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Corps Association Inc.
(Victorian Branch)

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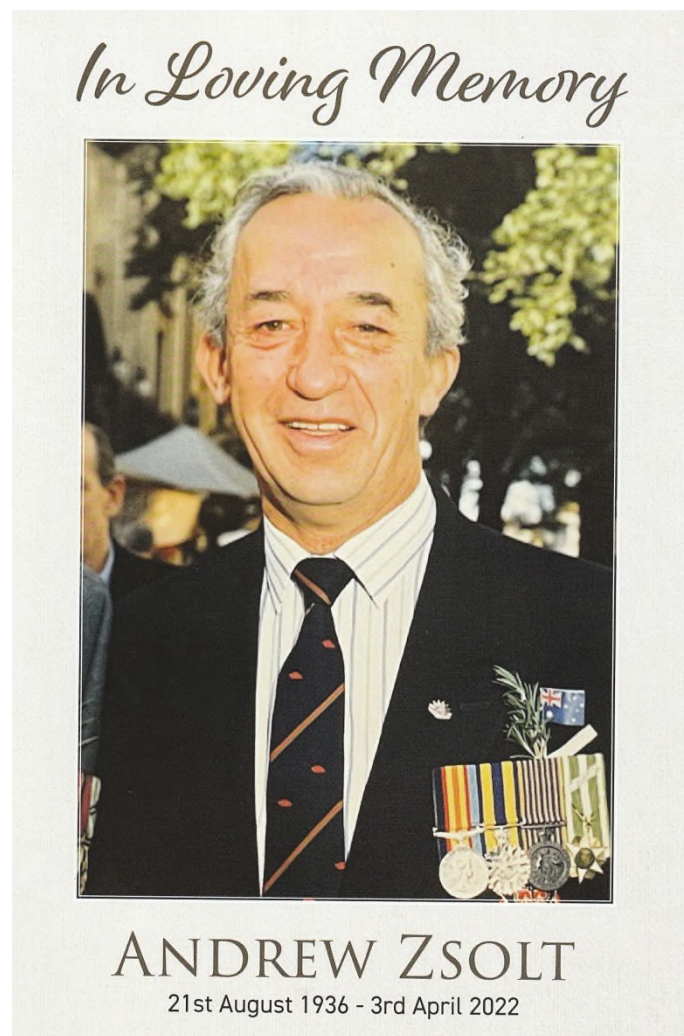
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Much Loved Black Hat Farewelled



On Monday 11 April, a much loved and respected Black Hat was farewelled at the Boyd Chapel of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery. A standing room only crowd witnessed a very moving ceremony to celebrate the life of former WO1 Andrew Zsolt. Andrew lost his battle with lung cancer on Sunday, 3 April.

Detailed below is Andrew's service record; as can be seen he served exactly 20 years and except for trips to South Vietnam and Belgium / West Germany, he served solely in Victoria.

Three eulogies were delivered: His Earlier Years by his sister Judy Dal Sasso, His Service by Peter Branagan OAM, His Family by son Tom Zsolt and the RSL service was conducted by Brian Dunn on behalf of the Waverley sub branch. The respect in which he was held and his popularity particularly at 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment where he served as RSM, was evidenced by the large Black Hat contingent in attendance. Appropriately, his coffin left the Chapel to the stirring sounds of The Radetzky March and old comrades formed a Guard of Honour as the hearse slowly drove away.

3411400 / 38366 Warrant Officer Class One Andrew ZSOLT

Service:

Australian Regular Army Special Reserve (O)	16 March 1964 to 15 September 1964
Australian Regular Army	16 September 1964 to 15 March 1984

Units:

1 Recruit Training Battalion	16 March 1964
1 Forward Delivery Troop	25 June 1964
1 Armoured Regiment	21 July 1964
C Squadron 1 Armoured Regiment	24 October 1967
Armoured Centre	11 February 1969
3 Army Recruiting Unit	08 June 1972
Armoured Centre	10 February 1975
Attached to Australian Army Staff (London) - Overseas training on Leopard Tank, West Germany	24 August 1976 to 15 November 1976
1 Armoured Regiment	06 December 1978
Australian Staff College	04 December 1980
4/19 Prince of Wales's Light Horse	20 January 1982

Promotions:

Lance Corporal	02 May 1966
Temporary Corporal	19 December 1966
Corporal	29 August 1967
Temporary Sergeant	07 March 1968
Sergeant	01 January 1970
Warrant Officer Class Two	10 February 1975
Warrant Officer Class One	20 January 1982

Overseas Service:

Vietnam	29 January 1968 to 11 February 1969
West Germany and Belgium	24 August 1976 to 15 November 1976
West Germany (Exercise North Star 80)	16 May 1980 to 12 June 1980

Honours and Awards:

Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp Vietnam
 Vietnam Medal
 Defence Force Service Medal
 National Medal
 Australian Defence Medal
 Vietnamese Campaign Medal
 Unit Citation for Gallantry (Coral-Balmoral)
 Returned from Active Service Badge



A large number of Black Hats were in attendance to pay their respects to a great bloke.



