



# WRAAC ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Welcome to the second edition of our Newsletter accompanied by the chilly reminder that winter is upon us, a perfect time to visit and explore our great state of Victoria.

We are fast approaching July when we have the perfect opportunity to catch up with former service friends we haven't seen for a while and renew past friendships. We are able to do this on Reserve Forces Day, Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> July and at our reunion luncheon on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

This year at our Luncheon we have extended an invitation to members Partners, Husbands, Carers and friends to join us in Commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the CMF into the WRAAC. We remember with respect our sisters of the RAANC CMF also commemorating this significant year. For many of us, family and friends unconditionally supported our commitment to be Citizen Soldiers and helped along the way to achieve our goals. If you belong to an Organisation or have a hobby, family and friends always seem to be there encouraging and supporting us. That is why the Spouse Medallion presented to them by the RFD Council two years ago was a fitting tribute. Therefore, we encourage you to ask that special person to join you on the 20<sup>th</sup> July and help us celebrate together. We're going to have a great day so please refer to the Booking form attached.

I wish to thank the Committee and members who worked with such enthusiasm on the Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser in April, it was a pleasing outcome.

To our members and their loved ones not feeling well at this time our thoughts are with you.

Yours in friendship,

Heather (Rankin) Fry

# ARISING FROM OUR COMMITTEE MEETING

## RESERVE FORCES DAY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013

The ongoing objective of RFD is to raise the profile of the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserve Forces. It also recognises significant anniversaries and to acknowledge former and serving Reservists. RFD enables us to thank Employers, Spouses and Families in their ongoing support of the Reservist. (Refer to Attachments: #3 and #4)

### PARADE INFORMATION

The Parade will be held at The Shrine of Remembrance commencing at 1020hrs. WRAAC Association will assemble at Government House Drive NO LATER than 1000hrs, ready to form up behind our Banner and Standard.

WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc. Patron, Captain Iris Petrass will have the honour of saying the ODE at the service this year.

Remember we need to have at least 16 members marching to be designated a special position on the Reserve Forces Day Parade.

The March will proceed from Government House Drive to the Shrine for a service of approximately one (1) hour. As per last year a band will lead the Parade.

If you are unable to participate in the march please feel free to join us on the day as there will be an area set aside for you.

**Suggest a folding chair would be a good idea.**

A static display of ex-Army Vehicles will be on display at the Northern entrance to the Shrine from 0930hrs till 1230hrs.

## 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CMF LAPEL BADGE

If you wish to purchase a 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CMF Lapel Badge please refer to Attachment #5.

## WRAAC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013

A reminder that the Annual Luncheon will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at The International of Brighton. (Booking form Attachment #.1)

If you wish to bring along a partner, family member/friend or carer to the luncheon this year

remember to include their name on attached booking form. This is always a happy occasion and we don't want to miss out on your company.

### Donations for WRAAC Raffle

If you are attending our luncheon please feel free to donate to the raffle as all proceeds go to our Association. A small compact gift makes it easier for the recipient to carry home.

## AWAS LUNCHEON / AGM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013

The Annual Luncheon/AGM at ANZAC House  
4 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Time: 1200 hrs for 1230 hrs lunch

Contact Jude Pinkerton-Treloar 03 9874 7915 or  
Cheryle Brown 0400 482 992 for details.

## COUNCIL OF EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S

### PILGRIMAGE 2013

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013

#### EARLY WARNING

As promised at the winding up of the Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Association to informally gather each year at the Ex-Servicewomen's Memorial Cairn situated in the Remembrance Garden, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. The date was to be nearest the rededication of the Cairn and this year is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2013. We will meet at the Cairn at 1130 hrs and following a short wreath laying service to remember those who are no longer with us, we intend to gather at the Botanical Hotel for lunch at 1230 hrs.

We had a pleasant day last year and hope to see you all again.

If you wish to attend contact Jude Pinkerton-Treloar telephone (03) 9874 7915.

