



COMMENTARY NEWSLETTER

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURD CORPS ASSOCIATION WA Inc
3/2023 ANZAC EDITION

WEB www.raccawa.org.wa Email secretary.raacawa@gmail.com
Editor John Dwyer jadanne14@gmail.com



Patron

LM Col Ken Ash-
man
(MSM USA) (RET)
92862167

President

Robert Gesmundo
94994685

Vice President

Colin Davies
0403654954

Secretary

Noel Moyes
92952281

Treasurer

LM John Dwyer
0419694549

Committee:

Tony Beekwilder
95918663

LM Dick Jones
93075654

Barry Carson
0418163607

John Riley
0428828313

Laurens West
0409379486



President Robert Gesmundo

Thank you to all who attended the various ANZAC events and to those who represented me due to my ill health. The events are fully covered in this edition although we could do with some photographs in relation to the Old Boys Parade.

The committee are currently working on two events, one to be held over a weekend in the Nungarin/Merredin area where museum collections have been upgraded along with the addition of some social activities. We are also planning a visit to ANZAC house to see both the new building and also be briefed on the services provided within the building. It will be combined with luncheon at the ANZAC Club. Advice will be sent out when all the detail is sorted.

A reminder that the Black Hat coffee morning will be held at the Dome, Deepwater point Thursday 10am to 12n 29th of June.

Advice has been sent out in regard to the purchase of Association Polo Shirts with the response so far not reaching the minimum order required. Please consider.

The committee is discussing aspects of a Strategy plan to take the Association forward into the future by remaining a relevant entity within the ESO community here in West Australia. It will take a few meetings to reach the final draft stage.

A BBQ lunch is to be held at Cambrai House on Sunday July 23rd All members, family and friends are invited. Detail will be sent out shortly and it will be necessary to advise the Secretary if you are attending for Security reasons.

I do trust we will catch up at one of our upcoming events.

Yours in Armour

Robert Gesmundo
President

Coffee Morning
Dome Mt Pleasant
10am to 12n
June 29 July 27
BBQ Lunch

Cambrai House
12noon BYO
23rd of July

Committee Meeting
Tuesday
11th of July 1pm

ANZAC EVENTS 2023

Association members paraded at the Old Boys Parade held at the Tenth Light Horse Memorial in Kings Park on the Sunday prior to ANZAC Day. Organised by the 10LH Regiment—our thanks to the CO Dan Wright and the RSM Chris Sharp— Officers and soldiers from the regiment, our members along with XLHA and other Black Hats commemorated the lives of those members of the regiment who have gone before in the service of their country.

An early rise by a number of members on ANZAC morning who attended the State War Memorial for the Dawn Service. John Dwyer and Ian Goodall attended on behalf of our President Robert Gesmundo with Ian joining the wreath laying contingent laying a wreath on behalf of all members of the RAAC CORPS. Members attending warmed up at the conclusion of the event with coffee plus provided by Bill Robertson. Other members attended local services or held their own at their home a tradition that will grow from the COVID days I am sure

