



Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc.

MINUTES

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Association,
held at the SA Sea Rescue Squadron HQ
on Sunday 7th August 2016.

	Topic	MINUTE	Action
1	Opening	The meeting was declared open by the President at 1110 hrs after allowing for latecomers	
2	Attendance	29 Members. See Attendance Register	
3	Apologies	51 members. See Attendance Register. In reading the Apologies, D. Laing observed that our membership was made up of the following: 1 x MAJGEN 10 x LTCOL 6 x MAJ 4 x CAPT 5 X LT 6 X WO2 12 X SGT 90 X ORs	
4	Previous Minutes	The Minutes of the previous meeting Sunday 9 th August 2015 were read by Secretary David Laing RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved D. Laing; Seconded R. Beames. Carried.	
5	Matters Arising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Winger asked about the Pt Pirie RSL bus trip. R, Beames responded with a concise report of the trip, including the "Fun trip home!" Rod Beames asked for members to come up with some ideas about field trips for 2017, which should not be more than 200 kms from the CBD for ease of access. 	
6	REPORTS	<p><u>Presidents Report:</u> Is at Annex A. Moved R. Beames. Seconded M. Standing. Carried.</p> <p><u>Secretaries Report:</u> Is at Annex B. D. Laing indicated he would stand down as Secretary at the end of the year, but would be happy to continue on as newsletter editor and Facebook moderator. Moved D. Laing Seconded M. Standing. Carried.</p> <p><u>Treasurers Report</u> Is at Annex C. D. Hope indicated the Auditor had completed a detailed audit of the Assoc finances and had congratulated the Treasurer and former treasurer Alan Orrock for the way they had maintained the books. D. Hope said we would provide a bottle of Single Malt Whiskey in gratitude. Moved D. Hope: Seconded I. Carnachan. That the report be adopted. Carried.</p>	

7	General Business	<p><u>Election of officers.</u></p> <p>Alan Hook indicated he would not renominate for the committee but would be happy to carry on as Pensions/Welfare Advocate.</p> <p>R. Beames asked each committee member if they would like to renominate. All indicated yes, M. Blondell, D. Portakiewicz and J. Humphrys by proxy.</p> <p>The 2016/17 RSARA Committee is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney Beames President • Mick Standing Vice President • David Laing Secretary (until 1st Jan 2017) vacant after that date, to continue on committee • David Hope Treasurer • Jesse Humphrys Webmaster • Norm Tregenza Functions Officer • Norm Rathmann • Nat Cooke • David Portakiewicz • Mark Blondell and • Alan Hook Pensions/ Welfare Officer <p><u>ANZAC Day luncheons</u></p> <p>D. Laing said that due to a booking error on behalf of the Assoc, the Queens Head had not been booked and 5 members had been turned away as a result. The question was asked “Do we need a venue or should we gather at TTD to catch up with old comrades?” LTCOL Trent Burnard said that the Bn would again march as a unit in 2017, and that the families and friends of the soldiers and the association members would once again meet on Kg Wm St to cheer them on. After much discussion it was decided that TTD would be our venue of preference because of its centrality to the March and also to parking.</p> <p>Moved: I. Carnachan. That we gather at TTD after the March. 2nd. J. Thomson. Carried.</p> <p><u>ANZAC Day trading at TTD</u></p> <p>D. Laing said he had received letters from Capt J Moulton (Adjt 10/27 Bn) and 47 Army Cadet Unit re: withdrawal of beer and sausage stands at TTD post ANZAC March. RSL State Branch had decided to take over all money making stands, which had had an immeasurable impact on the fund raising of both 10/27 Bn and the 47 Army Cadet unit, which both relied solely on the ANZAC Day trade to raise money to pay for items not provided for by Defence. D. Laing said he thought this was a “cash grab reaction” by RSL which had resulted in significant losses to minor groups. RSL had not been waived by the protests but D. Laing asked members to vent their feelings via email and he would continue the fight at RSL State level in his capacity as a RSL Regional Coordinator. CO 10/27 Bn, LTCOL Burnard thanked D. Laing for continuing to fight on behalf of the Bn, whereas they had no capacity to do so.</p> <p><u>ROSS FRIDDAY Funeral Service</u></p> <p>I. Carnachan indicated the Red Rooster “Battle Flag” of Alberton Depot would be placed, folded on Roscos’ coffin as a mark of respect from his mates.</p> <p>N. Rathmann asked when the EOY BBQ would be and where. D. Laing said it would once again be at the Kibby VC Club at Keswick Barracks on Sunday 18th December at 1100 hrs.</p>	
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8	Future functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM meeting 30th September • Luncheon Hackney Hotel 30th October • EOY BBQ 18th December – Kibby VC Club 	
9	Next AGM	6 th August 2017 @ SA Sea Rescue Sqn	Secretary
10	Closure	The President thanked all those attending and declared the meeting closed at 1209 hrs. Members adjourned for lunch.	

