



“SITREP, OVER!”



Editor—David

2012 Christmas Special

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10/27 Bn End Of Year Function

On Saturday 24th November the Unit held an end of year function to celebrate the achievements of members and to enjoy a BBQ in a relaxed, casual manner.

10 members of the RSAR Association accepted the invitation to attend.

After a hearty array of food from the BBQ the presentation were made.

The RSM, WO1 Adrian Hodges was Master of Ceremonies. A number of awards have been sponsored by the Association each year. Usually a book prize for the soldier to keep as well as a perpetual trophy which is

held in the Unit.

In addition a number of soldiers were awarded the Australian Defence Medal as well as other service medals.

Soldiers who had been transferred or had retired were also acknowledged.

The RSAR Association Inc (Metro) is proud to sponsor the battalion with various awards and congratulates all award winners for this year. Well done & Pro Patria

10/27 RSAR End Of Year Awards - 2012

Award	Sponsor	Trophy	Awarded To
Most Efficient Officer	10th Bn AIF Assoc	Burzacott Trophy	LT R. George
Most Efficient SNCO	RSAR Association	P.J. Keefe Memorial Trophy	SGT L. Arevalo
Most Efficient JNCO	2nd/43rd Bn AIF Assoc	Efficiency Cup	LCPL Haggett
Solider of the Year 10/27 RSAR	10th Bn AIF Assoc	10th Bn AIF Club Trophy	PTE Baulch-Freeman
Solider of the Year HQ Coy	RSAR Association	E. Hayden Cup	PTE B.A. Buethke
Solider of the Year A Coy	RSAR Association	Challenger Cup	PTE Baulch-Freeman
Solider of the Year B Coy	2nd/43rd Bn AIF Assoc	LTCOL Jacob Trophy (.303)	PTE N. Miller
Musician of the Year	RSAR Association	Kings Regt Bugle	PTE M.K Bampton
Most Efficient Bandsman	RSAR Association	Don Hawking Shield	PTE J.D.Koop
Battalion Champion Shot	Bob and Ruth Sandow	Veale Cup	PTE A. Woolston
Fitness Award	10th Bn AIF Assoc	Sir Thomas Daly Trophy	LCPL D. Clarke

“Fifty Shades of Grey”

The missus bought a Paperback down Big W, Saturday, I had a look in her bag, t'was "Fifty Shades of Grey".

Well I just left her to it, at ten I went to bed, an hour later she appeared, the sight filled me with dread...

In her left hand she held a rope, and in her right a whip! She threw them down on the floor, and then began to strip.

Well fifty years or so ago I might have had a peek, but Doris hasn't weathered well, she's eighty four next week.

Watching Doris bump and grind, could not have been much grimmer, things just went from bad to worse, she toppled off her Zimmer!

She struggled up upon her feet, a couple minutes later, she put her teeth back in and said, I must dominate her!!

Now if you knew our Doris, you'd see just why I spluttered, I'd spent two months in traction for the last complaint I'd muttered.

She stood there nude, naked like, bent forward just a bit .. I thought what the hell, stepped forward, and stood on her left tit!

Doris screamed, her teeth shot out, my God what had I done? She moaned and groaned then shouted out: "Step on the other one"!!

Well readers, I can't tell no more about what occurred that day, suffice to say my jet black hair, turned "Fifty Shades of Grey".

Amen!!



Dear Ms Gillard.....

CPL Knuckles says..

Dear Ms. Gillard,

Please find below our suggestion for fixing Australia 's economy.

Instead of giving billions of dollars to banks that will squander the money on lavish parties and unearned bonuses, use the following plan.

You can call it the Patriotic Retirement Plan:

There are about 10 million people over 50 in the work force.

Pay them \$1 million each severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

- 1) They MUST retire. Ten million job openings - unemployment fixed
- 2) They MUST buy a new Australian car. Ten million cars ordered - Car Industry fixed
- 3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed
- 4) They MUST send their kids to school/college/university - Crime rate fixed
- 5) They MUST buy \$100 WORTH of alcohol/tobacco a weekand there's your money back in duty/tax etc
- 6) Instead of stuffing around with the carbon emissions trading scheme that makes us pay for the major polluters, tell the greedy bastards to reduce their pollution emissions by 75% within 5 years or we shut them down.