## WRAAC Fund Raising Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

At Bunnings Warehouse,  
259 Middleborough Road, Box Hill

Net Profit \$938.30

**A GREAT RESULT**

Members should be pleased with the excellent result achieved at our recent sausage sizzle held at the Bunning's Box Hill store. And as you know, it's always good to see a smile on a Treasurer's face especially if she is an ex-banker. Heather did make an attempt to show us her killer smile! Our

much loved Patron, Captain Iris Petrass was the designated front person this year and certainly set a high standard. Iris kept us in step and on the ball all day.

We were amazed and entertained by the dynamic duo Margaret and Ian Jager who once again displayed their considerable cooking skills in delivering sizzling snags and onions to the hungry hordes. The team was boosted by the arrival of Maxine Pettingill and Lorraine Onans who once again gave us "The Edge".

Diane Sherry and Jude Pinkerton-Treloar chopped and sliced onions and kept the supply of serviettes and bread to the servers. Our darling Brenda Walters coordinated the team with Heather Fry keeping the float and sauce bottles topped up.

It was a great day and proved once again what a wonderful team we have at the Association.

Our sincere thanks to Bunning's Warehouse for their ongoing Community Spirit and Support.

A Vegetarians view of the food and greasy smelly experience! Yuk!!!!!!

## ANZAC Day 2013

### ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

Austin Health

24<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Jude Pinkerton-Treloar attended a service of Remembrance at Austin Health (Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital) on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and on behalf of the Association placed a wreath at the WRAAC Plaque during the wreath laying ceremony.

This year the weather was much kinder with a beautiful Melbourne Autumn morning the order of the day. A large receptive crowd assembled around the hospital flag pole to pay tribute to the fallen. Our WRAAC plaque nestled proudly by the side of the AWAS Plaque and looked magnificent in the early morning sunlight.

Our heartfelt thanks to Austin Health for their care and maintenance of our beautiful plaque.



## ANZAC DAY Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### ANZAC DAY 2013 REFLECTIONS

Margaret (Robinson) Jager writes.

This year I was given the honour of leading the WRAAC Association Victoria in the Melbourne Commemorative March.

The day was a sunny 23°C with very little wind, a great day to march. We were fortunate to have a lovely Girl Guide named Cassandra to carry our Banner and what a wonderful job she did. A sincere thankyou to Cassie from all the Ladies.

Our designated meeting place was Flinders Street Station and one by one we all turned up. There were two former members of the AWAS who wanted to march so they too joined us. The AWAS were asked if they required a vehicle which they declined, saying "they were in the ARMY and can march". **And so they did!**

This year a young lady in her early teens marched with us in memory of her late Great Aunt, a former WRAAC member and a young chap proudly marched for his late Grandmother also a former WRAAC. As we left Flinders Street Station just before the Arts Centre a voice from the crowd called out "Here's the young girls that show them all how to march", did that ever put a spring in our step!

Our two AWAS in the front rank kept Lorraine (Atkinson) Onans on her toes calling the step. As we approached the Shrine Forecourt Major Maggie More joined us for the eyes right past the Official Party and the Eternal Flame. At the conclusion of the March we gathered at the Salvation Army Van for a welcome cuppa. Our AWAS Ladies commented on the good pace we had set due in part to Cassie (Our Banner Bearer) keeping us in step all the way. The AWAS thanked us for allowing them to march with us. **It was our pleasure Ladies.**

On behalf of the Association I would like to thank all our Ladies who were able to make this year's march.

PS: We did look good on TV with some great shots of Denise (Mitchell) Hodder.

**Well done Ladies.**

We thought you would appreciate the feedback received following this year's ANZAC Day Commemorative March.

Hi Ladies,

Just a short email to you all that the Guide who carried the banner for the march today came up to me in the Banner Pool at Federation Square and stated she had a great time as the ladies were friendly and welcomed her. She continued that they were helpful and assisted her in every way and enjoyed her time with the ladies. Her final comments were they are a lovely and friendly group of ladies.

Thankyou for making this experience a memorable one for this youth member of Girl Guides Victoria.

Regards

Heather Hyatt

Girl Guide Anzac Day Liaison for  
Girl Guides Victoria

PS Heather Fry has followed this up with Guides Victoria conveying our thanks to this wonderful young lady.

### **Phillip Island Report**

This year Diane Sherry, Jude and John Treloar joined Cheryle and Ron Brown at beautiful Phillip Island to spend ANZAC Day.

