



COMMENTARY NEWSLETTER

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSOCIATION WA Inc
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we move on from last year with a new 2024 in front of us, change is also occurring within the WA local RAACA organization.

Sadly, we bid farewell to our Patron of many years Col Ken Ashman awho has provided his wise council, guidance, and encouragement during the course of his tenure. Ken is also a Life Member of the Association and we hope to see you and Sue at our forthcoming functions.

Concurrent with this change we now have great pleasure in welcoming Brig Phil White as our new Patron and welcome his senior level Black Hat experience into our local RAACA ranks.

Also, we see the stepping down of our President - Mr Robert Gesmundo due to heath reasons. Robert has diligently led the organization over the past four years and contributed solidly both on the committee and as a member.

The Committee says farewell to Tony Beekwilder and John Riley and thanks them for their contributions, support, and dedication. Whilst we welcome to their first AGM new committee members David Veenstra

This year I urge all members to give thought to attending the Old Boys Parade at XLH Memorial at 11.00 hrs on Sunday 21st April and then retire to Cambrai House (Karrakatta) for the Annual General Meeting and official farewells for our Patron and President and the opportunity to welcome our new Patron and committee members whilst participating in fellowship around a BBQ lunch afterwards (see main notice)

Looking forward very much to catching up with you all at our April activities

Yours in Armour

Barry Carson

EVENT SCHEDULE

Old Boys Parade: Kings Park – 10LH Memorial – 11am 21 APR

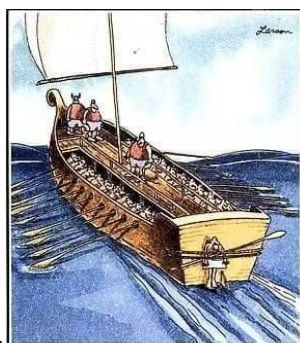
AGM – Cambrai House – 12n (approx) BBQ follows 21 APR

Dawn Service: State War Memorial Kings Park 5.30pm 25th April

Perth March: St Georges Tce Form Up near Barrack St 8.45am

10LH Event: Es Salt Lines Irwin Barracks

All Black Hats invited to join our members



1 The better-equipped slave ships, of course, always carried a spare.

OLD BOYS PARADE



TENTH LIGHT HORSE MEMORIAL

FRASER AVENUE KINGS PARK

1100 HOURS SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

DRESS ASSOCIATION DRESS OR COAT AND TIE
WITH MEDALS or Equivalent

CONDUCTED BY THE 10LH REGIMENT

ALL BLACK HATS AND RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF
PAST SERVING MEMBERS OF THE UNIT INVITED

RAACA WA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1200 HOURS CAMBRAI HOUSE IRWIN BARRACJS SUNDAY 21ST OF APRIL

STUBBS TERRACE KARRAKATTA WA

FOLLOWED BY BBQ

BEVERAGE AND BBQ PROVIDED

PLEASE ADVISE SECRETARY NOEL MOYES

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See Agenda in this Commentary

AMZAC DAY RAACA WA EVETNS

DAWN SERVICE: 5.30AM STATE WAR MEMORIAL KINGS PARK FOL-
LOWED BY COFFEE PLUS UNDER PALM TREES NEAR ENTRANCE

PERTH MARCH:

Form up at 8.45am St Georges Tce juust down from Barrack St.

Dress: Association Dress or Coat with medals and Black Beret

All black hats invited

Summary of events next pages including 10LH Regiment Event

AGENDA FOR THE 2024 AGM OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSO- CIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA

To be held at Cambrai House Irwin Barracks Sunday 21st A 1pm followed by BBQ lunch (Meat Patties,
Sausages, Salads provided)

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OPENING

ROLL CALL including proxy votes received

APOLOGIES

CONFIRM MINUTES OF 2023 AGM (previously distributed)

RECEIVE AND CONSIDER

The committees Annual Report of Association Activities during the previous year.
Financial Statements for Tier One Association and Audit Report

CONFIRMATION OF OFFICE HOLDERS AND OTHER COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

President Barry Carson Vice President Colin Davies Secretary Noel Moyes Treas-
urer John Dwyer Committee David Veenstra Dick Jones

TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF REVIEWER OR AUDITOR

REVIEW AND CONIRM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2025 MEMBERSHIP
FEES

Ordinary \$40; Commentary \$10; Serving Member to be determined by committee

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Address by
OUTGOING PATRON COL KEN ASHMAN (Ret)
and
INCOMING PATRON BRIG PHIL WHITE (Ret)

CLOSURE



ANZAC DAY EVENTS

ALL-ABILITIES SUNSET SERVICE—

Location: Flame of Remembrance, Kings Park, Perth WA

Date: Wednesday, 24 April 2024

Time: 4:45 pm - 5:40 pm

On the eve of ANZAC Day 2024, RSLWA will be holding an inclusive Sunset Service to remember and reflect on the brave men and women who have made so many sacrifices. This ceremony, with additional accessibility measures including audio description, wheelchair access, Auslan, low sensory facilities, ACROD parking, and DADAA assistance is open to all who wish to share the sunset and commemorate ANZAC Day.