It can't get any easier than that!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members of parliament pay back their falsely claimed expenses and second home allowances.



I recently went to Ireland to research me ancestors who were "transported" here a couple of years back.

On me way to Belfast I stopped at a pub and asked one of the locals, "What's the quickest way to Belfast, mate?"

The Irishmen asked, "Are ya walking or are ya driving?"

I replied, "I'm driving mate!"

The Irishman looked at me and said, "Aye, that'd be the quickest way then!"

Hehehehehehe!!!

That's it from me for this year coppers, as I'm on leave over the hols, so I'll catch up with youse next year, and we can larf some more!

Cheers and see youse next year!!!

Not all seniors are useless.....

A balding, white haired man from West Lakes, Adelaide, walked into a jewellery store in Rundle Mall this past Friday evening with a beautiful much younger girl at his side. He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring. The man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000", the jeweller said. The lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the man stated, "By cheque. I know you need to make sure my cheque is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank on Monday to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon."

On Monday morning, the jeweller angrily phoned the old man and said, "There's no money in that account!"

"I know", said the old man, "But let me tell you about MY GREAT WEEKEND !!!!



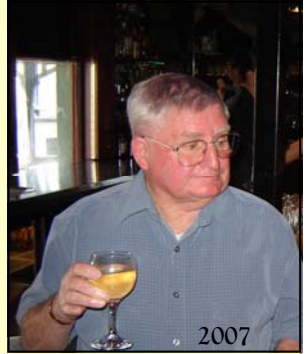
VALE Rod Gaskin



It is with regret we announce the passing of Rod Gaskin, a former soldier and officer of the Regiment, on Friday, 23rd September in Darwin where he has lived for the past three years.

He died peacefully in his sleep.

Rod served as a soldier in 1 RAR for three years before joining the CMF. He was a Platoon Sergeant at Alberton (E Coy 1 RSAR) before he was commissioned and posted as Assault Pioneer Platoon Commander. He was promoted to Captain and commanded the Signals Platoon before going on the Reserve of Officers.



Geoff Attenborough remembers Rod as "one of the true characters among the Junior Officers, as many who served with him will remember."

Lest We Forget

Letters to the Editor

Re:- Rod Gaskin

Hi David,

That is so sad. Rod started the Assault Pioneers and selected myself, Allan Skinner and Andy Glover to be in his team. We felt privileged, not only to be selected but to have such a great guy to be our leader. Years later Rod, after not seeing him for 20 years, came to visit me in hospital. Rod hadn't changed one iota.. still full of life and wild ideas.

To see and hear Rod and great mate Col Elliot singing bawdy army songs together is something that will never ever be repeated.

My one regret was that after moving away from SA I never got to catch up with him again.

RIP Rod.

Victor (Vic) Paul Del Vecchio

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David!

Rod was my Coy. Cmd, Supt. Coy. 43 RSAR! During Advance Party, which was always bloody hard work, Rod could tell yarns all night and nobody ever fell asleep!!

At the time he was a Publican at Strathalbyn!

His favourite saying; "AROUND THE NEXT CORNER OR OVER THE NEXT HILL, THERE HAS GOT TO BE A PUB!!"

Alex Klopff

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Hi David ,

I too remember Rod well , a good soldier and yes a character amongst the ranks. I served with him in E Coy and A Coy 10 Bn and 27th Bn.

I looked at a photo of him last night , and remembered some funny and some serious times.

Ian Carnachan

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Hi David

Sad news, and I am sad that I didn't see Rod again after I left the CMF. He was a great guy. The salt of the earth.

Howard Parslow

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

www.rsara.asn.au

At a recent meeting of the Committee of Management it was decided that a website be created to better serve the needs of our members and supporters. Committee Member **Frank Morony** very unselfishly volunteered to be the Webmaster of the new site, and to do the majority of the setup and ground work required for it's birth.

