

INVOLVEMENT WITH RMIT: “THE DONOR WALL PROJECT”

At an RMIT alumni event on 4 December 2017 held in Melbourne, RMIT announced the purchase of the Capitol Theatre and plan an extensive refurbishment. The Capitol Theatre is opposite the Town Hall on Swanston Street Melbourne. Connected with this significant and historic project is active engagement and involvement with significant past organisations as well as a fundraising activity and interested parties can have a plaque for a minimum donation of \$250.

We have regular attendance at the alumni meeting many of whom attended RMIT as either a part of their initial apprenticeship training with the RAAF and/or their engineering studies via Frognall. The REOA committee were in favour of this and have indicated very strong support for the idea of a plaque or plaques.

Current proposals include an RAAF Apprentice plaque and an RAAF Engineers plaque.

On 8 February 2018, Kingsley McRae and Glen Gould, current President and Finance Manager respectively of the RAAF Engineer Officer's Association (REOA), attended a follow up meeting at RMIT to discuss their involvement regarding the 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 did their initial radio technician training and/or engineering training at RMIT Melbourne.

Given your current position you obviously have a large DL of ex RAAF Radio Apprentices hence our desire to share with you this interesting and historic project.

Early technical training started at 1AD and Pt Cook in 1935 and during the war all radio mechanics were trained at RMIT and subsequent extra training at Ballarat. We believe the 1st RAAF apprentice intake was 1948 at RMIT.

The REOA has a large number of past RAAF apprentices and Frognall graduates and they have indicated a strong interest towards being involved in this project. Further, some past radio apprentice course members particularly 21 and 22 Radio Apprentice Courses have also indicated a strong desire to be involved and have already collected funds towards the project.

In summary:

- 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.

- If requested, we 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.
- Interested donor parties 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.
- We can also forward a gift form to aid in the collection process.

We have extended an invitation to the RAAF members who attended RMIT as a part of their initial and/or follow on technical training.

Note that if you require more information on this project Rebecca Booth is the first primary POC for RMIT as detailed below.

Note that RMIT has also provided a form for donations and whilst individual donations are most welcome it is suggested that for say specific RAAF courses a central point of contact is established and the form attached is used to collect donations. I have also included the RMIT POC Rebecca Booth on this correspondence.

We look forward to extended RAAF active participation being part of the significant project particularly given the close and significant history of both our organisations. Feel free to contact Rebecca at RMIT if you require any further information.

RMIT Points of Contact (POC)

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I look forward to your favourable response

Join us to transform the Capitol

Your gift to the RMIT Capitol Theatre Appeal will help to revitalise this cultural gem for students, industry and the people of Melbourne.

Gifts to the RMIT Capitol Theatre Appeal of \$250 and over will be acknowledged in a special feature within the building – please fill in the details below with your preferred name for acknowledgement.

Yes, I would like to support the RMIT Capitol Theatre Appeal:

I would like to make a gift of

☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$5000 or ☐ \$ _____ (please specify)

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible in Australia.

I would like to make my donation by:

☐ Cheque (payable to RMIT University)

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card number CCV Expiry /

Name on card

Cardholder's signature Date

My personal details

☐ I am an RMIT graduate

☐ I am an RMIT staff member

Title Given name Family name

Address

State Country Postcode

Tel Email

Acknowledgement details

I would like my gift to the RMIT Capitol Theatre Appeal recognised in the following name:

☐ I would like this gift to remain anonymous

☐ I would like all my gifts to remain anonymous

More information

☐ I would like more information on leaving a gift in my will (a legacy/bequest)

☐ I would like someone to contact me about current philanthropic projects at RMIT

RMIT will match all donations to the appeal. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible in Australia.

100% of your donation goes to the Capitol revitalisation.

Thank you for supporting RMIT

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