

RAAFA (Vic) Engineer Branch Report

March 2018 Report

On behalf of the committee members:

On Monday 5 February 2018 we held the regular bi-monthly committee meeting at the Mail Exchange Hotel in Bourke Street; our first meeting for the new year with eleven attendees.

We will be holding our annual mid year luncheon in Melbourne on Wednesday 13th June in the rooms of the Batman's Hill on Collins Melbourne. The facility is centrally placed being opposite the Southern Cross railway station and is well serviced with transport links, amenities and services.

Glen Gould volunteered to be our Master of Ceremonies (armed with his many jokes) and our guest speaker will be David Gardner Director of the RAAF Museum at Point Cook; John Clarkson, Richard Orr and Noel Hadfield as usual, supported by other members, will provide the essential “back room support”.

The committee also discussed ways to positively encourage people to join the AFA Branch; this will be subject to separate correspondence but will concentrate on positive encouragement explaining the many advantages of joining.

Following a proposal from Richard Orr, the committee supported his proposal to recommend a change to the current RAAFA Victorian Division Articles of the Association to reflect the use of more modern communications medium with members such as email where this is preferred by the member(s) rather than postal notifications which can be expensive. This has been forwarded to the RAAFA Vic board for consideration.

We have also arranged upgrading of our web site. A first cut update has been completed and this will be presented at our next committee meeting which we agreed will be an AGM with an offer of a financial offset for attendees. Due to the impact of the Easter public holidays and the availability of the web site contractor, the AGM is planned for Tuesday 10 April 2018 at the Mail Exchange Hotel.

Kingsley McRae and Glen Gould also attended a meeting at RMIT on 8 February to discuss our involvement with Rebecca Booth and Leonie Boxel regarding an RMIT Alumni “plaque” initiative - “the donor wall”. The RAAF has a very long history of association regarding technical training across a number of levels at RMIT and many of us did our initial radio technician training and/or engineering training at RMIT

Melbourne. Already we have collected a total sum of \$725 from members towards being involved in this project.

Just to recap from the RMIT meeting:

- The donor wall will occupy the right wall of the Capitol foyer and will comprise of interactive panels as well as a static design element made of tiles. The names of our donors will be etched onto the tiles and donor stories will be featured through the interactive element.
- Rebecca will forward details including drawings of the final design of the wall when they become available.
- The Radio Apprentices, Cadet Engineers and Airmen will be able to have their insignia engraved onto the tiles as well as the names of their divisions.
- Kingsley will collate information and photos regarding the three divisions detailing their experiences at RMIT. These will include a 'day in the life' of their RMIT experience, the experiences they had whilst in service and their connection now. The stories will be featured through the interactive element in the donor wall.
- Leonie will forward a gift form through to Kingsley to aid in the collection process.

[Refer information from RMIT attached regarding this interesting project]

Due to the impact of ageing as well as the changes in the location and structure of the engineering members in the current RAAF, much discussion was held regarding the format the functions should take and what would best serve the members' needs for the future. Several options are available including reducing the number of "formal events" involving guest presenters versus less formal, more interactive fellowship luncheons. This is currently being actively investigated as to the most suitable format for the future.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bi-monthly committee meeting for committee members at the Mail Exchange Hotel which is on the corner of Spencer and Bourke streets.

- First Monday in the month commencing February 2018 unless we decide otherwise due to a conflict in dates/activities.
 - Monday 5 Feb 2018
 - Tuesday 10 April (date changed due to Easter holidays)
 - Monday 4 June
 - Monday 6 Aug
 - Monday 1 Oct
 - Monday 3 Dec
- Mid year lunch at Batman's Hill on Collins 1200 Hrs Wed 13 June
- End of year lunch 1200 hours Thursday 8 Nov-venue and luncheon form to be determined.

- Anzac Day-same as past years but to be finalised.
[Note: All dates subject to change and to be confirmed throughout the year].

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We wish you all ongoing good health and wellbeing in 2018.