In the past 3 weeks Frank has worked tirelessly, nearly non-stop, to create a website from nothing, and has succeeded in manufacturing a highly professional information platform that is not only interesting and informative, but is very user-friendly to all who view it. The new website advertises our goals and mission statement to a wider audience than already gained through this newsletter and our Facebook site. Future copies of "Sitrep, Over!" and the RSARA South East newsletter will be contained on the website, giving us even greater exposure.

We have already gained 2 new members, 1 from interstate and 1 from overseas as a result of the website.

We thank Frank for his unselfish dedication and hard work, and congratulate him on a first class achievement.

David Laing—Editor

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Ayles, Jeff		Loveder, Peter		Wood, George
Attenborough, Geoff		Lockett, John		Woore, Phillip
Baldwin, Bob		Laing, David	LM CoM	Yorke-Simpkin Reg
Bates, Allan		Lampard, Ross		<u>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</u>
Beames, Rod	CoM	Lee, Pat		Caccilla, Carmen
Boath, Ian	SM	Longstaff, Paul		Carnachan, Dom
Boscence, Bob		Main, Brian		Demosani, Gail
Brookes, Phil		Marcus, Ray		Elliott, Julie
Brown, Bruce		Morony, Frank	CoM	Eva, Gail
Brown, Harry		Martin, Bob		Field, Shirley
Carnachan, Ian		Matchett, Bill		Gill, Maureen
Castle, Graham		Mau, Mark		Gilmour, Helen
Chittleborough, Jeff		McCulloch, Don		Hawking, Lorraine
Cooke, Nat	CoM	McDougal, Doug		Hook, Phillipa
Cotton, Bob		McMullin, Jim		Hudson, Margaret
Davey, Trevor		Mitchell, Barry		Jolly, Sandra
Davey, Jack		Mitchell, David		Jones, Associate
Demosani, Tony		Monro, Ron		Klopf, Josie
Dubsky, Eddie		Moore, Jeffrey		Laing, June
Dunn, Peter		#Moore, Terry		Lampard, Kay
Dunn, Bob		Oliver, Peter		Lockett, Mrs
Durdin, Russell		Orrock, Alan	CoM	Main, Raelene
Elliott, Graham		Ockenden, Marc		Marcus, Yvonne
Eva, Keith		Oswald, John		McCullagh, Anne
Ewens, Mimi (nee Kusmuk)	SM	Pollard, Barry		Mitchell, Roma
Field, Don		Phillips, Don		Sanderson, Lorraine
Flanagan, Ted		Payne, Bob		Tregenza, Lyn
Friday, Ross		Parslow, Howard		
#Gaborit, Lyndon		Preece, Brian	CoM	
Genovese, John		Ranger, Denis		# Denotes New Member
Gibson, Lindsay		Rathmann, Norm	CoM	LM denotes LIFE MEMBER
Giles, John		Ramm, Hank		SM denotes SERVING MEMBER
Gill, Alan		Robertson, Jim		CoM denotes Member of
Gilmore, Graham	CoM	Rossetti, Lee		COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
Gordon, Frank		Sage, Andrew		
Guerin, Rob		Salamon, Peter		127 members as at 13/12/12
Hawking, Don		Sanderson, Max		
Hawkins, Des		Sprigg, Rob		We now have members from metro
Hogan, Mark		Standing, Michael		and rural SA, the NT, NSW, VIC,
Hook, Alan	LM CoM	Steer, Phil		TAS and now the UK. We welcome
Hope, David		Stewart, Rob		them all.
Hudson, Rick		Tiller, Garth		
James, Grant	SM CoM	Thomson, Jim	CoM	The Committee of Management
Jeffrey, Scott	SM	Tregenza, Norm	CoM	wishes all members of the
Johnson, Barry		Trezise, George		Association, and the members of
Jolly, David		Vella, Joe		the Regiment a safe and enjoyable
Jones, P		Wake, Stephen		Festive Season, and looks forward
Kilford, Brian		Waters, Ian		to catching up with you all in the
Klopf, Alex	LM CoM	Westover, Rhys		coming year.
# Klopf, Paul		Wheeler, Chris		
		Wilson, Neil		Stay Safe!



