Victoria Barracks Sydney

<https://rarnational.org.au/commentary-ian-langford-army-reform-is-a-shameful-retreat-a-moral-failure/>

On 5 February 2026, the Australian Newspaper published an article from [Brigadier \(Retd\), Professor Ian Langford DSC & Bars PhD](#) which discusses the proposed sale of Sydney’s Victoria Barracks in Paddington. He wrote, “*What is at stake is not just a building, but a living repository of military history and identity, a cornerstone of the army’s soul and Australia’s story.*”

Defence Estate Audit site – Repatriation Clinic 310 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Another of the Defence sites proposed for sale is 310 St Kilda Rd in Melbourne. Many Apprentices, particularly RAEME members, will remember well the use of the building in the 1980s through to 1995 by the Maintenance Engineering Agency (MEA) (and “The Last Resort” bar). Built in 1937 for repatriation outpatient care for veterans, the building was converted to office space in later years. In 1995, MEA, along with other organisations from 350 St Kilda Rd, moved to the newly acquired Defence Plaza building in Bourke St, leaving the building vacant.

What many will not know is that this building had been identified by the Australian National Veterans Arts Museum (ANVAM) for redevelopment (<https://www.anvam.org.au/310-st-kilda-road>). “ANVAM was founded in 2013 by Tanja Johnston in response to the growing need for an innovative model of care in veterans’ wellbeing.

As a veteran-led charity and Public Benevolent Institution, ANVAM supports the mental, physical and social wellbeing of the Veteran Community, being current and former Australian Defence Force members and families, through community-based facilitated Arts engagements.”

“Discovering the former Repatriation Clinic in 2013 was a catalyst for the establishment of ANVAM. ANVAM’s founders were struck by the historical connection of this building to the wellbeing of the Veteran Community, and that its size, location and layout lent itself to the creation of a truly unique centre of wellbeing for the Veteran Community.”

In 2022, \$5million was spent by Defence in conducting “significant maintenance, remediation, safety and security and heritage works ... completed in December 2023”. ANVAM is now seeking support to continue this important project.

RAEME Maintenance Matters Newsletter

[From Ian Cook, Secretary ACT RAEME Association](#)

“I am very pleased to share with you the first edition of Maintenance Matters, our new Corps-wide newsletter. This marks the beginning of a refreshed and more connected era of communication for our Corps.”



The newsletter may be viewed online or downloaded at:
downloadable PDF – <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletter>
Heyzine Flipbook – <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/4229c7fd66.html>

Articles in this edition include: RAEME Association Intros, Army Apprentices, Operation Spanner Pack, Upcoming Events, Conditions of Service Update, DVA News, Open Arms Programs, and Welfare Notices.

Submissions for inclusion in future editions may be entered online at:
<https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletter/article-submission>

Update to Army Rank Insignia

Source: *Army News Edition 1597, 19 February 2026, page 9* ([back issues are available here](#))

DEFENCE has issued an updated ADF ranks chart to reflect the transition to the reign of King Charles III and ensure official material aligns with current Commonwealth symbols. While minor graphical updates have occurred over time, the previous chart had been in place for more than two decades.

The update reflects the change of sovereign and incorporates refinements to selected rank insignia across Navy, Army and Air Force to improve accuracy, consistency and visual clarity. Key changes include updated crown imagery; simplified artwork for improved recognition, including black-and-white visibility; the inclusion of trainee ranks, such as staff cadet and officer cadet; and the removal of obsolete ranks no longer in use.

The update applies to published rank imagery and reference material only and does not require immediate changes to uniforms or issued insignia. The updated chart will be available on the ADFHQ Governance intranet page and will be incorporated in the Defence diaries in 2027.





December, 1949

THE QUEENSLAND DIGGER

ARMY APPRENTICES' SCHOOL OFFERS BIG OPPORTUNITIES

To meet the growing need for skilled tradesmen in the Australian Regular Army, the Army Apprentices' School has been established at Balcombe, Victoria.

Candidates for the school must be medically fit and be British subjects of European descent. They must have attained the age of 15 years, but must not have reached the age of 17 years on the first day of the month of entry into the school. In general education they should preferably have reached intermediate standard, but consideration will be given to candidates who have Junior Technical Certificates or have reached sub-intermediate standard.

Successful candidates engage to serve for a period of nine years. The first three years are spent as students at the school, and the fourth year in gaining practical experience in an Army workshop. The student is then rated as a soldier tradesman, and serves five years in a workshop or with a field unit. He may then take his discharge or engage for a further period of service.

