

To all REOA Members,

Following the REOA Committee meeting last Monday 6 April the following information/decisions are noted for your information.

Anzac Day

Despite efforts in past years to arrange an REOA get together post the march, it has just been too difficult given the complications of transport and other commitments by members coupled with the low numbers of members who

have expressed an interest. The RAAFA has extended an invite to REOA members who would like for a nominal cost of \$20 per head to be provided with a hired bus for transport to go to the RAAFA rooms in Hawthorn for a post march follow on snack and drinks. Further details have been provided in a separate bulletin.

REOA members are also encouraged to wear the REOA cap on the day to both shade their faces and to advertise the organisation.

Mid Year Lunch

By popular demand we have sought formal approval to make use of the Officers' mess in Victoria Barracks on Wednesday 17 June at midday. Approval is pending. We can accommodate up to 108 people in the main dining room. Subject to approval for the lunch we will also offer a tour of the Victoria Barracks complex same as last year which also proved to be very popular.

More details will be provided in the near future but pencil this date into your diaries.

Affiliation with RAAFA

No objections have been received from members for the REOA to become an affiliate membership group to RAAFA, in fact this is a comfortable and natural fit for us. As such we have paid the \$45 fee and we are now fully registered as an affiliate group to the RAAFA.

Metal lapel badges

The committee has been investigating supply and cost for metal badges similar to the current lapel badges the RAAFA and other associations/groups already have. An indicative cost of a one off cost of \$150 for setting up and a per unit price of about \$6 each for 50 badges has been quoted. A prototype using the REOA log is being sought to share with you and to gain interest.

DVA grant application

A community grant has been lodged with the DVA for about \$9,000 to purchase necessary office equipment for use by the REOA. The grant is currently with the Minister and we expect to hear whether we have been successful or not within the next few weeks.

REOA Financials

We currently have a balance of \$1,176 following some minor spends incurred for the funeral and service following the death of our past President Tom Douglas. Thank you to all who attended the service and passed on their condolences to Tom's family.

Proposed tour of RMIT building 9

A tour/visit to RMIT has been proposed as we feel there would be a high level of interest given the large number of REOA members who would have undertaken some of their initial technical training at RMIT either as an apprentices or cadet. Initial contact with RMIT has been very positive. The committee will explore this further and seek interest for such a visit later in the year.

CD "A very convenient truth" by Professor Carter

Bob Bartram tabled a copy of the subject CD which provides a scientific evaluation and different view to the prevailing view on global warming and

makes interesting viewing. If anyone would like a copy please contact one of the committee members who will get one to you free of charge other than package and post if applicable.

Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting is programmed for Monday 1 June.

Feedback

We encourage and welcome any comments, suggestions, feedback on any matters raised or not from members and also seek current members active support of the REOA to encourage other younger still serving RAAF colleagues as well as other retirees and interested individuals to join and participate.

Regards,

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