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And we're now on the web at www.rsara.asn.au



At my age I need glasses.

The secret of enjoying a good wine:

1. Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.



2. If it does not look like it's breathing, give it mouth-to-mouth.



Association End Of Year BBQ By The River

34 members of the Association's Metro branch enjoyed the tranquility of a riverside get-together on Sunday 16th December, at their End Of Year BBQ. Bearing in mind the nearly constant rain of last years BBQ at Semaphore, the weather never threatened to become inclement and the rain held off whilst the festivities continued. Vice President Rodney Beames kindly volunteered to drive the bus (provided by the Committee of Management) and he picked up a number of passengers from Keswick Barracks before travelling to the Sturt Reserve at Murray Bridge. Rod's wife Cheryl made sure the passengers were well catered for, providing platters of nibbles to eat along the way, and I am told a number of passengers cracked a couple of coldies before the destination was reached.

Secretary/Editor David Laing had his houseboat "Tickety boo" moored at Sturt Reserve, and a number of members made good use of the BBQ on the front deck! The day was enjoyed by all concerned, especially some of the Association members who live "locally" at Mannum, Caloote, Murray Bridge and White Sands. A great time was had by all participants.



The Secretary David Laing brings the "mobile barbeque platform" into Sturt Reserve



A highlight of the day were the Static Chair Races, which proved very popular with some of the Committee. Here we see Frank Morony narrowly defeating Rod Beames, with a fast finishing Norm Tregenza a very close 3rd!



Enjoying lunch with Beamsy's bus in the background



Happy campers line up for the obligatory "Company Parade photo." No need to tell anyone to "Smile!"



President Alan Hook thanked all for attending, and made special mention of Frank Morony's efforts in building the Website. Well done Alan and well done Frank!



Selina Laing takes the "Tickety boo" home, while partner Jason chills out on the sofa. Jason and Selina provided a valuable service on the day by cooking everyone's bbq meat on the barbecue. Thanks guys!



In December "Sitrep, Over!" sent an email to LTCOL Graham Goodwin, congratulating him on his recent appointment as the new Commanding Officer 10/27 Battalion, the Royal South Australia Regiment. LTCOL Goodwin takes over the reigns from departing CO LTCOL Brenton Gasteen, who has been appointed as the Commanding Officer of the Combined Task Force in the Solomon Islands. (LTCOL Goodwin is currently on deployment to East Timor and will take up his new posting in January 2013.)

LTCOL Goodwin has had a long and distinguished career in the Army Reserve, and in his civilian capacity serves the community as a Superintendent in SAPOL. LTCOL Goodwin has responded to our email, and his reply is contained below.

David Laing - Secretary

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David, thank you for your kind words.

I have had the pleasure of reading your Sitreps and keeping up to date on matters affecting the Bn, sadly this also includes the death of some of our greatest soldiers and characters.

I consider our relationship to be vital and look forward to strengthening our ties. In that regard I will be speaking to the RSM upon my return and will look forward to meeting with yourself and Alan Hook. It will be great to see you all again.

In the mean time please pass on my regards to your members and trust they all have a happy and safe Xmas.

Graham

G.M. GOODWIN
LTCOL
COMASC Op TOWER
Obrigado Barracks
Dili, East Timor

RSAR Association Serving Member Receives Commendation



At a recent function held at Adelaide Town Hall, RSAR Association member SGT Scott Jeffrey was awarded a Commander 2 Div Commendation for his exemplary work in the support of troops deployed to OPERATION ANODE in the Solomon Islands. SGT Jeffrey was presented with his award by 10/27 RSAR Regimental Colonel, MAJGEN Neil Wilson, and is seen here being congratulated by colleagues and the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Stephen Yarwood. Well done, Scott!!!

From Left:- MAJ Rob Marlin, MAJGEN Neil Wilson, Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood, SGT Scott Jeffrey, WO1 Adrian Hodges