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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A most successful A.G.M. was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October with 51 present after which most people stayed for a B.B.Q. lunch.

At this meeting Max Moore was nominated and seconded for life membership, this was carried unanimously and I had great pleasure in presenting Max with his certificate and medallion.

Everybody knows how much time and effort he has put into our Association. Well done Max a most deserved award.



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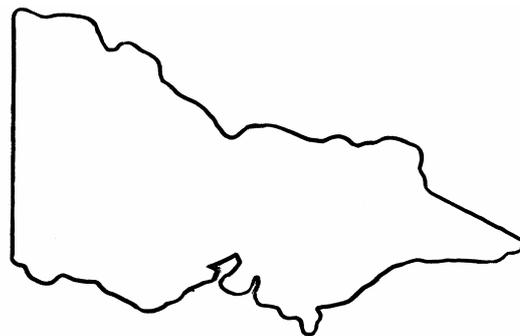
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**ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION**

This magazine is produced by the members, for the members, and is not to be solely one-way communication.

How do you find out what is happening in and around the RAEME ASSOCIATION, or in fact RAEME? through 'The LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.

**DISCLAIMER** The views and articles expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the policy and views, official or otherwise, of this Association.

*(President's Report – Continued from Page 1)*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October last, several members attended the official opening of the new Multi User Depot at Dandenong by GEN. Peter Haddad. This freshly built Barracks has the latest facilities and equipment and is occupied by a Battery of 2/10 artillery 310 Cadet Unit and 3 Recovery Coy. The workshop equipment would make any workshop manager jealous and there is a large training area for Recovery personal behind the Barracks area.

After lunch there was a demonstration of a Land Rover being righted using the new Benz 6x6 Medium Recovery Vehicle a "great piece of kit." There were several static displays the most impressive to me was the field lifting equipment, able to lift a Mack Recovery Vehicle (over 16 Tonne) 6 feet in the air with the aid of three phase power, and, after fitting safety stands one is able to work under the vehicle.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2002 @ 1030 Hrs we will observe Armistices Day and this year the service will be conducted by R.A.A.O.C. Association after which there will be light refreshments.

May I commend the coming social events to you all and trust we will see a number of members present.

Arte et Marte

*Peter Cartledge  
President*

#### EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE, 2003

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**Committee - 2003**

(L → R) Robert Hudson, Max Moore, Ron Clifford (Secretary), Peter Cartledge (President), Reg Cox (Welfare Officer), Gus Allen (Vice President), Bruce Doolan, Roma Cox (Treasurer), Barry Ridgway, Ross Hope (Provincial Reps Coordinator). *Not in photo: Aranka Illia (Assistant Treasurer), Robert Hunter*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

One of the best things that can happen to any Committee is praise for what they do, especially in relation to newsletters and I'm pleased to say, this comes in regular letters from the Tasmanian AEME/RAEME Association.

More feed back from members or affiliates on the content would be gladly accepted. The AGM and get together afterwards on the 25 August turned out successful, thanks to the same dedicated 45 (not bad out of a membership of 245).

The previous Committee re-nominated (thank goodness) and were all re-elected as there were no other nominations. One vacancy on the committee has been filled by currently serving Major Robert Hudson. Welcome aboard Rob. We already had 3 on the Committee with the initials RC now we have 3 RH's. (See Committee list). I think it is worthwhile at this time to remind everyone of the Associations Purposes, they are briefly, to preserve memories, maintain fellowship, take an active and intelligent interest, establish and maintain social activities and information and strengthen the Corps through encouragement and moral support.

Without your input the RAEME and the Association will become a haze on the horizon.

Any returned serviceman who would like a Certificate of Appreciation for their service can apply for same to their Local Member of Parliament; All Gold and White card holders are reminded that you must have a referral from your OP before you can see a specialist.

If anyone has concerns about paying for visits to your UP, DVA have stated that to date, of the doctors that made the commitment to charge only the scheduled fee, only two doctors and one specialist have opted out of the agreement.

