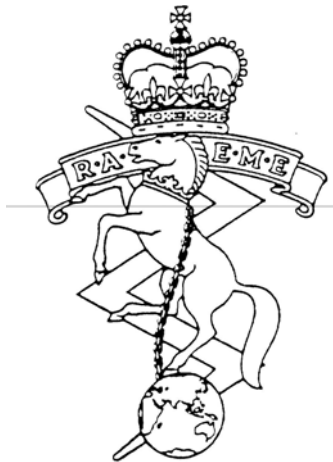


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**A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS AND BEST WISHES TO
ALL MEMBERS AND YOUR FAMILIES FROM
ADRIAN BLACKBURN,
PETER INGREY & ANDY SMITHETT**

We have completed our term as your committee and I can say that I enjoyed being your President for the past three years and organizing the Sydney 2004 reunion. Thank you all for your support of the past committee and I know that you will keep up the support of the new committee that we elected in August.

At our meeting that we had in Sydney it was decided to have a liaison officer for each state to assist the committee due to the distances between committee members. Each state liaison officer will be your point of contact and they will report to the President and his committee on your behalf.

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I do hope that each and every one of you enjoyed your time with us in Sydney. Whilst we encountered a few problems along the way I know that the committee was very happy with the end result. We now look forward to the next reunion in Darwin set down for June 2007. I know from your enthusiasm in Sydney that you will fully support the incoming committee in their endeavors.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my wife Helen Blackburn to thank you for your kind thoughts and the lovely gift. She is now walking again and looking forward to catching up with everyone in Darwin.

Until we catch up again. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adrian Blackburn - Outgoing President

From the Incoming President, Bob Shewring

Hi Members, family and friends, on behalf of my wife, Margaret, myself and your incoming committee, Secretary Mike Sheahan and Treasurer Ryan Critchlow, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a fantastic Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Also I would like to thank the Past President, Adrian Blackburn, his wife Helen, Past Secretary, Peter Ingrey and Past Treasurer, Andy Smithett and their various helpers for putting on an excellent reunion held in Sydney during August this year.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to having all of you in Darwin in June 2007. We will advise you of specific details and information and upcoming events in our first Newsletter in February 2005.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Incoming President – Bob Shewring

The Following Members are still missing, do you know where they are?

Surname	First Name	Second Name	Regt No	From Date	To Date
MOORE	Ralph		38757	13/05/1970	12/05/1971
MURRAY	Terrence	Gregory	3789377	15/04/1968	26/11/1968
RILEY	Kenneth	Graham	4719819	22/12/1968	3/12/1969

The following members have had their newsletters returned, do you know where they now live??

Surname	First Name	Postal Address	City	State	PCo de	
ABBOTT	Kenneth	Site 4, Tinkerbell Caravan Pk. Pacific Hwy	BALLINA	NSW	2427	
BEGGS	Graeme	25 Cabana court	BANORA POINT	NSW	2486	
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The following email addresses have recently bounced, if yours is here can you let us know your correct address at 17construction@agn.net.au

John Farmelo <farmeloj@crcmelton.melb.edu.au>: Host or domain name not found.
Name service error for name=crcmelton.melb.edu.au type=A: Host not found

Alex Quattramani <thequatts@hypermax.net.au>: host
mx1.hypermax.net.au[202.94.93.4] said: 554 Sorry, no mailbox here by that name.
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said: 550 recipient <slmac@bigpond.com.au> unknown (in reply to RCPT TO command)

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command)

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command)

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John Taylor<johnjude@shoal.net.au>: host mail.shoal.net.au[203.202.164.12] said: 550
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HAVE YOU APPLIED TO DVA TO DETERMINE YOUR QUALIFYING SERVICE ?

We still find that some of our colleagues have not yet applied to have their Operational Service in Vietnam recognised by the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA).

The fact is that before a Veteran can receive support from the DVA, for say a Service Pension or support for a health issue relating to their operational service, the Qualifying Service has to be established.

If you are not registered with DVA, it is strongly recommended that you have your qualifying service recognised with DVA before a problem arises. In other words, regardless of your current good health, your employment status, and, especially if you are over 60, get the form \"D2673 Application to Determine Qualifying Service by a Veteran or Mariner\" from DVA (Phone 133 254).

Remember, this form has nothing to do with the Means Test or your state of health.

DVA will then issue you with a number once your qualifying service is successfully assessed. This number is then the future reference for the application of Service Pension, a Disability Pension and/or health support related to your Qualifying Service.