Ray Ashton and Tony Crook



Joe Martin, Craig Burn and Rex Harris

ANZAC Day

The 107th anniversary of the allied landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula was commemorated with a crowd at the Dawn Service not seen since the centenary celebrations in 2015. With an estimated attendance of up to 50,000, the people of Melbourne demonstrated their pleasure of release from the Covid 19 restrictions of the previous two years.



Treasurer Andy Clark looking resplendent in the dawn's early light.



Andy Clark, Ray Tuskin and Alan 'Scrounger' Sedgewick at the march.

2022 Autumn Picnic



(Andy Clark)

As promised the Memorial Service that used to be conducted on the Cambrai Dinner day was transferred to the Autumn picnic. Pictured above are all attendees in the WWII Armoured Memorial.



(Andy Clark)

Fred Coucher laid the wreath on behalf of the 2/6th Armoured Regiment Association and David White (right) on behalf of the 2/8th Armoured Regiment Association.

The following members and guests were in attendance: Peter Branagan, Meaghan, Hannah and Connor Johnstone, Luke Head with Alexis and Hunter Purcell. Andrew, Jenny, Matthew, Emma, Charlie and Audrey Clark. Pat O’Hanlon, Craig Burn. Ian Smith. Rod Westgarth. Bill and Marina Houston. Rob Toy with Peter and Shireen Wold. David White. Fred and Dan Coucher.



2/6th Armoured Regiment Memorial featuring a General Stuart tank like they used at Buna.



(Andy Clark)

2/8th Armoured Regiment Memorial

Mark Your Diary.....

2022 Kid's Christmas Party

Sunday 18 December 2022

1030 hrs

Rod Westgarth has booked **Meadmore Junction** again for this year's party at the **Diamond Valley Miniature Railway**. Come along and enjoy the fun and the bar-b-que at this premier location in Eltham.

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Donors

Craig Burn, Ted Acutt, Clem Mooney, Brian Cook, Basil Tiligadis, Graham Douglas, Colin Carrington, Karl Liffman, Matt Clark and family, Barry Clugston OAM, John Belfield

Welcome to the Crew

Matthew Sterrenberg, Haydn Penola, Andrew Donnelly, John Briggs (re-joined)

Light Horse Leader Finally Recognised



The statue of Brigadier General Sir Murray Bouchier, was unveiled in Shepparton on 24 April. The unveiling was completed by Federal Member for Nicholls Damian Drum, MP and descendant John Bouchier

Brigadier Bouchier 1881 – 1937 served seven months on Gallipoli and during the Sinai campaign he commanded the 4th Australian Light Horse Regiment and led the final assault on Beersheba. In 1918 after fighting through Palestine, he commanded a joint force in the final advance on Damascus. Bouchier was elected to the Victorian Parliament in 1921 and served in many roles until 1935. He died in London in December 1937 whilst serving as Agent General.



Cambrai Day Commemoration Luncheon

Sunday 20 November 2022

1200 for 1300 hrs

**The ANZAC Room
Greensborough RSL
111 Main St
Greensborough Vic 3088**

Guest of Honour

TBA

Cost: \$60:00 per head for members

\$70:00 per head for non members/guests

Partners are very welcome

This function is our premier event for the year and as usual we will be providing a quality guest speaker for your enjoyment

All enquiries to:

Peter Axton (M) 0428 335 406

Peter Branagan (M) 0428 576 004

Andy Clark (M) 0431 708 576

Dress: Lounge Suit or Reefer Jacket with Miniatures

Ladies after five

Tickets posted out early September

RSVP by Friday 11 November 2022

The Arch Finlayson Memorial Scholarship

Application Form

Applicants for the Arch Finlayson Memorial Scholarship must complete this form and mail to the address detailed below. The Scholarship is available to 1st year apprentices and is valued at \$500.00. **The Scholarship is available to children and grandchildren of financial members. They must be 1st year apprentices and the scholarship is valued at \$500.00.**

Name.....

(Christian name/names)

(Surname)

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Telephone.....

What is your apprenticeship?

Employer.....

Employer's Address

.....Post Code.....

Contact Phone Number

Registered Training Institute or TAFE.....

Name of Financial RAACA Victorian Member

Address

.....Post Code.....

Contact Phone Number.....

You will need to enclose copies of the following:

1. A brief supportive resume.
2. A copy of signed training agreement.
3. A copy of your enrolment at a registered training institute or TAFE.
4. A supporting letter from your employer.

