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## Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Royal Australian Survey Corps



The Ex Fortuna Survey Association is pleased to be able to host Birthday celebrations for the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Survey Corps to be held in Bendigo on "Corps Day". Again we have gone for the "All Seasons Quality Resort" as our primary dinner venue. This time we have booked the totally separate **Conservatory** function room complex that has the capacity to cater for just over 200. Other activities are planned for the weekend. I had reckoned that having held a large function to farewell DIGO from Fortuna that a 95<sup>th</sup> function would not be wanted or indeed needed. What I had not foreseen was the large number of significant Corps Identities that had unfortunately passed away over the last twelve months, leading to considerable pressure to host this function now rather than waiting for the Centenary. Well, we have agreed to host this birthday function and hopefully do it with style and flair, now its up to you to support it, because its you that make these functions a success by all getting together. Haven't been back to Bendigo for one of these dinners for a while, then this is now your opportunity to join us. We are all growing older and our numbers are diminishing, added to that is the reality that we are now scattering to the extents of the continent and beyond. This is one of those special opportunities to gather again in large numbers. The more that attend, the more significant it will be, and the more catching up with old friends will be possible. Function return slips have been provided at the end of this newsletter and payment must be provided with the return slip by the cut off date for catering reasons. Please use your local grapevines and networks to distribute the Magna Carto and the return slip as widely as possible to anyone who you believe may be interested in attending.

## **The Anniversary Dinner**

The anniversary dinner is to be held at the "All Seasons Quality Resort", (03) 5443 8166 171-183 McIvor Road, Bendigo, commencing at 1930hrs. There is ample parking at the venue. Dress for this function is neat casual with some Survey Corps memorabilia if possible. There will be minimal formality at this sit down table service dinner with no seating plan. A two course, two choice meal is to be served with your order being taken at the table on the day. The initial drinks that will be provided on the tables on arrival are included in the meal cost, further drinks are available at bar prices. Please go to our reception table on arrival to collect a name tag and confirm your attendance. Seating will be round table parties of about eight. Cost of the dinner is \$50 per head. There will not be a special Port bottling for this function as things like this will be reserved for the big Centenary Function.

## **Other Activities**

### **BENDIGO RSL**

From about 1730hrs onward "Early arrivers" are welcome to meet at the Bendigo RSL 73-75 Havilah Road, Bendigo 03 5442 2950. A wide range of both chinese and traditional Ala Carte meals are available in the Bistro.

### **BENDIGO**

On Saturday morning you may wish to visit the old Post Office that is now the Tourist Information Centre and at no cost you can view an impressive display of exhibits. The nearby RSL Hall contains a Military Museum and it has a large number of exhibits or you may wish to just see the many changes around both the Mall area and the Market Place (Near the Railway Station).

### **ART GALLERY**

For a gold coin donation a visit to the Art Gallery is also a very worthwhile activity. The Art Gallery that opens at 1000 hrs is rightly claimed to be one of the best Regional Galleries in Australia. Many may remember the large painting entitled "Gentlemen the Queen" that was displayed at Fortuna for some years which is currently on display at the gallery. Best of all there are now two new cafes at the Gallery, with great views, where those who attend are encouraged to meet for morning tea or a coffee.

### **THE BOARDWALK**

Others are encouraged to meet at the Boardwalk Cafe/Restaurant for Breakfast, Coffee or morning tea on Sunday morning. The Boardwalk is set on the shores of Lake Weeroona and is an idealic setting to watch those who would like to, or need to, walk around the lake first. There is ample parking however those who would like to, can arrive in style at the Boardwalk by tram. The Talking-Tram departs the Central Deborah Mine at about 1000hrs and arrives at the Boardwalk a little before 1030 hrs. Tram (03) 5442 2821.

## **BBQ Lunch**

A BBQ lunch is planned for Sunday 4 July . The venue is Dave Lampton-Young's Tysons Reef Hotel. Dave has been particularly helpful in providing the venue including large undercover areas in the rear beer garden and his whole largely renovated hotel at 2 Weeroona Avenue 03 5443 4856. Parking is a little more restricted along Weeroona Ave. Be quick or park at Lake Weeroona and take a walk or catch the tram that goes by the door. The function is planned from about 11:30am-5pm and will include the cake cutting. Please wear your name tag from the night before or pickup yours if you missed the dinner. Corps memorabilia such as books, badges, ties, and plaques will also be on sale.