The preliminary assembly areas and step off times for ANZAC day 2003 have been produced by the RSL, ANZAC day Commemorative committee. Your input is needed if you have any concerns; please let me know ASAP so we can respond to the RSL. *(see map rear of address label)*

The Australian Army's School of Armour with the RAAC Memorial and Tank Museum at Puckapunyal will be celebrating the History of Armour from 1927 to 1948. Veterans of any Armoured unit formed during this period are most welcome to this event on the 22 and 23 February 2003. If you have not been to Pucka in recent years and seen the display, it would be a worthwhile visit at this time to see the changes. Please take note of the Privacy Notice attached and respond if you have any concerns.

**MEMBERS, DON'T FORGET:**

**RAEME 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER, FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER  
2002**

**AT THE EAST MALVERN RSL**

**BE PART OF THIS  
HISTORIC OCCASION!**

**THE RAEME ASSOCIATION VICTORIA  
INCORPORATED**

**PRIVACY NOTICE**

### **Introduction**

This notice includes the RAEME Association Vic Inc. and Subcommittees of the Association

### **Collection of Personal Information**

As from the 21 December 2001, the Privacy Act Amendment 2000 (Private Sector) amends the Privacy Act 1988 and requires organizations to make their information privacy policies readily available.

The RAEME Association Vic. Inc. collects personal information on our members and maintains a database to better assist in the delivery of support and other services, which it provides in accordance with the charter of the Association.

It is the Associations policy to ensure that only relevant information is collected.

Some information is collected to assist the Association with internal management and for promoting the Corps, planning and organizing reunions and Social activities.

Information is stored securely and is only accessed by authorized personnel.

### **Use of the Information**

Your information is held in strict confidence. The Association maintains a simple database under the control of the Membership Officer and will only use the personal information for the purpose of planning activities, promoting the Corps, organizing reunions and other social activities. It may be used for other secondary purposes, which include:  
providing address details to other members of the Association trying to find old friends.  
to assist in the raising of funds for the Association.

The only personnel authorised to provide personal information to appropriate individuals and authorities is the Executive Committee and Membership Officer.

### **Disclosure of Information**

Your personal information is only disclosed for purposes related to the reasons for which it was collected or for purposes consistent with your expectations. We will only disclose personal information for another purpose with your consent or if the law allows us to do so.

There are exceptional circumstances under the Privacy Act where we are permitted to disclose information without your consent.

These include:  
where there are reasonable grounds to believe that disclosure is necessary to prevent a threat to health or life, or  
the disclosure is authorized by law or reasons necessary to enforce the law.

### **Accuracy of Information**

As explained above, you have the right to access our records to determine what personal information is held about you.

If you think that any information, the Association holds is inaccurate, then please contact the Membership Officer in writing, who will take steps to ensure that it is corrected.

### **Security**

To protect your confidential information, the Association maintains physical, electronic and other safeguards to comply with professional standards and the requirement of the PRIVACY ACT.

Unfortunately, no data transmission over the internet can be guaranteed to be secure. If you are sending us any sensitive information, including your email address, then it is sent at the individuals risk.

### **Complaints**

If you have any concerns or complaints, please contact the President of the Association in writing to:

The RAEME Association Vic. Inc.  
C/- Oakleigh Barracks, 1318 North Rd  
Oakleigh South 3167.

If you are still dissatisfied you may contact the Federal Privacy Commissioner at  
GPO Box 5213, Sydney NSW 1042  
or the Privacy Hotline on 1300 363 992  
or via the website at [www.privacy.gov.au](http://www.privacy.gov.au)

## WELFARE REPORT



Alice Kermond has had 4 skin grafts to cover the space where the original grafts were taken, and has had some difficulties during the healing process that has resulted in some skin rashes. Keep smiling Alice

Aranka Illia was taken to Monash Medical; she had a sudden virus attack and is fully recovered now. Well done, Aranka.

2/10/2002

Gus Allen was recently attacked by 3 men as he left the Wonthaggi Working Mens' Club. After nearly 2 weeks in Ringwood Hospital Gus returned home. His infected knee the result of the kicking during the attack, is on the mend. Best wishes Gus, we all hope they catch the cowards.

20/10/2002

A call to Bill Hall, his chemo treatment is finished, and he is now having a new bone strengthening treatment. Despite his diabetes, stroke and heart problems Bill is cheerful and sends his best wishes to all.

Alma Cook is undergoing tests, including an angiogram. This was to assist in a decision on whether her treatment would include a by-pass or a new heart valve.