Provision has been made for teaching the following trades at the School:—

Metal Trades Group: Fitter, general; fitter, mechanical vehicle; fitter, instrument; turner; armourer; blacksmith; draughtsman; welder.

Electrical Group: Fitter, electrical; mechanic, telecommunications.

Building Trades Group: Bricklayer; carpenter and joiner; plumber.

The syllabus provides for theoretical and practical training to a standard equal to that required by apprentices in civil life. This training involves instruction up to the standard of the Lower Trades Certificate (Theoretical), in addition to practical trades training, and this apprenticeship is recognised by both trade unions and employers.

In addition, the apprentices are given basic military instruction to ensure that they are trained soldiers by the end of the third year of the course.

Facilities are provided to enable the apprentices to attain the general educational standards which will make them eligible to apply for entry to the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Balcombe, where the school is situated, is an ideal, healthy site near the popular seaside resort of Mornington. The School has been carefully planned, and the Commanding Officer (Lt.-Col. F. B. Oldfield) has set out to make the whole environment of the establishment as homely and pleasant as possible, and to eliminate the old style atmosphere of the military barracks.

There is a sick bay at the school, and local doctors and dentists pay regular visits and are available in an emergency.

The school has its own library, which is well-stocked with technical books and general literature. A selected programme of up-to-date feature films is shown at the school three times a week, while concerts, designed not only to give immediate enjoyment but to inculcate an appreciation of good music, are arranged at frequent intervals.

A competent physical training instructor is attached to the school, and ample provision is made in the syllabus for recreational activities. All the usual team games are played, and expert instruction is given in gymnastics, boxing, wrestling, swimming, and life-saving.

Every care is taken to ensure that the boys leave the school with a strongly developed sense of moral values. At least once a week the school is visited by chaplains from each denomination, who take their own boys in separate groups for religious instruction.

From the time he joins the Army, no financial responsibility whatever devolves upon the apprentices' parents. He is housed, clothed, and rationed at public expense, and receives free medical and dental attention. Pocket money is paid at the following rates:—

First year—5/ (2/ deferred) a week.
Second year—7/6 (2/6 deferred) a week.

Third year—15/ (2/6 deferred) a week.

The deferred portion of the pocket money is saved for the apprentice and paid to him in a lump sum when he leaves the school.

The Army pays the cost of the apprentice's journey to the school, and also pays the return fare to his home for leave twice a year. During these leave periods he is paid a ration allowance of 4/6 a day in addition to his pocket money.

When the apprentice goes to an Army workshop at the beginning of his fourth year of service, he is paid the full adult rate for a skilled soldier tradesman. In addition, he receives the same free initial issue of clothing and necessities as any other soldier of the Australian Regular Army.

To a boy who is contemplating following a skilled trade or adopting the Regular Army as his profession,

Army Apprentices' School Offers Big Opportunities

Left: copy from *The Queensland Digger*, December 1945, supplied by Simon BROOKS, 40th Intake Motor Mechanic, AAAA Secretary

Over 100 years ago in 1925, The Queensland Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA) first published its magazine, *The Queensland Digger*, the forerunner to the current RSL Queensland magazine, "Queensland RSL News", which commenced in 1989. Publications in between included "Vigilance", published from 1962 to 1967.

This article from page 39 of the December 1949 edition details requirements for applying for an Apprenticeship in these trades:

- * Fitter, general
- * Fitter, mechanical vehicle
- * Fitter, instrument
- * Turner
- * Armourer
- * Blacksmith
- * Draughtsman
- * Welder
- * Fitter, electrical
- * Mechanic, telecommunications
- * Bricklayer
- * Carpenter & joiner
- * Plumber.

For comparison, the following trades were offered in the AAS Prospectus 1951:

- * Turners & fitters
- * Blacksmiths
- * Welders
- * Motor mechanics
- * Carpenters & joiners
- * Bricklayers
- * Plumbers
- * Electrical mechanics or fitters
- * Telecommunications mechanics (wireless, radio & radar technicians).

the Army Apprentices' School provides him with opportunities for learning a trade and following an interesting career.



