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"Sitrep, Over!"

To Perpetuate the Regiment

Committee Members for 2019/20

The members of the RSAR Association voted in the following committee members for the coming 12 months. We welcome Des Hawkins and Christian to the committee.

EXECUTIVE

President	Rod Beames
Vice President	Des Hawkins (Historian)
Treasurer	David Hope
Secretary	David Laing (Editor)

COMMITTEE

Mark Blondell	Serving Members 10/27 RSAR
Norm Tregenza	
Jesse Humphreys	Webmaster www.rsara.asn.au
David Portakiewicz	Band 10/27 RSAR
Colin Phillips	
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Special Points of Interest

- Member Lee Rossetti shares a memory from long ago.
- President, Secretary and Treasurer present their reports for the year
- The latest photos of the loyal members who attended the AGM



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Secretaries Report – 2019



I start this report, my 11th as Secretary and can say that I am here for the long haul! I will ask for redundancy when you carry me from the world feet first. Or if I am sacked first. Or if I fall ill. And you never can tell.....

The health of my good friend and president of the Association Rod Beames, helped me decide that there is more in life than just retirement. We must all focus on what we do well, and continue to do that as long as we can. My enjoyment is in helping to run this association, but I only follow the lead of the president. Rod has battled through some pretty severe ailments and now it appears he has beaten most of the problems. I see it as being my duty to support him and do as I have been doing for the last 11 years, and that is as the secretary and editor of our newsletter.

Our treasurer David Hope has done his utmost to help us remain in the black, and we can continue to support the regiment well into the future, which is what we do! He keeps us all honest, and I thank him for his efforts.

I have spoken to the new CO LTCOL Peter Morgenthaler on a number of occasions, and he indicated he is anxious to continue supporting us as we support him. I have also sought guidance from former CO Trent Burnard about our future, and we are now working on new strategies to support our work into the future.

The Murray Bridge RSL has a new member, and he just happens to be the Range Control Officer at the Murray Bridge Army Range, so we can expect to get a few more invitations to that venue in the future.

The Band of the 10/27 Battalion have again played concerts and part proceeds have been directed to the Association, which again helps with our fund raising. They continue to do that later this year, with a concert of the Three Little Sisters being staged at Murray Bridge. The band will provide the backing music.

I have only one negative point in this report, and that is the failure of some members to renew their membership. I understand that we lose some due to ill health or at the worst, passing away, but some of those who don't renew just seem to fade away without any notice. Most of them are from Adelaide and a large percentage are from the Regiment. If each member bought one new member to the association just once, we could double our membership in less than 12 months. Let's give that a thought!

I see the future of this association laying in the hands of the younger, serving members, and if they wish the association to continue supporting the Battalion, they must in turn support the association. And that means more serving members on the committee. The majority of us on the committee are in the 70's age bracket, and that can't continue. We MUST have younger members taking our place, and I would expect over the next 12 to 24 months some of the existing older committee members standing down to make way for new blood. If that doesn't happen, we will fade into obscurity, and we can't allow that to happen. So, to the younger members of our association, stand up and be counted! We need your support. The former CO LTCOL Trent Burnard worked tirelessly to ensure the bond between the association was as strong as it's ever been, and I trust the new CO will continue building on that bond.

In closing, I would like to thank the committee for working closely to support not only the battalion but also each other. This was borne out when Rod first fell ill and was admitted to the RAH. There was such an influx of visitors and phone calls from all over Australia, that Cheryl nearly had to sell tickets at the door. Rod received calls and emails from every former RSM and CO of the Battalion in his time as President, including those who currently hold the reigns, and it's THAT type of support that makes our association so great!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Laing'.

Thank you and Pro Patria

David Laing - Secretary/Editor RSAR Association Inc

Presidents Report - 2019

After last year's glowing report, the see-saw has tipped and this year we have faced several challenges.

Unfortunately in early March, I fell victim to cancer and left the Association in a bit of a hole. I was unavailable to lead the march and my duties as president were shared by the committee. That said, I now feel that I'm on the mend and will again stand for president, but if the rank and file feel that I am no longer suitable, I fully understand and will respect that decision.

