



Conferring of
Freedom of Entry
to the
City of Maroondah
upon the
4th Combat Engineer Regiment
Royal Australian Engineers



Ringwood
Sunday 18 March, 2001

Freedom of Entry to the City

Freedom of Entry to the City is an historic privilege granted by municipalities to military units in recognition of the bond which exists between a Regiment and a City.

Freedom of Entry entitles the Regiment to march in the City on all ceremonial occasions with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying.

The privileges are based on those granted to Regiments raised in the City of London in Anglo-Saxon times for its own protection. To this day, those Regiments descended from the original City are allowed to march through the City of London, even the Queen must ask Lord Mayor's permission before entering the City.

The City of Ringwood first conferred the Freedom of Entry in 1965 to the Royal Australian Engineers 3 Division. This honour lapsed with the disbandment of the Headquarters Royal Australian Engineers 3rd Division in 1975.

The City of Croydon conferred the right of Freedom of Entry on the 7th Field Engineer Regiment in 1988.

With the change of name to 4th Combat Engineer Regiment, and the amalgamation of the former Cities of Ringwood and Croydon into the City of Maroondah, it is appropriate that Freedom of Entry be again conferred in recognition of the Royal Australian Engineers' long association with this region and its municipalities.

Program ~ Sunday 18 March 2001

- 10:30 am Regiment marches off at corner of Maroondah Highway and Burwood Avenue, Ringwood
- Invited guests and spectators assemble in Staley Gardens
- 11:00am Ceremony & Review of Parade, Staley Gardens
- 12:00pm Regiment marches off along Seymour Street, past the Memorial Clocktower and disperses.
- 12:30pm Display and luncheon served for guests, officers, marching soldiers and their families at 4CER depot located at 56 Dublin Road, Ringwood East

All guests are invited to join the Maroondah City Council and 4th Combat Engineer Regiment for luncheon.

Drinks at bar prices.

Freedom of Entry Scroll



The Commanding Officers and Men of the 4th Combat Engineer Regiment, Royal Australian Engineers,
GREETINGS

Whereas the Mayor and Councillors of the Maroondah City Council in recognition of a long and close association with the Council and the municipality of Maroondah and of outstanding achievements in times of both peace and war by members of the Royal Australian Engineers,



COUNCIL DID RESOLVE AT ITS MEETING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR 2000 TO CONFER ON THE 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS THE DISTINCTION, HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE OF

Freedom of Entry to the City

ON ALL CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS WITH SWORDS DRAWN, BAYONETS FIXED, DRUMS BEATING, BANDS PLAYING AND COLOURS FLYING.

The Common Seal of Maroondah City Council
was affixed in the presence of:

Cr Peter Gurr
MAYOR

Michael Marasco
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



The Freedom of Entry Scroll has been prepared by a calligrapher in the traditional style and depicts the Coat of Arms of Maroondah City Council, the badge of the Royal Australian Engineers and the privileges accorded by the conferring of Freedom of Entry to the City.

4th Combat Engineer Regiment



The 4th Combat Engineer Regiment is located at the Engineer Training Depot in Dublin Road, Ringwood East.

The Regiment consists of Regimental Headquarters and the 10th and 38th Field Squadrons.

The first engineer unit to be located in the Ringwood and Croydon district was 10th Independent Field Squadron in 1950, moving to the new training depot in Dublin Road in 1956.

By 1964 all of 3rd Field Engineer Regiment was located in Ringwood.

A re-organisation of the Army in 1964 involved the raising of Headquarters Royal Australian Engineers 3rd Division at Ringwood and its absorption of 3rd Field Engineer Regiment.

On 27 March, 1965 Headquarters Royal Australian Engineers 3rd Division at Ringwood were granted the Freedom of Entry to the City of Ringwood, however, this honor lapsed with the disbandment of Headquarters Royal Australian Engineers 3rd Division on 30 June 1975.

