



**HEAD OF CORPS MESSAGE**  
**TO THE**  
**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF TRANSPORT**

**1 November 2012**

On 15 October 2012, I was afforded the privilege of being appointed as the Head of Corps, Royal Australian Corps of Transport. As you may be aware, my predecessor, Brigadier Andrew Bottrell, will soon be deploying to the Middle East. On behalf of the Corps, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Brigadier Bottrell for the work he has undertaken during his tenure. As a result of his efforts, the RACT is well positioned to continue to provide vital capabilities to Army under Plan BEERSHEBA.

There is, however, an ongoing need to continually analyse how to best support Army into the future, to ensure we remain professionally relevant and to continue to strive for professional excellence in all that we do. This will continue to require engagement from members of the Corps across all rank levels. I ask that every one of you consider how you can provide the highest level of capability to Army, today and into the future and I encourage you to share your thoughts on the RACT page on iArmy (<http://caas/TeamWeb2010/ARMY/iArmy/RACT/Pages/Home.aspx>).

2013 will be a landmark year for the Corps. A parade will be held in Enoggera on 1 June 2013 to mark the Corps' 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday and to present the new Princess Royal Banner. Naturally, I am hoping to see a fantastic turn out by current and past serving members of the Corps at our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in Brisbane, which will include an all ranks Ball. More detail will be available on the RACT web site in due course. There is a great deal of work to be done to ensure that the Banner Parade and other activities are of the highest standard. I have no doubt that through working together we will be able to make these events an outstanding success.

Exciting times lie ahead and I am confident that we will remain true to our motto of 'equal to the task' in providing Army with the capability and support that it has come to expect from all members of the Royal Australian Corps of Transport. I look forward to meeting as many members of the RACT family as I can, during my tenure as your Head of Corps.

*Par Oneri.*

**P.M. NOTHARD, AM, CSC**  
Brigadier  
Head of Corps

1 November 2012