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**The Fromelles Association of Australia has incorporated in order:**

- To champion the Sacrifice of the Soldiers who served at Fromelles, and their families.
- To promote, encourage, and document research designed to identify the missing soldiers of the Battle of Fromelles.
- To forge strong relationships with organisations and people interested in the Battle of Fromelles, especially families of soldiers, the Australian Army, and the citizens of Fromelles.

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## Coo'ee and Welcome !

What began as a number of interested people coming together at Kearsley in 2012 for an informal information session has blossomed into a body of people who have sought incorporation as an Association. We are currently waiting to be officially informed that we can be known as **The Fromelles Association of Australia Inc.**



In the meantime, planning ahead, a number of matters of interest are being brought to you in the hope you will wish to join in the ongoing enrichment of family history, shared experiences and the identification of soldiers who have died in battle at Fromelles in July 1916. A Constitution has been drafted and is awaiting acceptance by Dept. Fair Trading. When that has been accepted, we will be posting a copy on our Facebook page (look for Fromelles Association).

## Upcoming Annual General Meeting 19 July, 2014

So that we can have as many people informed of events, and discussing activities, or sharing the joy of finding missing relatives, we would love you to join us at our first ever Annual General Meeting on:

- ◆ 19th July, 2014
- ◆ at the RSL Club, Parramatta

Bring friends and family who are also interested in the events of 19 and 20 July, 1916 at Fromelles. This will be a great day to get together.

More news on that event in the months ahead.

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## DNA Matching

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## Help Us Design Our Web Page

There is a lot of information for us to work through. Many different sources. We want to get our discoveries out to all those who are interested in our research.

We would love to hear from anyone with web site development skills who may be in a position to advise on web site issues, or to help in the development of a site for the Association.

Any takers? Feel free to contact Royce, Geoffrey, or Bill.

## Identification Process 2014

- ◆ We completed 18 submissions for the 6 month period, commencing 20 July 2013. Many of these required both DNA donors to be identified.
- ◆ The Australian Army is negotiating with DNA laboratories for provision of testing services for the period commencing 2015. DNA “samples” for that period will be taken from approximately July 2014. This “new” contract will replace that which is currently in place, between the UK based laboratory and a partnership of the Australian and British Army.
- ◆ This new contract, fulfils Minister Snowdon’s commitment to continue DNA testing whilst DNA candidates were ‘coming forward’.

## Centenary Commemoration in Fromelles in July 2016

Many people have already told us that they will be travelling to Fromelles for the Centenary Commemoration of the Battle of Fromelles on 19 July, 2016.

If you wish to stay at Fromelles and are presently looking for accommodation, go to our Facebook page and “Like” us. Announcements about availability of accommodation will be posted on our Facebook page.