

I wish to thank all of the executive and committee for their hard work and efforts throughout 1996 in the control of finances, membership and social functions

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I will not take up your time by naming each personally but I refer to each and every member of the committee.



After many years as nomads, we now have a venue which we can call our home at the Fitzroy Bowling Club, in which we have been allocated a meeting room and within it is displayed our new Association honour board. Incidentally, special thanks should go to Peter Branagan who organised the manufacture and sign writing of the board, and also arranged for the magnificent board table which is in the room. The Bowling Club have been tremendous to the Association and I urge members to take advantage of their facilities.

In closing, I extend the Association's thanks to Brigadier Ralph Eldridge, our Patron, for his continued support at our functions throughout 1996.

Members,

TREASURER'S REPORT 1996



UK: Carden Loyd Mk.III MG 3t

Our 50th year did not let us down financially and I am pleased to report that we had another great year with the branch showing a surplus of \$1165.00.

Once again the functions showed profits, sale of goods have exceeded 1995 and the donations by the members were steady. The Anniversary Port was a great success with nearly all of the crocks sold.

I wish to bring to the members attention that the Federal Executive body wants the branches to increase the annual subscriptions to \$20.00, we are not in favour of the proposal. Also they have raised the capitation fees to \$3.00 per member which does not leave this branch much to operate with. (Again I am not in favour of this money grabbing exercise.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee in helping me achieve another financially rewarding year.

On closing I wish to acknowledge those members who kindly donated during 1996 and to the Honorary Auditor Jim Dunstan for again auditing and preparing the branch's financial statements.



UK: Vickers Mk.III MG 4t

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 1996

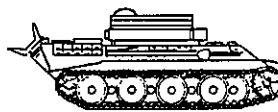
The membership of the Victorian branch is still holding over the 300 mark.

16 new members joined the branch in 1996.

Paid Life Membership is on the increase with another 5 members taking the option.

The membership at the end of December 1996 was as follows:

Members	316
Financial	256
Unfinancial	23
Hon Life Members	10
Paid Life Members	27



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On closing may I remind the membership that subscriptions for 1997 were due and payable on the 1st of January.

Please help in keeping costs down by sending in your subscriptions prior to us sending out reminder notices.