Best wishes to all our sickies.

*Reg Cox*  
*Welfare Officer*

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The Association has a copy of this Newsletter. If you wish to have a copy, email a request and the Newsletter can be emailed back to you.

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**SOCIAL REPORT**

May I start my report to thank those same people who support our Association social events. It is these people who keep the structure of our Association together.

What is it about our social functions, do you wish them to continue? Are we looking at the wrong places to go or the wrong times? Please let us know as without your input we don't know what interests you!

We attended the Welsh Male Choir - an award winning choir at Monash University 7 of 11 were members who enjoyed the performance very much.

Our trip to Canberra to which I must thank our Coach Captain Barrie Mills who has offered to take a lesser number of people for the same cost per head 20 of 24 members with a chance of 4 more non-members!

**Annual Reunion**  
**Oakleigh Barracks**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2003

Contact Peter Cartledge  
(03) 9802.6406

*May I ask each and everyone of you to make every effort to attend at least some of these functions and to keep Melbourne Cup Weekend free for 2004 when we will host REME Association from S.A. at Swan Hill.*

**Peter Cartledge**  
**Social Convenor**

**COMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Corps Dinner 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**East Malvern RSL**

*14 starters at the moment*  
Contact Peter Cartledge  
(03) 9802.6406

**Luncheon to Honour our Widows**  
**and Life Members**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2003

**A MUST FOR ALL MEMBERS**  
**ONE WOULD THINK!**

Contact Peter Cartledge  
(03) 9802.6406

**Ballarat Tattoo**  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2003

*13 members*  
Contact Peter Cartledge  
(03) 9802.6406

**CRAFTSMAN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD**

Nominations have been received from:

3 Rec Coy  
4 CSSB  
4/19 PWLH

**SEEKING HELP – LOST MATES**

*From the Newsletter of the RAEME Association of WA ("The Horse's Mouth"):*

**Looking for Gary Edwards**

Gary Edwards, 46 Ardyne St. Murrumbena, Victoria 3163 - Phone (03) 95042356 or Mob 0412482 521, seeks information on CFN Peter BOARD. He has a box of letters sent from Vietnam addressed to Mr. & Mrs. RW Board of Dee Why.

If you know where Peter is you can let the Association Secretary know and he will pass on the information.

**Looking for Greg Holmes**

Here is a message appealing for help that we all should look into. This family has asked for help. If anyone knows of Greg would they please get in touch with the Secretary of the Association who will pass the message onto Greg's family. It is quite evident that they are worried about him.

Reference 574520 CpI Holmes G N RAEME 102 Field Workshop.

To all Vietnam Vets

Has anyone seen or come in contact with my brother Greg Holmes, one of the many missing persons from Western Australia? Greg suddenly left his Mosman Park Newsagency on Easter Monday 1998 and has had no contact with his family since.

Prior to his disappearance he had suffered several burglaries and armed robberies, two of them with threatened violence.

Two years ago, Greg was located somewhere in the Eastern States' by the police. He was living under an assumed name and indicated to them that he was not ready to return to his former life.

I am hoping that with the passing of time, he will at least wish to contact one of his family to let us know that he is okay. It would be a great relief to me personally if he would get in touch with me, or if he wished, I could fly over to meet him. Of course, our meeting would be strictly confidential. He is my only family member and

to be frank, I miss him and am concerned for his welfare.

If anyone can help in locating Greg or relaying any messages from me to him or vice versa, I would be extremely grateful.

*Ken Holmes (Phone/ Fax 0894572184)*

**Looking for John Clarke**

We received this message from 17 Const Wksp Assoc.

John Clark was an Engineer, can any one help??

From: Geoff Campbell

To: 17construction@agn.net.au

Anyone remember a John T. Clark that served April 66-April 67? Supposed to be from Inverell. Any info would be helpful.

Thanks.

*Alan Pratt*

*Immediate Past President/Webmaster  
17 Construction Squadron Workshops  
Vietnam Association  
www.17construction.org.au  
17construction.agn.net.au*

**Do You Know Where?**

Chris Pickering is looking for some old friends to look up on a trip to the Eastern States. He would like very much to make contact with them.