In 1988 the City of Croydon conferred the right of Freedom of Entry to the 7th Field Engineer Regiment, which has since changed its name to become the 4th Combat Engineer Regiment.

Serving Officers of 4th Combat Engineer Regiment

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel D.G Hughes

Major RDJ Ager	Captain G. Betts
Major M. Shanks	Lieutenant D. Horsburgh
Major M. Longmire	Lieutenant D. Wynd
Captain D. Hogben	Lieutenant H.Gill
Captain M. Mullaly	Lieutenant M. Cretan
Captain R.L. Greedy	Lieutenant M. Shackleton
Captain G. Hatcher	Second Lieutenant Carawella
Captain D. Andrewartha	Second Lieutenant Stacey
Captain J. McKinlay	Second Lieutenant Tampling
Captain T. Bussell	

City of Maroondah

The City of Maroondah was created by Order of Council on 15 December 1994, predominantly comprising the amalgamated former Cities of Croydon and Ringwood.

The inaugural elected Council of the municipality was sworn into office on 19 March, 1997.

The City of Maroondah covers 61 square kilometres and has a population of over 96,000 people.

The City has a balance of established neighbourhoods, new suburban developments and over 600 hectares of parks, bushland and passive recreation areas.

The community enjoys some wonderful attractions including Ringwood Lake, Wyreena Arts Centre, the new Maroondah Federation Estate, numerous bushland reserves and many sporting facilities.

Traditionally the lands of the Wurundjeri people, the district was originally settled by Europeans during the 1830s moving east to cut firewood to sell in Melbourne.

By the 1860s the district was known for its excellent orchards and vegetable gardens. The area grew into a busy market town and continued to develop in the post-war period as people seeking a rural atmosphere moved from inner Melbourne.

Many still come to Maroondah, lured by the natural environment, fantastic community facilities and lifestyle.

Maroondah City Council

Mayor

Cr Peter Gurr, Arrabri

Cr Nick Kirmos

Clocktower

Cr Neil Rose

Eastfield

Cr Frank Corr JP

Loughnan's Hill

Cr Marj Munro

Mullum

Cr Les Willmott, JP

Wyreena

Cr Maureen Naylor

Yarrunga

Michael Marasco

Chief Executive Officer

Order of Ceremony

Parade forms up in Burwood Avenue, Ringwood
4th Combat Engineer Regiment with the Sovereign's Banner
2nd/10th Medium Regiment Royal Australian Artillery Band
Cadets of the 8th Flight & 31 Regional Cadet Units
Vehicles & equipment from 4th Combat Engineer Regiment

Parade marches along Maroondah Highway and is halted at the intersection of Market Street

City Marshall challenges the Regiment
Superintendent Kieran Walshe, Victoria Police
"Halt- who comes here?"

Commanding Officer 4th Combat Engineer Regiment
Lieutenant Colonel Don Hughes

"The 4th Combat Engineer Regiment, exercising our right and privilege to pass through the City of Maroondah with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying"

The City Marshall replies

"I acknowledge your right and privilege; pass the 4th Combat Engineer Regiment with the Mayor's and Council's authority"

Parade marches to Staley Gardens
Receiving of official guests & inspection of troops

Dignitaries received on to the parade:
The Host Officer - Brigadier Robert Slater, RFD, ADC
Colonel Commandant, Southern Region,
Royal Australian Engineers,
Principal Official Guest - Brigadier Peter Alkemade, RFD,
ADC Commander of the 4th Brigade
Reviewing Officer - Cr Peter Gurr, Mayor, City of Maroondah.

Lt Col D.G Hughes invites the Mayor to inspect the parade and band

Mayor addresses parade & presents awards to members of the 4th Combat Engineer Regiment

Regiment performs a general salute to the people of the City of Maroondah

Mayor, Principal Official Guest & Host Officer depart

Regiment marches up Seymour St, wheels right into Ringwood St, crosses Maroondah Hwy into Wantirna Rd

Parade wheels left into Station St marches off the Sovereign's Banner & disperses at Ringwood RSL