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RACT Newsletter

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HEAD OF CORPS WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009. I am expecting a big year ahead for Army and RACT. At the strategic level the publication of the White Paper will provide some significant guidance, along with the Strategic Reform programme, for the next decade. Army will also finalise plans and processes around the Adaptive Army concept – while this will affect organisations I don't anticipate changes to RACT capabilities.

As is the case today – support to operations is an important component of Army. I acknowledge the return to Australia of CO 9 Force Support Battalion, LTCOL Andrew Fidge, who has spent seven months as CO of the Force Level Logistic Asset (now Force Support Unit) in the Middle East. I know that the RACT personnel with him throughout the region did an excellent job and I wish the RACT personnel who are serving with 1 CSSB and a range of other units overseas the best for successful tours and a safe return in 2009.

Closer to home the Victorian bushfires have seen RACT personnel engaged in providing much needed logistic support. 7 Tpt Sqn with support from soldiers of 15, 44 Tpt Sqn and Rd Tpt Wing have joined Joint Task Force 662 and focused their efforts around Kinglake, Flowerdale, Yea, Alexandra, Marysville, Traralgon and many small towns in between this further reinforces the good support that can be provided by all members of Army at short notice.

Looking ahead 2009 is a Talisman Sabre year – the sizeable Australian – US exercise is to occur in the second half of the year, although I am certain RACT elements will be engaged in support to the exercise well before then. In past years Talisman Sabre has provided a great opportunity for RACT soldiers to practice core skills on a larger scale than is normally the case. I would encourage Reserve soldiers to make themselves available to participate if the opportunity arises.

As usual there is plenty on in 2009 – make the most of it.

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David Saul

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Brigadier
Head of Corps



CORPS RSM MESSAGE

Warrant Officer Class One Wayne Le Lievre assumed the appointment of Corps Regimental Sergeant Major in January 2009. He is also the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army School of Transport at South Bandiana. Full bio can be found at the RACT Website: <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/armyweb/Sites/Ast/comweb.asp?page=Home>

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2009

HOC Cell wishes to congratulate the following Corps individuals whose outstanding service was recently recognised in the Australia Day Awards 2009:

Member (AM) in the Military Division of the Order of Australia

Brigadier David SAUL - For exceptional service as Commander 17th Combat Service Support Brigade, Director Operations Headquarters Joint Logistic Command and Commanding Officer 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion.

Brigadier Timothy HANNA - For exceptional service to the Australian Army as Director Army Personnel Agency - Adelaide, as Commander 9th Brigade and as the Army Area Representative - South Australia.

First RACT Corps Committee Meeting for 2009

The first RACT Corps Committee Meeting was conducted on 24 Feb 2009 at Gaza Ridge Barracks, South Bandiana VIC. New and General Business tabled at the meeting is detailed below:

HOC, DHOC, CRSM and ALTC Dev Gp Rep - Reports are located at the webpage.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Report – SO2 Corps outlined a NPMA formal audit was conducted for the period 01 Sep 07 – 31 Sep 08, there were no misappropriation of funds. Current NPMA figures were tabled and FY 09/10 Public Monies bids are due to AHQ on the 13 Mar 09. A 20 year NPMA budget has been consolidate based on a 3% yearly increase, which captures a new banner and five yearly conferences conducted away from Bandiana.

Supplies – Purchase of Corps Flags –The Committee approved the purchase of RACT flags from NPMA. These flags be assigned to the CRSM and issued/utilised on a case by case scenario.

Facilities – RACT Foyer Cabinet in Army Museum Bandiana – The RACT display cabinet located in the foyer of the Army Museum Bandiana is currently being updated. Completion date is TBA, however nil cost to the HOC Cell.

Command & Management – Term Deposit – Discussions of re-investing was tabled. SO2 Corps is to seek additional options and rates from various institutions prior to the next meeting.

Command & Management – Appoint Trade Mentors – Discussion regarding Trade Mentors was tabled. SO2 Corps has commenced investigation.

Command & Management – Update from AHQ Representative – An update on DRTIs, project Land 121 and 2048 was tabled.

To view the full minutes from this meeting visit the RACT intranet webpage: <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/armyweb/Sites/ract/comweb.asp?page=125136>

2009 CORPS CONFERENCE

The 2009 RACT Corps Conference and associated activities will take place from 16 – 19 September 2009 in Bandiana. Details will be available on the website soon.

CAREER Information

The latest information relating to Officer and Soldier careers can be found on the DOCM-A and SCMA website respectfully. Listed on these sites are the latest RACT Soldiers Stud Book / Officer Gazette and the latest proposed career tour dates.