## **Accommodation**

Accommodation bookings for the full range of accommodation are being coordinated by Tourism Bendigo 1800 813 153.

Let them know that you are part of the Ex Fortuna Function Group. The All Seasons Quality Resort, the function venue, is also offering 10% discount to members attending the dinner.



## **Ex Fortuna Association to march with members of 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF for Anzac Day 2010 in Melbourne**

Again this year an invitation is extended to all members of the Ex Fortuna Survey Assoc to join with the members of 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF for the 2010 Anzac Day march in Melbourne. This invitation is not only for the Bendigo based members but it is also an ideal opportunity for the Melbourne based members to get together without having to trek to Bendigo.

Just in case some members who have not seen active overseas service feel uneasy about marching, please be reassured that we are not trying to misrepresent your military service but rather those that march are acknowledging the contribution made by the Survey Corps.

The purpose of this visit to Melbourne is in particular to acknowledge the contribution made by the members of 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF and it is for this reason I request that as many members of the Ex Fortuna Survey Association as possible attend to make this a very special and memorable occasion.

Should anyone already in Melbourne be interested, their dawn service at the Shrine of Remembrance is held between 0545hrs and 0630hrs.

The march on Sunday 25 April commences from the Flinders Street station and proceeds down St Kilda road for about 1.3 km to the Shrine. The form-up position is with the 2AIF and it is marked with our traditional Survey Corps triangle banner and is located on the western side of Swanston Street between Flinders Lane and Collins Street. The step off time for the Survey Group is expected to be 0916hrs so that anyone wishing to participate should be there well before that.

We are NOT planning to attend the Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony held at the Shrine between 1245hrs – 1330hrs.

Directly after the march, 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF have a cuppa near the NE corner of the Shrine and then move to the Survey Corps Tree located on the Western side of the Shrine and hold a short commemorative service. Bendigo members are encouraged to follow Melbourne members to the tree. Following the service members can either walk back or catch our bus (if there is enough room) to the luncheon venue. There will not be trams running up St Kilda Road at this time.

The Survey Corps lunch and (possibly a beer) will be held at the “**Bull and Bear Tavern**” – 347 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, situated between Elizabeth and Queen Streets. Take the steps down to the reserved function room. If there is anyone who is not able to make the march you are more than welcome to join us for lunch, however please let us know of your intention for catering reasons. Lunch will be at your own expense.

