



COMMENTARY NEWSLETTER
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SAVE THE DATE

May 29th Black Hat
Coffee Morning
Joondalup Centre

July 20th Black Hat
Christmas in July
Luncheon Mt Hen-
ry Tavern 12 Noon

Aug 7th. Old Boys
Parade Kings Park
10LH Memorial
Kings Park 10.30am



PRESIDENT BARRY CARSON

Thank you to those attending the various events associated with ANZAC Day. The Association was represented at the Kings Park dawn service and my thanks to the Secretary for representing me and to Bill Robertson for battling the challenges of entry into the park to provide coffee plus.

In regard to the ANZAC Day Perth March the committee has undertaken a review with the intent of Black Hats marching as one at the 2026 event. My thanks for the initial suggestion and research by members Kingsley McGuire and John Sanderson.

Our Association has been linked to the Hinton Scholarship Trust administered by our Victorian counter parts for many years. That trust has provided an opportunity for support of members children in primary education. With the establishment of COL John Haynes Trust (information page 2) and the primary purpose of Hinton achieved we are supporting the closure of the Hinton Trust and the transfer of funds to the COL John Haynes Trust.

A black hat luncheon has been organised in July at the Mt. Henry Tavern (private room). Details are in this bulletin. On May 29 the Black Hat coffee morning will be North of the River at Joondalup Shopping Centre.

National issues affecting serving and ex serving members of the Corps continue to be pursued through our membership of the RAAC Corporation, a small but very effective national representational group ably chaired by Noel McLaughlin OAM MBA.

Finally we are pursuing funds to assist with the Cambrai Grounds upkeep through the ANZAC Trust.

COLONEL JOHN HAYNES TRUST

Website: Haynestrust.org

The RAACA NSW Colonel John Haynes Trust is now established and has provided the first grants to serving and former serving RAAC personnel or their family members in November/December 2024. 2024 was the first year in which the Trust was operational and the Trustees used this inaugural year as somewhat of a test-run.

The haynestrust.org website was published during 2024 and has been proven to be a stable and confidential site through which to obtain information and to communicate with the Trustees via the contact details or by obtaining access to application forms, for either education or development purposes or for welfare support.

In our first year of operation, five grants in the order of \$3000-\$4000 each were provided for education or personal development, and one grant was provided for welfare support to a serviceman's widow.

Trustees are now asking serving or former-serving RAAC personnel, Regular Army, Reserve or National Service, and their relatives for two generations, and their step-children, spouses, widows and widowers to see if the Colonel John Haynes Trust may be able to support them.

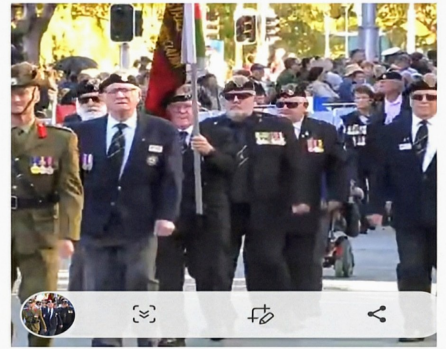
All details are provided in the haynestrust.org website, including details on how to seek information through a contact portal.

Applications for education and development open on 1 July 2025 for allocation of funds for calendar year 2026. See the website for details.

Applications for welfare support will be assessed as they are received, so please access the website for information.

The Colonel John Haynes Trust was created on John's bequest to help the RAAC Community, so please reach out – the Trust is here to help.

Keith Schollum
Chairman





Members Ian Goodall, John Martin, Dick Jones, Tania Wells, David Veenstra and Stephen Jones after the Perth AN-ZAC DAY parade.

At the Grosvenor courtesy of member Adam Barnard's Spinifex Brewing



The Association was represented at the Perth Dawn Service at the State War Memorial and after that event members laid a wreath at the 10LH memorial followed by Coffee Plus thanks to member Bill Robertson



VALE JAMES EDWARD WALLIS

Jim Wallace served in the Regiment working through the ranks and was LT TP LDR 2 TP B SQN in 1963 when he left to form his own business Wallis Drilling in partnership with his father still a major player in the mining industry today. In later years he became involved as a volunteer in the Whiteman Park Conservation, Recreation and Education Parl with the focus on rail and tram. James was an active member of the Association attending a number of

events over the years.



