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Your attendance notification for the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Survey Corps in Bendigo

I am now able to supply the attendance list for the following Ex Fortuna Survey Assoc activities for the 100th Anniversary of the Survey Corps to be held in Bendigo 3, 4 and 5 July 2015. The overall cost for all functions is \$100 per head. These celebrations are open to all past members, families and friends of the Corps and your attendance is encouraged and welcome. Function return slips are requested as soon as possible to give us an idea of numbers. Payment preferred with return slip but payment is required no later than 1 June 2015. Numbers are not limited at this stage, but please let us know early.

- **Wednesday 1 July 2015 - Canberra** 1100hrs Wreath Laying at Australian War Memorial, afternoon display at the National Library Canberra followed by an evening function. Please let Rob McHenry know if you are attending if you have not already done so. (Notice later in the newsletter)

- **Friday 3 July 2015** – For the early arrivals from 1800hrs onwards at the newly refurbished Bendigo RSL 73-75 Havilah Road Bendigo (03) 5442 2950. Dress casual. Please indicate if you plan to have a bistro meal on the attendance sheet. Bistro meal and drinks own arrangements. We will arrange a reserved area depending on numbers.
- **Saturday 4 July 2015** – 1030hrs Civic Reception Bendigo Town Hall, Bull Street Bendigo. Please collect your nametag on arrival. This is planned to be the main photo opportunity for those attending. Elevated photos of the gathering are anticipated from both inside and outside the spectacularly re-decorated and restored Town Hall. The media are planned to be in attendance. Suit or coat and tie preferred with maximum Corps identity attire including medals. Kindred Associations are requested to be represented by their Association Banners and we are planning for the 2/1 Banner to be present. There will be a Mayoral address followed by photographs and a morning tea. Survey Corps Memorabilia will be on display and available for sale. Whilst there is no cost to attend this function your indication on the attendance sheet is required for catering.
- **Saturday 4 July 2015** – 1900 for 1930hrs Main Dinner Function at the All Seasons Function Centre 171 -183 Mclvor Road, Bendigo (03) 5443 8166. There is ample parking at the venue. Dress is smart casual. A seating plan will be provided for the head table and official guests only. Our final Corps Director Colonel Simon Lemon will be our Guest Speaker. There will be a two course, two choice meal and drinks provided on arrival at a cost of \$80 per head. Other drinks at bar prices by own arrangements. There will be limited Survey technical and historical displays around the venue and a historical photography slide show will be in operation. Tables of about 8 persons per table are planned. Discount is available for all accommodation booked at the All Seasons, see the attached corporate pricing list.
- **Sunday 5 July 2015** – 1200hrs BBQ Lunch Goldmines Hotel and gardens 49-57 Marong Road, Bendigo (03) 5442 2453 . A BBQ will be provided at a cost of \$15 per head. Drinks own arrangements. Whilst the venue has some covered areas and outdoor gas heaters you would be encouraged to dress warmly. The Association is adding additional marquees in the extensive and restored gardens.
- **Sunday 5 July 2015** – 1500hrs Commemorative Service, Unveiling of Survey Corps story board and brass plaque at Memorial Cairn Fortuna Villa including photo opportunities. The back gate of Fortuna will be open to allow members to walk through to Fortuna and the lower Fortuna car park will also be available for use. There is a possibility that a mini bus maybe able to assist with some transport from the Goldmines to Fortuna and return. A Marquee is planned for the roadway near the cairn with limited seating for those requiring it. Again you are advised to dress warmly. An afternoon tea will be provided in the ground floor area of the Villa (the old Tavern and adjoining rooms). There will also be the cutting (and eating) of the Anniversary Cake. Whilst this function was originally planned at no cost, it is now known that the grant application for the brass plaque and story board has been unsuccessful because the Anzac funding requests have been over subscribed, and a charge of \$5 per head is being levied to help with costs. Other avenues for funding the grant items are being investigated. By kind permission of Mr Paul Banks the current owner, approval has also been granted for inspection of the outside of the Villa and one single tour through the inside of the Villa building following the afternoon tea.