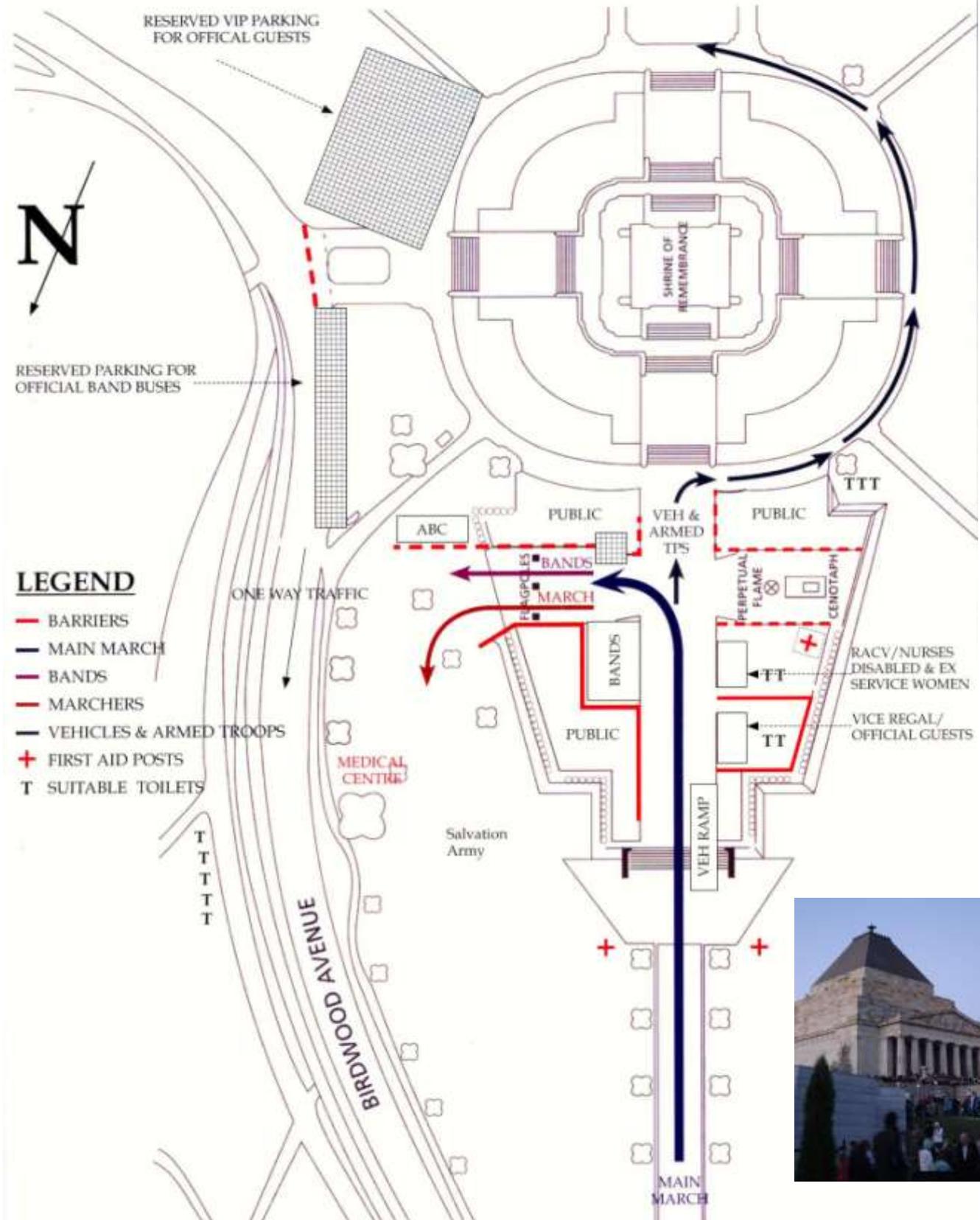
A number of members have already indicated that they will be attending with some travelling by own means either on the day or on the previous day. If there is sufficient demand The Ex Fortuna Association will provide (at no cost) a 12 seater bus to ferry members to Melbourne on the day, transport members from the march to the “Bull and Bear” for lunch and then return to Bendigo later in the afternoon.

Dress for the march would generally be neat casual or better and include medals. Survey Corps or Survey Association badges/ ties and in particular berets (either purple or blue) are strongly encouraged.

