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President's Report to the Membership On Behalf of the Committee

It was decided by the Committee that the membership should be made aware of the "State of the Nation" with regards to the Association in general and the Committee in particular.

The Association has a membership on paper of about 200. This does not include affiliated organisations and libraries.

Due to a number of various reasons the Association has an active participation of about 30 members on a well-attended occasion.

Despite repeated requests by the Committee there has been little or no response from the membership as to what the Committee is doing well or badly, or not at all.

It is appreciated that there are a number of members who work during the day and would have difficulty in participating in week-day activities.

Also some of the older members are not able to participate in evening activities.

The Committee has nine members which requires five or more to be in attendance to constitute a quorum.

The members are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus extra positions as Membership Co-ordinator, Webmaster, Memorabilia Curator, and Social/Activities Organiser. At the present time one person is performing a number of these tasks.

Urgently required for the Committee are Vice President (President-in-Waiting), Assistant/Minute Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Memorabilia Curator.

Other jobs, but not necessarily Committee members, are Assistant Membership Co-ordinator, Newsletter/Cascabel Editor, Assistant Social/Activities organiser and Assistant Curator.

If you feel that you can help in any way with these tasks; don't be shy. Tell the President or the Secretary the good news.

The Committee also has Ex Officio non-voting members. These members are not counted as part of the quorum. They include the Colonel Commandant, the Commanding Officer 5/6 RVR or representative, and the Battery Commander 2/10 Lt Bty or representative.

To help with the recruiting of Committee Members it has been decided that future Committee meetings will be held on Sundays every second month from 1230 hrs to NLT 1400 hrs at Sargood Barracks. The actual dates for the Committee meetings will be arranged so as to not clash with the training program of 2/10 Lt Bty and other unit functions.



Neil Hamer
President

Other Items

2/10 Bty Name

As I am sure you are aware, the Reserve Artillery presence in Victoria is being eroded at a fairly rapid rate. 2nd/10th Light Battery RAA does not appear to still exist as an artillery entity. It was for some time known as 2nd/10th Light Battery 5th/6th Battalion RVR. The latest I have seen is G Troop 5/6/RVR.

RVR Ball

5/6 RVR will run a Ball on the 5th Nov at the Windsor in the city. More details will be available later, but it promises to be a great function. A flyer will be produced soon and it will be promulgated by the Association and on the website.

St Barbara's Day

St Barbara's Day activities will be held this year on the 4th December at Sargood Barracks. It will be a combined family day with the RVR Association.. The usual presentation of prizes, etc will take place. A barbecue lunch and family activities will be provided. More information later.

Newsletter

As the future of Cascabel is uncertain at this stage it is intended to issue a newsletter on an "as required basis".

If any member has an article, report on an activity, photos of interest, or general comments please forward them to:

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