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Doug Pammenter is RETIRING

All Doug's friends and colleagues are invited to his Farewell Function

From 12 noon onwards,
Saturday 25th Feb 2017
Warradale Officers and
Sergeants Mess

BBQ meal (\$5pp)
All welcome

RSVP to SGT Ian Starrick
istarrick@bigpond.com
or 0419 035 457

RSVP 16 Feb 2017
Hope to see you all there



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2017. I am hopeful that we have all survived the tempo of Christmas and New Year and also survived the South Australian weather which has been all over the place for the past few months.

I trust this newsletter finds you well and in good health. As always it seems only a few weeks ago that we were celebrating our Corps Birthday and thinking about Christmas.

2016 finished up with another great day celebrating our Corps Birthday as an Association. The turnout was quite good and those who attended certainly enjoyed the afternoon. It was also an opportunity for Honorary Colonel; Colonel Cocker to announce the recipients of the Association sponsored Soldier of the Year Awards. More details on the winners is contained in this newsletter.

The AGM was held prior to the Corps Birthday BBQ and I can confirm that there are no changes to the committee. Once again the roles up for re-election were not opposed, therefore the same people remain in place. As always we would welcome new members to the committee as fresh ideas will make for positive change and perhaps provide new opportunities for the Association. The committee remains committed to the wellbeing and future viability of the Association and I thank all involved for their dedication.

This year we welcome Major Dan Irwin to South Australia as the Senior RAEME Representative. Dan is posted in as BC Support Battery, 16 ALR at Woodside Barracks and takes over from Major Brendan Matthews. I would like to thank Brendan for the support he provided to the Association while he was in the role.

This year will see many celebrations held across Australia to recognise RAEME 75th Birthday. Head of Corps Cell and the Corps Committee are providing the Corps associations opportunity to seek funding in order to support suitable Birthday celebrations. Our committee will discuss what we can do in the way of events and I am sure we will combine with the SA based RAEME units to make it a birthday to remember.

Last year we acknowledged the achievement of Association member, WO2 Doug Pammenter who reached 50 years of service in the ADF. This month Doug will complete his service and be officially retiring and hanging up his uniform for the last time. To acknowledge Doug's retirement, there is a function being hosted by Workshop Coy 9 CSSB on Saturday 25th Feb. The Association is helping with this event and details are in this newsletter.

The other activities for the year will be similar to those in the past with the ANZAC function being the first association function on the agenda for the year. Full details are in this newsletter. ANZAC Day itself will see us depart from Grenfell St as per recent years. Full details on timings will also be advised as they become available.

We have also started planning a combined logistics Corps Associations dinner. The RACT Association has booked the Marion Sports Club for the function which is to be held on Saturday 3rd June. I have confirmed interest from the RAAOC Association also, so I am hopeful we can get a lot of members attending and have another great dinner. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to get together with other associations and compare notes, trade war stories and generally have a good time.

I look forward to catching up with as many members as possible during the year and wish everyone all the very best for 2017.

Arte et Marte
Richard Moyses
President



Congratulations



AEME/ RAEME Association's 2016 Soldiers of the Year

The winners of the 'AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc' Soldier of the Year Awards were:

ARA - CFN James Colefax, CSS Battery 16 ALR

GRES – CFN Ian George, Wksp Coy 9 CSSB

Unfortunately neither of the recipients was available to receive their awards at the Birthday Function so they will be presented a suitable unit activity hopefully when the COLCOMDT is present and able to make the presentations.

AEME/ RAEME Association's 2016 Cadet Award

The winner of the 'AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc' trophy for "Best Overall Performance" for 2016 was:

Cadet Under Officer Alexander Von Der Borch

His award was presented by LTCOL (ACC) Don Harvy who is also the Secretary of our Association and the initiator of the perpetual award. See Page 11 for more details.

