



“SITREP, OVER!”



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Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **CoM (Committee of Management)** will be held in the Memorial Room at Torrens Training Depot on **Friday 24th August at Noon.**

All Committee members are asked to attend.

2012 AGM

The 2012 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 5th August** at the SA Sea Rescue Squadron HQ, Barcoo Rd West Beach. Lunch & Dessert will be provided after the AGM for \$15 per person. Bookings and apologies to the Secretary on 0407 791 822, or to the email on page 5.

The AGM will be held in the same room as the lunch. Associate Members and wives/partners are welcome to attend the meeting.

Rising Sun Sets On Diggers Slouch Hats

The Australian Defence Force has made the controversial decision to remove the Rising Sun hat badge from the downward brim of the Grade 2 Slouch Hat from July 1, deeming it "disrespectful".

A Defence spokesman said the decision had nothing to do with widespread cuts announced in the Budget.

"The Rising Sun Badge should never be hidden from view or worn pointed to the ground as is the case when worn on the downturned brim of the Grade 2 Slouch Hat, as this may be viewed as disrespectful," the spokesman said.

"This decision was made in respect of army's symbol."

Lieutenant General Morrison told a Senate estimates hearing in Canberra today that it was his decision alone to ban the badge from the Grade 2 hat.

"The Grade 2 Slouch Hat is constructed in a way that its side can never actually be put up," he said. Lt Gen Morrison said there was no interlocking latch on the top of the hat so it could never be worn up showing the Rising Sun badge. It had always been on the underside of the brim.

"It seemed to me to be inappropriate and I made the decision as the chief of army to take the badge off the hat," he said. "It seemed disrespectful to me."

Lt Gen Morrison said most soldiers understood the logic behind his decision. "I know that there have been a few people that have said that they don't agree with it," he said. "It was on my shoulders to make the decision and I did."

The Rising Sun Badge will remain on the upturned brim of the Grade 1 Slouch Hat during ceremonial duties.

Soldiers will be allowed to keep the Rising Sun hat badges they currently own.

The Rising Sun badge was originally known as the General Service Badge but is now officially called the Australian Army Badge.



RSARA visit to the SA Aviation Museum

22nd September

The 2nd function for Association members this year will take place on Saturday 22nd September at the **SA Aviation Museum at 66 Lipson Street Port Adelaide**. The museum contains aircraft of many vintages, including a full scale Supermarine Spitfire MKVC, an English Electric Canberra WK 165 and a Douglas C47B Dakota. Many other exhibits are on show, with the gift shop open for the sale of souvenirs. The entry fee is \$9 adults and \$7 concessional, payable on entry. Members are welcome to attend the Lighthouse Hotel for lunch at the conclusion of the tour. *(No booking required for lunch)*. The Aviation Museum tour starts at 1030 hours and **members should book with Norm Rathmann on 0448 460 884 by 1st Sept at the latest**. C U there!!



About the McKinna Foundation

Brigadier J G McKinna CMG, CBE, DSO, LVO, KstJ, ED

Brigadier McKinna kindly consented in his name being used in the Foundation. His long and distinguished association with the Regiment began in 1921 when he joined the Prince Alfred College Cadet Unit then affiliated with the 10th Battalion, The Adelaide Rifles. In 1924 he became a recruit in 10th Battalion, and in the same year was promoted to corporal, then in 1926, to sergeant. Commissioned in 1937, he was promoted to Captain in June 1939 and on the day war broke out he was called up for full time duty as 2IC of the 10th Battalion's Murray Bridge Company. His first wartime task was to organise the defence of the road and rail bridges.

From November 1939 until April 1940 he was Adjutant of the 10th Inf Bn (Militia) He joined the 2/27th Battalion as OC C Coy on May 1 1940. He was transferred to the 2/3rd Australian Pioneer Bn in July 1940, promoted to major in August and served with them in Darwin, Syria, El Alamein and New Guinea. In July 1943 he was transferred back to the 2/27th Bn as Second in Command and served with it in New Guinea until January 1944 when he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel as Co of the 25th Infantry Battalion.

He commanded this Battalion in New Guinea and Bougainville and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order. In his letter of congratulations, General Sir Thomas Blamey wrote "Your cool and fearless leadership and your complete disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to (your) Officers and men during the recent operations in Bougainville."

On the reformation of the Citizens Military Forces in 1948 he was appointed Commanding Officer of his original unit the 10th Infantry Battalion (Adelaide Rifles). In 1952 he was promoted to Brigadier and commanded 9 Inf Brigade. From 1956 to 1960 he commanded Central Command Staff Training Group. He was Honorary ADC to the Governor General of Australia from 1953 to 1956.

Parallel with his distinguished military service, Brigadier McKinna was a successful engineer and administrator, before being appointed South Australian Commissioner of Police in 1957. Other government and community organisations on which he served included the Road Traffic Board, The Royal Automobile Association, the Royal Life Saving Society and the RSPCA.