This is our big opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the Royal Australian Survey Corps achievements and the contribution that we and those that came before us made. The 100th Anniversary is a significant milestone and it needs to be appropriately recognised. These celebrations are open to all past members, families and friends of the Corps and your attendance is encouraged and welcome. This will also be one of the last opportunities for us the members of the Corps to get together. The more that come the better it will be. **Considering a number of logical factors, it is highly likely that this will be the Last Big Survey Corps gathering, so you are advised to make the most of this opportunity.**

A visitors/attendance book will be circulating throughout the weekend among other planned activities to make this a memorable reunion. Accommodation in various forms will be available through the Bendigo Tourist information centre <http://www.bendigotourism.com/accommodation/accommodation-information> or phone 1800 813 153 and let them know that you are part of the 100th Anniversary. Alternatively corporate discounts are available at the All Seasons Function Centre <http://www.allseasonsbendigo.com.au/about/> or (03) 5443 8166 (see price list).

The Ex Fortuna Survey Association has had 200 100th Anniversary Caps produced for the occasion. Caps can be ordered through the secretary and payment can be made by direct deposit. Caps are \$15 ea plus postage. More can be produced if necessary. Bulk orders possible.



All Seasons Quality Hotel 2014 Accommodation

All Seasons Quality Hotel offers accredited four-star accommodation across a range of rooms. Our attention to service and detail ensures your stay is an enjoyable experience, whether for business or pleasure.

All guests have access to the hotel's facilities including the heated indoor pool, sauna and spa, mini gym, BBQ area and courtesy bus.

Conference guests receive a 10% discount on all accommodation.

Room Type	No. of Rooms	Rate	Corporate Rate (per night)
Deluxe Queen Room	35	\$160 - 1 person	\$144.00
		\$170.00 - 2 persons	\$153.00
Deluxe King Room	5	\$165.00 - 1 person	\$148.50
		\$175.00 - 2 persons	\$157.50
Family Room	9	\$208.00 - \$230 Up to 4 persons	\$184.50 - \$207.00
Spa King Suite	24	\$200.00 - 1 person	\$180.00
		\$210.00 - 2 persons	\$289.00
1 Bedroom self contained unit	2	\$208.00 - Up to 2 persons	\$184.50
2 Bedroom self contained unit	1	\$240.00 - Up to 4 persons	\$216.00
3 Bedroom self contained unit (Villa)	1	\$308.00 - Up to 7 persons	\$277.20
Total number of rooms	77		

Extra adult charge \$20.00. A \$10.00 surcharge applies to the following periods: Long weekends, Public holidays (and the night prior), Elmore Field Days, Bendigo Cup Carnival and Bendigo Swap Meet weekend.

The facilities listed below are common to all rooms:

24 hour room service	Air conditioning	Alarm Clock/Radio	WiFi
Foxtel (cable television)	Heating	Phone (ISD/STD)	Bathrobes
Movie channels	Television	Use of Pool / Sauna	Pool towels
Fridge and mini bar	Tea and coffee facilities	Iron & ironing board	

Accommodation Notes:

A discounted rate for corporate accommodation applies to any guests attending your Event.

Breakfast is served in Seasons Bistro, buffet style – Cooked or Continental selections are available, and a booking can be made through reception staff when booking your accommodation. Room service is also available. Please advise our reception staff of permitted room charges for your guests and delegates.

Full Hot Buffet Breakfast (inclusive of Continental)	\$ 17.00 per person
Continental Breakfast	\$ 12.00 per person
Sunday Breakfast	\$ 18.00 per person

Other Activities

You may wish to visit the **old Post Office** that is now the Tourist Information Centre and at no cost you can view an impressive display of exhibits. The nearby **RSL Hall** contains a Military Museum and it has a large number of exhibits.

For a gold coin donation a visit to the **Bendigo Art Gallery** is also a very worthwhile activity. The now expanded Art Gallery that opens at 1000hrs daily is rightly claimed to be one of the best Regional Galleries in Australia. <http://www.bendigoartgallery.com.au/Home> Many may remember the large painting entitled "Gentlemen the Queen" that was displayed at Fortuna for some years which is currently on display at the gallery. Best of all there is now a number of cafes at the Gallery and along the View Street "Arts precinct" where those who attend are encouraged to meet for morning tea or an excellent coffee.