The Dawn service was held at the Cowes Cenotaph to the gentle sound of waves lapping the foreshore, similar to the sound one imagines the ANZAC's may have heard as they landed at Gallipoli before all hell broke loose.

Students from the local Newhaven College participated in the service with the School Captains addressing the assembled crowd. The young people spoke eloquently and from the heart as young folk tend to do.

Following the Dawn Service we attended the traditional gun fire breakfast at the Philip Island RSL Club where we enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow service personnel.

Following a hearty breakfast we formed up in the main street of Cowes to begin the march to the Cenotaph where the ANZAC Day Commemorative service was to be held. Our WRAAC berets proudly standing out in the large assembled crowd.

This year the speakers acknowledged the role of families in their support of Veterans and the hardships they have endured over many years. It was heart wrenching to hear the words of gratitude

from the Vets and the love and respect they have for their family and friends.

Well done to the Philip Island RSL for their ongoing commitment to Veterans and their local community, you do us proud.

Thanks to Diane, Cheryle and Jude for their report.

## **BALCOMBE BARRACKS COMMEMORATION - 2013** 3rd-5th May 2013

Association member Lyn (Work) Board writes of a fabulous weekend for all who were fortunate to attend the Balcombe Reunion. It was well organised and Lyn said it was fun attempting to put a name to a face after 40years.

Lyn continues,

On the Friday night a meet and greet was held at the Mornington Racecourse where posters were displayed representing the units and corps who passed through Balcombe over the years. Our WRAAC badge was proudly on display.

I was wearing a WRAAC badge and had several ladies I had never met before came up to speak to me. As I had worked at Army Apprentices School while serving and also on the civilian staff (a total of some seven and a half years), there were also a lot of familiar faces and old friends to catch up with. They had travelled from all over Australia.

On Saturday we were off to Balcombe Grammar School for the unveiling of plaques commemorating all the units who passed through Balcombe from the war year's right through until the camp was closed in 1983.

The unveiling of commemorative plaques was supposed to take place on the old Apprentices School Parade Ground which is now a car park adjacent to Mace Oval, however it was decided to move the ceremony inside due to the reputation of Melbourne weather (they were frightened they might get wet!).

Following addresses by Lt Col John Stevens USMC, Brigadier David Luhrs CSC, RAE Patron of Army Apprentices School, Cr Lynn Bowden Mayor Mornington Peninsula Shire, Hon Greg Hunt MHR Member for Flinders and Mr Matthew Dodd Principal Balcombe Grammar. Guests were invited to afternoon tea in the adjoining building. This was served by students of Balcombe Grammar.

Then it was home and into the glad rags for the reunion dinner at Mornington Racing Club. Once



again, an opportunity to catch up with old friends over a meal and a few drinks. At the end of the evening all the posters which had been on display at the meet and greet were made available for sale to anyone interested. Our WRAAC poster was one of the first to go but I have no idea who claimed it. I don't think it was an ex-WRAAC though.

It was up early on Sunday morning and off to Mornington for the March and Memorial Service. We formed up near the football ground at the top of Main Street and with banners proudly flying we stepped off. With the music of the Australian Army Band Melbourne ringing in our ears we marched towards the Mornington War Memorial. I felt extremely proud as we approached the park to hear the well-loved strains of Soldiers of the Queen.

Following the moving service we gathered together for the last time at the Dava Hotel for morning tea.

All in all a great weekend for all who attended.

As a member of the WRAAC, Lyn (Work) Board proudly served at Balcombe and we know you will enjoy reading her story. (Refer Attachment #6)

Our sincere thanks to Lyn for her contribution, it is greatly appreciated. Ed

### **Well Done to the Organising Committee**

Congratulations to the organising committee and the hundreds of former Balcombe Barracks personnel who joined together to commemorate their role in Australia's Military History and in doing so acknowledged the Mornington Peninsula's equally historic role.

If you are visiting the Mornington Peninsula it is worth a visit to Mace Oval where signage has been installed depicting the story of Balcombe Barracks and the many support services involved. WRAAC being a significant member and is mentioned in the narrative. The magnificent Balcombe Gates so familiar to all are now at the front entrance of Balcombe Grammar School.