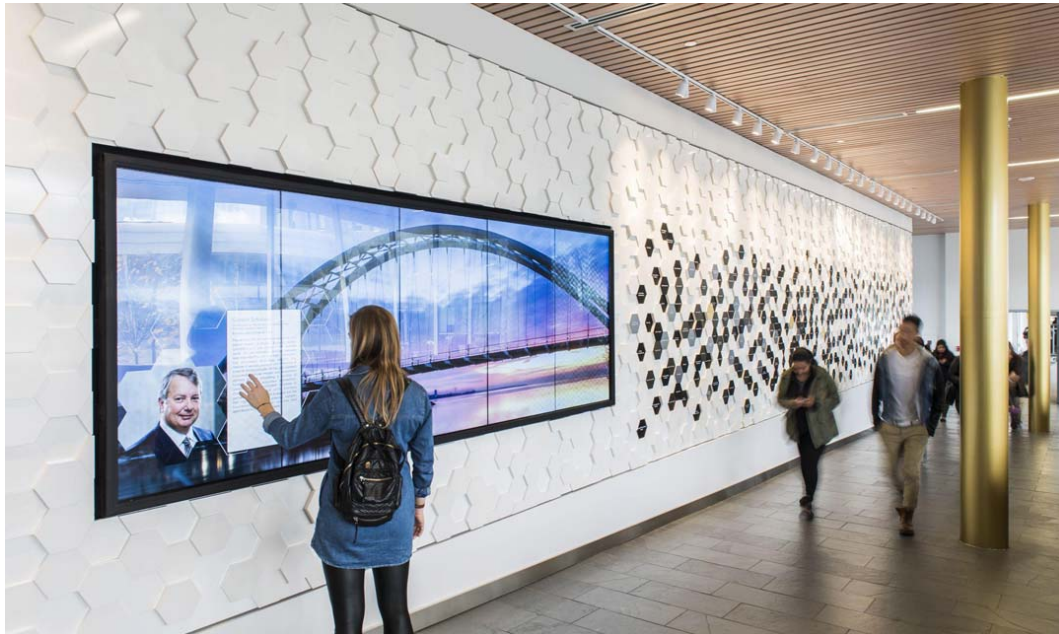
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For Kingsley McRae and the Committee Members
Email with an assortment of photos sent separately.

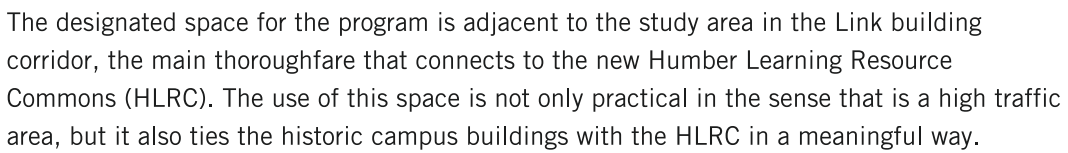
Attachment:
Copy of material from RMIT regarding “the donor wall” project.

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PROJECT FEATURE: HUMBER COLLEGE DONOR WALL February 24, 2017



Humber College is a leading postsecondary institution that is made up of three campuses, serving over 29,000 full-time students. At their North campus in Etobicoke the College was looking to recognize donors in a sophisticated and engaging way. Entro developed and implemented a recognition program that showcases the important support of donors, and expresses the College's appreciation for this support.



Taking inspiration from the Humber River and the green spaces that are part of Humber's campuses, the wall is comprised of a series of individual hexagon tiles with the four donor levels identified through the use of varying materials. A series of seamlessly integrated touch screens introduces a flexible and interactive component to engage passers by. In addition to providing in-depth donor information and ways to give, the screens are an opportunity to promote alumni recognition and special events, with the capability for live streaming.



The design concept is meant to convey the positive influence and impact that donors can have on students in the same way that stones shape the current of the river – each donor's contribution adding to the mosaic of interactions between the community, College, and students. As the light interacts with the different surfaces, the donor tiles shimmer creating an effect similar to light reflecting off a river's surface.

The strong integration of the static and digital components (digital programming by Lusens) allows for expansion, while recognizing donor support in a unique and dignified manner.