For those interested in the **new construction projects** happening in the city, check out the new Bendigo Hospital Construction site that will provide Bendigo with one of the largest regional hospitals in Victoria. Another construction site of interest is the old Bendigo Gaol that is being converted into a performing arts theatre.

The **Boardwalk Cafe/Restaurant** set on the shores of Lake Weeroona is an idealic setting for breakfast and coffee while watching those who would like to, or need to, walk around the lake first.



Some of the new renovations at the Bendigo RSL Havilah Road, near the show grounds.

100th ANNIVERSARY SURVEY CORPS - BENDIGO FUNCTIONS RETURN

IMPORTANT: RSVP as soon as possible please
Payment is requested with reply but must be received no later than 1 June 2015

We have a new Email Address for this function; please use it for all 100th Anniversary correspondence. Email Rasvy100@gmail.com

Tracey Phillips Ph (03)5449 6330 or Gary Warnest Ph (03) 54463171

The Secretary
 Ex Fortuna Survey Assoc
 PO Box 613
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Name 1

Name 2

Name 3

Name 4

Contact Details:Ph/MobEmail

COST \$

I / we wish to attend the following Functions:

Friday 3 Jul 15 Early arrivals Bendigo RSL 1800hrs Number attending own arrangements

Number planning Bistro Meal own arrangements

Saturday 4 Jul 05 Civic reception Bendigo Town Hall 1030hrs
 Number attending..... no cost

Saturday 4 Jul 05 Anniversary Dinner All Seasons 1900 for 1930hrs
 Number attending..... x \$80ea

Sunday 5 Jul 05 BBQ Goldmines Hotel 1200hrs Number attending..... x \$15ea

Sunday 5 Jul 05 Fortuna Villa Ceremony and afternoon tea 1500hrs
 Number attending.....x \$5ea

I wish to purchase 100th Anniversary Cap.....x\$15ea

Postage for Ties / Scarves or Caps (if required).....

Please find enclosed my cheque or I have sent a Direct Credit on (date)TOTAL \$.....

We are able to accept Internet Banking Transfers

Name: Ex Fortuna Survey Association BSB: 633-000 Account No: 101109718

Reference: "SVY100 and Your Name"

It is also requested that those paying by Internet Transfer, Email us on Rasvy100@gmail.com

From Rob McHenry and the Canberra Association.....

Fellow ex Survey Corps members,

ARE YOU ATTENDING? PLEASE LET ME KNOW

As you are aware, the 100th anniversary of the Corps occurs in 2015. In Canberra, a number of functions have been organised for Wed 1st July to celebrate this occasion. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at 11am in the Western Courtyard of the Australian War Memorial. This will be followed by a gathering at the Australian National Gallery at 3pm for a nostalgic viewing of our mapping and related documents. The day will finish with a mixed dinner at the Lobby restaurant, an iconic Canberra fixture.

Planning has now reached a point where, due to financial agreements that have to be made with the Lobby, I seek your commitment to attend - in particular the Lobby restaurant. This mixed function will comprise a three course alternate drop meal including coffee/tea and a generous amount of wine/beer. A bar will operate for heavy drinkers should the money run out. Chris Coulthard-Clark has agreed to be our guest speaker. Price for the evening is currently set at \$98 per head.

I am not seeking any deposit but do request your firm commitment to attend the restaurant as numbers are important to alleviate financial risk. Please indicate your planned attendance or otherwise, including numbers, to myself via email at rob@mchenry.net.au by 31 July. Your earliest response is important and would be appreciated as the booking has to be confirmed to hold the date. Full payment will be required two weeks prior to the actual date.

The 100th anniversary is realistically the last opportunity and excuse for many of us to get together and tell each other how great we were. I look forward to catching up with as many old friends as possible at the above and other functions being planned for the occasion.