Heather Fry and Jude Pinkerton-Treloar met up with Lyn Board at the Memorial Service on the Sunday morning at Mornington Park and we were thrilled to hear Soldiers of the Queen and Green sleeves as the Marchers approached the War Memorial.

## **AWAS/WRAAC Commemorative Service**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013**



A chilly but fine autumn morning greeted guests as they arrived for the AWAS/WRAAC Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. This year we acknowledge the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC) 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of enlistment into the Citizen Military Forces (CMF) and remember our sisters of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC) CMF. They too share this significant Anniversary. Once again the AWAS and WRAAC flags flew side by side, a wonderful and proud sight.

Major Maggie More welcomed all on behalf of the Shrine and WRAAC Association President Heather Fry gave the welcome address. Our much loved Chaplain the Reverend William (Bill) Pugh offered a prayer of devotion to duty and a prayer for serving members who are always in our thoughts and prayers. We welcomed members from the Navy, Air Force and RAANC Associations and acknowledged the friendship we share. This year our beautiful Soloist Miss Rebecca Dupuy-Purcell was ill and unable to perform for us but has assured us she will be available to sing at our Luncheon in July. The Victorian Chairman of the Reserve Forces Day Council Brigadier Neale Bavington, RFD ED Ret'd was a welcome guest at the Service and we look forward to seeing him again next year. We welcomed Students, Madeleine and Samantha from Methodist Ladies College who participated in the wreath laying ceremony. Our wreaths were once again designed and made by Margaret (Robinson) Jager and looked stunning. Our Piper Hawthorn Agnew was at his best as he piped the Lament, we will catch up with Hawthorn again at our July luncheon.

Following the service we gathered in the Western Visitor Centre for refreshments.

We were disappointed by the low number in attendance at the Service as we had been attracting larger numbers. The weather was pleasant so perhaps the date was simply overlooked!

#### **Western Visitor Centre**

Following the service we were treated to a welcome cup of homemade veggie soup and tasty sandwiches. The Shrine staff had partitioned part of the area and placed tables and chairs around providing us with a comfortable area to sit and relax. There is so much renovation work going on in and around the Shrine we really appreciated their help and consideration.

The tradition of having soup following our service is in memory of the late Major Jessie Perkins MBE RFD ED who always queried if soup was to be included on the menu. Our much loved Jessie is always with us.

We acknowledged our Chaplain's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a delicious Chocolate Cake. Don't mention the candles!

A big thankyou to Ex-WRANS Margaret Hattersley and Joan Caboon for their participation in the Service. Joan kindly allows us to use her treasured WRAN hat for our Shrine service.

Our sincere thanks to Margie Jager and Emma once again for their excellent catering skills thus ensuring we left heavier than when we arrived. Diane Sherry assisted in the serving of the delicious hot food to our guests. Margie apparently is still looking for J P-T who was her designated helper!

The Order of Service programme was designed and printed by Committee Members Cheryle (Howes) Brown and Jude (Wood) Pinkerton-Treloar.

Thank you to Abby Pinkerton for her assistance in handing out the order of service and participating in the wreath laying service.

Our thanks once again to the caring staff at the Shrine of Remembrance for their help and encouragement.

#### **Lack of Interest!!!!**

Tradition like Mateship is a sacred and precious gift and so fragile it can be lost forever through complacency. There is deep within us the comforting thought that there is always someone else to fan the embers to keep a fire burning, therefore we won't have to worry about it. Something to ponder for next time, perhaps! Ed.

## **SWAN HILL REUNION**

A great time was had by the girls attending the reunion at Swan Hill in early April this year. There were approximately 20 members from Melbourne who made the trip and it was certainly worth the effort. We have a happy time when we get together and our sincere thanks to the Swan Hill RSL for their hospitality and goodwill. The girls caught up with Association member Maralyn Toppinen who resides at beautiful Swan Hill. It was good to see her again and look forward to seeing her at the July luncheon.