In every way, Brigadier McKinna's life has epitomised the Regimental motto :- PRO PATRIA.

HOW THE FOUNDATION WILL HELP THE ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT

The Royal South Australia Regiment is the infantry component of the citizen (reserve) forces in South Australia. It is the successor to all the infantry units raised in the State since 1854, including those raised in the state since 1854, including those raised for service overseas in the South African, First and Second World Wars. Its battle honours are those won by the 10th, 27th, 43rd, 48th and 50th Battalions in the First AIF and by the 2/10th, 2/27th, 2/43rd, 2/48th and 27th (SA Scottish) of the Second AIF.

In March 1994, Brigadier J. G. McKinna, one of the most distinguished and longest serving members of the regiment, graciously consented to his name being given to the Foundation, the objects and purposes of which are to promote the efficiency, morale and esprit de corps of the officers and other ranks of the Regiment. A volunteer regiment does not receive support from Army resources in some areas important for its well-being. To this extent it has to rely on assistance from the "Regimental Family" and those who wish to become part of the family.

Under a legally registered trust deed, a trust fund has been initiated as the financial branch of the McKinna Foundation. Among the categories to which funds may be provided, and listed in the Trust Deed are:-

1. the preservation, upkeep and appropriate display of the Regimental Collection
2. the preservation and upkeep of Queen's and Regimental Colours
3. Ex gratia financial assistance to the dependants of officers or other ranks killed or incapacitated whilst on duty.
4. financial assistance to selected regimental officers and other ranks representing the Regiment on visits and training postings overseas
5. The purchase of books for a regimental library
6. The purchase of special regimental equipment, accoutrements, prizes and awards for training competitions and sporting equipment.

The trustees may at their discretion allot funds for other Regimental needs.

I have discovered that I scream exactly the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a Great White Shark or if a small piece of seaweed touches my foot.



Australian Military Forces at Federation

1901

The Commonwealth Of Australia came into existence on 1 January 1901 as a result of the Federation of the Australian Colonies. Under the Constitution of Australia, defence responsibility was now vested in the new federal government. The co-ordination of Australia-wide defensive efforts in the face of Imperial German interest in the Pacific Ocean was one of driving forces behind federalism, and the Department of Defence immediately came into being as a result, while the Australian Army and Commonwealth Naval Force were also soon established.

The Australian Army came into being on 1 March 1901 and all of the colonial forces—including those still in South Africa—became part of the new force. 28,923 colonial soldiers, including 1,457 professional soldiers, 18,603 paid militia and 8,863 unpaid volunteers, were subsequently transferred. The individual units continued to be administered under the various colonial Acts until the *Defence Act 1903* brought all of the units under one piece of legislation. This Act also prevented the raising of standing infantry units and specified that militia forces could not be used in industrial disputes or serve outside Australia. However, the majority of soldiers remained in militia units, known as the Citizen Military Forces (CMF). Major General Sir Edward Hutton—a former commander of the New South Wales Military Forces—subsequently became the first commander of the Commonwealth Forces on 26 December and set to work devising an integrated structure for the new army. In 1911, following a report by Lord Kitchener the Royal Military College, Duntroon was established, as was a system of universal National Service.



The battle cruiser HMAS Australia

Prior to federation each self-governing colony had operated its own naval force. These navies were small and lacked “blue water” capabilities, forcing the separate colonies to subsidise the cost of a British naval squadron in their waters for decades. The colonies maintained control over their respective navies until 1 March 1901, when the Commonwealth Naval Force was created. This new force also lacked blue water capable ships, and ultimately did not lead to a change in Australian naval policy. In 1909, Prime Minister Alfred Deakin, while attending the Imperial Conference in London, sought the British Government’s agreement to end the subsidy system and develop an Australian navy. The Admiralty rejected these approaches, suggesting instead that a small fleet of destroyers and submarines would be sufficient. Deakin was unimpressed and had previously invited the American Great White Fleet to visit Australia in 1908. This visit had fired public enthusiasm for a modern navy and in part led to the order of two 700-ton River class destroyers. The surge in German naval construction prompted the Admiralty to change their position however and the Royal Australian Navy was subsequently formed in 1911, absorbing the Commonwealth Naval Force.

On 4 October 1913, the new fleet steamed through Sydney Heads, consisting of the battle cruiser HMAS Australia, three light cruisers, and three destroyers, while several other ships were still under construction. And as a consequence the navy entered the First World War as a formidable force.

The Australian Flying Corps was established as part of the Army in 1912, and was later separated in 1921 to form the Royal Australian Air Force, making it the second oldest air force in the world. Regardless, the service branches were not linked by a single chain of command however, and each reported to their own minister and had separate administrative arrangements and government departments.

Sourced from www.wikipedia.com.au

.....and while you’re thinking about that.....