After your application has been received, the three trustees of the fund may require you to attend a interview at a time, date and location to be advised.

Return this form together with all supporting documents to:

The Trustees

Arch Finlayson Memorial Scholarship Fund

RAACA – Victorian Branch

2 Marie St.

NAGAMBIE VIC 3608

RAACA SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the benefits your Association provides are the scholarships available to eligible children **commencing or completing** their Secondary education. **Applicants must be the children** of a financial member; **unfortunately, due to financial constraints, grandchildren are not eligible for either scholarship at this time.**

The Victorian Branch Scholarship is currently **\$150:00 per year** for the first two years of secondary school. Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary with proof of attendance by **28 February in the first year of qualification. A follow up application is required for the second year.** You must have been a financial member of the RAACA for a **minimum of five years to apply.**

The Brigadier F.B. Hinton, MC Scholarship which was a Federal Executive Scholarship is also administered by the Victorian Branch and currently provides **\$500:00 for each of the final two years of Secondary School.** Application including proof of intent to complete years 11 and 12 to our secretary by **30 September in the applicant's year 10.**

There are no scholastic results required, however proof of attendance must be provided on the relevant School's letterhead paper. **Applicants must be financial members.**

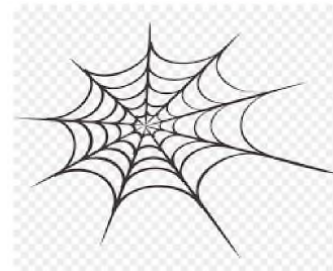


Our website

www.raacavic.weebly.com

All the latest news and reviews

Open all hours.



If you have access to the internet, you should also have access to the current information on all our activities for the year like the RAACA Birthday Commemoration, AGM, Autumn/Easter Picnic & BBQ, ANZAC Day, Cambrai dinner and the Christmas picnic, any time you want it, day or night. What's more, the new site is compatible with other devices so you can access it via your smartphone, iPad or most other tablet devices that can access the Internet. If you don't know how, ask your grandkids! Sad but probably true.

Navigating the site is easy using the menu with tabs to quickly take you to the information you're looking for.

Show off Your Association: You can still purchase RAACA branded items but we now have details, pricing and photos on the website and the order form can be downloaded from there.

If you have the time to browse, there are also loads of links to stories like what our members have been up to, photo galleries as well as back issues of Track. But more than that, we have also included links to other websites and information you might find helpful or at least of interest; things like the Army Newspaper, Military Museums and organisations.

Now you know what's there, go ahead and take a look for yourself. If you have a problem using the link above, try this <https://raacavic.weebly.com/>

Below is our order form. We currently have low stock of most items, but we plan to stock up soon plus we are looking for ideas of new products to expand our range.
Please contact the Property Member with any suggestions.



Show Off Your Association

RAACA Q Store Order Form

Please contact the Property Member, Andrew Clark to confirm availability prior to placing order. Ph: 0431 708 576 Email: treasurer.raacavic@gmail.com

	Size	Colour/ Sleeve	Qty	Price each	Postage	Cost
Tie, RAACA				\$32.00	\$4.00	
Pocket Badge RAACA				\$15.00	\$1.00	
Plaque RAACA				\$50.00	\$10.00	
Decal (External) RAACA				\$1.50	\$1.00	
Decal (Internal) RAACA				\$1.50	\$1.00	
Lapel Badge, RAACA				\$12.00	\$1.00	
Cap, RAACA				\$10.00	\$6.00	
Stubby Holder, RAACA				\$6.50	\$4.00	
Brew Mug, RAACA				\$10.00	Pick-up Only	
Beret, black				\$30.00	\$6.00	
(Please insert beret size - S, M, L, XL)						
Polo Shirt, RAACA				\$25.00	\$6.00	
(Insert Size: L, XL, 2XL) (Insert Colour: Black, Green, Burgundy, Navy Blue)						
Rugby Top, long sleeve, RAACA				\$35.00	\$6.00	
(Insert Size: L, XL, 2XL) (Style: Navy Blue with denim collar, long sleeves & Association Logo)						
Chambray Shirt, RAACA		Long / Short		\$29.00	\$6.00	
(Please enter size: L, XL, 2XL, 3XL & mark Sleeve Length)						
(Style: Long or Short Sleeves, light blue with Association Logo)						
Eldridge Book (Special price)				\$30.00	Postage Paid	

Refer to the website (<https://raacavic.weebly.com/>) for photos of these items

Member Details:

Total Cost

\$

Name:
Address:
Contact Number:

If paying by cheque, post payment to:

RAACA Treasurer 17 Birchwood Bvd HOPPERS CROSSING Vic 3029

If paying by direct deposit:

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 000 Acc. No.: 163760515

Include your name and something to identify payment like "Q Store"



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