They are:

Bob CHURCH (Reg. No.213966) in QLD;  
Ron BITCHEM (Reg. No.2784513) in NSW;  
Danny TUCKER (Reg. No.64336) in TAS; and  
Jim BOOTOM (Reg. No 6708454) in TAS.

Chris can be contacted at Unit 28, 25 Dale Road, ARMADALE, WA 6112. His phone number is (08) 9399 1407.

Chris can also be contacted by email at [curtisj@bigpond.com](mailto:curtisj@bigpond.com) leaving a message with the Editor of the Horse's Mouth.

## PROFILE OF A SERVING RAEME MEMBER

*(This story is written with extreme bias by the Editor (Pat Marley) as the subject is his son-in-law)*

At the age of 20, Anthony (known as Tony in the Army) Evans, son of Lieutenant David Evans RAN and Robyn Evans of Rydalmere in Sydney, joined the Regular Army on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1990. Following his recruit training at IRTB Kapooka he undertook the Electronic Technician Course at the Army Apprentices School at Bonegilla. From Bonegilla he was posted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Signals Regiment (RASigs) in Brisbane.



Later, while attending a Sigs course in Melbourne he met young Helen Marley. At this time Anthony had been selected as part of the Australian contingent to Cambodia under General Sanderson, serving as a UN Peacekeeper in UNTAC during 1993.

How did they meet? This in itself is interesting. The Marley family of eight were attending the 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Nicole Tabone, the daughter of long-time close friends Mike and Ann Tabone. At the time Mike (then Lt. Col and later Col) was Area Commander at Broadmeadows Army Camp, where the 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebrations were being held in the Officers' Mess.

The dashing young Sig attending turned out to be Nicole Tabone's cousin Anthony Evans. Soon after that, Anthony Evans and Helen Marley began to show an interest in each other, and later announced their engagement.

This resulted in the Tabone & Marley families, who had been friends for over 20 years, being related by marriage. (Later this family connection was further confused and solidified when John Marley - RAAF Hercules 36 Squadron, Richmond NSW - married Bronwyn Evans, Anthony's sister).

Following his return from Cambodia, and marriage to Helen in 1994, Anthony Evans was posted to Simpson Barracks in Watsonia, initially posted to the Base Admin Support Centre. During this time, at the age of 24, he was selected for Officer Training at RMC Duntroon. Completion of the gruelling RMC course with a young wife, a tiny son and another

baby on the way was no mean feat. Graduating 5<sup>th</sup> in his class on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1997, he was awarded the RAEME Leadership Prize.

The new Lt Evans was allocated to RAEME, which thrilled his father-in-law, former 12<sup>th</sup>. Intake Army Apprentice Pat Marley (the Editor).

Before long the young Evans family with two and a half year old Tim and 18 month old Lachlan, were on their way to Toowoomba Qld. where Anthony took up his first appointment as Admin Officer at the Aviation Support Group (Black Hawks) at Oakey. During this time Alicia was born in March 1998. Soon after Lt Evans, Helen and three little children found themselves on their way further North, as Anthony was posted to OC Tech Support Troop, 4<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RAA at Townsville's Lavarack Barracks,

In February 2000 Hannah Evans arrived, boosting the family to six. Anthony was promoted to Captain and was posted from Townsville to Melbourne.



Anthony took up his new posting to the Land Combat Systems Branch, Victoria Barracks as Engineer Manager, General Engineer Equipment Group.

At the end of this year, the Evans family of Anthony, Helen, Timothy 8 in November (eldest of our fourteen Grandchildren), Lachlan 6, Alicia 4½ and Hannah 2½, leave Melbourne for yet another Queensland posting.



Captain Evans' next posting is Troop Commander, Workshop, 21<sup>st</sup> Construction Squadron RE, at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera in Brisbane.

Best wishes in your new posting, we know you will excel as always Anthony, and with Helen's support and encouragement, push on with your Army career.

## ASSISTANCE TO THE ARMY MUSEUM BANDIANA

*by Ross Grant*

*(RAEME Association, Queensland)*

In response to the Corps offer of assistance to the Museum, I have received and have passed on to the Deputy Head of Corps, LTCOL Mike Barry, a request for the Corps to purchase six mannequins. These mannequins will be used to depict RAEME personnel working on equipment in a variety of field settings as part of the new RAEME display currently being put together to celebrate the 60th Anniversary.

