

About the Author

Graham Sheehan was born in Brisbane, Queensland in 1935. He was educated at Brisbane Grammar School.

After call-up for National Service, he enlisted in 11 National Service Training Battalion on 29 April 1955. After initial full-time service, he was transferred to 1 Stores Company RAAOC on 4 August 1955. Postings to a variety of RAAOC CMF and ARES units followed. He qualified for 1st Appointment in 1964 but elected to seek promotion through the ranks. He was promoted to Warrant Officer Class 1 on 30 November 1976.

Lieutenant Colonel D.W. Lovejoy, Commander, Headquarters 1 Supply Group (ARES), appointed Warrant Officer Sheehan unit historian in 1975 to carry out research with the aim of providing a history of the part time Ordnance Soldier in 1 Military District.

He was awarded the Efficiency Medal together with clasp and the Reserve Force Medal with three clasps. In 1985, he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his outstanding service to the citizen forces.

At the time of his compulsory retirement from the ARES, Graham was the longest serving unit member on record - 35 years 7 months 29 days, of which he served as a Warrant Officer for 31 years 9 months 19 days.

Married to Shirley, they have three children.