Front Row L to R : Daisy Holmes, Joan Johnstone, Verna Phillips, Phoebe Parker, Doss Jenkins  
Back Row L to R : Jude Pinkerton-Treloar, Vera Paley, Diane Sherry, Maralyn Toppinen, Cheryle Brown  
Thanks to Maralyn for the photo. Ed

## **31 WRAAC Barracks Reunion**

A reminder to all that a reunion is planned for Melbourne on 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 31 WRAAC Barracks, 478 St Kilda Road Melbourne. If you are interested please contact the organiser; Helen (McLeod) Meyer (08) 7007 8575 or 0415 192 980.

It will be a wonderful reunion with lots of great stories to share.

## **SOLDIER ON** Helping our Wounded Warriors In the Service of Others – An Inspirational Collection



If you wish to purchase this amazing collection of Victoria Cross and George Cross medallions, visit this website [www.militaryshop.com.au](http://www.militaryshop.com.au) or call 02 6123 2950 (for a free catalogue).



This is a great site suggest you check it out. All profits from the sale of this limited edition collection are being donated to Soldier On for their work in support of today's servicemen and women who have been physically and mentally wounded in service of our country.

## Collector Tubes

Our Fundraising Officer, Margaret (Robinson) Jager wishes to convey her thanks to all for the ongoing support of the Collector Tubes. Margaret suggests contacting her on 03 9743 8267 if you need help with the collection of tubes.

## AROUND THE WRAAC PACK

### Duntroon story

Congratulations have been extended to a former member of the WRAAC, Brigadier Dianne Gallasch AO, on being named the first female Commandant of the Royal Military College, Duntroon. History tells us this is the first in the 102 year history of the Institution.

Brigadier Dianne Gallasch joined the Australian Army in 1984 as a WRAAC officer cadet and commissioned in the early 1980s. She was then posted to the Royal Australian Army Ordinance Corps.

Chief of Army Lieutenant-General David Morrison said of Brigadier Gallasch "She is the best Officer for this demanding job of preparing the Army's future leaders".

A letter of congratulations has been sent to the Brigadier from the Association.



## Former 126 Sig Sqn soldier awarded the Australia Day Medallion

The Chief of the Air Force, Air Marshall G Brown AO, has awarded former 126 Sig Sqn soldier and current Association member Sheryl English the Australia Day Medallion. Sheryl was recognised for her defence force service and for her service to the community with Red Cross and for emergency management.



Group Captain Given presents Sheryl with her award and citation.

The medallion was presented at a ceremonial parade for graduates at Laverton RAAF Base just before Australia Day. Sheryl says she was 'ambushed', but after getting over the shock was presented with the medallion and a citation - only three are awarded in Australia.

Sheryl's defence service since discharging from 126 Sig Sqn included service with the Air Cadets, within her own squadron and assisting other squadrons, and managing Air Cadet exchanges within Victoria (Wing), Australia-wide, and last year internationally, to Turkey.

The award also recognised her service with the Australian Red Cross and as Municipal Emergency Resource Officer with Latrobe City in Gippsland.

Sheryl said later she was quite humbled by the whole experience.

Note: Service runs in the family. Sheryl's son is an Air Force pilot currently flying as a member of the Roulettes demonstration team - and presently flies one of the two planes that create an extra thrill for the audience when he flies - upside down - 'face to face'!

We apologize for poor copy of this article as we have been unable to get our hands on the original.

Special thanks to Liz MacLaine for sending this article.

## VALE

### F3/112 May (Tuffin) Brooks

It was with great sadness when we learnt of the passing of May (Tuffin) Brooks (AHQ Sigs) on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013, peacefully at Box Hill Hospital. May was a very special lady and loved by many.

A moving service was held at St David's Anglican Church, Doncaster and attended by members of the WRAAC Association Victoria and the Returned & Servicewomen's RSL Sub Branch.

**Rest in Peace dear May.  
Lest we forget**

Our sincere condolences to May's family and her dearest friends, Rusty, Toddy and Vera.

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of our Navy friends Kate Scott and Leila Brady. Condolences to the Ex-WRANS Association.

## BEREAVEMENT

### Walker family

Our sincere condolences to Captain Grace Walker and family on the passing of her husband Tom on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and to the President of the AWAS Association Captain Gwenda Walker RFD ED on the passing of her brother Tom.