It is proposed that the displays depict RAEME personnel working on equipment over the last six decades in war and peace in the following settings:

- Western Desert WW2 - a vehicle mechanic repairing a Bren Gun Carrier or WW2 vintage truck.
- Korean Campaign - a Fitter Armament at work in workshop shelter in the winter months fabricating a piece of equipment.
- Vietnam War - a Recovery Mechanic and a recovery vehicle recovering an APC.
- Peacetime exercises at Shoalwater Bay - an airframe fitter at work on a Sioux helicopter
- Peacetime operations in the Antarctic - a marine fitter at work on an amphibious vehicle
- Peace keeping operations in either Cambodia or Timor - an electronic/electrical tradesman working on an appropriate piece of equipment.

I have asked the HOC to arrange the funding to be made available to the Museum Manager MAJ Graham Docksey OAM (Rtd). Graham also provided information about the new The Australian Army Museums Network, which now sponsors a large number of official museums and displays Australia-wide.

More information can be obtained from the Army's website at [www.defence.gov.au/Army.AHU](http://www.defence.gov.au/Army.AHU) or by contacting the Army Museum Bandiana at the address below.

### **Sale of RAEME Products from the Museum**

The Army Museum Bandiana has advised of a number of products now on sale at the Museum, and if you wish to avail yourself of them, please contact the staff at: Army Museum Bandiana, PO Box26, Milpo, Bandiana, 3694.

### **RAEME Items Available from your Association:**

**105 WORKSHOP COMPANY  
4<sup>th</sup> COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT  
BATTALION**

It has been an interesting time for 105 WKSP COY since the last issue of the Lightning Flash. We currently have two members overseas, SGT Ian Finch in Bougainville and CPL Mick Street in East Timor. From reports being received back both are doing a marvellous job for the unit and Corps.

Christmas is approaching and with it the posting cycle, the known movements in and out to date are:

In.

MAJ Rick Rickard – WKSP OC or CSST OC  
WO2 Greg Payne – TRG WO  
CFN Simon Dent – Armourer

Out.

LTCOL Mark Buttner to CATDC  
MAJ Robert Hudson to 3 Recov Coy  
CAPT Dave Franklin to 4/19 PWLH  
WO2 Peter Dodgson - discharge  
WO2 Ken Stace to discharge  
SGT Ian Finch to 1 JSU Enoggera  
SGT Andrew Silk to SDSS Help Desk RAAF Williams  
CPL Charlee Pryor to Kapooka

The new CO has not yet been identified. Originally there was an indication that a non-logistic officer would be posted in but this has since been amended.

Congratulations must also go to LT Nicki O'Dwyer who has been selected for attendance at Mod 6 next year. Nicki has been a shining light in all that she does and has truly earned her position on the course at this early stage of her career.

As an indication of the degree of professionalism shown by our younger members of the Corps I would like to offer up a small story about a young CPL recovering from anaesthetic and calling out job numbers – had the medics totally confused.



The same young CPL has been presented with a Soldiers' Medallion. This award is being presented for total commitment and dedicated effort during her time at 4CSSB and in deed in every other unit she

has been posted to.

CPL Pawlowski has put herself forward in the true manner of a bluebell whenever it has been necessary.

She has refused to allow the unit to be short of support at any level.



Well done Polly. Everyone in the unit can understand why you received this, wear it with pride, knowing your fellow

unit members supported the award.

As we move into Christmas and the long break where people can attend a Recruit Training Course let me identify a number of vacancies that exist at 105 WKSP, 4 CSSB that you may be able to assist in filling:

SGT – QMS	CPL – METALSMITH	LCPL – METALSMITH
PTE – CLK TECH	PTE – OP SUP	PTE – STMN TECH ORD
PTE – QMS	CFN – TECH ELEC	CFN – FIT ARMT
CFN – VEH MECH	CFN – MECH RECOV	

As has been said before if you know anyone who could do these jobs get them to give me a call. If we identify the recruit and tag him to a position then we have an excellent chance of retaining him and getting the WKSP back to what it should be. Our ultimate aim should be to get a number of the positions switched off during the SED review switched back on and the WKSP back to its former glory. But don't stop there – do you know anyone past or present who would consider coming back, do you know any young apprentices who we might be able to talk to and show what the Army can do for them.

