



**COMMENTARY NEWSLETTER**  
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**PRESIDENT BARRY CARSON**

Yes, it is hard to believe that we are already half-way through 2024!!!

Tuesday, 11 July saw 13 members attend a very pleasant association Luncheon at the Byford Country Club, those who attended for the first time there were pleasantly surprised by the meal quality and

size even if your order was for the pensioner smaller meal.

Recently the committee was saddened to hear that our long serving member, committee member, and current Secretary Mr Noel Moyes has retired from the secretary's role due to a medical condition.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation on behalf of all previous Presidents and committee members for his devoted duty to serving the interests of the association and its members. Thank you, Noel.

Our Black Hat morning coffee function continues to be attended on the 4th Thursday morning of each Month

And finally a quick reminder of our next social function - Xmas in July luncheon at 12.00 noon on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Herdsman Lake Hotel where we can all enjoy and swap our stories from past experiences.

**EVENTS**

JULY 9 – 1PM  
 Committee Cambridge House 1pm

JULY 25 10AM  
 Black Hat Coffee Morning Dome Deepwater point

JULY 28 – 12 Noon  
 Herdsman Hotel Christmas in July

P1 President  
 P2 Old Boys Art.  
 P3 ANZAC Art  
 P4 DVA ADVICE  
 P5  
 P6 Membership

**RAACA WA—CHRISTMAS IN JULY  
 HERDSMAN LAKE TAVERN  
 28TH OF JULY  
 COMMENCING MIDDAY**

**EXTENSIVE TAVERN LUNCHEON MENU  
 SENIOR MAIN MEALS AVAILABLE  
 TABLE SERVICE FOR MEALS AND DRINKS  
 PRIVATE ROOM  
 DOOR PRIZES**

**ALWAYS AND ENJOYABLE FUNCTION FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS**

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PHOTOGRAPHS FROM OLD BOYS PARADE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
(Reports in previous edition 2 of Commentary)





## ANZAC DAY PERTH MARCH

Our Patron BRIG Phil White flanked by Col Ken Ashman with President of RAACA WA MAJOR Barry Carson in leading the first packet of RAAC down St Georges Tce where a large crowd was in attendance. 1 ARMD and 3 CAV formed the other two packets. Earlier our President had placed a wreath at the Perth Dawn Service held at Kings Park Western Australian War Memorial on behalf of all serving and non serving members of the Corps.

Some members later attended a unit event at Irwin Barracks where current members organised Various events. Thank you to them and the CO for the invitation to attend.



VETERANS' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024  
Introduction into the Federal Parliament

We are pleased to let you know that earlier today the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024 was [introduced into Parliament](#).

This represents a significant milestone in responding to the Interim Report by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, which recommended that the Government simplify and harmonise the framework for veterans' rehabilitation, compensation and other entitlements. Your submissions have helped the Government to respond to the issues you told us are of most concern to you. Since consultation was undertaken in early 2024, the following changes have been made to the Bill:

- veterans in receipt of DRCA incapacity payments will automatically transition to MRCA incapacity payments on the date of commencement;
- where the Repatriation Medical Authority updates a Statement of Principles (SoP) between the veteran's primary and reviewable decision, the version of the SoP which is most beneficial to the veteran's circumstances will be applied; and
- introduction of an instrument making power that will enable the Commission to determine circumstances where a veteran must receive financial advice before receiving a lump sum payment.

The updated [Bill and Explanatory Memorandum](#) can be found on the Australian Parliament House website, as well as on DVA's website at [www.dva.gov.au/legislationreform](http://www.dva.gov.au/legislationreform). The materials to assist you in understanding the legislation are still available on the [DVA website](#), along with an updated information booklet.