## SICK PARADE

Our best wishes to Margaret (Toddy Todman) Brookes who is always in our thoughts.

To our much loved Brenda (Rusty) and Ron Johnson, we are thinking of you.

Our thoughts are with our much loved Captain Ruth Durance (3WRAAC) who has been unwell recently and wish her a speedy recovery.

To all our members who are not feeling well at this time our thoughts and prayers are with you. If you wish to have a chat please do not hesitate to contact a committee member (telephone numbers on front cover) or our Chaplain Rev. William (Bill) Pugh – Editor



## THINKING OF YOU

Best wishes to our dear member Pat (O'Reilly) Cooper, we are thinking of you, hope to see you at the Luncheon in July.

Apologies from Robyn Ciuro who was unable to march with us this year, we missed you and hope you had a wonderful time overseas.

Hello to Doreen (Huxley) Smith (30 WRAAC Bks) from Gwenda Walker and your friends at the Association.

## GREY NOMADS

Our best wishes to Brenda and Rod Walters who finally hitched the horses to the covered wagon and headed north for the winter. Keep safe guys, we look forward to seeing you on the 20th July at Brighton.

Jude and John Treloar off to Canada in August to get a little Rockie Mountain air.

Heather and Hugh Fry will be heading off on the Indian Pacific for a much needed rest.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Patricia BALAZS      ARA    1980-83 135 Sig Sqn  
(nee Kingman)                      1983 School of Sigs  
Life Member

Miss Ellen CARMODY      ARES  
F3110636  
Annual Member

## MEMBERSHIP

**Annual Membership fees are due 1st July 2013, remember fees can be paid at the July luncheon. (Form is Attachment #2)**

We would like **YOU** to contact any ladies whom you may know who were in the Army (ARA, CMF/ARes) regarding joining the Association.

Please contact our Secretary/Membership Officer Diane Sherry on 0408 553 412 or email [dishe1946@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dishe1946@yahoo.com.au) and she will post out the appropriate form.

Could you let Diane Sherry know if you have an Email address and if you are able to access the Newsletter on the website? Her contact details are listed above.

## Can You Help

We have lost contact with some of our life members. Can you help us to locate the following members:

CPL Dorothy Berry  
Ms Shirley Brown  
Ms Jeanette Coburn  
Ms Marilyn Dell  
Ms Robyn Gibson (nee Vincent)  
Ms Pamela Hunt (nee Walsh)  
Ms Angela Jones  
Mrs Joyce Payne  
Ms Debbie Umpleby  
Ms. Sallyann Welton

Contact Diane Sherry on telephone 0408 553 412 or email: [dishe1946@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dishe1946@yahoo.com.au) please.

## LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

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|-----------------------|---|
| <b>ATTACHMENT #1:</b> | <b>WRAAC Luncheon Booking Form</b>                        |
| <b>ATTACHMENT #2:</b> | <b>WRAAC Annual Membership Renewal Form</b>               |
| <b>ATTACHMENT #3:</b> | <b>Reserve Forces Day Parade 2013</b>                     |
| <b>ATTACHMENT #4:</b> | <b>Reserve Forces Day Information for Marches</b>         |
| <b>ATTACHMENT #5:</b> | <b>New CMF Lapel Badge Order Form</b>                     |
| <b>ATTACHMENT #6:</b> | <b>My Posting To Army Apprentices School by Lyn Board</b> |





## WRAAC ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INC.

**37th ANNIVERSARY REUNION LUNCHEON**  
Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Formation of the  
Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Citizen Military Forces 1953-1984

Members are invited to a luncheon at  
The International of Brighton  
81 Bay Street, Brighton.  
On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
At 11.30am for 12.30pm

Cost is \$52.00 which includes a 2 course luncheon, canapés, drinks including  
beer, wine and soft drinks. Followed by tea, coffee and chocolates.

Pre-lunch drinks will be served from 12.00pm  
**DRESS: Neat Casual**

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Booking Form 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
(BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013)

To: Mrs Liz MacLaine, 16 Richard Street, Williamstown, Vic. 3016  
Telephone: (03) 9397 1043

**PAYMENT:** By cheque or money order made payable to "WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc."  
or pay into bank account of WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc.  
Bank: Westpac. BSB No.: 033135, Account No.: 30-5304.