DAWN SERVICE—PRESIDENT BARRY CARSON WILL LAY A WREATH ON BEHALF OF CORPS SERVING AND PAST MEMBERS. MEMBERS MEET FOR COFFEE PLUS UNDER PALM TREES NEAR ENTRANCE TO PARK

Location: State War Memorial, Kings Park, Perth WA

Date: Thursday, 25 April 2024

Time: 5:30 am - 7:00 am

On ANZAC Day 2024, thousands of Western Australians will gather at sunrise to remember those who lost their lives in conflict. In the half-light people of all ages and backgrounds will listen to inspiring words, join together to sing, and pause in silence to reflect and remember the sacrifices made by our brave men and women. The Dawn service is open to all who wish to join together in the beauty of Kings Park, share the sunrise, and commemorate ANZAC Day.

President Barry Carson will lay a wreath on behalf of all members of the Corps. Members attending to meet for coffee plus near the palm trees down from the Boer War Memorial main gate.

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

Location: Government House Gardens, St Georges Terrace Perth

Date: Thursday, 25 April 2024

Time: 7:00 am – 9:00 am

On ANZAC Day 2024, the Government House Gardens will host a barbeque breakfast. Connect with the WA Veteran community at the annual ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast before heading to St Georges Terrace for the March.

The Gunfire Breakfast tradition dates back to the 1890's, where 'gunfire' referred to an early morning mix of rum and black tea, to provide a dash of courage before a day on the battlefield. The concoction started with English Army Soldiers and was quickly adopted by the Australian and New Zealand soldiers. RSLWA in collaboration with the Rotary Club will provide breakfast

THE MARCH— THREE PACKETS RAACA WA ASSOCIATION, 1 ARMD REGIT ASSOCIATION, 3 CAV ASSOCIATION
ALL BLACK HATS ARE INVITED TO MARCH WITH THE ASSOCIATION. PACKET COMMANCER BRIG PHIL WHITE (RET)
RAACA WA CONTINGENT LED BY MAJ BARRY CARSON (RET)

Location: St Georges Tce, Perth WA FORM UP BETWEEN BARRACK ST AND TRINITY ARCADE.

Date: Thursday, 25 April 2024

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

With more than 62,000 veterans in Western Australia, the ANZAC Day March in the City of Perth is a chance to recognise our service people as they march alongside their mates in a show of camaraderie and commemoration. ANZAC Day marches are held around the country, from the smallest towns to our largest.

Join us as we acknowledge the families of servicemen and women who have served and died in all conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The public is encouraged to come and watch the March and pay their respects to the service people marching and those they represent.

FAMILY & MATESHIP EVENT

Location: Langley Park

Date: Thursday 25 April 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Journey on to Langley Park to relax with family and friends after the ANZAC Day March. This event is free entry, and open to all service and non-service people alike. Enjoy live music, food vans, drinks, and activities for children. This family-friendly event presents interactive military vehicles and commemorative activities for all ages.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASN WA 2024 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE

DEAR MEMBER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS
OBJECTIVES DURING 1923

THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT RESPONDED TO THE INITIAL INVOICE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE WILL BE \$40 FOR 2024 AS VOTED AND ENDORSED BY MEMBERS
ATTENDING THE AGM EARLIER THIS YEAR. MEMBERSHIP FEES HAVE BEEN THE SAME
FOR MANY YEARS BUT COSTS HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT UP. A REMINDER WILL BE SET DI-
RECT TO THOSE WHO ARE STILL TO PAY

2024 MEMBERSHIP FEE:
PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT:

\$40.00
DIRECT:
ACCOUNT RAACA WA
BSB 066192
ACCOUNT 10329559
REF: YOUR NAME
OR BY POST:
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RAACA WA
37 BARRINGTON AVENUE
CHAMPION LAKES 6111

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Web site information is being reviewed. Any suggestion please contact John Dwyer
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History, past issues of Commentary, photo library and 2024 schedule of events are on the web.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

Enjoy time with you family and friends