AEME/RAEME Association of SA

DIARY DATES 2017

Activity/Function

Date

- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 16 th February
- Doug Pammenter's Farewell (Warradale)	Saturday 25 th February
- RAEME Luncheon (Avoca Hotel)	Tuesday 7 th March
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 th April
- 2017 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion - Warradale	Saturday 22 nd April
- 2017 ANZAC Day March	Tuesday 25 th April
- Logistic's Corps Combined Dinner	Saturday 3 rd June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 th June
- 2017 RAEME Formal Dinner	TBA
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 th August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 5 th September
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 19 th October
- RAEME All Ranks Dinner (Mixed)	TBC
- Annual General Meeting	Sunday 3 rd December
- RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 3 rd December

Allied Military Association Functions

- Defence Reserves Association of SA - AGM	TBA
- Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See March/April edition)	Wednesday 24 th May



NONE REPORTED in SA



Reported from the Victorian and Queensland Associations:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEIGHT, Ron 'Gomer' (27th Intake VM) passed away 9th August 2016. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEWIS, David Raymond (National Serviceman), served with 17 Const Coy Wksps passed away 30th August 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUNNINGHAM, Alby OAM, 102 Fd Wksps passed away 22 December • BASSETT, Peter Raymond, 1 Armd Regt LAD passed away 15th January 2017 |
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VALE – Lest We Forget

Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal??????

Fee payment can be made to Bob Matthew (8272 7472).

The Army Museum of SA needs RAEME assistance.



Check out the website <http://www.amosa.org.au>

There are a number of RAEME soldiers (both serving and retired) involved at the museum already in a variety of roles. As a group they have identified that the Army Museum is lacking a specific display relating to RAEME.

After much discussion, the curator has agreed to allow us a small area in a special activities display cabinet to show how the Logistic Corps are an integral part of war.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH A GOOD KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF RAEME TO COORDINATE THIS FIRST DISPLAY AND START COLLECTING SUITABLE ITEMS AND MEMORABILIA FOR A FUTURE LARGER DISPLAY RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO RAEME.

One of our volunteers ex-WO2 John Black was on holidays in Canada and came back enthused about an Artificer's Display he saw in one of their military museums which showed the very early days of trade support to the army and he thinks we should be able to do better.



2nd REQUEST CAN YOU HELP

Artificer's Shop

Workshops such as this were essential to the continued operations at Fort George. Located far from major supply centres, Fort George depended on supplies shipped from Quebec along the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Most military items were actually shipped from Britain. During the War of 1812, the American army and navy were sometimes able to cut off the vulnerable supply line or capture supplies destined for Fort George and other British posts farther west.

Artificers manufactured and repaired all manner of objects required by the garrison. The blacksmiths, wheelwrights, coopers, tailors, tinsmiths, bricklayers, glaziers, and labourers required were found in the ranks of the enlisted soldiers, supplemented by locally hired tradespeople. At Fort George, most of the workshops were located on the Niagara River, near Navy Hall.

In 1812, a military hospital was located near this spot.

**IT IS IMPORTANT WE ARE REPRESENTED AS WITHOUT US THEY COULD
NOT HAVE FOUGHT THEIR BATTLES**

CAN YOU HELP

Contact :

Greg Rosser Mobile - 0423 715 464 or
CAPT Wayne Birch Email - wayne.birch@defence.gov.au



Coming Activities

2017 RAEME ANZAC FUNCTION

Approval is being requested for our Association to conduct the 2017 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the **Warradale Area Officers and SNCOs Mess**. It is proposed to hold the function on **Saturday 22nd April** commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year with a BBQ meal followed by a "Remembrance Ceremony" at 9:00pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and tell more "TALL Stories". A great evening was enjoyed by all last year and the committee is working very hard to make sure the 2017 function is even better than previous ANZAC reunions.

An Invitation with all the details is included with this Newsletter and will be repeated in the March/April Newsletter.

Mark the 22nd April in your diary now and plan to be there!!!

2017 ANZAC DAY MARCH

This year the march will be held on Tuesday 25th April and the organisers are promising "good weather". Regardless of the weather we all share a great bond as we march and then enjoy a drink afterwards



The Association will be providing relevant information to the RSL regarding our participation in the march and we have been in contact with the march organisers who have said there are likely to be some changes to groupings and start point locations this year.