**(Please enter your name as reference when paying directly into bank account  
via online or at a bank)**

Regt. No.....Name:(please print).....Nee.....  
Address:.....

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(if booking for another member please include their name/s on this form)

Type of Membership (please circle) Life / Annual / other .....

Meal Requirement (please circle) Vegetarian / Diabetic / Other .....

Transport Requirement Willing to pick up another member .....

(please tick) I need a lift to attend .....

Seating I would like to be at a table with the following ladies: .....

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**PAYMENT** ..... Lunches at \$52.00 each ..... \$ .....



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE  
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 2013 TO 30TH JUNE 2014**

**Please complete this form and forward with your annual subscription of \$8.00.**

**To the Membership Officer: Miss Diane Sherry**

**WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc.**

**Unit 73 – 2 Gremel Road**

**Reservoir Vic 3073**

**Cheque or Money Order made payable to WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc.**

**Name: .....**

**Address: .....**

**.....**  
**Telephone: .....**

**IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON  
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND WITH THE  
LUNCHEON FORM OR BRING IT WITH YOU ON THE DAY**

# RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013

A message from the  
**Governor General and Commander in Chief**

Quote:

"If you're a Serving or Former Reservist, I encourage you to participate,  
so that we can all say"

**"Thank You"**



**Assemble at**

**Government**

**House Drive**

**No later than**

**1020hrs**





## **INFORMATION FOR MARCHERS**

### **Serving and Veterans of the Defence Forces**

#### **CEREMONIAL CONTINGENT**

Associations comprising serving and former members are to form up in Government House Drive by 1000. Look for your Association Banner and be ready to march off at 1020.

#### **NEATNESS OF DRESS AND GENERAL BEARING**

The Reserve Forces Day Parade is a military parade and former members take pride in their Unit/Corps Association turn out. As a result, many Associations have taken the lead by adopting a uniform Association dress code. The Reserve Forces Day Council congratulates them for their initiative and suggests all Associations follow their lead. Children are not permitted to take part.

Associations are encouraged to focus on this aspect to ensure pride and esprit de corps is well displayed. MAJ GEN Greg Garde AO RFD QC has accepted the invitation to review this parade every effort should be made to ensure a high standard of individual and Formation turn out.

#### **Below is a suggested dress code for the parade.**

**Beret:** All Associations are requested to adopt the beret to help standardise the head dress worn except for those Associations with other distinctive headwear, e.g. Scottish Association and the RAAFR. Many units already wear the beret with pride- for example, the Commandos and NSAA. Dark blue is the correct colour for the majority of units. As a reminder, the headband must be level with the ground and not more than 25mm/one inch above the eyebrows, the join at the rear and, with ribbon neatly knotted and tucked in, cap badge above the left eye and the top of the beret pulled over to the right side. Berets, \$25 and some badges approximately \$15 are available from PLATYPUS OUTDOORS, 353 Little Bourke St Melbourne (cnr Elizabeth St). They sell a wide range of military attire. Ph 03 9602 4303 or go to [www.platatac.com](http://www.platatac.com).

**Suit or Jacket:** Jacket and tie/suit must be worn. Many Associations have a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, black belt and black shoes as their preferred outfit. Alternatively, suit or sports coat with official Association/Corps tie would be acceptable. WRAAC personnel wear green blazer/jacket, white top and black slacks or suitable warm clothing.

**Lapel badges:** It is suggested that one, but not more than two, would be adequate.

**Gloves:** White gloves should be worn by all members of Banner Parties, Standard/Flag Bearers and ASM's (and equivalent) for each formation and dress should be standardised.

**Medals:** Officially issued decorations, campaign and service medals should be worn as appropriate. Medals that are obtained as commemorative or souvenir, - i.e. medals that are purchased and not issued by a government - must not be worn. Medals awarded to other people are also not to be worn.

**Serving members dress:** If forming in a group of 10 or more it is requested you wear ceremonial uniform (for Officers, less sword). Otherwise, please attend in the civilian attire described above. This may also facilitate attendance at Association reunions following the parade.

