



## SAPPER PROFILE PROFORMA

### **Warrant Officer Class One Jim Davis**

Warrant Officer Class One James Henry Davis was born in Swan Hill on 19/06/1947 and educated at both the Swan Hill High and Technical Schools reaching Intermediate Certificate. In 1964 he left school to take up a career in banking and joined the Bank of NSW (later known as Westpac) and spent 32 years with the bank reaching senior management. In 1995 he accepted a redundancy from Westpac and moved into a position with Members Equity Bank as a Senior Residential Credit Officer where he served for 10 years before retiring on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

In 1975 WO1 Davis joined the Army Reserve and was allocated to the Corp of Engineers and posted to 7 Field Engineer Regiment (7FER). Following completion of his recruit training in 1976 WO1 Davis joined 8 Field Squadron and completed his Initial Employment training. Following completion of the IET WO1 Davis was posted to 10 Field Squadron which was the senior squadron of 7 FER.

WO1 Davis served with 7 FER until 1978 when he was transferred with his employer (Westpac) to Goroka, PNG on a two year secondment. In order to maintain his Reserve involvement he was transferred to the Supplementary Reserve and was posted to 39 Electrical and Mechanical Squadron. During this period WO1 Davis travelled from PNG to attend annual field exercises. Upon returning to Australia WO1 Davis resumed normal Reserve conditions and was posted back to 7 FER.

WO1 Davis main service has been with the RAE where he has served with numerous squadrons within 7 FER, 7 ESR, 55 Resources Sqn, 4 CER and 22 CONST REGT however he has also had periods with 4/19 PWLH (Kyneton) and 2 RVR (Maryborough) where he served as Engineer support.

On 01/01/2001 WO1 Davis was promoted and appointed to the SSM of 105 Construction (22 Construction Regiment) where he remained until April 2006 when he assumed the role of Regimental Sergeant Major of 22<sup>nd</sup> Construction Regiment which he fulfilled until 01<sup>st</sup> January 2008 when the position was converted to an ARA full time role. WO1 Davis was then placed in charge of the Training Troop and given the task of building personnel numbers particularly in the skilled trades. During this period as TP COMD the ARTAP scheme was introduced with the result that a number of apprentices were enlisted into the role. When the ARA RSM was moved to HQ 4 BDE on special duties WO1 Davis moved back into the RSM role for a further period of 6 months. WO1 Davis was posted back to 4 CER from 01<sup>st</sup> January 2009 where he assumed the role of OPSWO until his retirement from the Reserve on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

There have been far too many highlights in his 37 years of military service to list but some have been the appointment to WO1, completing CFTS duties at 4 CER, and the role of RSM at 22 CR. Being able to assist with the devastating Victorian bushfires and floods provided a great deal of satisfaction.

WO1 Davis has been awarded the ADM, RFM (with 4 clasps) and Australia Day Medallion.

Jim Davis is currently the Honorary Secretary of the Royal Australian Engineers Association (Vic) Inc