Moving on, our financial membership has dropped. It concerns me that we are unable to muster enough members for a dinner and our sale of paraphernalia has fallen away. I have spoken with many and pondered this dilemma. I don't think it is the cost although everyone would love the membership to be free, etc. Some feel that there is not enough organised to drag them away from their television sets. If you expect 10/27 Battalion to have a say in what we do or that the ADF should contribute towards our finances, then think again. The serving members are busy learning to fight or participating with the regular forces.

Some I have spoken with have said we should be doing more to remember “the good old days of camaraderie” we once had, Any similarity to the training experienced in the 1960-80s to what happens today, is purely coincidental. So to physically try our skills in today's world would require a substantial retrain even if we were up to it.

The after march activities at Torrens Parade Ground which included a few “how are ya, mate” over a beer, is now perceived as nothing more than a “piss up”, so I am interested to discover the new definition of “camaraderie”.

It seems our most successful social event is our Christmas get-to-gether and this will continue.

Also continuing will be our support for 10/27 Battalion and its Band, because, if we break this thread, we might as well pack up and stay at home. To this end, we have been invited along with the other Associations to provide support in the form of a bbq next February. We will provide Christmas parcels to those serving on Christmas Day away from home.

The committee has been discussing at length ideas to entertain our members and increase our membership. Every RSL club and ADF Association is out to identify the “silver bullet” with regards to membership and the way to entertain. I think we need to plan within our membership's capabilities.

Again, I can't close without thanking the Committee of Management (ably led by the Secretary in my absence). For those who helped/organise on Anzac Day, also a big thankyou.

And last but not least, for the support, phone calls, emails and visits that I received in hospital and at home when my medical recuperation really started, I cannot thank you enough. It was very much appreciated and sped my recovery, particularly my mental health.

THANK YOU



Rod Beames - President RSAR Association Inc



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VALE Denise Ayles

Wife of Jeff Ayles, Major (Retd) Denise passed away on 13th June 2019. A celebration of Denise's life was held at the Florey Chapel, Centennial Park and was attended by many members of Jeff and Denise's family and members of the RSAR Association.

I have received many emails from members asking me to pass on their condolences to Jeff and family, which I have done.

The RSAR Association is a wide spread group of serving and former serving members of the Regiment and their wives/partners, and we care about each member equally. Rest In Peace Denise.

Here we are again!

G'day again!

Another financial year has come and gone, and we're still here! And what a year it has been. We farewelled four of our closest friends and members, as they deployed to that "great regiment in the sky," and some others fell ill, our President among them, which just shows, you fight your way into this world, and you fight every day to stay here. Sometimes the fight is just too hard, and we take a different path.

This year has seen the 50th anniversary of the Moon landings, and our minds go back to where we were on that great day. As I recall, I watched the event unfold on my little black and white TV at home, then walked up Brighton Road to Monier Tiles where I worked a night shift in the factory, stacking roof tiles onto pallets as they came out of the kiln. I was just 20! I signed up to join the Army the very next year, feeling some sort of patriotism.

Why did man go to the Moon? God only knows! We can't live there, and in the 50 years since that "one giant leap" not much has happened there! And yet now we're talking about going to Mars. Apparently some folk have already signed up to go, knowing it's a one way trip! I've seen Matt Damon in "The Martian." I know what it's like!

We have so many problems here on Earth that need fixing first, but I guess we also need to reach out and find other territories to fight over too! We've made so much of a mess on this planet that we don't think it can ever be repaired. (Now I'm starting to sound like one of those Alpaca-wool beanie-wearing tree-hugging vegans! Oops, did I say that?) I guess we need someone to be the "trailblazers" of the future. We need them to be the pioneers of space, and to clear the way for us into the future!

I digress. On top of my office filing cabinet I have a small jar that contains Memorial Cards from the funerals I have attended over the years. Far too many of them are from our Regiment, and most were from this Association. I call this little receptacle my "Jar of Memories," and every now and then I go through it just to remind me of those who have left us to investigate what lies beyond. They are my heroes, my pioneers and my adventurers. Whether you believe in the Almighty or not doesn't matter. Once you leave this mortal coil, you are beyond any place you have ever been before, and I would like to think all those in my Jar of Memories are there waiting for me! If you get there before me, send me a sign so I'll know?

