

I have been asked by the Director Army Dental Service to present and facilitate two sessions at his Study Period on 11 Jan 11 entitled RADC business. They will centre on our Corps regimental business, traditions and ethos. Be clear these are not opportunities for blood letting, whinging or negativity. It is a time to hear how well or not so well we are doing across a whole spectrum of subjects. It is an opportunity for us to just gather and garner our thoughts in these very testing times, reaffirm ourselves and set out an agenda to be able to adjust the trim of our Corps activity. Overarching this and setting the agenda for higher level activity out with our focus will be the Director and his Management Board and co-opted members.

By our very nature of employment it is very rare that we are together as a whole "Regiment" and a look to the future would suggest that will continue to be true. It is for that reason that when we are apart in disparate locations, getting on with our fundamental Corps task, we have a significant sense of belonging to our Regimental family. When we have the opportunity to get together we should maximise the density by attending and ensure what is provided is really our best effort.

The following might appear very officer centric but here is a starter for ten, not exhaustive or exclusive, of what you might give consideration to discussing during the sessions at the Study Period:

- The RHQ - what do you need it to do for you as a serving or retired member of the Corps?
- What do we need to do with the Corps calendar for Officers, Soldiers and retired members?
- How would you improve our Corp social calendar - for an officer is the Blue Book programme too compressed?
- Formality of Association branches. How important is the RADC Association to you?
- How are you achieving you annual mandatory military training?
- What prevents your integration with LAU?
- Why do you attend Corps Social Functions?
- Why don't you attend Corps Social Functions?
- What Corps social functions do you like to attend and why?
- What Corps social functions do you particularly dislike and why?
- What do you think is a reasonable personal contribution to a dinner evening?
- How would you improve attendance at Corps social functions?
- How should we celebrate our Corps Centenary?

- How do you feel about work life balance and how would you improve it?
- Sport, AT leave and time away from the works place - what is fair as a public servant?
- How might we improve our communication to past and present members?

If you are unable to attend, but have ideas for the Corps to hear, please let me know by 10 Jan 11. You can call, write or email me:

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