Signed *Computer copy digitally signed*

Rodney Beames
President
Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc

Date: **9th August 2016**

Presidents Report

I am pleased to report that the Association has continued to grow in modest numbers and satisfactorily met the ideals of our constitution.

At the core, we have provided a monthly newsletter, "Sitrep Over", edited by our secretary, David Laing. This keeps all our members informed and provides more laughs than the Sunday Mail comics.

While our Sunday luncheons have not been as well patronised as I would have liked, they have provided some very interesting guest speakers and a venue for some light banter and camaraderie amongst our members. Our new location at the Hackney Hotel seems to be meeting our requirements.

At the end 2015, I was privileged to be asked to present the top soldier and top NCO awards for the 10th/27th battalion, on behalf of the Association. They each received a Silva compass and while you might think that these things are now obsolete, the RSM assures me this is not the case. This was a very significant honour for me indeed.

In January, 2016 we saw the changeover of Commanding Officers for the 10th/27th Battalion and I wish to record my thanks to LtCol Graham Goodwin for his support for the Association (he arranged 2 range shoots for us, etc), his professional approach and in particular, his personal friendship.

We welcomed the new CO, LtCol Trent Bernard and fortunately, he has continued that splendid working relationship.

The CO, RSM and Adjutant are very aware of our capabilities and willingness to support the Battalion and have expressed this to me on numerous occasions.

We continue to support the Battalion Band and they support us.

Our numbers were down from last year for the Anzac Day March but we still managed to muster 40 plus able bodied men to march the distance behind our banner.

The highlight of the past year was without doubt, the visit of 36 members of the 4th Battalion, the Yorkshire Regiment, UK. We began by hosting a visit to the ANZAC Exhibition at the Wayville Showgrounds and finished 2 weeks later with a "send off" Aussie BBQ at Keswick Barracks. This feast was put together by our Association WO Caterer, Colin Abel and his team of volunteers. To quote our Vice President, Mick Standing, it was one of the most rewarding experiences in which we have been recently involved. Not only did we feed over 100 people with everything from a lambs fry casserole, BBQ and lamingtons for dessert, but with the help of the Murray Bridge Men's shed under direction from David Laing, each visiting British soldier was presented a take home plaque in recognition of their participation in Exercise Predators Gallop. This was truly a momentous event.

We still have plans for some interesting activities in 2016-17 and I look forward to these coming to fruition.

In closing, I again acknowledge and wish to thank our secretary, David Laing, and all the committee of Management for their hard work, participation and support throughout 2015/16.

Secretaries Report

It is with sadness I start this report, after the passing of two revered members of our regiment and the Association. Firstly LTCOL Don Phillips. After a long and fruitful military career, Don passed away on 29th May 2016. His loving partner Audrey has consented to become an Honourary Life Member of the association. She said that Don used to call her "The General", so we welcome her in Don's place.

Secondly, and more recently, we lost WO2 Ross Fridday, one of the founding members of the original RSAR Association. Ross was a much loved and feared CSM of E Coy 27 RSAR and A Coy 10 RSAR. He lost his final battle 1 week ago today. We will remember them.