Full details will be available on the RSL Website (www.rslsa.org.au) and in "The Signal" magazine.

ANZAC March details will also be included in the March/April Newsletter.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Committee of Management Meetings are held at Warradale on 3rd Thursday of every second month. **All members are welcome to attend.** Committee of Management Meetings are held in February, April, June, August and October in one of the **Conference Rooms at Warradale**. Please **confirm location if attending**.

Meetings commence at 6:00pm

The committee is always seeking your input.

RAEME LUNCHEON

The RAEME Luncheon get-togethers are held twice a year on the first Tuesday in March

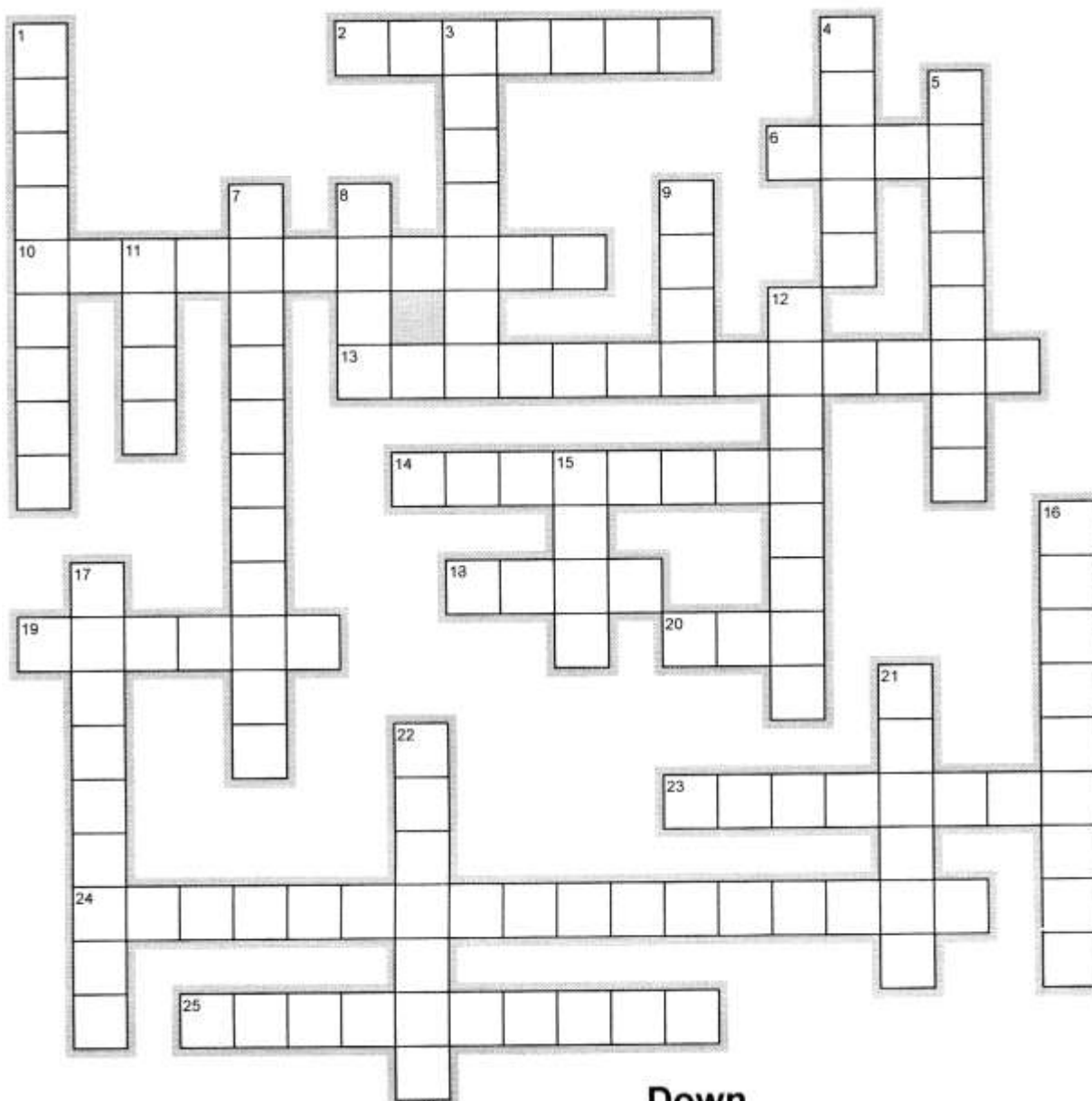
and September. They are open to all serving and ex-serving AEME and RAEME personnel and are now being held at the **AVOCA Hotel** 893 South Rd, Clarence Gardens at 12:00pm. This Luncheon is being organised by Bob Killoran.