David Laing Editor

2019 Financial Report Part 1

Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc.

Income and Expenditure Statement for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

2017/18 \$		2018/19 \$
	Receipts	
4,650.00	Membership	2,300.00
788.00	Merchandise Sales	1,037.00
1,595.05	Donations, grants & financial support received	1,844.70
1,820.00	Social function revenue	990.00
5.69	Bank interest	281.24
<u>8,858.74</u>	Total Receipts	<u>6,452.94</u>
	Expenditure	
208.00	Bereavement Notices, flowers, wreaths, gifts etc.	841.70
1,839.91	Merchandise Purchases	1,269.90
2,716.78	Donations, grants & financial support provided	1,300.86
1,735.00	Social function costs	2,530.50
-	Website costs	129.80
189.10	Stationery, printing and postage	360.25
-	Bank fees	-
<u>6,688.79</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>6,433.01</u>
2,169.95	Surplus/(Deficit)	19.93
11,757.44	Bank balance at July 1	13,927.39
13,927.39	Bank balance at June 30	13,947.32
	plus: transaction not yet processed by Bank	50.00
		<u>13,997.32</u>
	Represented by:	
380.69	ANZ Business Extra Account	-
3,546.70	Bendigo Bank	1,997.32
10,000.00	Bendigo Bank Term Investment	12,000.00
<u>13,927.39</u>		<u>13,997.32</u>



David Hope
Treasurer

4 July 2019



Hayden Edwards
Honorary Auditor

6 July 2019

2019 Financial Report Part 2

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc. (the association) that comprises a statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 30 June 2019.

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 has determined that the cash basis of accounting is consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act South Australia 1985 and is 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 South Australia. 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.

Independence

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

A Poignant Lesson – Listening 101

by Lee Rossetti

Lee Rossetti is a long time member of the RSAR Association and resides in Broken Hill. He served with the RAE and 10 RSAR in the 70's. He was transported to an Adelaide medical facility for medical treatment about 5 or 6 years ago, so I drove down from Murray Bridge to visit him in hospital. We struck up an instant friendship and have remained in contact (via email and phone) ever since. He sent this story to me recently, and I wanted to share it with you. David Laing - Editor

I first met old Fred back in 1970 when I was batching and living in a flat at Henley South, SA whilst studying at Flinders Uni. I was informed by the military enlistment authorities that I was required to complete my course as a priority to any subsequent and compulsory military service.

My unit was No: 1 facing the Esplanade, No: 2 was inhabited by Mr and Mrs Tregalis, a retired Motel management couple (Nhill, VIC) and in No: 3 lived Fred.

Fred mostly bed-ridden and at that time he was in his late 80's years of age. Being a frail, quiet and modest gentleman you can imagine he didn't cause any trouble. I, on the other hand felt that being in such a close knit community I seemed to bond with my

block neighbours to an extent that affinity to them was something akin to *family* as my immediate natal family all resided in Broken Hill, NSW. I used to irregularly check on them offering to run any seemingly important errands for them and just being close allowed them some comfort against intrusive or poor behaviour from the odd idiot hanging around.

Fred was also visited and attended from time to time by his younger sister who was in her late 70's in those days.



(L-R): Fred, Lee Rossetti, Fred's younger sister and Mrs & Mr Tregalis
In 1970

I have a keep-sake from Fred which he insisted I get rid of for him which was taking up too much room in his unit and which was only gathering dust. This was an early nineteenth century travelling chest made of leather over timber with brass bump edges, hinges and a large central lock together with sturdy, thick leather carrying handles at either end. Up-

on opening the chest there was a removable hat shelf uppermost, however painted in the centre on the outside of the lid in beautiful cursive 18th Century calligraphy was *'Mitchell, To the Colonies'*. So I assumed that Fred was born in England having a family name as 'Mitchell' and who emigrated with his family sometime well before Federation.