With the passing of every soldier, another is born somewhere in this world, and it is with much pleasure I announce the arrival of Adaline Jessica Laing, born to my daughter Selina on 2nd July 2016. Corporal and Recruit both doing well, as you can see.

The President leads the association from the front. Waving at the crowds, smiling at the girls.

The Treasurer sits in his bath, covered with money and drinking Pimms and ice.

The Secretary is, as always, working his arse off in the engine room, shovelling coal and getting hot, but never flustered.

This report, my 7th, brings you some statistics about our operations.

This past year we have provided more support to the battalion than ever before. We have succeeded in providing much needed instruments and maintenance of instruments for the 10/27 Bn Band. We have provided ration support on 3 separate occasions to our soldiers returning from exercises. We have hosted soldiers from New Zealand and the UK, and been presented with a plaque of appreciation by a British Infantry Regiment. We have taken those same soldiers on trips around SA to improve our relationships, and we have succeeded in securing long lasting friendships with these overseas warriors.

In my 2010 report, I stated **Membership stands at 52 full members and 13 Associates, 65.**

We have succeeded in raising our once-falling membership to over 223, and there is a distinct possibility that we will reach 300 within 3 years.

Whereas most ex-services associations are losing numbers continuously, we continue to grow. I have had invitations to attend Reserve Forces Day seminars in Sydney to address the executive of over 60 associations who want to know our secret. Why do they continue to fade while we continue to grow?

Our success can be put down to a number of factors.

1. Truth.
2. True leadership
3. True communications
4. True support

Truth comes in the way we do business. We have a goal, and we strive to reach, overcome and better that goal.

Our True Leadership comes from the efforts of our president Rod Beames, who has succeeded in taking the reins from our founding president Alan Hook and building on the strengths of camaraderie and knowledge. As a way to the heart of the Regiment, Rod became friends with the Commanding Officers and the RSMs of the Battalion, starting with Graham Goodwin and carrying on through Trent Burnard. Rod has not only attended every meeting of the Defence Reserves Association and the Regimental Council as our representative, but also attended multiple Orders Groups with the CO of 10/27 Bn and his officers. Rod has led from the front, and I commend his efforts and know he will continue to lead by example.

Our true communications can be put down to 3 items. To our website, built by erstwhile member Frank Morony and maintained by webmaster Jesse Humphrys. The website has taken over 38,000 hits since it went online in 2013, and continues to take the word of our existence to the outside world.

Secondly, our Facebook page, which puts the word out to thousands of people on a day to day basis. Some people actually love Facebook, and have it on their computers and mobile phones. Some people can't have a meal without taking a picture of it, but those people also visit our site and pass the word about our membership.

Thirdly, our newsletter "Sitrep, Over!" is now forwarded to approximately 4,000 people throughout the world, and although I religiously post it to only 18 snail mail members, the rest of the world is getting it by electronic means. This is the way of the future, and we have embraced it. Social media is here to stay, and so are we.

From time to time I get enquiries from members about "where do my annual fees go?" and what do SA rural, interstate and overseas members get for their buck?

ANSWER: The Mission of the RSAR Association is to support and perpetuate the Regiment, and some of the ways we achieve this are:-

1. Provide literary prizes for 10/27 Bn soldiers who have achieved excellence in their field during the year.
2. Provide trophies for the same.
3. Provide wreaths for ANZAC Day (\$140)
4. Update Honour Boards at 10/27 Bn HQ every year
5. Supply, prepare and serve BBQ lunches to 10/27 Bn soldiers returning from Annual Field Exercises.
6. Provide support to the Battalion by supplying sponsorship for various Battalion functions, ie: 2014 Centenary Ball, 2014 Centenary Church Service at St Peters Cathedral.
7. Provide funds and manpower for projects not funded by Defence, ie: The Keswick Barracks Memorial Garden.
8. Provide funds for musical instruments and maintenance of musical instruments for the 10/27 Battalion Band which are not funded by Defence.
9. Periodic donations to charities like Legacy and fundraisers like Tour de Legacy etc
10. Payment of meals for Luncheon Guest Speakers ie: Peter Goers, Tim Hanna,