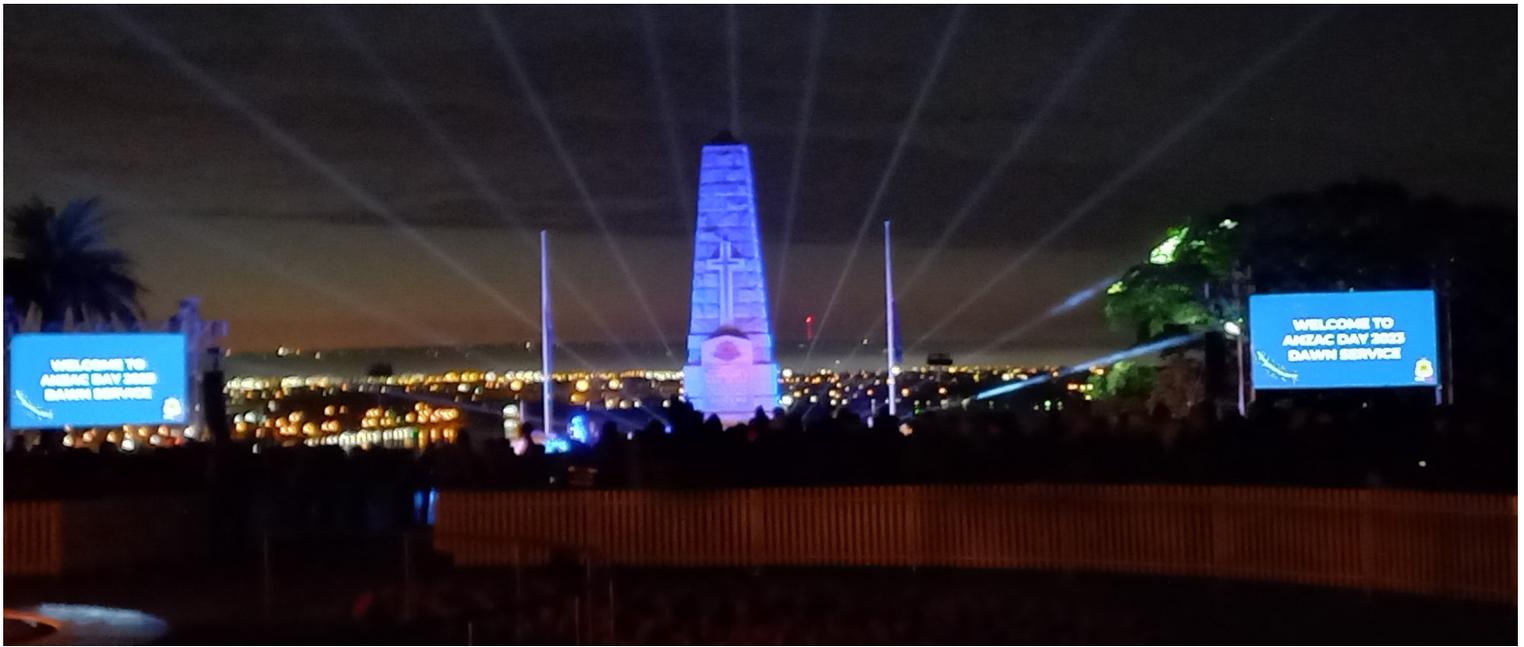
Our Patron Col Ken Ashman commanded the RAAC Corps packet with Vice President Colin Davies leading the RAACA contingent including black hats attending on the day. Thank you to those who could march, it is important Black Hats continue to support the Perth parade . As usual the Association was commended for their professional turn out on the day.

Thank you to the CO, Officers and soldiers of the Regiment who invited members of the Association to unit after the events of the morning. It was obvious a lot of effort had been put into the organisation of the event and it was good to see all enjoying the afternoon despite the heavy rain at times. The drill hall was a handy place between showers although determination shone through with the long queue standing in the rain seeking internal fluid intake.

To our Vietnam Veterans within and external to the Association we especially commemorate your participation in that conflict on this the 50th Anniversary year. Your contribution not only then but your support of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association over many years and your mate ship was and is very much appreciated.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

LEST WE FORGET



**OLD BOYS PARADE
DAWN SERVICE
AT KINGS PARK
DAWN SERVICE
BYFORD
PERTH MARCH**



If anyone took photos at the Old Boys Parade would appreciate if you could send to me please Editor



RAACA WA BITES

Nungarin and Merredin Museum W/E event

Committee members John Riley and Tony Beekwilder are working up the details of a proposed trip to the Museums located in Merredin and Nungarin. Rough outline at this stage travel to Merredin own or shared means visit Museum, shared Pub Meal, accommodation own selection in town. Breakfast at the Museum in Nungarin followed by visit. (Once a month on Sunday morning is the Nungarin markets and fair which is another option for the day)