I initially was introduced to Fred by his sister (whose name escapes me) and who led me into his bedroom whereupon I met Fred propped up in his bed about to take his regular medication. She left us chatting to each other intending to return later that morning. I seemed to be doing most of the talking as I think Fred was sizing me up. His body may have seen better days but his mind was very sharp. I was surprised to notice in one corner of that room several (stacked) cases of Johnny Walker Red Label and I remember saying to Fred *"..what are you doing with all these?"* He calmly replied *"Oh! The RSL bring me these now and again. I don't drink anymore, please take a box or two back to your donga"*. Which I gratefully did.

Fred revealed to me the secret spot for the spare key and I made myself known on the next visit where Fred authorised my entry to his unit. Again I found Fred lying in his bed and he beckoned me to sit on his bed as he described some memories.

He began to slowly and methodically speak and as I looked at him I immediately realised that he had something important to say. He began by describing in detail his experience in moving up to *'the line'* in the Gallipoli Campaign and along with his men taking up their positions on the *'firing steps'*. I cannot recall the number of his Battalion but I do remember his rank as that of Platoon Sargent. He spoke as if in a dream where he is speaking as if he is describing the conditions, the anxiety, the flies, the expecta-

tion of an Ottoman counter attack and the usual masked banter between comrades. He can see it, the situation, the waiting, the dryness of mouth, and the side glances of his adjacent mates. I was unclear if he was there from the start of the Campaign or if he was sent there shortly afterwards as part of a reinforcement force. The word is up! They're already at 'stand to'; the shouting from the Turks as they charge in for a counter attack; the swearing and cursing of the Diggers as they are told to wait in order to make maximum the effect on their targets. The order is given and the defence of their position is critical. Fred and the troops either side of him cannot help but notice that out of a multitude of attacking troops all similarly dressed in khaki that one individual running flat out towards their section of the line is dressed in a grey coloured uniform and not carrying a rifle but instead wielding a sabre. Obviously a German adviser who joined in the attack. The men up and down the line in the vicinity of Fred's position all naturally zeroed in on the man in grey. That action resulted in substantial Ottoman losses killed and left wounded on the field. Losses to Fred's group were light in defence.

He recalled other actions that involved his Battalion, in particular around early August of that same year 1915 they prepared their attack on the Turkish entrenched positions in the 'Lonesome Pine' (as they called it) area. The attack late in the afternoon of the first day of the *Battle of Lone Pine* (6th August) commenced with an advance of some 80 metres through useless barbed wire that had been obliterated thanks to a sustained artillery and "ship to shore bombardment" of the Ottoman positions. He recalled that one of his Platoon Corporals just prior to their arrival at the opposing trenches said to Fred *"..have a blow Fred, you've been working hard all day I'll go in first"*. The enemy were obviously still sheltering with their heads down from the preceding and sustained bombardment that they hadn't time to organise themselves in their defence. Some of Fred's soldiers pulled off the protective cross bearers and the Corporal jumped in only to be immediately impaled by several bayonets. The fighting was vicious and brutal only to result in certain trenches being captured and abandoned in the face of sustained Turkish counter attacks through their timely deployment of reinforcements.

The final consolidated Australian position was an area of little gain after two days and nights of exhaustive hand to hand combat. Those positions remained stagnant up to the final day of allied troop withdrawal from the Peninsular some several months later that same year.

(My research later: The Battle of Lone Pine from the 6th to the 9th August 1915, in an area no bigger than two soccer pitches: Ottoman losses as officially stated by their own reports: 7,164 including KIA's, Wounded, Missing and captured. Official Australian casualties: 2,277 (total losses)).

Fred was not to see out the Campaign. From their defensive positions following *Lone Pine* he was ordered to take each of his Sections individually down to a resupply point for more ammunition and water. Each Section in turn was accompanied by Fred beginning with the first Section in the early hours of the morning under cover of darkness. Success was achieved with his first two Sections, however by the time the third Section was returning there must have been the first signs of dawn and most likely their silhouette alerted a Turkish machine gunner who opened up, annihilating most of 3 Section. Fred received three wounds; one each through his hip, shoulder and side. He laid where he fell until approximately 1000 hrs whereupon there must have been a cessation of hostilities organised in order to retrieve the dead and wounded. However after getting hit and prior to the truce Fred described the desperation, pain and loneliness of being severely wounded, tormented with flies and harbouring a swollen tongue as the sun rose. His own water bottle was holed but he managed to reach over to his dead mate's canteen which gave him some welcomed thirst relief.

