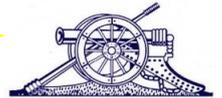


**CASCABEL**



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***2/10 MEDIUM REGIMENT REUNION 2019  
UNDOUBTABLY A HANDSOME TRIO ??***

## ***From the President***

Fellow Gunners,  
working fulltime with the Army on the bushfires so apology for being in the IT wilderness for the past couple of months.

I trust that our latest Newsletter sees you safe, in good spirits and adapting to the temporary environment we find ourselves in. To that point I am not about to break into a lengthy couple of paragraphs telling you what everyone else is saying so all I wish to say is Stay Safe.

The new committee is settling in and continuing to crack on with business. What business is that I hear you say – the business of running your association. Our focus over the past couple of months has been how we can communicate to the breath of ages of our membership. Our membership spans over 3 if not 4 generations so if you have any ideas we would love to hear from you. For the younger and more IT “savvy” we are moving towards online apps and use of social media platforms. For our more mature members we are still maintaining more traditional communication mediums of emails, webpages and texts. Take this Newsletter for example, we need to send this out to members that don’t have computers, emails or smart phones as well as connecting to members that interact via Facebook, twitter, and other apps that appear daily. I can assure you we are not doing Tik Tok.

Typical social events like the Gunner Luncheons will always be run and it was great to see all those that came this year. Thanks Reg for your quick report on the event and I would like to thank you for all the hard work you do in the background to make this happen.

The next social event is the 2/10 Medium Regiment Reunion that Liza is organising. If we are not allowed to gather by July then we will come up with another way of interacting with each other so we continue to maintain contact with each other.

Please stay safe and lets continue to interact – find a way to do that – be active on our Facebook page – write to the editor and talk about your experiences being locked up – send us photos and see if we can guess who is in it.

Let’s stay connected – cos over the next couple of months, let’s face it, we need to be.

Until then stay safe.

## ***A Word From the Editor***

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter it is very pleasing to see the resurrection of the RAA Association (Vic) Newsletter.

I am a little disappointed in the response to the request for articles, however, the responses that I did get were really appreciated.

The success, or otherwise, of this resurrection depends, to a very large extent, on your contributions

Please send to [newsletter@artilleryvic.org.au](mailto:newsletter@artilleryvic.org.au)

Items of general gunner interest.

Photos with a brief description.

Reports on 9 REGT, 2/10 BTY, Assoc activities (with photos if possible).

Notices of up-coming events you would like advertised (with the flyer if possible)

Letters to the Editor with questions, comments, suggestions, or complaints.

The Program of Events is set out as a “Warning Order” with detailed information promulgated when it becomes available.

It is a little thin at the moment, probably due to the current uncertainty caused by the virus, but I hope to be able to “fatten it up” as information becomes available.

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## ***Regular Contributors***

It is hoped that regular contributions can be made to the Newsletter by:

Committee Members who have a particular task such as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, etc.

CO, BC, Mess Committee and other members of 2/10.

Affiliate Organisations with something to say.

Any member of the Association who has a question to ask, comment to make or complaint to be aired.

Photos and flyers more than welcome,

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## ***Letters to the Editor***

Well done everyone for the latest Newsletter.

I have also made use of the Gunner Luncheon Flyer and responded, and took the time to re-visit the website, as it has been a while since I last looked. There is a lot of information and photographs available. Much reminiscing took place

Well done to everyone who contributed to the Cascabel and the website. I look forward to meeting everyone at the Gunner Luncheon on 4 March  
Ubique,  
Cheers David

MAJ David Osborne (Retd)

(Editor)

Thanks for the comments David. They are much appreciated

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### ***RAA Luncheon 2020***

It was with great pleasure to attend the RAA Luncheon at the RACV Building in Melbourne with 62 Association Members on the 4th of March, 2020. Brigadier Doug Perry hosted the venue on behalf of the RAA Association of Victoria. He welcomed some of the Members including Major General Jim Barry, the Commanding Officer of 9 Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel David Carew, his RSM WO 1 Grundell, Colonel Jason Cooke, the President of the RAA Association and Major Eling who is the Battery Commander of 2/10 Battery. Also a special welcome to Lieutenants Beavan & Shetty from the School of Artillery.