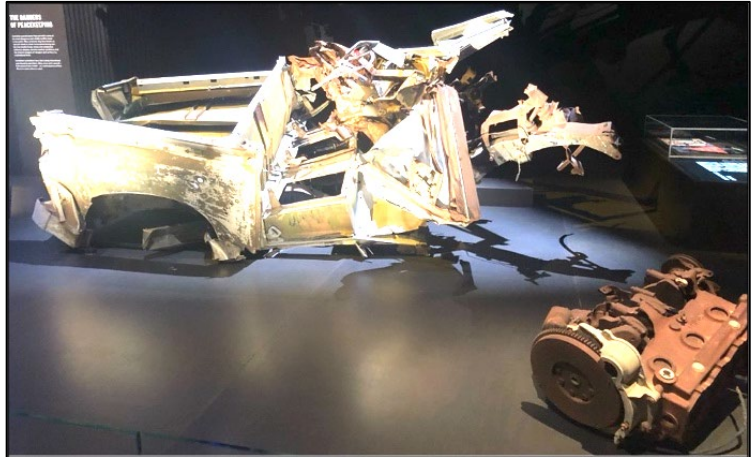
AWM update

A New Anzac documentary

A New Anzac, a detailed, four-part documentary series following the extensive redevelopment of the AWM from start to finish, premiered on SBS on 10 April 2026. It is available now on SBS On Demand.

New Anzac Hall galleries and displays opened in early March 2026

Australian Peacekeeping: 1947 to today. On November 12, 1974, Australian peacekeeper Sergeant Ian Donald Ward was killed in Cyprus when the United Nations Land Rover he was passenger in struck an unmarked landmine. The destroyed vehicle had lay in the buffer zone between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish-controlled areas of Cyprus for decades, arriving at the AWM 50 years later. It is now one of the first objects to be seen in the newly completed Australian Peacekeeping: 1947 to today gallery. Also in the Peacekeeping gallery are: Kiowa helicopter A17-054, which took part in operational flights in East Timor during 2003; C-130 Hercules aircraft A97-010 cockpit, chosen for display partly for having been flown on the last mission of Operation Vista – the non-combatant evacuation of Phnom Penh in 1997.



Conflict in the Middle East from 1990. This extensive display showcases over 500 objects, including a Bushmaster vehicle that was destroyed by a blast in Afghanistan, an F/A-18A Hornet that served in Iraq/Syria, and new, in-depth narratives on operations in Iraq and Syria. It includes the First Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the fight against ISIS.

Tarin Kowt Wall. Part of the new Middle East displays includes the Tarin Kowt T-wall that has been moved from the old building to Anzac Hall. It features messages and signatures from hundreds of personnel who were deployed to the Middle East and Middle East Area of Operations veterans are invited to sign the wall.

Operation Kudu: Supporting Ukraine. AWM staff members and an official war artist travelled to the UK to document Australia's role in Operation Kudu, including the Australian Defence Force mission training Ukrainian forces. The exhibition includes selected photos and videos that show the important role that Australia played in delivering basic infantry instruction to Ukrainian recruits.

New galleries opened in late March 2026

Australians in Bomber Command 1939-45. The reworked Bomber Command gallery, with Lancaster G-George as the centrepiece with hundreds of personal items, artworks, includes images that highlight the experiences of Australian aircrew and personnel in Bomber Command. Also in the display is the German V2 Rocket and Meillerwagen trailer. After 80 years in Australia, the restored V2 and its trailer are finally on display to the public.

Sydney – Emden Engagement. The very popular WW1 Sydney – Emden engagement display has undergone a transformation including an 8-minute video created from archival material, including ship's crew journals.

Battle of Milne Bay. This new display features "Polly", the RAAF P-40 Kittyhawk moved from the Aircraft Hall, and the Japanese Ha-Go Light Tank, captured from the battlefield.

Japanese midget submarine. Previously displayed above eye level in the old Anzac Hall, the new display features the composite submarine (from two of the three vessels that attacked Sydney Harbour on 31 May 1942) at floor level with access between the segments allowing a great view. Included in the display are a model showing the "mother" submarine, a torpedo like the one that sunk HMAS Kuttabul and one of the midgets, and a clever moving display that shows the inner workings of the submarines.



