

NEWSLETTER 1 OF APPRENTICES TOGETHER 2011

This is the first of what I hope I will be able to produce each two months to keep every Apprentice in the picture of what is happening with Apprentices Together 2011.

I believe that keeping you all up to date is essential as this his event belongs to us all, and we all have a vested interest in its success.

There have been two variations to the program to date:

1. Thanks to the assistance of our Patron and fellow Apprentice, Chief of Army LtGen Ken Gillespie, the AWM has agreed to our proposal for a series of guided tours of the Memorial Annex. This is a rare opportunity to see museum pieces that cannot be placed in the AWM and to see items being made ready for display. Unfortunately they couldn't accommodate groups of 50 as we originally requested but have agreed to four groups of 20. The same criterion applies; first in best dressed. I ask that you do not nominate for these tours unless you actually intend and are able to attend. I am hoping that the buses can be provided from Army resources.
2. We are encouraging intakes to host the widows of departed mates from their intakes. The Association will pay the \$110 registration and we leave it to the intakes to arrange for the \$50 dinner fee and to look after their guest. Their attendance will add special meaning to the wreath laying. There will be a special registration form shortly appearing on the web site to cover these registrations.

Some of our members have elevated Owen Reynolds from Treasurer to psychic and expect him to be able to guess who deposited money without a name or details or any link on their registration form. PLEASE, so he is not driven even further to drink, ensure that you note on your deposit your name and registration (or membership, or memorial donation or memorabilia as applicable!)

Apprentices Together 2011 was organised to provide time for intakes to organise their own get togethers and for seeing the very accessible and interesting/fascinating/important/national/free attractions in Canberra. Come on, Take the opportunity for intake gatherings, particularly those intakes who do not keep in regular contact with each other.

Please help me with registrations by getting yours in early so I am not left with a lot of last minute registrations to process. You also stand the best chance of getting a possie on the AWM Annex tours and at the table of your choice at the dinner.

As Chair of the Memorial Sub-Committee I will also take this opportunity to thank the couple of members who have spontaneously included a donation to the Memorial fund with their registration. Our big spend coming up is to build the Memorial Wall and this all helps.

Don't forget to keep checking the web page (austarmyapprentice.org.au) for the latest on Apprentices Together 2011, and of course other Association news.

My regards to all and please pass this on to non-members.

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