If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob by phone on 0412 060 315 by the Friday before the luncheon so they can let the pub know how many to cater for. If you know of others who spent time with AEME or RAEME, please let them know or bring them along.

RAEME CROSSWORD

How well can you do



Across

- 2. BULL FIGHTER
- 6. BURDEN
- 10. BUILDING FR CELESTIAL OBSERVATIONS
- 13. TINY COUNTRY IN EUROPE
- 14. AIRCRAFT BODY
- 18. JETTY
- 19. SHORT SIGHTED
- 20. LION
- 23. FRENCH FOR SNAIL
- 24. ZERO DEGREES LONGITUDE
- 25. EARLY NAME FOR DARWIN

Down

- 1. UK "FERRIS WHEEL"
- 3. CAPITOL OF LIBYA
- 4. POSSESSED
- 5. TRELLISED TREES
- 7. GREEN APPLE
- 8. BRITISH NOBLEMAN
- 9. VULGAR
- 11. WISE OLD MAN
- 12. "BOMBERS"
- 15. URN FOR WATER
- 16. SEDIMENTARY ROCK
- 17. JEWISH TEMPLE
- 21. SCOTTISH PATTERN
- 22. MINISTERIAL ASSEMBLY

*Thanks to Geoff Parker for organising this,
there will be another one next edition*

Answers on page 13



ASSOCIATION



RAEME BIRTHDAY FUNCTION



The 74th RAEME Corps Birthday was celebrated by Central Region RAEME personnel at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 4th December (following the AGM). As always this was an excellent function which was well attended. It was fantastic to see so many RAEME and REME members and their families attend and enjoy the function.

A number of members of the REME Association travelled to Warradale Barracks to join us for the function. We certainly appreciate the great relationship that exists between the two Associations.

Our COLCOMDT, COL David Cocker giving his RAEME report



From Left, our President MAJ Richard Moyses, Juris Jaudzems and our Membership Coordinator Bob Matthew.

The AEME/RAEME Association of SA "Soldier of the Year" winners for 2016 were as follows:

- ARA "Soldier of the Year" award went to **CFN James COLEFAX**, CSS Battery 16 ALR
- GRes "Soldier of the Year" award went to **CFN Ian GEORGE**, Wksp Coy 9 CSSB

Unfortunately neither recipient was able to be present at the Birthday function. They have been or will be presented with their awards at a suitable parade or other activity.

The RAEME Birthday Cake was again the highlight of the function.



Raffle Prizes galore.



As always, it was a great activity to catch up with old RAEME friends and fellow soldiers. The raffles proved very popular with what seemed like almost prizes for everyone.

Our congratulations and thanks go to the organizers and the many helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the function such a success.

Who do you recognise?



Our Merchandising
Coordinator Bob
Killoran and some of his
merchandise.





FEDERATION STAR



WOW - How many soldiers do you know that have served in the army for 40 years?

Do you realise that in South Australia at least 3 RAEME soldiers have achieved this status. The three members are all members of our Association and they are.

- WO2 Doug Pammenter - 3 Stars (50 years)
- WO2 Grant Kuchel - 2 Stars (45 years)
- CAPT Wayne Birch - 1 Star (40 years)

We comprehensively covered Doug's service in the Aug 16 Newsletter, but in November 2016 a presentation in the Officers and Sergeant's Mess at Keswick Barracks resulted in Grant and Wayne also receiving their Federation Stars.

We intend to cover the service details of these 2 members in future editions. If you meet them please congratulate them on their wonderful achievements.