I'd like to leave off with a poem that is roaming the Internet at the moment, it says it all:

You hurt us bombing Bali, but we can take the pain,  
But if you think you'll beat us, you can think a-bloody-gain  
We battled at Gallipoli and we fought the bloody hun  
Of all the arseholes we've had to face, you're just another one

You won't get your hands dirty, you won't fire a gun  
Whenever danger threatens you just pack your gear and run  
You brainwash innocent children to do your evil deeds  
Careful not to let them know just where it really leads

You get them to believe all your bigotry and lying  
Until they cannot see that there's no glory in their dying  
Now we'd like to pose a question, answer if you can  
Where does your holy book tell you to kill your fellow man?

Now listen hard and listen well, we're giving you the word  
You're never gonna beat us, you spineless bloody turd  
You'd never face us personally, you haven't got the guts  
You know that if you ever did we'd have your bloody nuts

Our spirit is unbroken, and our heads are still unbowed  
We sure as hell aren't scared of you and your gutless crowd  
So get your act together -- you'll never win because  
What you're really up against is the spirit that is OZ

## Korumburra : The last Days

Saturday 22 June 2002 marked the end of an era for the Army. It was the last official function for the Army in the old Charles Street depot at Korumburra. As previously stated in the 'Lightning Flash' the Army has a long association in this small country town. This association goes all the way back to 1912 (when the first unit occupied the depot.) The day was marked by a street possession of vintage and current in-service military vehicles.



A highlight of this possession was the presence (courtesy of John Belfield) of the Yeramba self-propelled Gun. As the depot was once used by 22 Fld Regt (SP). The presence of the Yeramba was most appropriate. Many an ex – Artilleryman stood 'awestruck' as John then proceeded the fire up this old beast. Most had not seen one of these vehicles since 1957! Even fewer realised that some had survived the scraping torch.



The procession also consisted of several jeeps, staff cars, trucks (including vintage wreckers) 25 Pdr guns (with gun tractors) and an assortment of armoured vehicles.

The long line of vehicles was rounded off by the current fleet of vehicles and 'wound up' with the prototype Mack heavy wrecker.



This parade created a most impressive sight as crested the top of the main street in Korumburra and proceeded down hill to the depot, where it formed the basis of the open day.

The Open day displays consisted of historical displays of equipment and weapons used by the



units in the depot over the years. These included Vickers machine guns, 3 inch mortars, 25 Pdr field guns, radios etc.

The vehicle compound was full of wreckers of all vintages including Diamond T's, M816, Landrover ¾ tonne Recovery, Twinbooms, Macks Unimog MRV's and the next generation of Macks.

The day was rounded off with an outstanding performance given by the band of 2/10 Field Regiment.



