

### **CASCABEL**



# Newsletter of the Royal Australian Artillery Association (Vic) Inc

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M2A2 SALUTE GUNS AT SHRINE OF REMEMBERANCE MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIA DAY 2018

#### From the President

We had a great AGM on the 8 Dec with a small but passionate number of members attending. This included Graeme Palmer from Geelong who caught the train to Melbourne so that he could attend. Thanks Graeme, I appreciate the effort that you had to make in attending.

Those present received three excellent presentations from our guest speakers:

COL Andrew Langford (an ex 23 FD BTY Subbie), as Director Combat Support Program AHQ; LTCOL Lachlan Searle as CO 9 REGT; and MAJ Reed Powney as BC 2/10 BTY.

From their presentations the RAA is in good hands and well positioned for absorbing new capabilities in the near future. It really is an exciting time for our current Gunners and the Regiment as a whole – the future looks very positive with a truly integrated workforce.

I am very pleased and excited to announce my new Committee for 2020 and would like to take this opportunity in thanking each one of them personally for giving of their time and energy so willingly to ensure the future success of the RAA Assoc of Victoria

The new committee for 2020 is:
President – Jason Cooke
Vice President – Peter Rowley
Secretary – David Edwards
Treasurer – James Overell
Craig Batten
Paul Heron
Reg Morrell
Sandra Hodgson
Neil Hamer

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Sandra for all of her tireless work as secretary especially over the past twelve months – thank you from everyone on the committee. You have done an outstanding job and I wish to acknowledge that achievement.

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and an enjoyable festive season. See you all in 2020.

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Jason

#### A Word From the Editor

It is very pleasing to see the resurrection of the RAA Association (Vic) Newsletter after more than twelve months in hibernation. It is intended that the Newsletter will be initially distributed four times each year by email, website, face book and Australia Post. Due to the costs involved, the distribution by Australia Post may have to be reconsidered at a later stage.

The success, or otherwise, of this resurrection depends, to a very large extent, on the interaction between the members and the Newsletter.

Please send to <u>newsletter@artilleryvic.org.au</u> 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.

We are thinking of looking for sponsors to help with the production and mailing costs associated with the distribution of the Newsletter.

Sponsors will have a single column advertisement of their choice in each issue of the Newsletter for twelve months.

The cost is yet to be decided, but it will not be expensive. I hope to have this idea resolved at the next Committee meeting.

Please note that we do not intend to accept personal advertisements to sell your house, buy a boat, sell your car, buy a washing machine or any similar type of advertisement.

I look forward to hearing from you!!

#### 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,

#### Website

The website at <a href="http://artilleryvic.org.au">http://artilleryvic.org.au</a> has a lot of new content available and is really worth a look.

The website is up-dated frequently as new items become available.

*Notices 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).



## RAA LUNCHEON



Brigadier D. I. Perry OAM RFD ED in conjunction with the Royal Australian Artillery Association (Vic) cordially invite both serving and retired Gunners to the Annual Royal Australian Artillery Luncheon.

This is a great opportunity to catch up and renew friendships with other Gunners and especially to reunite those Gunners that we have not seen for a number of years.

The RAA Luncheon has been very successful over the past few years, so Gunners please bring along another Gunner to the Luncheon. WW2 Veterans are also welcome to attend at a reduced cost

WHEN: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**TIME:** 1200 for 1230 hours

WHERE: RACV Club, 501 Bourke St. Melbourne COST: \$75.00 (2 Course meal which includes a

complimentary drink)

DRESS: Jacket and tie

**RSVP:** 21st February 2020

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