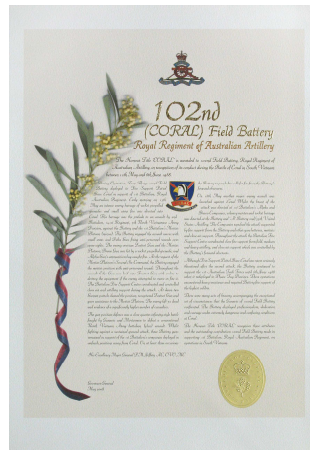


AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL TO HOLD HISTORIC DOCUMENT



The Royal Australian Artillery Regimental Committee (RAARC) in its July meeting discussed the need to preserve the unique Honour Title Scroll awarded to 102 (CORAL) Battery RAA by the Governor General during the 40th Anniversary Commemorations of the Battle of Coral. Preservation of the Scroll is a critical issue since it is the only document of its type in Australia and possibly the world, and as such is priceless. Three numbered copies have been made; one is held at 8/12 Medium Regiment, one at the School of Artillery and the third at the Australian Army Artillery Museum at North Fort.

The original was held by 8/12 Medium Regiment in Darwin but sadly the appropriate preservation environment could not be provided and the document began to deteriorate. Discussions about display and presentation of the scroll were started with the Australian War Memorial (AWM) and although the AWM cannot display the scroll they have agreed to hold and preserve it for two years. The scroll will be held in the Research Centre and, on request, will be available for viewing by members of 102 (CORAL) Battery and for research purposes. The Research Centre can be accessed with the assistance of the AWM staff.

The RAARC is disappointed that the scroll cannot be displayed but the loan to the AWM will guarantee its preservation and conservation in the short term. The AWM has also offered to provide advice regarding appropriate storage and display needs for the scroll to ensure its long term preservation. Responsibility for providing the long term display environment and its location will need to be determined.

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