Do you know of any other RAEME soldiers who have reached this remarkable achievement? Let the editor know so we can include them in this exclusive group coverage.

Background

The Defence Long Service Medal is awarded to a member who has, on or after 14 February 1975, completed 15 years qualifying remunerated service in the Australian Defence Force. This includes efficient service in Permanent and Reserve Forces. Clasps are awarded for each further periods of five years efficient service

The first four clasps to the medal are indicated by rosettes. After 40 years service the clasps are replaced by a single silver Federation Star instead of a fifth clasp. Additional Federation Star emblems are added for each subsequent 5 years of service.



L-R CAPT Wayne Birch, WO2 Doug Pammenter, WO2 Grant Kuchel

Port Vincent Holiday House



- 200km and just 2 hours away from Adelaide is a four bedroom holiday house
- It accommodates 8 persons in 4 bedrooms
- 2 double beds & 4 single beds
- All you need to take is your linen, food & whatever you drink
- The town has a Hotel, IGA, Butcher, Ice Cream Parlour, Hardware, Sports Store & General Store
- 2 Petrol Stations & auto-gas is available
- The Marina is available for boat mooring, launching & retrieval
- For further information call Trevor or Lyn on (08) 8853 7191, 0428 851 139 or 0422 162 204

Spanner Pack Update



Some thankful recipients of OUR Spanner Packs

From Ray Norman

The Corps of RAEME at any one time has a number of soldiers who are serving on operations and other areas on overseas deployment. The RAEME Associations, with your assistance, sends Spanner Packs (not tools) to our Corps. These packs contain items not supplied by Defence or locally available, which will assist our soldiers to live more comfortably and enjoy some of those favourite things they miss from home. To date over 3908 packs have been provided to soldiers on deployment.

We have surveyed many of our recently returned soldiers and those about to leave for overseas and we are in the process of putting together lists of favourite items most preferred by the soldiers. Some of these favourite items are food (Vegemite, biscuits and lollies), magazines, packs of cards, hygiene items, games etc. This project is not state, trade or Unit specific and it is hoped that every soldier will receive at least one pack on each rotation deployment/posting overseas.

You can assist us by individual financial donation, becoming a commercial sponsor with appropriate product and/or dollars, putting us in touch with other possible sponsors that you know would be willing to assist us in this very important Corps project. We are always open to suggestions and assistance. We are sure that all of our members and contacts will be very willing to assist in some positive way. We are also sure that all returned soldiers will know the importance of this project "Operation Spanner Pack", and will support this worthy project.

More information can be obtained from the President RNA via www.raeme.org.au contact us page. The more we receive the more our soldiers will benefit. We have no end date for this project. However, when that day comes, any funds not expended will be held by

the RAEME National Association (RNA) and used for the benefit of all members of the RNA, past and present.

Contact details:

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Spanner Pack Coordinator

rgnorman1944@gmail.com

RAEME National Association (RNA).



A great effort by all. Ed

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43 ARMY CADET UNIT (WARRADALE)

Our Association has agreed to continue supporting the Warradale cadet unit again in 2017. The funds are used to help support the cadets in attending field activities and other military activities.

As part of our sponsorship the Association also set up a Perpetual Trophy which is awarded for the "Best Overall Performance" and is presented to the best cadet within the unit.

The recipient for the 2016 Trophy was cadet Under Officer Alexander Von Der Borch. He is in his final year as a cadet at present. He turns 20 years of age in May 2017 and therefore must leave the cadet system. He can if he wishes reapply to be appointed as Adult Cadet Staff. He attended Mercedes College gaining his year 12 certificate and wishes to complete University studies. He stated that his intention was to consider a career either part or full time with the ADF in the future but at present is concentrating on university studies.



Presentation to Cadet Under Officer Alexander Von Der Borch by LTCOL (ACC) Don Harvy

Crossword Results



Hope you got them all correct. Thanks again Geoff

Some People "Do Have 'em"

1. Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" I replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply. "So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

2. I was checking out at the local supermarket with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those "dividers" that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the "divider," looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code she said to me, "Do you know how much this is?"