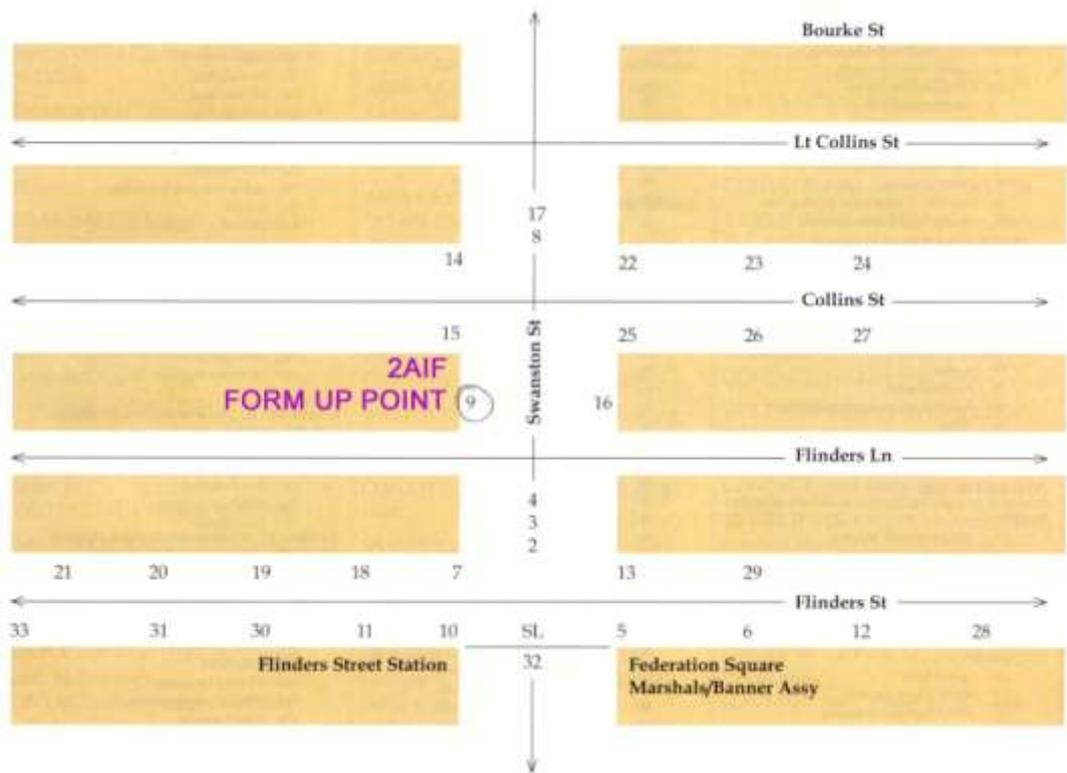
For Melbournians:

It is believed that on 25 April, trams on all routes will operate to the Sunday timetable, with the first tram as per normal weekday timetable and then every 30 minutes until the commencement of regular Sunday services.

# SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE SITE PLAN



## ANZAC MARCH ASSEMBLY PLAN



It is anticipated that the bus (if sufficient numbers) and any others travelling own means (car pool) on the day would leave from the Bendigo RSL memorial hall Pall Mall at approximately 0650hrs after the Bendigo dawn service and a quick “brew”.

If there are any members that believe that they may need special vehicle assistance for the Melbourne march then please contact the secretary ASAP.

I strongly commend this activity to you to help make this a very special and memorable occasion for the members of 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF. Please pass this information onto any members who you think may be interested. **If you intend to go then please let the secretary (Tracey) know as soon as possible but NLT 31 Mar 08. This indication is needed for march organisers the bus booking and catering room. Melbourne members are also requested to advise of their attendance.**

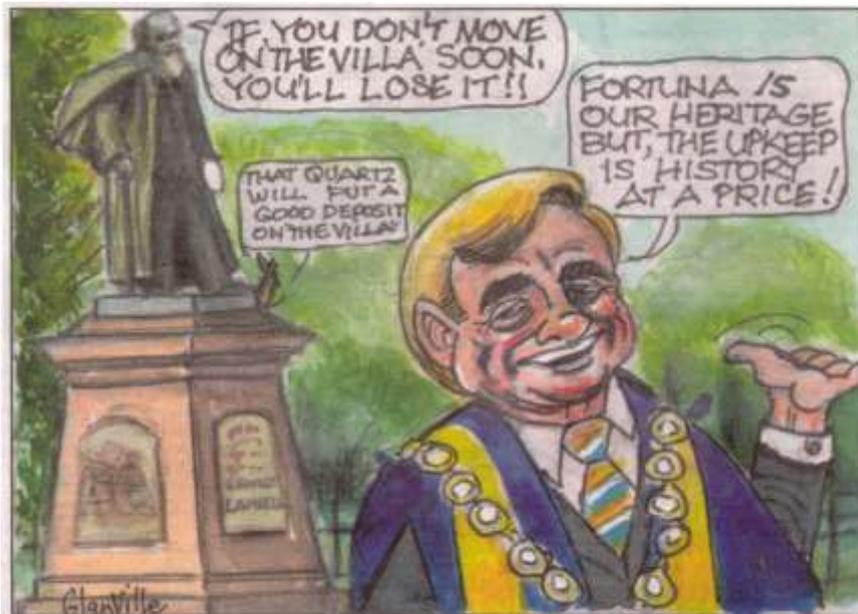
**NOTE: For those not able to go to Melbourne, then there will still be the Bendigo march behind our Association Banner.**

As usual the form- up point is the same as last year opposite the Bendigo Regional TAFE in McCrae Street and members are asked to be at this location by NLT 1030hrs on Sunday 25 April. Members are requested to wear medals and some form of Survey Corps apparel. You are encouraged to wear a beret. John Phillips will lead the Bendigo contingent. Following the march it is planned that the group would reassemble at Dave Lampton-Young's Tysons Reef Hotel before moving onto the RSL for lunch.



