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YOUR NEW RVRA COMMITTEE

At our AGM held at HQ 5/6 RVR, in Hawthorn, on 1st September, the AGM voted in the new committee for 2018/2019.

Our new President is David Arden, former CO 5/6 RVR, former President of the RVRA and long-term committee member. David was confirmed in his role at the recent committee meeting on 9 October. The position of President was vacated at the AGM after Neil Grimes completed his three years as President, as required under our articles of association. Thanks very much to David for once again accepting this important role.

The committee members are Paul Middleton as Vice President, Marty Catterall as Secretary, Greg Leyden as Treasurer, Committee members Sean Rodger (Merchandise), Dom Fountain (Website), John Johnstone, Peter Baird, Paul Riley and Neil Grimes. The Pipes & Drums Sub-committee members are Don Blanksby, Ron Stepnell and Ben Tosetto.

We wish our new President and the whole committee every success for the coming year.

Also, it may be worthwhile for all members to check the following link to the **Victorian ANZAC Centenary** website to see all the events around the Centenary of Armistice Day on 11 November — <https://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au>

Remember to invite your mates to join as members. Also, pay your subscription so you are financial for the coming year. Contact us on rvrassoc@hotmail.com

RVRA Monthly Luncheon

Please join us at the Kelvin Club again. These lunches are great fun and we welcome more of you to join us when you can. We look forward to your company. See you there!

Planning dates;

Oct 19, Nov 16, and Dec 14

Dates are subject to change, so check here before you book. See you soon for a nice, long lunch!



INFANTRY DINNER

KELVIN CLUB Friday 2 November

To commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War, we will hold our annual Infantry Dinner on Friday 2 November at the Kelvin Club.

Tickets are available now! Partners, friends and mates are welcome—see you there. Our guest speaker is The Hon. Ted Baillieu, Chair of the ANZAC Centenary Committee.

Ted has a wealth of experience from the last four years to share with us. Please do come along, and commemorate this important world event.

Please see details on the invitation in this newsletter!



RVRA Pipes & Drums at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Dear All,

The team are back at home in Sunny Melbourne. What an excellent trip for the whole travelling team, pipers, drummers and the key support personnel.

Many thanks were offered to all at the recent “A Touch of Scotland” lunch at the Malvern East RSL on October 7th.

The band played so well at the lunch, it gave all of us a taste of how the REMT would have sounded—after months of training, months of practice, weeks of rehearsal in Edinburgh and the weeks of performances—at the Tattoo, in Belgium at Menin Gate, in Aberdeen and London.



Our band also marched with and played at the Freedom of the City of London for the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers 350th Anniversary. All of these performances strengthened our band, cemented its reputation as a great military band, and demonstrate that the band has what it takes to be THE Pipes & Drums for the Australian Army.

Well done to all and thanks to a few special people—Ron Stepnell, Ben Tosetto, Robin Luckie and all the members of the RVRA Pipes & Drums team who successfully completed the “REMT Mission 2018”.

Congratulations,

Neil Grimes

Former President

Royal Victoria Regiment Association



The Pipes & Drums in Aberdeen



Our Ben Casey looking like a very cold “hard” drum major!



A “serenade” to a few casks of the good stuff!



Bridge Naming

On Remembrance Day (11th November) this year the Prospect Hill Drive Bridge in Narre Warren will be named for the Gippsland Regiment, the locally raised and based Militia Unit which served in the Papua New Guinea campaign during World War 2.

The battalion was numbered the 52nd Battalion to preserve the history of the battalion of that number which fought at the famous battle of Villiers Bretonneux in World War 1.

The naming event will be held from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and will be one of the biggest Military events in South East Melbourne since World War 2. It has been planned as a community event with the theme of inclusion and celebrating local heroes. We will be utilizing local volunteers such as scouts, cadet's etc. as much as possible in accordance with those themes.

Highlights Include

- The joint official hosting of the event by the Mayors of Casey and Greater Dandenong
- A presentation on Aboriginal service by Mr Graham Atkinson, Yorta Yorta Elder & Vietnam Veteran
- A speech by the Consul-General of Japan, Mr Kazuyoshi Matsunaga
- A speech by Brigadier Douglas Laidlaw Commander 4th Brigade
- A parade lead by 5th / 6th Battalion the Royal Victoria Regiment including Cadets from local Navy and Air force Cadet units
- A 'Common Statement of Inclusion' prepared by the respective Interfaith Networks
- Singing lead by Dandenong's' With One Voice Choir, a Piper, a Remembrance Service, Bridge Name Unveiling and wreath, flower laying opportunity.

It is imperative that those planning on attending register their intention by calling the Dandenong Cranbourne RSL on 9792 1535.



Many thanks to our member MAJ Kevin Walsh (Ret'd), who has been the driving force behind this initiative, fully supported by the RVR Association. Victoria Police and VICROADS have also been key supporters for this event. Please attend if you can.



The President and Committee of
The Royal Victoria Regiment Association
Invite Members, Partners and Guests to the
Infantry Victoria Annual Dinner

To commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War
to be held at The Kelvin Club No. 1 Melbourne Place

(Off Russell St. near corner of Lt. Collins St.- Melway 1B R6)

at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm

on Friday, 2 November 2018.

***Guest Speaker Hon. Ted Baillieu,
Chair, Victorian ANZAC Centenary Committee***

Dress: Gentlemen: Mess Dress, Black Tie, Lounge Suit, Ladies: Evening attire,

Miniature Orders, Decorations and Medals.

Financial Members RVR-A \$110.00

Non-Members \$120.00

(Includes Dinner & Table Wines)

***Cheques payable to the RVR Association or e-transfer to BSB 633-000 A/C No. 157 800 129
(Please include your NAME in the transaction)***

Membership subscription can be electronically forwarded to the RVRA Bendigo Bank Account.

R.S.V.P and Payment.

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