Web Site Links

Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association WA Inc	www.raacawa.org.au
R AAC Corporation	www.raaccorpltd.org.au
DVA Veterans Support	www.dva.gov.au
Army Museum Western Australia	www.armymuseum.com.au

You may be interested in visiting the above sites

BLACK HAT COFFEE MORNINGS

Last Thursday of the month at the Dome 100 The Esplanade Mt Pleasant -Deepwater Point

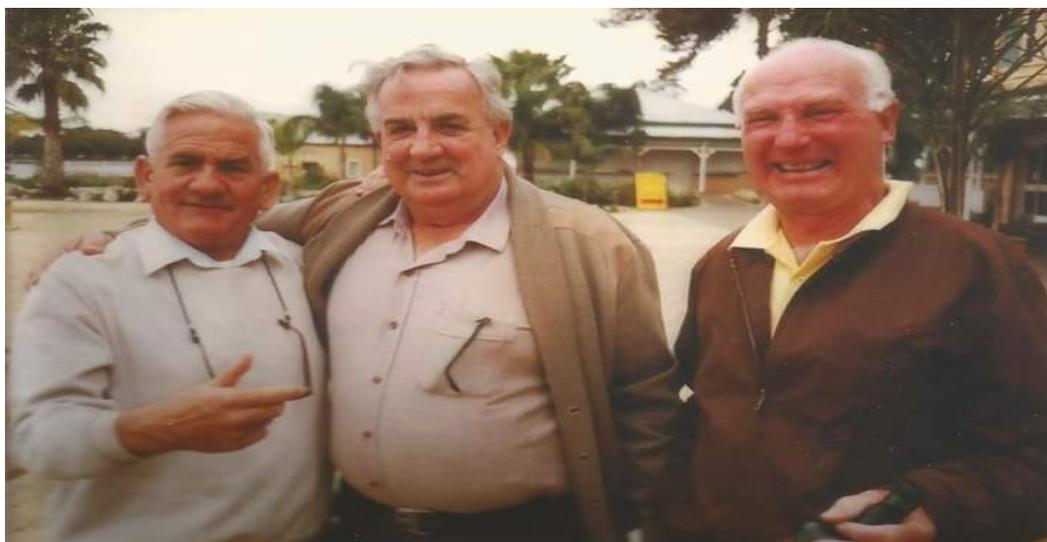
All past serving members of the CORPS or associated entities welcome to attend. Partners and friends welcome

10am to 12n 29th of June – 27th of July – August 31st

POLO SHIRTS

The committee is establishing what level of interest there is from members who wish to purchase a polo shirt with the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Western Australia logo. A separate information sheet has been sent to all members. Should you not have received one please advise the Treasurer John Dwyer at jadanne14@gmail.com or 0419694549

LT COL Tom Edmondson RSM Arthur King LT COL Ted White Tenth Light Horse Regiment



ACTIVITIES 2023 RAACA WA

Black Hat Coffee Mornings
Last Thursday of the Month
JUNE 29TH JULY 27TH

10am at the Dome Deepwater Point 100 the Esplanade Mt Pleasant
All black hats welcome no bookings just come along bring some memorabilia if you like

Committee Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the month 1pm
At Cambrai House Irwin Barracks
JULY 11TH AND AUGUST 8TH

Any member welcome please contact Secretary who will organise entry into the barracks

BBQ LUNCH
CAMBRAI HOUSE
23RD OF JULY
12 NOON
SAVE THE DATE DETAIL TO FOLLOW

TO BE ADVISED

Meriden and Nungarin Bus Trip inclusive of overnight stay

Merredin Military Museum
Nungarin Overnight Stay
Big Sunday Breakfast and Visit Nungarin Museum

ANZAC House Visit inclusive of Lunch at ANZAC Club
Wednesday 20th of September
Time to be advised

Sunday 26th of November
Cambrai Day Parade and Luncheon

Please note details of each event will be provided when developed