

## **RAACA Victoria**

The AGM was conducted at our current home – **the Preston/Darebin RSL** on **Monday 24 February 2020**.

Incumbent **President Peter Branagan** was re-elected unopposed as were **Secretary Peter Axton** and **Treasurer Andy Clark**. The President will also continue in the role of **Track Editor**.

**Rod Westgarth** will continue in the important role of **Family Liaison Officer**. **Rob Toy** has put his hand up again as **Membership Officer** whilst **Trevor Watts, Icky Smith, Diesel Perkins, David Finlayson** and **Pat O'Hanlon** continue to serve on the general committee. A warm welcome to **Werner Golla** who successfully nominated for the vacant Vice President's position and **Tyrrell McGeever** has joined the general committee. Attendance exceeded all expectations and was great to see.

On the social front it has been a mixed bag with activities such as the **2019 Cambrai Dinner, the Kid's Xmas Party** and the **annual association birthday** well supported whilst the AGM enjoyed its best attendance in many years. Unfortunately, in March the COVID 19 restrictions came into force so our **annual Autumn Picnic at the Army Tank Museum was cancelled as was Reserve Forces Day in July**. **The greatest disappointment for 2020 has been the cancellation of our annual Cambrai Dinner programmed for 21 November**.

Our membership numbers have increased now passing the 200 mark. Rod Westgarth organized 22 Christmas hampers to be delivered to worthy recipients last December and will back up again this year. **Rod Westgarth and David Finlayson** organized a large number of gift vouchers that were distributed amongst our membership during the lockdown period.

The rebirth of our website thanks to the sterling work of **Secretary Peter Axton** has been outstanding. **It can be viewed at [raacavic.weebly.co](http://raacavic.weebly.co)**

On behalf of our committee and members, I wish all members of our brother armoured associations a very happy and prosperous Festive Season and a successful 2021.

**Peter Branagan, OAM**

**President**