CH-47D Chinook helicopter

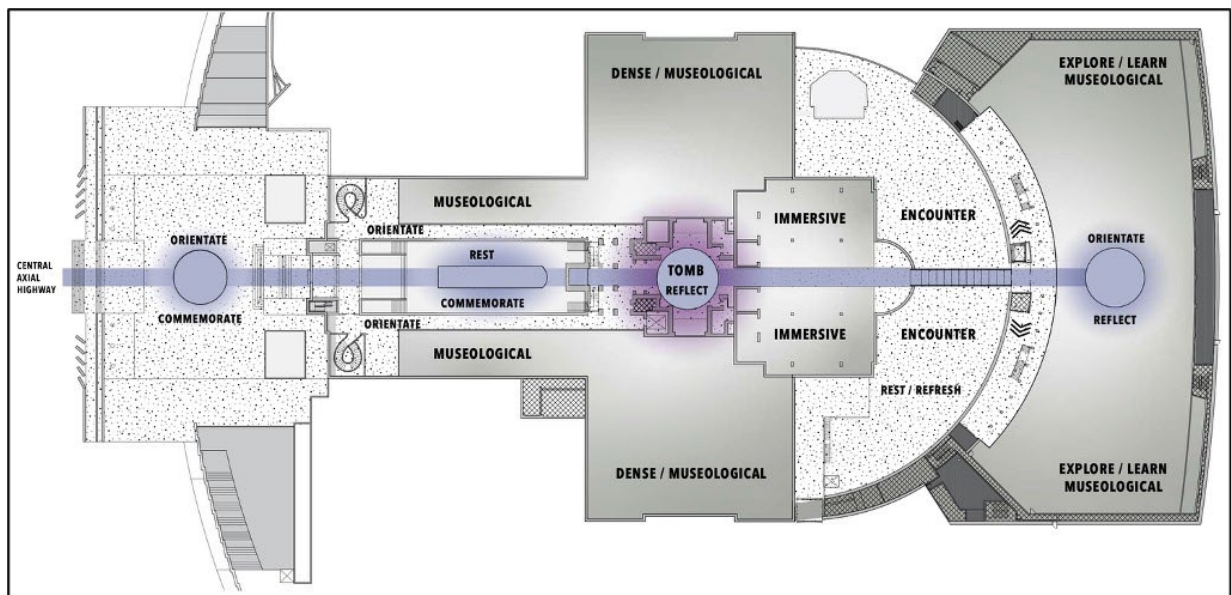
Chinook CH 47 D A15 202 served with C Squadron of the 5th Aviation Regiment from 2000 until its retirement on 19 April 2016. Service included Afghanistan as part of 'Operation Slipper. Too large to be displayed on the lower floor (level 0), it sits on level 1 between the Milne Bay exhibition and the central aperture that provides a view of level 0, including the entire Hornet aircraft from above. The floor aperture in Anzac Hall is the same diameter (9 metres) as both the “oculus” at the front entrance and the dome on top of the Hall of Memory.

War in Afghanistan

One of last new galleries to be opened is the Afghanistan gallery, due for practical completion on 30 May 2026. More than 1,000 objects, including the 'Debbie' Echo 21 Alpha Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle.



Nearly completed level 1 image shows the midget submarine exhibit in the background and the viewing aperture to level 0.



Level 2 plan showing the central axis and including the three circular features – Oculus, Dome and Anzac Hall Aperture (copied from <https://www.awm.gov.au/sites/default/files/164836/files/attachment-h.-awm-gallery-masterplan.pdf> page 21 - 2020 Gallery Master Plan)



Viewed from the aperture on level 1, RAAF F/A-18A Hornet (A21-022), was deployed to Operation Falconer in 2003 where it took part in 20 combat missions, including four operations in which ordnance was delivered. During Operation Okra in 2016–17 it flew more than 50 combat missions against ISIL targets in Iraq and Syria. It was retired on 9 June 2020 after more than 30 years in service, with 6,131.5 flying hours.

External view



Viewed here from the east, the exterior of Anzac Hall and the adjacent Charles Bean Research Centre were completed well before the initial reopening of Anzac Hall in early March 2026.

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

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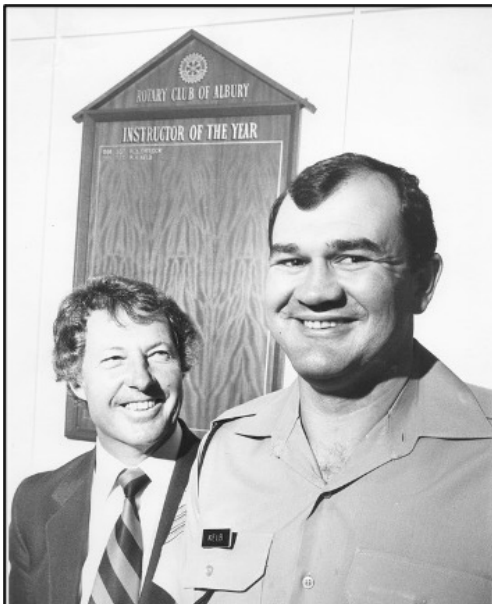
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Alan KELB, 25th Intake Fitter and Turner, Association Chaplain, Rotary Instructor of the Year 1985 (SPAASSM Ph1 Image 01360)



Graeme SMAIL, 35th Intake Electronics Tradesman Association Membership Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, with LTGEN Sir Donald Beaumont Dunstan AC KBE CB, CGS in early 1982 (SPAASSM Ph1 Image 00875)