I understand he was evacuated to Lesbos then to Egypt and onto England whence he eventually arrived back home.

I'm not exactly sure how long I had been sitting on Fred's bed watching him and listening but I do know that I could not – would not whatsoever interrupt his recollections. Not only could I see the pain of his experiences but I could feel the intense emotion emanating through his softly spoken manner as well as seeing it come through his sad eyes.

For my part it was as if I was watching a traumatic documentary on this frail man's past life as if it appeared in real time. I did not invite such a serious dissertation - Fred seemed to want to pass some of his experiences on to a younger generation before he passed from this mortal life.

To this day I remain exceptionally and totally honoured to be invited to listen to one man's story.

LEST WE FORGET

Lee Omero Rossetti (434514)

Broken Hill, NSW. 12 JUN 2019

RSAR Association - Financial Members as at July 26, 2019

Honorary Members

Wilson Neil
Lipman Ben
Morgenthaler Peter

Life Members

Acton Chris
Ayles Jeff
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Blackmore Bill
Boscence Bob
Bourne Colin
Brookes Philip
Burnard Trent
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Carnachan Ian
Davey Trevor
Elliott Graham
Gaborit Lyndon
Hawking Don
Haynes Malcolm
Hogan Mark
Hook Alan
Hope David
Horseman Ian
Hudson Rick
James Grant
Johnson Barry
Klopf Alex
Laing David
Lakin Bruce
Marlin Robin
Moore Terry
Paul John
Pollard Barry
Stewart Robin
Stewien Peter
Vella Joe
Waters Ian
Westover Rhys
Wilson Graham
Yorke-Simpkin Reg

Associate Life Members

Phillips Heather

Members

Abel Colin
Attenborough Geoff
Beames Rodney
Bennett Christian
Benveniste Sam
Blake Sam
Blondell Mark
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Brophy Ryan
Brown Bruce
Burton Ray
Buttars Erik

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Domanski Glenn
Eckard Andries
Faquiri Reshad
Faunt Joshua
Gatley Graham
Genovese John
Gibson Lindsay
Gill Graham
Goodwin Graham
Gordon Frank
Harrington Malcolm
Harrison John
Hawkins Des
Heath Jonathan
Humphrys Jesse
Jones Brett
Justin Trent
Loveder Peter
Martin Cameron
Matchett Bill
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Morony Frank
Munro Ron
Oakley Andrew
Orrock Alan
Parslow Howard
Parsonage James
Pascoe Michael
Payne Bob
Perkins Bob
Phillips Colin Rex
Portakiewicz Anthony
Portakiewicz David
Preece Brian
Rado Stephen
Ramm Hank
Ranger Denis
Rathmann Norm
Rathmann John
Rijken Paul
Robertson James
Rossetti Lee
Rushton Benjamin
Sage Andrew
Sanders Ashley
Sanderson Max
Schoeman Johannes
Scott Rhys
Scown Neville
Skapin Corey
Standing Michael

Members (ctd.)

Thomas David
Thomson Jim
Tiller Garth
Tregenza Norm
Trezise George
Tucker Belinda
Wheeler Chris

ex 10th Inf Bn Members

Bampton Michael
Chaplin Tony
Collins Peter
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Harrison Nigel
Hill Max
Kearney Robert
Larkins Steve
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Richter Bert
Sharon Greg
Spencer John
Strain Doug
Tyson Tich

Associate Members

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Beames Cheryl
Carnachan Dom
Elliott Julie
Field Shirley
Hook Philippa
Hudson Margaret
Johnson Margaret
Klopf Josie
Laing June
Lee Ann
Sanderson Lorraine
Tregenza Lyn
Winger Kathleen

Honorary Members	3
Life Members	31
Serving Life Member	4
Associate Life Members	1
Members	61
Serving Members	33
Associate Members	15
Total financial members	148

Prepaid Members

2019/20 ↑
2020/21 #
2021/22 Σ

A Message from The Treasurer, David Hope

It's that time of the year again! Membership fees for the 2019/20 financial year are due as at the date of the AGM, 4th August. The following members are **already** financial:

Members		
Cotton	Bob	↑↓
Dew	Trevor	↑↓
Faunt	Joshua	#
Goodwin	Graham	#
Gordon	Frank	Σ
Harrison	John	↑↓
Hawkins	Des	↑↓
Parslow	Howard	↑↓
Parsonage	James	↑↓
Pascoe	Michael	↑↓
Portakiewicz	Anthony	↑↓
Portakiewicz	David	↑↓
Rado	Stephen	↑↓
Rijken	Paul	↑↓
Sanders	Ashley	Σ
Standing	Michael	↑↓
Thomson	Jim	#
Tiller	Garth	↑↓
ex 10th Inf Bn Members		
Harrison	Nigel	↑↓
Associate Members		
Johnson	Margaret	↑↓
Laing	June	↑↓
Prepaid up to:		
	2019/20	↑↓
	2020/21	#
	2021/22	Σ

....and from the Secretary....

Our Treasurer does a fantastic job of keeping us all honest by paying annual fees, which in itself is no easy task, but his work is made much easier if everyone pays their annual fees around the time of the AGM each year. Ladies and Gentlemen, your subs are due at the start of the Financial Year, EVERY year, or at the AGM! Unless you are a Life Member or Honorary Member, you can remain part of this prestigious group by simply paying \$20 per year, or \$10 as appropriate to your class of membership.

Associate Members pay only \$10 per year! You can't even buy a Latte and Bagel for that!

Serving Members pay ZERO for the 1st year, and only \$10 per year thereafter whilst still serving!

\$20! 20 Bucks! 20 Red Ones! What can you get for \$20 on the outside?

- Half a packet of cigarettes, and you shouldn't be smoking anyway!
- 2 Pints of Heavy Beer.
- 1 Kilo of Prime Bacon and 1 dozen eggs at the IGA.
- Bacon and Eggs on Toast w/- fried tomato at Café Primo!

And a few other trivial items! So there you have it. \$20 isn't much to you, but it is to us! It helps us continue the work we do to support the regiment, and to donate to various military charities. With your subscription money we can continue to build our membership. Without it we will fail as an association, and go the same way as the Dodo. Defunct, dried up, decayed and dead! It's up to you!

If you think you should be on this list please contact me with payment details on david@skilmar.com.au or 0417876499.

If you are not attending the AGM and paying your fees there your options are:

Direct Deposit: **BSB 633000 A/C No 161658588**

Cheque (or money order) to David Hope, Treasurer RSARA, 20 Katoomba Road, Beaumont SA 5066.

Fees remain at \$20 for members and \$10 for serving members and associates.



CPL DAVE'S PAGE

Walking through San Francisco's Chinatown, a tourist from the Midwest was enjoying the artistry of all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners, etc.

When he turned a corner and saw a building with the sign 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry.'

'Moishe Plotnik?' he wondered.

'How does that belong in Chinatown?'

He walked into the shop and saw a fairly standard looking dry cleaner, although he could see that the proprietors were clearly aware of the uniqueness of the store name as there were baseball hats, T-shirts and coffee mugs emblazoned with the logo 'Moishe Plotnik's Chinese Laundry.'

The tourist selected a coffee cup as a conversation piece to take back to his office. Behind the counter was a smiling old Chinese gentleman who thanked him for his purchase.

The tourist asked, 'Can you explain how this place got a name like 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry?''

The old man answered, 'Ah..Evleebody ask me dat. It name of owner.'

Looking around, the tourist asked,
'Is he here now?'



'It me, Me him!' replied the old man.

'Really? You're Chinese.

How did you ever get a Jewish name like Moishe Plotnik?'

It simple' said the old man.

'Many, many year ago I come to this country.

I, standing in line at 'Document Centre of Immiglation.'

Man in front of me was man from Poland.'

'Lady at counter look at him and say to him, 'What you name?'

He say to her, 'Moishe Plotnik.'

Then she look at me and say, 'What your name?'

I say, 'Sam Ting.'



"Grandpa, if you give me 1 dollar, I'll tell you who sleeps with Grandma when you're not home..."

"Here, I'll give you 2 dollars, who is it?"

"Me...!"



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