**Saluting with headwear:** Leading members of contingents are requested to salute. The remainder give the "Eyes Right" to the Eternal Flame. Again, when marching off, leading members salute. The remainder give the "Eyes Right" to the Eternal Flame.

**Morning tea will be available for a gold coin donation from the Salvation Army serving point located in Birdwood Avenue adjacent to the flagpoles.**

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## MY POSTING TO ARMY APPRENTICES SCHOOL

When I finished my Clerical Course at Puckapunyal in 1965 I was posted to Army Apprentices School at Balcombe and spent two and a half years there.

WRAAC posted to Balcombe lived at 30 WRAAC Barrack (note it is Barrack not Barracks) which was originally a private guest house at Mt Martha. It is located about 3 km from where Balcombe camp was and housed WRAAC staff from Apprentices School, School of Signals and School of Music when I was there as well as students on signals courses and Character Guidance courses and of course the cooks, g.d's and clerical staff required to run the barrack.

Because of its age and weatherboard construction, Mt Martha House (30 WRAAC Barrack) was considered to be a fire trap so our weekly closed camp nights were fire drills more often than not. After I was married and living in the married quarters at Balcombe we would often be woken by the fire siren at about 6.00 a.m. and the camp fire team would turn out to discover that the alarm had been triggered by steam when everyone got into the showers. There was never any shortage of volunteers for the fire team as the drill at the barrack was for everyone to assemble on the parade ground as quickly as possible and of course the fireman loved the sight of everyone out in their nightwear.

We were not allowed to walk to the camp and a mini bus was provided to collect us and bring us home each day. We went on parade each morning and were inspected before we went to work.

During my time as a member of the military staff at Apprentices School I worked as a Company Clerk and, for about a year, as Assistant Unit Pay Representative.

There were four companies of apprentices each with a Company Commander, CSM, several Platoon Commanders, a Storeman and a Company Clerk.

As Company Clerk I was responsible for seeing the roll books were marked and parade states handed to the Ration Clerk each day. Apprentices received extra rations as they were considered to be "growing boys" although woe betide anyone who dared to call them boys. I also liaised with the RAP and notified HQ when apprentices were admitted to hospital so that their parents could be advised. I maintained all the records for the apprentices except for academic records which were maintained by the Supervisor of Technical Training and his staff. I also did all the typing required including charge sheets and injury reports and of course, most important of all as far as the appies were concerned, I made up the pay and arranged annual leave.

Apprentice wages were very low and average fortnightly pay was \$20. We were not allowed to pay just one \$20 note as the canteen would be screaming if 500 apprentices turned up to buy their fortnightly supplies with a \$20 in their hands so we had to make sure that they were paid in smaller denominations.

When I worked in the pay office we ordered cash and had to pick up the fortnightly payroll from the bank in Mornington. I often smile to myself when I remember how the paying officer was very "security conscious" and we headed off with two armed guards to protect us. We always travelled to Mornington by one route and back by another for extra security but usually after we had collected the money we had to call at the butcher or greengrocer as our paying officer had shopping to do for his wife. I always wondered why we didn't do that BEFORE we went to the bank but that never happened.



As apprentices were aged from 15 – 18 they got more leave than other military personnel and went home at Christmas and also midyear. Part of my job was ensuring that information was provided to the movements sergeant to enable him to make the bookings for them. Also because of their age they travelled in groups with a Draft Conducting Officer and were delivered as close to their homes as possible. I had one apprentice whose father was a lighthouse keep so the last leg of his journey was by boat. I had to do all the bookings for Easter leave and that was a huge undertaking when I had 150 apprentices to get from Point A to Point B. I got to know the booking clerk at Frankston Railway Station very well and he was a huge help.

We had quite a good social life at the barrack and we also became involved in the local community. We maintained a bed at the Orthopaedic Ward of the Royal Childrens Hospital which, at that time, was located at Mt Eliza. I was on the fundraising committee and we often had raffles and dances. About once a year we would visit the hospital and it was heartbreaking to see tiny, very ill children lying in their cots.

I look back with pleasure at my time in the Army and the good friends I made during that time.