- My neighbour banged on my door at 2:30 this morning, can you believe that? 2:30am? Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes .
- My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker . Well, she's not exactly my girlfriendyet .
- I was driving this morning when I saw an RAA van parked on the side of the road . The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable . I thought to myself, "That guy's heading for a breakdown ."
- I just met a fat, alcoholic, transvestite . He wants to eat, drink, and be Mary .



Corporal Knuckles says.....“Wot me Mum tort me!”



I had a pretty damn rough upbringing, but me Mum was always straight with me! I thought I'd share some of her wisdom with youse so you can bring your kids (or grand kids) up just like me!

1. Me mother tort me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside.. I just finished cleaning."

2. Me mother tort me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. Me mother tort me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. Me mother tort me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why."

5. Me mother tort me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. Me mother tort me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. Me mother tort me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. Me mother tort me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. Me mother tort me about CONTORTION-ISM.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. Me mother tort me about STAMINA ..

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."



11. Me mother tort me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. Me mother tort me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. Me mother tort me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.."

14. Me mother tort me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. Me mother tort me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. Me mother tort me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. Me mother tort me about RECEIVING.

"You are going to get it when you get home!"

18. Me mother tort me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. Me mother tort me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. Me mother tort me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. Me mother tort me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. Me mother tort me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."



More soon!



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your newsletter delivered via the internet. Just
notify us of your email address.
It's that easy!

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BONUS for 43 RSAR Members

All former 43 RSAR personnel who signed up at the February 43 RSAR Reunion will not
have to pay Annual Fees again until the end of the 2013 Financial Year. For your loyalty
in signing up the Association will give you 4 months of this current year FREE!

Any former 43 RSAR members who think this is a bad idea, are asked to contact the
Padre on 1800 الترجمة الانكليزية والعربية على

Lost Members!

We are receiving Annual Fees from a P. L. Jones, but our records do not show
this person. We don't have an email or snail mail address for this member. If any-
one knows of an email or phone number to contact this person, please advise us
ASAP so we can put our records straight.

P.L.JONES!!!! If you're reading this.....call us on 0407 791 822

Little known facts about well known things

The Esky

First called the 'Inuit', it was initially used to transport donors' organs from fatal accident sites to hospitals and waiting patients. It was
not until some St John's Ambulance men participated in a national "Where do you get it?" advertising campaign, that its great potential
for transporting beer was understood.

Lamingtons

The Savoy in London claims to have first baked a Lamington as does the Royal Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand. The truth is that the
chef at the Harbord Beach Hotel did a memorial gateaux and named it 'Brick cake with chocolate and coconut flakes' but after the sink-
ing of the Titanic, the chef who lost his half-sister in the tragedy, decided to re-name it after her old employer, the baron, whose moun-
tain property on the brick-shaped plateau Lamington so much resembled his creation.

Pavlova

Straight after Russian scientist Ivan Petrovich Pavlov received the Nobel Prize for his work on conditioned reflexes in dogs, he turned
his attention to salivation in humans. His team of Stalinist researchers came up with the Pavlova, a cake of heavy meringue. Although
Stalin personally took an interest in the rather unethical hush-hush experiments, they were not successful due to the rather unlucky
choice of decorations: mash potato with a sprinkling of fish roe. Not until the recipe was smuggled out to Australia by Pavlov's es-
tranged daughter, Anna Ivanovna, was the missing passion fruit element realised and the cake turned to great international success.

Combined Services Mess @ TTD



Dear Adelaide Sub-Branch member,

The Combined Mess at the Torrens Training Depot has been in decline in recent times.

The SA Peacekeepers Sub-Branch of the RSL has volunteered to take over the operation of the Mess. They, like me, believe that it is
an excellent facility which is well located and needs to be supported.

The Combined Mess is open on the second and third Fridays of every month between 3.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

You can also use it for functions for a service or like group. It is excellent for this purpose because of its central nature, unique decor
and abundant car parking on the Torrens Parade Ground. There are also limited kitchen facilities available.

I encourage all of you to take advantage of this wonderful facility. Bring your friends and work colleagues.

The SA Peacekeepers are also looking for volunteers to assist with occasional bar tender duties. Who will join me on the roster?

Tim Hanna

Brigadier
President
Adelaide Sub-branch



RSAR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU

Annual General Meeting

5th August 2012 (Sunday) 1100 hrs

**SA SEA RESCUE SQUADRON HQ
BARCOO RD WEST BEACH**

*Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc
Metro Branch*



1100 hrs - AGM

1130 hrs - Tour of Squadron HQ

1200 hrs - Mixed Grill Lunch & Dessert (\$15)

Bar facilities available

The AGM will be held in the large dining room downstairs, and lunch will follow the meeting. Wives/partners and Associate Members are invited to attend the AGM.

You are asked to contact the Secretary on 0407 791 822 or davidlaign49@bigpond.com **NOT LATER THAN Sunday 29th July** to register your attendance (or apologies) for catering purposes.

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND