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50th
Anniversary
Royal Australian Armoured
Corps Association
Victorian Branch

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PATRON: Brigadier Ralph Eldridge, OBE (retd)
PRESIDENT: Darryl Pinner
VICE PRESIDENT: Bill Maynard
VICE PRESIDENT: Don Weedon
SECRETARY: John Paterson
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1996

The AGM was held at the Fitzroy Bowling Club on Monday, 26 February 1996. 35 members and guests attended which is about average for Australians out of a membership of 330.

The long serving and extremely capable executive were returned unopposed. Two vacancies were declared for committee positions as a result of an interstate posting for **Peter Still** and increased work commitments for **Rod Jones**. These positions have been filled by **Rod Westgarth** and **Bob Leonard**. Welcome to the crew and may your service be long and rewarding. **Tom Murphy** did not seek re-election.

The **Patron** praised the work of the committee and urged all members to learn from the lessons of the past, continue to support the present and to redouble their efforts to sustain the **RAAC** in the future. He recalled the struggle that the Corps had endured over the past 50 years, at times for its' very existence and reiterated to the members to never let an opportunity pass to promote the **wearers of the black beret**.

Throughout this year our activities will focus on the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Victorian Branch. A **commemorative Port Crock** was launched in Nov 95 and a distinctive **First Day Cover** style of envelope was issued on 7 Feb 96. These unique items will be on sale for the remainder of this year. Our 50th year will culminate in an exceptional **Cambrai Dinner** at Puckapunyal on 16 Nov 96.



UK: "Saracen" Mk.2 MG 101 APC

Presidents Report 1996 50th Anniversary 1946-1996



FR: T76 MG 71 APC

It is my great pleasure to present this report to you the members in our **50th anniversary year** and as you have previously heard our branch continues to maintain **Strong membership, Sound financial position and Stability in management** and of course recognition by our Corps leaders and peer group organisers.

To achieve this result has required a determined effort by a number of dedicated people, it should be noted of one.

Stan Lewis still serving and willing to contribute, give time, 50 years on significant in any term.