The Members thoroughly enjoyed the two course meal and wine followed by a toasting to Queen Elizabeth the Second Our Captain General and the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. Lt. Col. Carew with the assistance of the RSM, produced an overview of Gunners who were deployed with assisting the Community from the threat of Fires. Also he discussed Artillery and equipment that will be designated to the Reserve Forces in the future. Major David Osborne produced a Gunner Quiz for all the Members then narrated the answers and it was enjoyed by the Members.

It was a great Luncheon and Members were able to catch with old stories and yarns from the past.

Ubique  
Reg Morrell

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### ***Website***

The website at <http://artilleryvic.org.au> is up-dated frequently as new items become available.

***Notices and flyers are attached as separate pages*** at the end of the Newsletter.

This will enable you to detach the notice and send a reply (if requested).

## ***Some IT Help from CAPT David Edwards***

RAA Association (Vic) via Electronic Means – A Guide to New Users

Over the past few years the Association has been modernising its communications, from a manual paper-based set of systems to electronic including multi-media. This article is intended to give those new to electronic media a quick start guide.

If you're stuck at home (as we all should be) you can certainly while away some time on the internet. If you're looking for some help with this, or just want to have a chat, feel free to contact Paul Heron ([pajami@bigpond.com](mailto:pajami@bigpond.com), 0414 279 219).

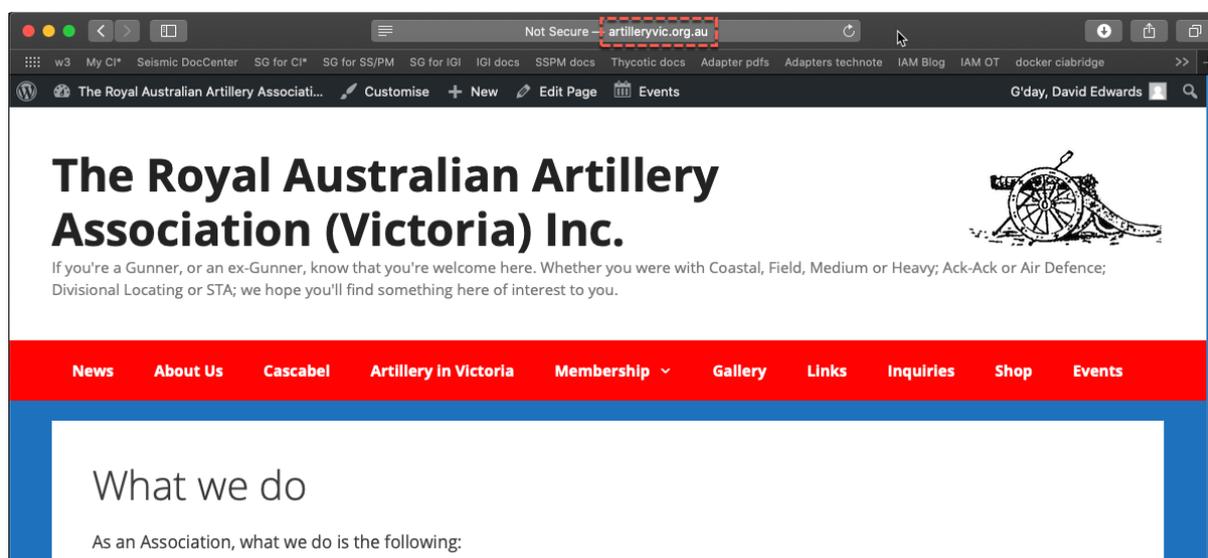
For members there are three primary electronic communication mechanisms:

- Email – we often share updates, upcoming events, and the newsletter via email. If you have access to email and you want to receive communication via it, contact Paul Heron ([pajami@bigpond.com](mailto:pajami@bigpond.com)). If you got this newsletter via email – we've already got you on the system.
- Website – the Association has its own website – see details below.
- Facebook – we also have a group on Facebook – see details below.