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UPDATE FROM DEVELOPMENT GROUP, ALTC

The RACT Cell at Development Group has experienced the normal changes to its manning over the posting period and is looking forward to another busy year. It remains our intention to keep the Corps up to date on the status of issues for each Employment Category through future editions of the newsletter.

The manning of the RACT Cell is as follows:

MAJ Brett Reeves (Employment Category Manager);

CAPT Steven Donald (Assistant Employment Category Manager);

CAPT Ivan Yau (Training Systems Officer);

WO1 Gavin Cole (Corps Employment Advisor);

WO1 Ian Cragan (Training Development Warrant Officer - Marine & Cargo Specs);

WO2 Garry McGravie (Training Development Warrant Officer - Air Dispatch);

WO2 James Stewart (Training Development Warrant Officer - Road Transport);

WO2 Kelly Vale (Training Development Warrant Officer - Operator Movements); and

WO2 Tom Devereaux (Training Development Warrant Officer - Land 121).

The priorities for the RACT Cell for 2009 are to finalise the submissions for all trades for future Employment Category Review Committee (ECRC) and Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (DFRT) hearings and to continue improvement in all facets of training across the Corps in order to provide the required capability to Army.

* Please be advised that as a result of the restructure of AHQ the Directorate of Personnel Capability – Army (DPERSCAP-A) has been retitled Directorate of Workforce Management – Army (DWM-A). The Manual of Army Employment (MAE) and Employment Category Standing Orders (ECSO's) can be found at the new webpage - <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/armyweb/sites/DWMA/>

RACT BADGE SCHEME

The Corps Committee agreed to a Subscription Incentive Scheme where all members subscribing to RACT Corps Funds would be entitled to a RACT badge with a registered number and an automatic entry into the annual badge draw, which will be conducted at the Corps Conference. The Cash Prizes will be based on 10% of Corps Subscribers at the start of the year.

It is intended that subscription and a RACT badge will be offered at to all RACT soldiers attending promotion and IET courses and Officers attending the LOBC/LOIC/LOAC. Other RACT personnel and associations can register/apply for a RACT badge by completing the proforma located on the Corps Website:

<http://intranet.defence.gov.au/armyweb/Sites/act/comweb.asp?page=125136>

You need to be in to win!

Become a member today by subscribing to Corps Funds and support your Corps!

CORPS RECOGNITION SCHEME AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The RACT Awards of Excellence are established to allow the RACT to recognise exemplary performance on behalf of its privates and junior NCOs. Unit CO/OCs and RSM/SSMs are reminded that nominations for the 2009 RACT Awards of Excellence close on the 01 Jun 2009. So now is the time to start identifying potential candidates.

Nominations are to be made in writing and are to reach the Corps RSM by the RACT Birthday, 1st June in order for awards to be presented at the Corps Conference. Late nominations will not be accepted. Names of all winners are to be published in the next issue of the Australian Army Transport Journal (AATJ).



DEADLINE 1 JUNE 2009

BEST ESSAY AWARD

Continuing the theme from 2008, the best Essay award with a cash prize continues in 2009. The winning Essay will be displayed in the Australian Army Transport Journal. We are looking for essays that cover any topic addressing RACT capability issues.

BEST PHOTOGRAPH AWARD

Continuing the theme from 2008, the best photograph award with a cash prize continues in 2009. The winning picture will be displayed in the Australian Army Transport Journal. We are looking for photographs that depict the RACT and catch the eye. So all unit PR Officers, start clicking now to compile a portfolio. The Award will be announced at the Corps Conference.

The cut off date for submissions is the RACT birthday, 1st June 2009



The Army Museum Bandiana are currently looking for old unit signs to add to their memorabilia collection for RACT. If you have any old signage or any other RACT Memorabilia that your unit wishes to donate to the Army Museum Bandiana please contact the POC listed below:

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FIND OUT!

Make a point of a weekly glance at the RACT DRN website to keep abreast of what's happening in your Corps at <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/ArmyWeb/sites/RACT>. Important notices will be displayed on the welcome page and the 'what's new' section will keep you navigate you to the areas where the site has been updated.

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RACT Corps Banner First Day Covers Auction

**THE AUCTION WILL COMMENCE
ON 02 APRIL 2009!**

STARTING BIDS AT \$100.00

**RACT Corps is currently conducting an auction of the
Banner First Day Covers.**

The Corps has a limited number of Framed First Day covers (25) for auction.

The highest bid will for each banner can be found on the RACT Corps Website: [Home - Royal Australian Corps of Transport - ARMY](#)

So if you would like participate in the auction and purchase a piece of RACT Corps history please forward a Notification of offer to SGT M. Michie, HOC Cell – RACT, via e-mail to: matthew.michie@defence.gov.au