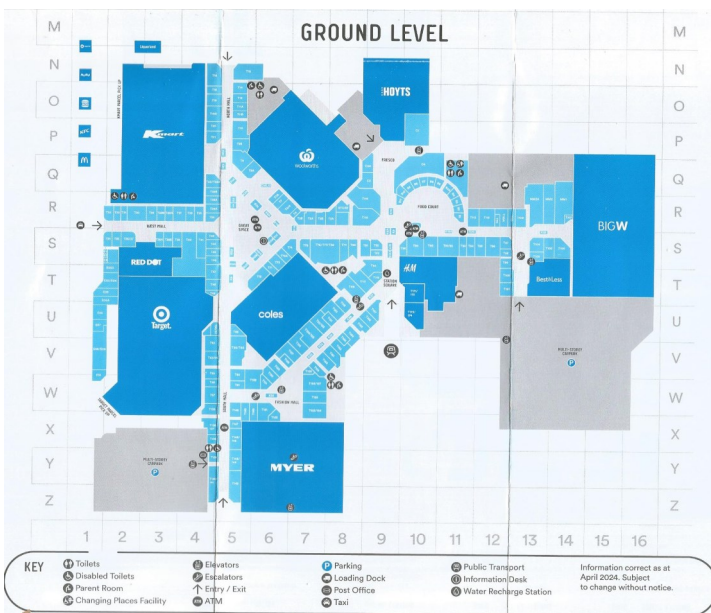
The Bill will now be subject to Parliamentary processes.  
Thank you again for your ongoing interest and engagement with this work.

Yours faithfully,  
Legislative Reform Branch  
Policy Division  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
[www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au)

## BLACK HAT COFFEE MORNING – CHANGED VENUE

THURSDAY THE 25TH OF JULY 10AM

JOONDALUP SHOPPING CENTRE FOOD HALL - MUFFIN BREAK



CAR PARKING – TRAIN STATION AT  
CENTRE = BUS HUB

Train and Bus Entry U9

Muffin Break R10

(If successful further options will be explored by the committee)

# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURED CORPS ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

## CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERSHIP - INFORMATION

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2024 subscription, some for following years also and to those who have made donations to the Association to help with costs in providing membership services. You may know of a black hat that would be interested in joining and for that reason the following information is provided. Please share with them. A membership application has also been included with this edition for your use if needed.

Our Association was formed in 1945 and is part of a national network with a current membership of 3000. Each RAAC ex-service organization is autonomous and operate under their own Constitutions. Our Association is a member of the RAAC Corporation a body representing all RAAC Ex Service Organisations throughout Australia. Membership covers all ex serving officers and soldiers of the RAAC and attached entities, for example RAEME. Many of our members have served with the 10LH Regiment being the local CORPS entity.

Membership activities focus on five main areas them being:

ANZAC commemoration services including the 10LH Old Boys Parade.

Cambrai parade and luncheon with partners and friends.

Black Hat socials held at our HQ Cambrai House located at 2 Little Gibraltar Rd Karrakatta (old married quarter area Irwin Barracks) or at other venues.

Special Association events

Occasional weekends away such as the visit to Nungarin and Merredin Museums late last year

Most of the above involve partners if they wish to attend. An activity sheet is produced each year indicating event detail and dates including the dates of our committee meetings which all members are welcome to attend.

The Association also produces the local publication Commentary on a bi-monthly basis to keep members informed of current activities and includes items of interest to those who have served in the RAAC. That publication plus any E-Newsletters and notices are also sent out when required. Members not on email receive a posted copy. The email medium provides timely and up to date information. Our Association also has a web site [raacawa.org.au](http://raacawa.org.au) where our history, copies of previous Commentaries and photos of social occasions reside. A national RAAC magazine "Ironsidess" is also produced for distribution to all our members. That magazine contains major articles and photographs concerning current and past activities of the Corps. The magazine is distributed to financial members in March of each year. Our membership services include the provision of advice in regard to DVA pensions and services should they be required.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSOCIATION W.A. Inc.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Other Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**(If Retired, Pre Retirement)**

Details of Military Service including serial number, rank on discharge or current rank, units with whom you served. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Name of your wife/partner \_\_\_\_\_

(Or next of kin if applicable with address and phone number)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name desired on Name Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name Plate is available for Wife/Partner at a cost of \$10.00

Wife/Partners name desired on Name Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Subscription \$ 40.00 Total \$50.00 (to be enclosed) and covers period 1 January to 31 December.

Joining Fee includes Corps Lapel badge, this badge always remains the property of the RAACA WA and if resigning must be returned

Remitted \$40 or \$50 if Nameplate required for Partner (please tick one)

I hereby apply to join the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association WA Inc and in doing so pledge to promote the objectives of the Association, maintain the spirit, comradeship and tradition of the Corps and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Association in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.