### **The RAA Association (Vic) Website**

The Association has a website where we post information for members: <https://artilleryvic.org.au> . As it's a website you can get to it via the internet from your computer, someone else's computer (like the library), your smart phone or tablet.

If you have a computer and have connected to the internet, you will be familiar with using internet browsers. If not, you'll need to use one of the browsers on your computer or phone (like Safari on Macs and iPhone/iPad, Internet Explorer/Edge on Windows, Chrome/Firefox on many devices). In the search bar of the browser, type <https://artilleryvic.org.au> and hit enter.



The default page has some information about the Association.

Clicking the menu items in the red bar will take you different pages. These include latest news, old copies of Cascabel to read, photographs from events and a calendar of events.

If you have any questions about the website, please contact the secretary at [secretary@artilleryvic.org](mailto:secretary@artilleryvic.org).

## The Association on Facebook

Facebook is the most popular social media website on the internet. The Association has a presence there in the form of a group where we can share and discuss Association matters.

If you haven't accessed Facebook, you will need to create an account. Open an internet browser and go to <https://facebook.com>. On the page you will have the option to create an account. Enter your firstname, surname, your email address (it will add another field to re-enter it to make sure it's valid), give it a password you want to use, enter your birthday and gender, and click the **Sign Up** button. It will prompt you to enter the code sent in an email.

Next, you need to go to your email client as there will be a verification email there. Open the email from Facebook, get the numeric code and type it into the field on Facebook and click the **Continue** button. You should now be in Facebook and ready to access the Association group.

To find our group, go to the search bar at the top of the Facebook page, enter *Artillery Assoc Victoria* and hit enter.

## Create an account

It's quick and easy.



The screenshot shows the Facebook account creation form. It includes fields for first name (John), last name (Smith), email address (jsmith@acme.com), and a password field with a strength indicator. Below these are fields for birthday (1 Jan 1960) and gender (Male selected). A green 'Sign Up' button is at the bottom right. A small disclaimer at the bottom states: 'By clicking Sign Up, you agree to our Terms, Data Policy and Cookie Policy. You may receive SMS notifications from us and can opt out at any time.'



The Association group is shown. Click the **+Join** button.



You will see the button change to Request Sent.

You can now access the group. Either click on the group name (Artillery Assoc Victoria) to the left of the button, or hover over the button and click the View Group option. You should see the group page and can view the items posted there.

Your membership will be pending until approved. Then you can also post to the page.

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**  
**APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021**

**Subject to Covid-19 Restrictions**

**April 7 Tuesday**

Cascabel Issue Due

**April 9 Thursday**

Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**April 25 Saturday**

ANZAC Day

Dawn Service

Breakfast

0545 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**May 14 Thursday**

Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**June 11 Thursday**

Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**July 7 Tuesday**

Cascabel Issue Due

**July 9 Thursday**

Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**July 25 Saturday**

2/10 MDM REGT

See Flyer at the end of this Newsletter

**August 13 Thursday**

Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**September 10 Thursday**

Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**October 6 Tuesday**

Cascabel Issue Due

**October 8 Thursday**

Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**November 11 Thursday**  
Committee Meeting

1800 hr Sargood Barracks  
Chapel Street EAST ST KILDA

**December 4 Friday**  
St Barbara's Day

2021  
**January 12 Tuesday**  
Cascabel Issue Due

**March 3**  
RAA Luncheon

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# 2/10 Medium Regiment RAA Reunion



Saturday 25th July 2020. 1pm - 5pm.

Cranbourne RSL - 1475 South Gippsland Highway

Cost: \$22 per person includes finger food, tea, coffee and soft drink

**RSVP and payment due by 10th July 2020**

Contact Lisa Sturzaker on 0409160306 or [lisa.sturzaker71@bigpond.com](mailto:lisa.sturzaker71@bigpond.com) to confirm attendance.

Payment can be made to BSB 923100 account no: 302427236  
(Please use your sir name as the reference)