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MUSEUM UPDATE

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The RAAC Tank Museum at Puckapunyal is now officially known as the **RAAC Memorial and Army Tank Museum**. The short or 'public' name is the *Army Tank Museum*. The Museum is no longer permitted to have a Board of Trustees, Constitution and Trust Deed. The RAAC Memorial and Army Tank Museum is now managed by a **Museum Advisory Committee (MAC)**.

At the recent meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee, the Chairman, Colonel Gordon Jones, AM welcomed the new Deputy Chairman LTCOL John Langbehn and the new Museum Manager/Treasurer, WO2 Joe Linford.

Some important changes were approved to allow the Museum to firstly survive and secondly to secure support and continue to develop by migrating into the Distributed Army Heritage Collection (DAHC).

The DAHC is a new nation-wide organisation being formed under an Army project called Project Army Heritage. The DAHC will consist of all Army museums, historical collections, Corps and Mess properties. The DAHC has a DAHC Advisory Board (in Canberra) being responsible for DAHC policies, rule and resources.

Our Museum is leading all other Army museums in this integration into the DAHC, and the Director of Armour will represent our interests as a member of the DAHC Advisory Board.

The network or distributed family of eight RAAC Museums and Historical Collections is now collectively known as the **Army Museum of Australian Light Horse and Armour (AMALA)**.

AMALA will eventually have an **AMALA Advisory Board (AAB)** chaired by the Director of Armour, and is likely to include the Corps Historian, the President of the RAAC Memorial Society, and the Presidents/Curators (or Commanding Officers) of each RAAC Museum and Historical Collection.

AMALA's first objective will be to secure the continued existence of our Regimental Museums and Historical Collections (with their current identities) and to coordinate the deployment of resources to enable each museum and collection in AMALA to meet museum industry standards for collection, conservation, management, display and interpretation.



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