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(Victorian Branch)
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On the Road to Cambrai Again this Year



Our guest speaker Colonel Mick O'Brien, AM (Retd) commanded 1st Armoured Regiment in 1993 – 94 in Puckapunyal, prior to their re-location to Darwin in 1995. He was Victorian Branch Patron from 1999 till 2005.

Cambrai Day Commemoration Luncheon

Saturday 18 November 2023

1200 for 1300 hrs

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

Guest of Honour

Colonel Mick O'Brien, AM (Retd)

Former Patron RAACA (Victorian Branch)

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

Andy Clark (M) 0431 708 576

Peter Branagan (M) 0428 576 004

Dress: Lounge Suit or Reefer Jacket with full size medals

Ladies equivalent

Tickets posted out early September

RSVP by Friday 10 November 2023

Cambrai Functions in the Past



Stuart 'Clarence' Jones playing the Last Post at the 2015 dinner.



Graeme Moore, Andrew Rule, Graham Tiller, Peter Branagan, Richard James, and Stu Raines enjoying the 2016 dinner.



Tim Wood was a lucky raffle prize winner at the 2017 dinner.

Stop Press.....

Please check out pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter and see what our Property Member Andy Clark has been up to! He along with his assistant treasurer Jenny have restocked the Q Store with a number of new high quality clothing items in particular. The art work in our iconic badge has also been improved. Talk to Andy about postage rates for multiple purchases. You will not be disappointed!

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 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 an 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 Street

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Latest Scholarships Presented



Ethan Branagan was presented with a Charles Walsh Memorial Scholarship by Mrs Alleyne Walsh, widow of the late Charlie Walsh. Ethan is the son of Affilliate member Tim Branagan and the grandson of President Peter Branagan. Ethan is currently attending Year 7 at Overnewton College, Keilor.



Flynn Lennon-Baines was presented with an Arch Finlayson Memorial Scholarship by his grandfather Major John Baines, RFD (Retd) on 15 August on behalf of the Trustees. Flynn is currently undertaking a Certificate Three engineering/fabrication course as part of his apprenticeship with Dekort Pumps in Wodonga, Victoria.

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.**

Mark Your Diary.....

2023 Kid's Christmas Party

Sunday 17 December 2023

1030 hrs

Our normal venue at **Meadmore Junction** has been booked 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**.

Our first train leaves **Meadmore Junction** at **1100hrs sharp**. Santa arrives on his special at **1300 hrs** and our last train leaves at **1400 hrs**.

Victorian Branch Birthday

Sunday 11 February 2024

1400 hrs

The 78th birthday of the Victorian Branch will be celebrated at the **Shrine of Remembrance on Sunday 11 February 2024** with a gathering on the forecourt of the Shrine followed by a **short commemorative service** in the **Shrine Sanctuary** and afterwards the **usual sumptuous afternoon tea** will be enjoyed in the **western annex where the Shrine shop is located**.

Our association flag, first flown in February 2014 will be flying from the flagpole in the Shrine forecourt. It is flown there on appropriate days during the year including **7 February (association birthday 1946)** and **9 July (official Australian Armoured Corps birthday 1941)**.

All members and spouses are strongly urged to support this significant activity. The setting, at Melbourne's most famous landmark is outstanding and the opportunity to **renew your acquaintance with this significant Melbourne precinct is strongly encouraged**.

To assist the organisers with afternoon tea catering, please contact the Secretary Peter Axton by email secretary.raacavic@gmail.com or 0428 335 406 to warn in for rations. **RSVP 2 February 2024**.



Many Thanks to the Following Donor

Graeme Moore

Our New and Improved Q Store

It has been many years since a resupply of items to the Q Store and even more since any new items have been added to the range. Over the past 12 months or so, the stock levels have been traded down, in many cases to zero. Attempts to refurbish stock failed so the new “QM” and his offsider “Mrs QM” searched and found a new supplier and some new items to add to the range.



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With so much time passing there have been cost increases in products and postage so these are reflected in the new range. To help understand what is available, the order form now has photos of the stock items. The styling of some items has been changed and we now have some fleece garments to choose from.

Although stock sizes are listed on the order form, if you would like other sizes, please contact Andy Clark and find out your options. The supplier has offered to do one off products at the standard price.

With postage, you will be aware how much postage charges have risen in recent years and this too is reflected in the prices shown in the order form. These prices are based on posting one item so, if you want to order more than one, speak to Andy about an all up cost. Alternatively, bring some cash to the Cambrai Luncheon or AGM and collect what you want. It might be best to order them prior to ensure there are enough to cover all requests.

Clothing are all in generous cuts but to help with deciding which garment size will suit you, we have sizing charts which we will put onto the website, along with the new order form, to help with getting it right. Keep an eye out on the website and keep in touch.





Show Off Your Association

RAACA Q Store Product List & Order Form

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

Item Description	Item	Size	Colour	Qty	Price Each	Postage	Cost
Chambray Shirt Long Sleeve		XL 2XL 3XL (Please circle)	Indigo Blue With RAACA badge		\$41.50	\$12.40	
Chambray Shirt Short Sleeve		XL 2XL 3XL (Please circle)	Indigo Blue With RAACA badge		40.00	\$12.40	
Polo Shirt Black, Navy or Burgundy with RAACA Badge		XL 2XL 3XL (Please circle)			\$28.00	\$12.40	
Rugby Shirt Black with Black Collar Long Sleeve with RAACA Badge		XL 2XL 3XL (Please circle)			\$52.00	\$16.30	
Polar Fleece Vest Black or Navy with RAACA Badge		2XL 3XL 4XL (Please circle)			\$34.50	\$13.60	
Polar Fleece Jacket Long Sleeve Black or Navy with RAACA Badge		2XL 3XL 4XL (Please circle)			\$40.50	\$16.30	
Cotton Tee Shirt Black		XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL (Please circle)			\$23.00	\$12.40	
RAACA Mouse Pad					\$15.00	\$12.20	
RAACA Pens					\$3.00	\$2.00	
Eldridge Book					\$30.00	Postage Paid	

Item Description	Item	Qty	Price Each	Postage	Cost
RAACA Tie			\$32.00	\$12.40	
RAACA Pocket Badge			\$15.00	\$2.00	
RAACA Wall Plaque			\$50.00	\$12.40	
RAACA Decal (inside)			\$1.50	\$2.00	
RAACA Decal (outside)			\$1.50	\$2.00	
RAACA Lapel Badge			\$12.00	2.00	
RAACA Cap			\$14.00	\$12.40	
RAACA Stubby Holder			\$6.50	\$12.40	
RAACA Brew Mug			\$10.00	Pick Up Only	
RAACA Beret, Black			\$30.00	\$12.40	
Please insert beret size (S, M, L, XL)					
				Total Cost	<input type="text"/>

If ordering more than one product, please contact Andy Clark for a combined postage cost.

Member Details:

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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1 Ambleside Link
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