Mr Phillip White AM RFD BRIG (Ret'd)

Patron of the Association

Now happily retired, Brigadier Phillip (Phil) White has had two parallel careers, one in the military (Army Reserve) and the other in education.

After graduating from officer training in 1977 Phil was posted to 'A' Squadron 10 Light Horse which he commanded from 1991-1993. After numerous staff and training appointments from 1998 - 2001 he was Commanding Officer of the Western Australian University Regiment before serving as Commandant of the Land Warfare

Centre-WA from 2003 -2006. For this service Phil was recognised in the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours list where he was appointed as a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia for "exceptional services in the fields of leadership and training as CO WAUR and Commandant at LWC-WA". From 2007 - 2008 Phil commanded the WA based 13 Brigade before retiring in January 2011.

To Phil's great delight he was appointed as the Honorary Colonel of the 10th Light Horse Regiment (the 'famous 10th') on 1 July 2011 - a position he still holds. In addition to being a Trustee of the RSLWA, Phil is also Patron of the WA Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association and the WA Light Horse Organisation. As well as military and leadership themed speaking events, for many years now Phil has been proud to speak at annual school, RSL and community-based ANZAC services in the weeks surrounding ANZAC Day.

In civilian life, Phil holds a master's degree in educational management, a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Graduate Diploma of Education. At the end of 2021, after 45 years of service, he retired as the Principal of Melville Senior High School but was recalled to duty in January 2022 as the Deputy Incident Manager (Schools) in the WA Education Department's COVID-19 Incident Management Team, a position he held until June 2022. Phil is married to Carol White who, after retiring as the Principal of Ashdale Secondary College now runs a part time (but busy) consultancy in educational leadership. Together they have three adult children and three beautiful grandsons. Besides mountain bike riding, Phil rides a road bike and for the fun of it regularly tackles the high mountain passes of the Pyrenees, the French Alps and the Dolomites in Italy.

M1A2 SEPv3 ABRAMS TANK

The **2nd Cavalry Regiment (2 CAV)** of the **Australian Army** has recently expanded its armoured capabilities with the activation of a **second squadron of M1A2 SEPv3 Abrams tanks**. This marks a significant milestone in Australia's **armoured warfare strategy**, strengthening its heavy armour presence in **Townsville, Queensland**.

The **M1A2 SEPv3 Abrams** – also known as **M1A2C** – is the most advanced variant of the **Abrams main battle tank**, featuring:

- **Upgraded armour systems** for enhanced survivability.
- **Improved firepower**, including an **Ammunition Data Link (ADL)** for advanced programmable munitions.
- **Next-generation digital connectivity**, allowing seamless battlefield communication.
- **Independent Thermal Viewer (ITV)** for true hunter-killer capability.
- **Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station (CROWS)** for increased crew protection.



The **2nd Cavalry Regiment (2 CAV)** is an **armoured cavalry regiment** of the **Australian Army**. It was originally formed in **1965** as the **1st Cavalry Regiment**, but was later renamed to **2nd Cavalry Regiment** in **1970** to differentiate it from the **1st Armoured Regiment**. The regiment is currently based in **Townsville, Queensland**, and is part of the **3rd Brig**

Australia's Army Boosts Armoured Power with Activation of Second U.S.-made M1A2 SEPv3 Tank Squadron.

On April 23, 2025, the Australian Army's 2nd Cavalry Regiment (2 CAV) celebrated a pivotal milestone in its modernisation and structural reform efforts with the official inauguration of D Squadron during a formal ceremony held at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, Queensland. This newly raised squadron is notably the first and only unit in the Australian Defence Force to operate the U.S.-made [M1A2 SEPv3](#) Abrams main battle tank – currently the most advanced and lethal armored vehicle fielded by the Australian Army

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

Annual Subscription \$ 40.00 per annum

WIFE/PARTNER/OTHER:

Name of your wife/partner/other _____

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

Home Phone Number: _____ Business: _____

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Name desired on Name Plate _____

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

Wife/Partner/others name desired on Name Plate _____

Nominated By: _____

Joining Fee includes 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 Wife/Partner/Other (please tick one)

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