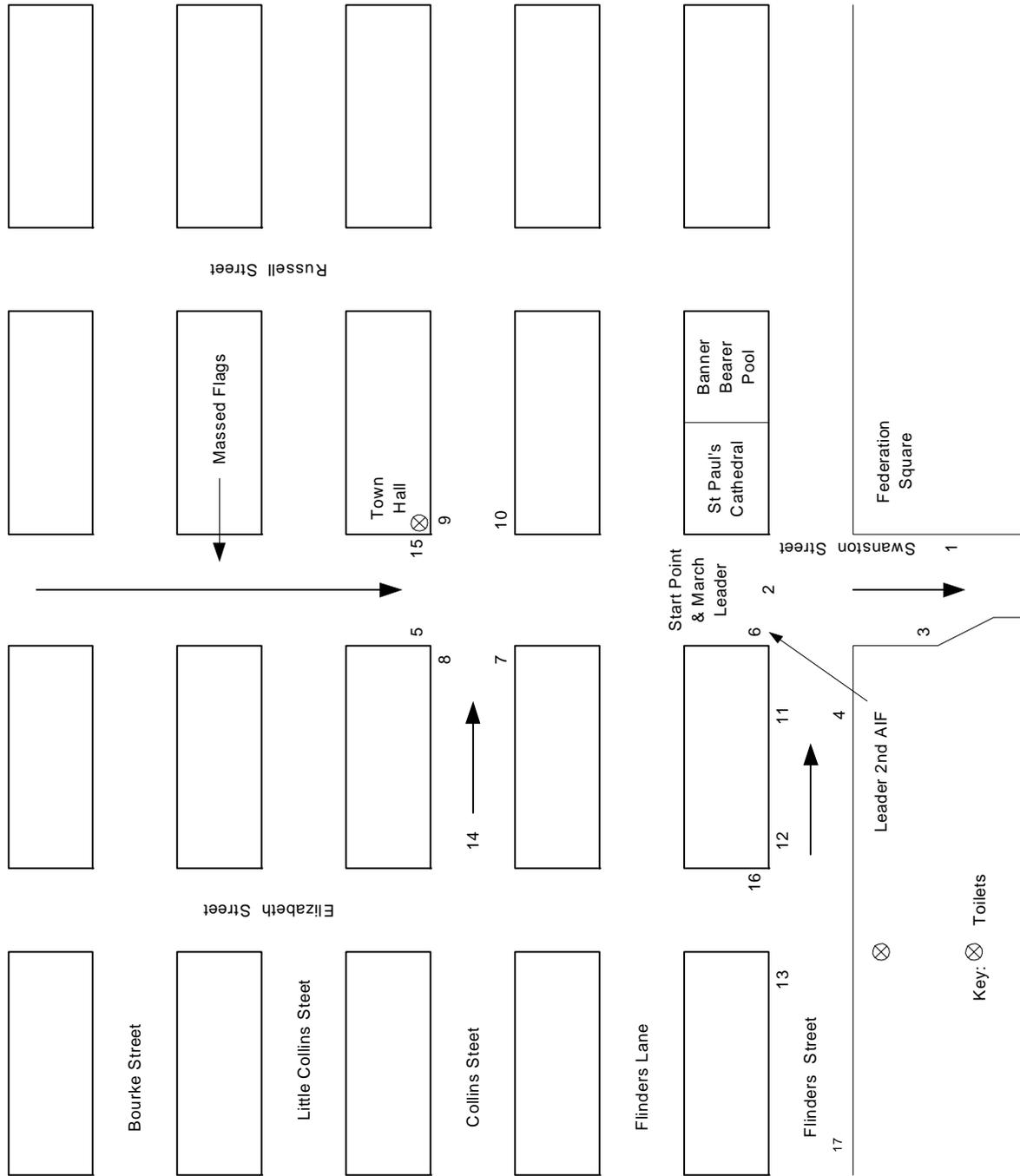




Anzac Day - Assembly Plan - 2003

ANZAC DAY 2003  
ORDER OF MARCH  
ASSEMBLY POINT  
& ASSEMBLY TIME

- 1 0845 Disabled in cars
- 2 0845 Headquarters
- 2 0845 Police Ex-Servicemen
- 2 0845 World War 1 Veterans
- 2 0845 Banners of WW 1 Units
- 2 0845 New Zealand Veterans
- 2 0845 Army Womens' Services
- 3 0845 Railways Ex-Servicemen
- 3 0845 Corps of Commissionaires
- 4 0845 Australian White Ensign
- 4 0845 RAN, MN, WRANS
- 5 0900 Army Colour Parties
- 6 0915 1 Corps HQ & Units
- 7 0945 6 Division
- 8 0930 7 Division
- 9 0930 8 Division
- 10 0945 9 Division
- 11 1000 3 Division
- 12 1015 5 & 11 Division
- 13 1025 1 Army Corps NGF
- 14 1030 21 Squadron RAAF
- 4 1000 RAAF & WAAF
- 5 1100 BCOF
- 5 1100 Korea Veterans
- 5 1100 Malaya & Borneo
- 5 1100 W RAAF 1951-77
- 5 1100 Army Vietnam (Ser 338-348)
- 15 1100 Army Vietnam (Ser 349-372)
- 15 1100 RAAF Vietnam
- 15 1100 United Nations Missions
- 15 1100 Massed Australian Flags
- 15 1100 Australian Legion
- 15 1100 British/C/Wealth Forces
- 15 1100 Allied Forces
- 16 1145 NSAA
- 2 1220 March Staff
- 17 0830 Vic Mil Veh Corps



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