

INFORMATION FOR MARCHERS

Invitation to Serving and former members of the Defence Forces

CEREMONIAL CONTINGENTS – FORMING UP POSITIONS

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All serving and former members are to meet in Hyde Park North by 1000h. On arrival report to your **Association Sergeant Major** to ensure you know your position and where to go when asked to fall in

At 1000h College Street will be closed and all members will move on to the road and form up in their **Ceremonial Formations**. Areas for, RANR, 2nd Division, 5th Brigade, 8th Brigade, RAAF and the National Service Association will be clearly sign posted.. Initially the Formation RSMs will be in control before handing over to the 2IC/Formation Commander.

UNIT ASSOCIATION REUNIONS - Unit Association re-unions will be held at the conclusion of the parade. If you are not a member of your unit's association you would be most welcome to join their activities on the day. For a list of Associations in NSW see RFDC web site www.rfd.org.au. The NSW Leagues Club in Phillip Street, bistro and bar will be open. On the other side of the club in 60 Elizabeth Street Secure Parking offer a pre-booked parking for \$12 for the day.

NEATNESS OF DRESS AND GENERAL BEARING

The Reserve Forces Day Parade is a military parade and former members take pride in their unit association turn out, as we did when we were serving. As a result many Associations have taken the lead by adopting a uniform Association dress code.

Members on parade will be viewed by spectators throughout its duration, including the march past. We ask Associations to work on this aspect to ensure we demonstrate the pride and esprit de corps we have in our service and association.

Remember we will be marching past within two metres of the VIPs and your guests on two occasions and poor dress will be more obvious than ever before.

Dress Code for this year's Parade:

Headwear is very important as this unifies all marchers and is not expensive to purchase.

Beret: Marchers are requested to wear a beret with their former unit badge except for the Scottish Association, WRAAC and the RAAF NS Association. Many units already wear the beret with pride - for example the Commandos and NSAA. Dark blue is the correct colour for the majority of units. The RSMs will be checking the dress on the day. Berets and badges can be purchased from Christies in Pitt St.

Suit or Jacket: A navy jacket/or suit (done up) and tie is to be worn. Many associations dress code is a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, (coloured trousers do not look uniform) or kilt, black belt, alternatively a sports coat. Tie - official Association / Corps tie. **Gloves:** **White gloves are to be worn by all members of Banner Parties, Standard Bearers and RSMs (and equivalent) for each formation and dress standardised.**

Medals: Only members officially issued decorations, campaign and service medals should be worn as appropriate. Medals such as commemorative or souvenir medals - i.e. medals that are purchased not issued by the Government - must not be worn.

Lapel Badges: It is suggested that one or two is adequate. **Carried items:** No items (newspapers, cameras) are to be carried by members during the parade.

Saluting: Leading members of Contingents wearing headwear are requested to salute (with the hand in traditional fashion) to His Excellency when marching past the dais. **It is not appropriate for Members marching in the ranks to salute.** The salute with hand to heart is not appropriate for this Parade.

Serving members dress: We would like you to wear uniform as it has now been approved for you to wear uniform on RFD (for officers less sword).

MORNING TEA & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARK FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING AN ASSOCIATION SEE THE RFDC WEB SITE www.rfd.org.au - ASSOCIATIONS

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