I said to her "I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today." She said "OK," and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.

3. I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car. "Do you need some help?" I asked. She replied, "I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenience store) would have a battery to fit this?"

"Hmmm, I dunno. Do you have an alarm, too?" I asked. "No, just this remote thingy," she answered, handing it and the car keys to me. As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, "Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk."

4. Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?"

"Just use copier machine paper," the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five "blank" copies.

5. A mother called 000 very worried asking the dispatcher if she needs to take her kid to the emergency room, the kid was eating ants. The dispatcher tells her to give the kid some Benadryl and should be fine, the mother says, I just gave him some ant killer.....

Dispatcher: Rush him in to emergency

"Life is tough. It's tougher if you're stupid."

MEMBERSHIP

Subs are due on 1 July in the year your membership is current until. If the date on your membership card (and the list below) shows 2016, (or before) then your subs are due NOW

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years eg \$50 for five years.

All subs are to be forwarded to the Membership Member, Bob Matthew (40 Ashbourne Ave KINGSWOOD SA 5062). Please provide details of your date of birth if you wish to claim the free "over 75 year rule" membership.

Remember not to send cash through the post as we have cases of this going missing with Australia Post.

According to the records, the following persons are financial members of the Association:

Honorary Life Members

Mike Culley, Eddy Kaminski, Bob Killoran, Grant Kuchel, David Turner and Greg Rosser.

Current Members

Wally Ade (2015), Milton Ahrens (2023), Frank Aldous (Over 75), Kurt Andersen (2016), Heath Arblaster (2013), Graham Arthy (2014), Joe Barton (Over 75), Paul Berk (2017), Wayne Birch (2018), John Black (2016), Helmut Bohn (2013), David Brand (2025), Kent Brown (2019), Shane Buckley (2017), Robert Butler (2017), Trevor Clerke (2020), Geoff Coat (2018), Brian Cogan (2016), Don Collins (2020), George Cooke (2016), Phillip Coppin (2017), John Corkran (Over 75), Ian Coulter (Over 75), Brian Cowell (2020), Peter Cox (2020), George Craig (2014), Bob Davis (2021), Chris Duffield (2017), Nick Ebbs (2014), Len Edwards (2008), Mick Ellis (2014), Kym Everett (2013), Andrew Ferguson (2016), Jim Fisher (2013), Brian Flavel (2019), Rodney Fletcher (2014), Jan Gancarz (2025), Charlie Gauci (2015), Bob Gell (2018), Nick Gogilis (Over 75), Steve Gough (2015), Tony Gow (2015), Stephen Green (2018), Robert Hansford (2013), Don Harvy (2020), Anthony Harriden (2021), Arthur Hasse (2013), Norm Hay (Over 75), Greg Hay (2015), Colin Haynes (2019), Tony Hinton (2017), Brian Holmes (2020), John Howard (2017), Gary Howell (2018), Rodney Hussey (2013), Graham Janz (2021), Juris Jaudzems (2019), Ian Jeisman (2015), Jeff Johns (2016), Lindsay Johnson (2013), Mark Johnson (2015), Kain Neale (2017), Eric Kelly (2021), Bob King (Over 75), Geoff Kohler (2020), Colin Kuchel (2014), Alf Lee (2019), Warrick Lee (2021), Adam Leer (2013), Lou Leeuwrik (2021), Greg Lowe (2023), Chris Macintosh (2036), Steve Maher (2008), Alan Marks (Over 75), Trevor Martin (2016), Bob Matthew (2017), Bob Mathews (2017), Fred McInerney (2020), Buzz Meakes (2020), Jake Meaney (2016), Terry Monten (2017), Ian Moody (2016), Ron Moran (2022), Richard Moyses (2016),

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Associate Members

Marg Culley (2018), Pam Gaskin (2016), Anne-Michelle Howell (2021), Christine Kuchel (2017), Joan Lorraine (Over 75).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please inform the Secretary, Bob Matthew, or a member of the Committee of Management of any change of postal address or email address. Please note changes in the Committee – including contact detail changes.

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