



RAE CORPS

**NEWSLETTER
VICTORIA**

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VICTORIAN RAE REGIONAL COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL

Defence continues to experience a time of structural change and the Victorian Engineers have not been forgotten. On 1 July 1992 RAE Reserve Units in Victoria will be reorganised. The Chief Engineers Office as part of Headquarters Third Military District has already been altered to conform with the Defence Regional Support Review (DRSR). The Chief Engineer position is now held by a Lieutenant Colonel and the staff has been considerably reduced. For this reason responsibility for the administration of the Corps has now been transferred from the Chief Engineers Office to Headquarters 6 Engineer Group.

Headquarters 6 Engineer Group is also being restructured under the Force Structure Review (FSR) and being placed under command of the Logistics Support Force (LSF). For the old soldiers the LSF is akin to the Communication Zone organisation disbanded in 1974. Headquarters 6 Engineer Group will be renamed Headquarters Logistic Support Force Engineers (HQ LSF Engrs) and will command two regimental units namely; 22 Construction Regiment and 7 Engineer Support Regiment. 7 Engineer Support Regiment is being formed from 7 Field Engineer Regiment. A more detailed diagram of the LSF Engr organisation is enclosed.

The changes within the Engineer Group organisation are very positive as they will provide the Group Units with a definite role responsibility in the LSF and a consequential need to maintain an operational capability within deployment times. To achieve this additional Regular Army staff and equipment will be allocated to units.

21 Construction Squadron is remaining at Puckapunyal at least for the time being, and 10 Field Squadron will move from under command 7 Field Engineer Regiment to 4 Brigade on 1 July 1992.

These organisational changes together with the move of 6 Engineer Group to the new Oakleigh Barracks will see the most significant change in the Victorian Engineer Reserve since WWII. With these changes in train we can now look forward to a time to build on the foundations which have been solidly constructed in the past.

Anzac Day and the Waterloo Dinner provide us with an appropriate time to usher in the new changes and establish Oakleigh Barracks as a centre for the RAE in Victoria. Support of these Corps activities will do much to engender the Corps spirit across a range of ages and experiences at a time when changing organisations and community attitudes are so prevalent.

VICTORIAN RAE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Victorian RAE Corps Regional Committee attends to Corps interests within Victoria. The current committee consists of:

Brigadier I.G.C. Gilmore, OBE (RL)	Representative Colonel Commandant
Colonel R.A. Slater	Commander - 6 Engineer Group
Lieutenant Colonel P.B. Hoskins	Chief Engineer - Southern Region
Major D.J. Taylor	Staff Officer (Operations) - 6 Engineer Group
WO1 P. Palazzi	Regimental Sergeant Major - 6 Engineer Group
Captain A.G. McVilly	- Treasurer
Captain C.C. Thorp	- Secretary

VICTORIAN RAE MAILING LIST

To help keep the Victorian RAE Corps Regional mailing list up to date it is requested that you complete the proforma attached as Annex B and return it to:

The Secretary
Victorian RAE Regional Committee
Headquarters 6 Engineer Group
Oakleigh Barracks
North Road
SOUTH OAKLEIGH VIC 3167

Please note that space is available on the proforma to nominate other persons who may wish to be included on the list. Kindly provide as much detail as you can.

RAE CORPS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the RAE Corps Fund for the 1992 calendar year are now due, the amounts by rank are listed below:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>ARA</u>	<u>ARes</u>
GEN	\$55.00	-
MAJGEN	\$40.00	\$34.00
BRIG	\$35.00	\$29.00
COL	\$30.00	\$25.00
LTCOL	\$26.00	\$22.00
MAJ	\$23.00	\$19.00
CAPT	\$19.00	\$15.00
LT	\$16.00	\$12.50
WO1	\$20.50	\$15.50
WO2	\$19.00	\$14.00
SSGT	\$17.00	\$12.50
SGT	\$14.00	\$10.00

All members are encouraged to forward their remittance to the Corps Regional Committee Secretary no later than 1 Jun 92. Provision is made on the proforma at Annex A for sending your subscription.

Please note that 40% of subscription funds received are retained within Victoria for Corps activities. Retired and inactive Reserve officers and senior NCO's are also encouraged to contribute if they so desire, an amount of \$25.00 for officers and \$20.00 for NCOs, is suggested as appropriate. This includes a subscription to 'Sappers News'.

The portion of Corps subscriptions forwarded to the central Corps Committee is used to fund projects, such as the construction of the RAE historical area at SME and the portrait of General P.C. Gration AC, OBE. These projects serve to preserve the Corps history for the benefit of all Corps members.

ANZAC DAY, DAWN SERVICE

Oakleigh Barracks, the new home of Headquarters 6th Engineer Group is to conduct a dawn service on the Barracks parade ground. The service is open to all members and families of the Corps and any retired members and families.

