

*~ Diamond Jubilee ~*



*Band of the 1st Regiment  
Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery*

## ***A General Overview***

*The Band of the 1st Regiment, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery (the Arty Band, as it has become affectionately known) will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee over the period 21-23 March 2014.*

*A number of activities are planned to celebrate and embrace the service and achievements of the Arty Band over the last 60 years. It is greatly anticipated that this unique opportunity in the history of the Arty Band will bring together many of those who served within its ranks, strengthening and renewing old friendships.*

*The Arty Band was formed as the HQ 5 AGRA Band in March 1954 to compliment the training of the 11th National Service Battalion. Over the last 60 years the Arty Band has been heavily involved in military and community events primarily around the south east Queensland region. However, the Band has also served throughout North Queensland, NSW and the ACT, and was deployed to Bougainville on operational service in support of Operation Bel Isi in 2000. During that time hundreds of soldier/musicians from a diverse range of occupations and backgrounds have served as reservists within the ranks of the Arty Band under the direction of specially selected Army Reserve Bandmasters. An establishment change in 1989 saw the appointment of Regular Army warrant officers of the Australian Army Band Corps to the position of Bandmaster which remains the case to this day.*

*As a result of the members' commitment to training and their desire to deliver quality performances, the Arty Band quickly emerged as a high profile representative of the Australian Army. This tight-knit group of individuals has been forged into a respectful organisation of current serving and ex-serving members proud of its heritage and service to the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, its achievements and enviable reputation of outstanding esprit de corps and camaraderie.*

*The history displays located throughout the Band Hut of the 1st Regiment serve as a pictorial and physical compilation of the six decades of service by the Arty Band. While it is not considered unusual for a member to serve for twenty years in the Australian Army it is unusual for members to serve for twenty or more years in the same unit: therefore the above mentioned displays include a special section dedicated to those who have served for a minimum of twenty years in the Arty Band, with many of those featured in this section serving in excess of thirty years with the unit.*

*The Arty Band of today is as strong and resilient as the Arty Band of yesteryear and its members continue to serve with great pride while following in the footsteps of those who led the way in 1954.*

*The Arty Band was placed under command of the 1st Field Regiment, RAA after the Headquarters 1st Division, RAA was disbanded in 1997. The Arty Band has forged exceptionally close ties with the Regiment over many years and is now considered an established and integral sub-unit of the recently re-named 1st Regiment, RAA and the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade.*

*Information contained within this document will provide you with details on how to register for the Diamond Jubilee that will prove to be a most significant event in the history of the Arty Band. This document will also provide you with contact details of our organising committee and assist in answering any initial queries you may have.*



Ladies and gentlemen,

By way of introduction, I am Warrant Officer Class One Steve Hooper, Bandmaster of the Band of the 1st Regiment, RAA.

On behalf of the Commanding Officer of the 1st Regiment, RAA it gives me great pleasure to announce the Diamond Jubilee of the Band of 1st Regiment and the impending activities that are planned to celebrate 60 years of significant achievement and dedicated service.

I therefore cordially invite you and you partner to join with us over the weekend of 21-23 March 2014, to help celebrate this noteworthy milestone in the history of the Band.

The weekend of celebration will commence with an informal 'Meet and Greet' gathering at the Arana Leagues Club on Friday, 21 March 2014, commencing at 1900 h. This will provide current and ex-serving members an opportunity to meet in a relaxed atmosphere and renew old friendships. This activity will not be catered however the club offers a number of options for meals if required.

Official recognition and celebration of the Band's Diamond Jubilee will be held on the evening of Saturday, 22 March 2014, commencing at 1900 h. This seated function will comprise a three course dinner and will be hosted in the Foundation Room of the Arana Leagues Club.

The weekend's activities would not be complete without a final get together over a nice hot breakfast. This will be conducted at the Band Hut of the 1st Regiment on Sunday, 23 March 2014, commencing at 0900 h.

For those of you who still have an instrument tucked away in the wardrobe or under the bed please dust it off and bring it along to the breakfast. If we get enough interest and are able to dust off a few old Bandmasters as well, we will have a short '*Guggenheimer*' band rehearsal revisiting a number of old charts that live in our archives.

I have established an executive committee who will, in conjunction with a number of ex-members, plan and coordinate our Diamond Jubilee and ensure a great time is had by all. Contact details for all enquiries are included in this information pack and I would encourage you to please spread the word about our great event and in turn encourage those who served with the Band to make contact with us and attend our planned events.

Updated information will be disseminated in the lead up to our Diamond Jubilee so I ask that you please fill in the attached registration form and return it to us as quickly as possible. This will ensure we have your current contact details making it easier to get our message out there.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during our Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

**S.M. HOOPER**

Warrant Officer Class One

Bandmaster

Band of the 1st Regiment, RAA

# Diamond Jubilee Registration

## Registration and payment options

### Option 1: Postal registration and payment

- Complete registration form
- Make cheque payable to **1 Regt RAA RTF Account** and post with registration form to:

WO1 John Franklin  
1 Regiment Band  
1 Regiment, RAA  
Gallipoli Barracks  
Enoggera Qld 4051

### Option 2: Electronic registration and payment

- Complete and scan registration form
- Complete electronic funds transfer (EFT) using the following account details:

**BSB:** **803205**

**Account number:** **20366712**

**Account name:** **1 Regt RAA RTF Account**

- Email scanned registration form and electronic copy of the EFT transaction detail to:

[jf33@hotmail.com.au](mailto:jf33@hotmail.com.au)

**IMPORTANT: Ensure your name is included in the EFT transaction reference**

- Registration and payment confirmation will be acknowledged within 14 days of receipt
- Please contact us if this does not occur

### Contact details:

Warrant Officer Class One John Franklin

Mobile: 0407 312 035

Email: [jf33@hotmail.com.au](mailto:jf33@hotmail.com.au)

# Registration Form

## Diamond Jubilee Band of the 1st Regiment, RAA

<b>Name(s)</b>					
<b>Address</b>					
<b>Phone(s)</b>					
<b>Email</b>					
Date	Time	Event	Cost	Number Attending	Sub Total \$
Friday 21 Mar 14	1900 h	<b>Meet and Greet</b> Arana Leagues Club Dawson Parade Arana Hills Qld  <b>Dress:</b> <b>Neat casual</b>	Nil		N/A
Saturday 22 Mar 14	1845 h for 1900 h	<b>Diamond Jubilee Dinner</b> Arana Leagues Club Dawson Parade Arana Hills Qld  <b>Dress:</b> <b>Gents - coat and tie</b> <b>Ladies - after five</b>  <b>Miniature medals appropriate</b>	\$55		
Sunday 23 Mar 14	0900 h	<b>Breakfast</b> 1st Regiment Band Hut Lavarack Parade Gallipoli Barracks  <b>Dress:</b> <b>Neat casual</b>	\$15		
Sunday 23 Mar 14	1000 h	<b>Guggenheimer band rehearsal</b> 1st Regiment Band Hut Lavarack Parade Gallipoli Barracks  <b>Dress:</b> <b>Neat casual</b>	Nil		N/A
				<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>Please list special dietary requirements</b>					
<b>Registrations close on Friday 28 February 2014</b>					