Dave has offered an early licence if anyone is interested – call Dave on 03 5443 0374

“A Wet Anzac Day in Bendigo 2009”



BID: Dale O'Sullivan says Fortuna Villa would be better off in private ownership.

The Future use of Fortuna continues to attract local attention with two new developments since our last Magna Carta. Firstly the City of Greater Bendigo Council rejected taking on sole responsibility for the Villa prompting the above cartoon in the Bendigo Weekly and then yesterday the revelation of an interested private bidder appeared in the Bendigo Advertiser.

## Businessman wants Villa

A MELBOURNE businessman wants to buy the historic Fortuna Villa and open the building up to the public.

Dale O'Sullivan told *The Advertiser* he wanted to buy Fortuna Villa for \$3 million, as a representative of the Richard Anderson Trust.

"That is what it is worth and we know it would not take long to make the money back," he said.

Mr O'Sullivan said he had made his interest in the heritage property known to the City of Greater Bendigo and that he believed the building would be better off in private ownership.

"A private owner is driven by profits, whereas the government will just leave it there," he said.

"As far as I know we're the only ones that have put money on the table."

Mr O'Sullivan said he believed the council should have informed the community that an offer for Fortuna had been made.

"Having it out in the public arena means we can at least work with other buyers," he said.

"They're treating the public like children who cannot handle bad news."

City of Greater Bendigo director of city futures Stan Liacos said the coun-

cil was aware of Mr O'Sullivan's interest in the property, which he had submitted in a one-paragraph letter.

"We were seeking general interest from the community," he said.

"His interest was included in the confidential report presented to the council.

"He was directed to the Department of Defence."

In January the council decided against buying the building, which is owned by the Department of Defence, but instead to push for support from the State and Federal governments to secure the asset for the community.

# IMPORTANT: RSVP for Catering by Friday 18 June 2010

Tracey Phillips (Wk) Ph (03) 5449 5689 (Ah) Ph (03)5449 6330, Email: [phipsys@bigpond.com](mailto:phipsys@bigpond.com)  
Or  
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## 95<sup>th</sup> SURVEY CORPS BIRTHDAY FUNCTION RETURN

The Secretary  
Ex Fortuna Survey Association  
PO Box 613  
GOLDEN SQUARE VIC 3555



Name 1: .....  
Name 2: .....  
Name 3: .....  
Name 4: .....

Contact Details: ..... Ph ..... Email

**COST \$**

I / we wish to attend the following Function:  
Friday 2 Jul 10 "Early arrivers get together" Bendigo RSL 1730hrs  
Ala Cart Bistro Meals available                      Number attending.....                      own arrangements

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I / we wish to attend the following Function:  
Saturday 3 Jul 10 Corps Birthday Dinner All Seasons Quality Resort 1900 for 1930hrs  
Number attending.....x \$50 ea                      .....

Any special dietary requirements Yes/No    Please explain.....

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I /we wish to attend the following Function:  
Sunday 4 Jul 10 Boardwalk Coffee 1030hrs    Number attending.....                      own arrangements

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I /we wish to attend the following Function:  
Sunday 4 Jul 10 BBQ 1200hrs                      Number attending.....x \$10 ea                      .....

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Please find enclosed my cheque/money order payment.....TOTAL \$.....

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For those digitally savy, details for Internet Transfer are:  
Name: Ex Fortuna Survey Association BSB: 633-000 Account No: 101109718  
Reference: "Your Name"  
It is also requested that those paying by Internet Transfer, Email Tracey on [phipsys@tpg.com.au](mailto:phipsys@tpg.com.au)

## ANZAC DAY 2010-02-14

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