Faces of the Corps – 100th Anniversary

As part of the 100th anniversary of the Corps activities to be conducted by the Canberra Association, we would like to produce a "Faces of the Corps" presentation. The idea is to get a photo of as many Corps members as possible, ideally but not necessarily connected with a Corps activity, and project them on a large screen in a continuous loop during our reception and/or dinner on the 1 July 2015. Noting the years and the number of people who have served in the Corps, we will obviously not be successful in adding everyone to the presentation. However, I seek your help in getting as many as possible - not just from Canberra but from all over Australia. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if each state representative passed this email on to their members and if each member who receives this would contribute to our "Faces of the Corps" presentation.

John Mobbs has volunteered to produce the presentation and all images should be forwarded to him. A maximum file size of 2Mb per image would be appreciated. Also, if anyone has analogue pics and can't get them scanned, John has also volunteered do that for them and return them by mail.

John's contact details are:

email: jdmhome@iinet.net.au, Ph: 02 4471 1322, Mob: 0404 820 776, Skype: Horrebow
Postal: P.O. Box 3413, Batehaven NSW 2536, Australia

Freedom of Entry Certificate

On 6 August Valerie Lovejoy and her husband Colin were asked to do a presentation on the Army Survey Corps history at Fortuna for Sandhurst Probus at the Bendigo Club. This was part of a three part presentation on Fortuna. The first one was conducted by James Lerk a local historian and the last is to be by Paul Banks the current Fortuna Villa owner.

I was also invited to attend and took along some memorabilia including copies of "The Mapmakers" and the copy of the certificate of the Freedom of the city.

Valerie as always, was a great hit among the large crowd at the meeting. After the meeting a fellow provided some coincidental and opportune information. He produced an unframed but wax sealed copy of the Freedom of Entry certificate that he Ian Wallace had hand drawn when he was as a member of the City council's engineering department. As he hand drafted the original document, a copy was also made for him, taking the total number of sealed certificates to three. The first copy of the certificates is now at the Survey Corps Museum, Sydney, the next one being the City of Bendigo copy is with the Ex-Fortuna Survey Association and now the last one with Ian Wallace also in Bendigo. Many black and white copies were printed for various Fortuna open days.



The photo shows Gary with the Ex-Fortuna copy and Ian Wallace with his copy.



WRAAC 65th Anniversary Organising Committee

WRAAC 65TH ANNIVERSARY 2016

Subsequent to the two previous AOC WRAAC 65th Anniversary released statements, this document is to confirm the following:

The ACT WRAAC Association in collaboration with the NSW WRAAC Association Inc. wish to officially advise all ex WRAAC and RAANC personnel and WRAAC and RAANC Associations that the 65th Anniversary will be held in Canberra ACT over the period 12th – 15th February 2016.

Delay in circulating this advice is due to a new organising committee being raised (due to illness and resignations of previous committee members). It is now full steam ahead.

There will be four official events organised over the four days. There will be free time on the Saturday for members to catch up with old friends or visit some of the many cultural venues in the nations capital.

Planned events are:

Friday evening 12 Feb 'Meet and Greet',

Saturday evening 13 Feb 'Formal Dinner',

Sunday morning 14 Feb 'Church Service at RMC Chapel and visit to old WRAAC School (Kathleen Best Memorial) gates RMC, including a light lunch', and

Monday 15 Feb 'Farewell Lunch'.

Venues have been chosen and are yet to be confirmed. Information will be sent out to advise members once the venues are locked in.

Correspondence to:

AOC Secretary. WRAAC 65 PO Box 73 JERRABOMBERRA NSW 2619. Email: wraac65@gmail.com



Members will be advised of costs for events as soon as confirmed. Accommodation and transport options will also be made available as soon as possible.

Contact details for registration and payment will be sent out to members and associations in a later news bulletin.

Information for the purchase of merchandising will also be circulated.

Please pass this on to as many WRAAC and RAANC organisations and individuals as possible so we can make this the event to remember.

All correspondence should be directed to the addresses on the bottom of the page.

So start saving for this amazing event and we will see you in 2016.

Di Chalmers
PR and Marketing
WRAAC 65th AOC

Thanks to Denise Hudson for design of the 65th Anniversary Logo.

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