Trent Burnard etc

11. Payment of Room Hire for Luncheons
12. Admin costs for printing and postage of newsletter "Sitrep, Over!" (20 hard copies)
13. Association fees for Defence Reserve Association, of which we are a member
14. Entertainment costs for visiting overseas soldiers
15. Awards and "Thank you's" for help to the Association

These costs are in the thousands per year, and are proudly borne by the Association. Without your assistance, the moral of a proud Regiment would not be as high, and we can remain proud that the money we raise through fees, subscriptions and merchandise goes to a worthy cause. To perpetuate the Regiment. Anyone who has a problem with that needs to see the Padre, and we have TWO amongst our members.

I look around this room where the Sea Rescue Squadron has hosted us for the past 6 years, and I see the same old faces. The Elliotts. The Carnachans. The Beames. The Tregenzas..... and you.

You are the folk who have made this association so great over the past 8 years, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting Alan, Rodney, the committee and myself with your attendance, your support and above all, your friendship.

I worked for Wormald Security for 15 years, and I haven't seen any of those people for 20 years.

I worked for Telstra Security for 15 years and I only see the occasional workmate once every 3 or 4 years.

I was in the Army for only 6 years, (and Army Cadets for 15) but I still meet with you people, my Army mates and their wives to this day. It says something for the mateship and strong bonds formed while in military service.

Having said that, I take no pleasure in advising you that I will stand down as Secretary of this association at the end of this year. I have done my best to carry on even after moving to Murray Bridge 4 years ago, but I am finding it harder and harder to do this role justice, whilst juggling my own work, plus my role as RSL Regional Coordinator covering all RSLs in the Murraylands, plus my work at the Murray Bridge RSL where I am Vice President. I have also recently taken on a position as a DVA Liaison Officer to assist our veterans in health, welfare and advocacy.

I have tried to spread my duties around, but due to conflicting tasks am finding it nearly impossible to continue on in this role.

I will, if requested, remain as Editor of the newsletter and Facebook page, but will step down as Secretary as of December 31st 2016.

I unreservedly thank Rodney Beames for his hard work and support of my role, and the many members who have made up the committee over the past 10 years, and I thank you, my friends, for supporting me in all that I have done.

Pro Patria. Thank you.



Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc.

Audited Financial Report
for the year ending June 30, 2016

ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC.

**Income and Expenditure Statement
for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

30/06/2015		30/06/2016
\$		\$
	Receipts	
2070.00	Membership fees	1640.00
625.00	Merchandise sales	154.00
3144.35	Donations, grants & financial support	1020.00
260.00	Social functions	-
37.19	Bank interest	36.60
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6136.54	Total Receipts	2850.60
	Expenditure	
179.04	Bereavement notices, flowers, wreaths, gifts etc.	860.30
649.50	Merchandise Purchases	39.60
1830.35	Donations, grants & financial support provided	1623.52
2343.24	Social function costs	794.06
226.65	Stationery, printing and postage	111.50
32.60	Bank fees	67.50
207.00	Filing fees	-
434.50	Plaque & engraving	-
129.80	Website costs	-
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6032.68	Total Expenditure	3496.48
103.86	Surplus/(Deficit)	-645.88
6574.39	Bank balance at July 1	6678.25
6678.25	Bank balance at June 30	6032.37
	Represented by:	
3649.22	ANZ Business Cash Management Account	3003.34
3029.03	ANZ Business Premium Saver Account	3029.03
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC.**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Royal South Australian Regiment Association Inc. (the association) that comprises a statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act SA 1985 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act SA. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC.**

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practical for the association to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to receipts was limited to the amounts recorded.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of the Royal South Australian Regiment Association Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Royal South Australian Regiment Association Inc. as of 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies used.



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Dated this 2nd day of August 2016