Timings. The timings for the service are as follows:

- Gunfire Breakfast - 0530hrs;
- Service Commences - 0600hrs;
- Service Concludes - 0630hrs; and
- Breakfast and drinks - 0645hrs.

Drinks will be available after the service from the Messes as well as the Old Sappers.

Breakfast/Lunch. Breakfast will be provided at a nominal cost of two dollars per head. Lunch will be available at a cost of five dollars per head.

Transport. A bus will be supplied to run veterans to the start of the march, and return them to the depot afterwards. Contact your association for more details.

Further details can be obtained from WO1 Palazzi, RSM Headquarters 6th Engineer Group, on telephone number (03) 550 3936.

WATERLOO DINNER - 1992

Details for the 1992 Waterloo Dinner are:

Date: Saturday 20 June 1992

Venue: Oakleigh Barracks
1318 North Road
SOUTH OAKLEIGH VIC 3167

Time: 1900 hrs for 1930 hrs

Dress: Mess Dress
Mess Undress
Black Tie with Miniatures

Cost: \$38

RSVP: No later than 5 June 1992
Please use the proforma at Annex A

550. 3954
503 550. 3929

In order to make the evening as pleasant as possible for all guests the following points should be noted:

- Guests who are driving to the Dinner are advised to enter Oakleigh Barracks from North Road and park in the carpark to the left of the main gate.
- A location map of Oakleigh Barracks with the main details of the Dinner is enclosed. It is important that you enter by the entrance identified, so we can confirm the arrival of guests.
- Smoking is not permitted in the Oakleigh Barracks buildings. This is in accordance with Commonwealth legislation and in line with community standards of health and respecting the rights of others. Smoking areas will be provided outside of the Mess building.
- To keep the duration of the dinner to a minimum there will be no formal break. Those who feel inclined to break from the dinner may excuse themselves to the Dining President.

SAPPER NEWS

The Corps Newsletter 'Sapper News' has received a good response since its first issue in early 1991. 'Sapper News' replaces 'Sapper Magazine' as the Corps publication. 'Sapper News', is published five times each year and is distributed to all RAE Units.

There are costs associated with the production and distribution of 'Sapper News'. Some of the costs are covered by advertising revenues. In order to cover the shortfall, included in the Corps subscriptions for inactive and retired members is a \$5 contribution. Inactive and retired members will receive five copies of 'Sapper News' on payment of the subscription.

Serving Sappers will be able to pick up a copy of 'Sapper News' from their unit. If serving Sappers are not posted to an RAE unit or they do not attend the unit regularly, 'Sapper News' will be posted on payment of their Corps Subscriptions and the 'Sapper News' levy of \$5.

ANNEX C TO
VICTORIAN RAE
NEWS LETTER 1/92
DATED MAR 92

The Corps acknowledges and is grateful for receiving Corps subscriptions from the following Corps members in 1991:

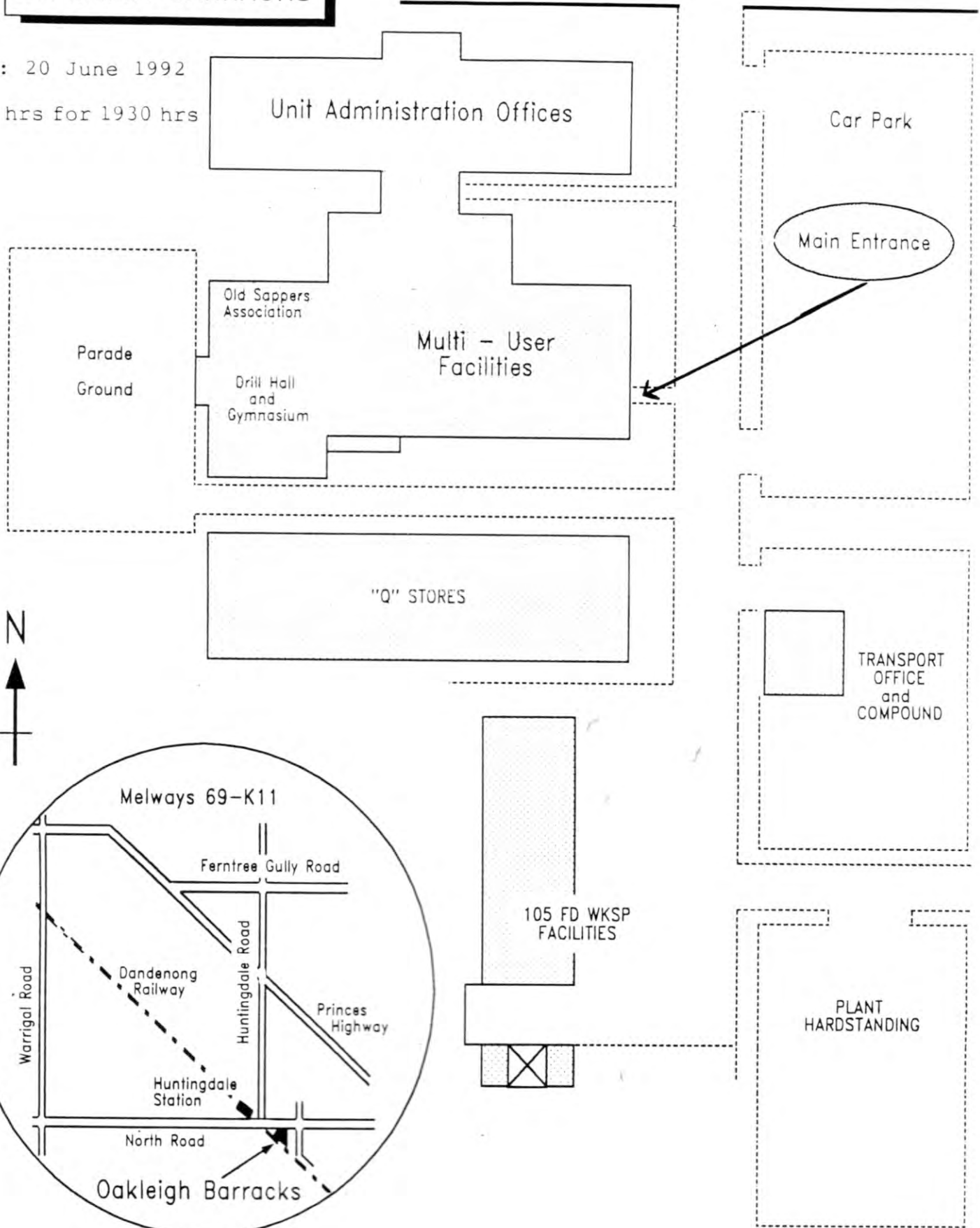
BRIG P.P. JACKSON	MAJ A.J. BYRNE
BRIG A.T.J. BELL	MAJ L.R. BULL
BRIG I.G.C. GILMORE	MAJ B.W. FENNEY
BRIG D.J. NOBLE	MAJ G.E. HALL
BRIG A.J. McGALLIARD	MAJ B.J. HENDERSON
COL R.A. SLATER	MAJ H.A. JOHANSONS
COL D. McBRIDE	MAJ L.P. MALSEED
COL B.G. FLORENCE	MAJ G.A. McQUEEN
COL E.J. WERTHEIMER	MAJ R.O.K.T. MOODIE
COL B. ADDIS	MAJ B. SOWRY
COL J. PILBEAM	MAJ D.J. TAYLOR
COL R.J. McKINNON	MAJ P.R. WAKEFIELD
COL G.R. HUNT	MAJ W. VAN RHEE
LTCOL C.J. BOWATER	MAJ R.E. VANESS
LTCOL G.T. BURHAM	CAPT D.C. BOYLE
LTCOL I. CAMPBELL	CAPT R. BRANDY
LTCOL R.M. LIGHTFOOT	CAPT R.A. BURNELL
LTCOL E.A. DEVESON	CAPT W.E.G. BUTT
LTCOL E. DOSSETOR	CAPT I.C. CRACK
LTCOL W.M. EADY	CAPT A.G. McVILLY
LTCOL H.R. ELLIS	CAPT K. NORMAN
LTCOL K.B. ERSKINE	CAPT T. OLSEN
LTCOL G. GIUMMARRA	CAPT L.E.A. ORTON
LTCOL W.E. HARRISON	CAPT R.W. SCORSE
LTCOL G.W. MARSHALLSEA	CAPT M.R. SHANKS
LTCOL J.E. SLEE	CAPT L.P. SHEPPARD
LTCOL A.S. ZOLLER	LT W.P. ATKINS
	LT W.G. BANKS
	LT J.E. BALMAIN
	LT G.A. BETTS
	LT A.A.L. EBERBACH
	LT P. GOWTY
	LT W.P. MASON
	LT G. MIRABELLA
	LT J.M. SCHEELE
	MR T. ROBINSON

WATERLOO DINNER LOCATION MAP

OAKLEIGH BARRACKS

DATE: 20 June 1992
1900 hrs for 1930 hrs

NORTH ROAD



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THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE

The History and Heritage Sub-Committee with the move to the Oakleigh Barracks has taken the opportunity to play a larger part in Sapper affairs.

Apart from extensions to existing Corps histories, it is intended to encourage a series of shorter contributions of sapper interest.

Many of the Retired and Reserve Officers, because of their long association with particular sapper interests, can provide a closer focus than larger works.

To this end, This Sub-Committee can offer the opportunity to express and record those interests, either as a researcher or writer, or both.

Those who are interested in helping with this activity should contact:

The History & Heritage Sub-Committee
C/- HQ 6 Engineer Group
Oakleigh Barracks
North Road
SOUTH OAKLEIGH VIC 3167

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