



HEAD OF CORPS MESSAGE
TO THE
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF TRANSPORT

1st JUNE 2012

On the 1st of June 2012 we recognise the 39th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Corps of Transport. On this day in 1973 the road transport, amphibious transport, air dispatch and postal functions of the RAASC were amalgamated with the water transport, terminal and movement functions of the RAE (Tn) to form the RACT. Since this time, RACT have served in every ADF operation, a heritage that is today maintained by 122 RACT personnel deployed to various operations across the world. We also take this opportunity to specifically remember CAPT P.J. McCarthy (UNTSO) and LCPL R. Eisenhuth (10 FSB) who died while deployed on operations.

Despite the implications of a more restricted Defence budget the future of the Corps continues to look very bright. The rollout of the new Land 121 vehicles has begun, as has the process for withdrawing and disposing of our older fleets. These new platforms only serve to reinforce the Corps' utility in current and future operations. In relation to watercraft, the Chief of Army has expressed his requirement to maintain an independent watercraft capability and our deep institutional knowledge in operating small boats reinforces the retention of this capability within the RACT. The utility and demand for terminal, air dispatch, postal and movement support only continue to grow.

The other very positive news surrounds the planning for the Corps' 40th Anniversary and the presentation of a new banner, which will take place at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera in 2013. The Corps is about the people who are, or have served in it, and I encourage all members, past and present, to join us for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of our history and our future. Further information on the 40th Anniversary can be found on the RACT website at <http://www.ract.org.au/ract-40th-anniversary-celebrations>.

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