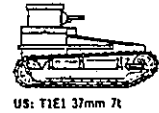


Members

PRESIDENTS REPORT



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In delivering this annual report, I'm pleased to give a positive summary of 1997. I believe our branch has had a **very successful year**.

Membership - Remains very strong, regardless of the Army 'move to the North'. Members are strongly encouraged to pay their subscriptions on time to **alleviate costly reminders**.

Finance - We are in a sound financial position totally due to the dedicated administration of our funds.

Social Activities - We could always do with more members attending our functions. In 1997 it was heartening to see many new faces along with the old reliables in attendance. If anyone has an idea for a different function **please contact the Secretary**.

Track Newsletter - Peter Branagan and Diesel Perkins continue to produce a quality newsletter. Contributions are always welcome, **contact the editor**.

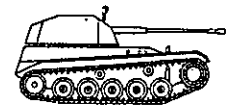
Victorian members should take great pride in belonging to this branch. We can improve only by **your** active participation. This year is a very important one in the life of our branch. In August we will be given the opportunity to foster the **Federal Executive**. We need people ready **willing and able** to staff the executive. At this AGM we will nominate various members for election in August and to act in tandem with Queensland executive up to that date.

Daryl Pinner

In 1998 - 99 we have the opportunity to contribute to Australian Armour in a very emphatic way. It is up to all members to **contribute to that success**.

Lastly I wish to **thank** all those who have contributed so much in 1997. In particular those behind the scenes - our partners and families and if I may, **my wife Frances** for her wonderful support not only in 1997, but over **30 years of military and association service**.

Treasurers Report



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Once again 1997 proved to be another financially stable year for the Victorian branch despite low interest rates on offer.

The branch incurred a deficit brought about by welfare payments, depreciation and a miscalculation of accrued interest in 1996 otherwise we would have enjoyed a surplus in excess of \$1000.00.

The branch is proud of supporting its members in times of crisis by providing welfare payments.

It was fabulous to see the membership answer the call for a **great turn up** at the **Cambrai Dinner** which proved to be a **success**. I wish to thank **Peter Branagan** for negotiating the price and arranging the accommodation for the night.

On closing I thank the outgoing committee for their **tireless efforts** in helping me achieve another rewarding year.

Thank you for your attention.