



# "Sitrep, Over!"

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## Christmas message from the President

On Saturday 12th November, the RSAR Association ran a BBQ (as we do each year) for the Simpson Trophy shoot at the Range at Murray Bridge. I picked up Lyndon Gaborit (who had volunteered to help me) at 09.30 hours and as he got into the car he said I am surprised they haven't called it off because the weather is soooo crap. I said that wasn't about to happen. This is the Army and they don't call off the Simpson trophy shoot just because of rough weather and a bit of rain. What are you thinking? I had just gone over the Bridge over the Murray and David Hope (another volunteer) rang me. I said what's up mate. He said they have just cancelled the shoot. Power was out right across the region. No backup. Nothing works.

Holy Hell!. What do we do with 30kg of snags and 15 loaves of bread, etc. Well we put on a free BBQ for the troops who really appreciated it and we went home wet as shags on a rock. I can be so wrong sometimes.

Covid seems to have left our news bulletins only to be replaced by some hectic weather events and rising River Murray water levels. Not much fun for our Secretary /Editor, who lives on a houseboat, but it will take more than water up to his knees to slow him down.

And this year the Association hasn't held back.

We will be cooking and serving another lunch for the Battalion End Of Year Parade on Sunday 27th November at Keswick Barracks. Volunteers required. And the Freedom of Entry Parade has been postponed until 2023.

The committee will package and send off Christmas Packs to those Battalion soldiers who have volunteered for Exercise Resolute. 20 Soldiers will be on operational duties on Christmas Day in places north and west of Darwin. True, it's what our soldiers train for and I only wish I had a similar opportunity while I was "operational", but it's still a credit to our men and women who made the commitment and I wish them all a safe return.

Next year we are planning to have some social lunches without guest speakers just for those who want to catch up and have a chin wag.

I am looking forward to touching base with many of you at our Christmas Function on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

There is always plenty to do but I am heartened by the support I get when requests go out to lend a hand..

On that note, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, healthy & prosperous New Year.

*God Beamer*



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## MEET THE NEW RSM - WO1 Scott Hannan

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Being involved with the Royal South Australia Regiment for 50 years I've had the pleasure of working with and for many Regimental Sergeants Major and I have yet to find a bad one. RSMs go through many years training to bring them to the level required to be the senior soldier in any Battalion. In my experience I've found that each RSM brings something extra to their posting, and they each show individual traits of professionalism that enable them to carry out their job.

Sadly we lose WO1 Ben Read at the end of this year as he jets off to Darwin to take on the daunting role of RSM of NORFORCE, but his replacement has big boots to fill. WO2 (soon to be WO1) Scott Hannan comes with many years service in the Infantry Battalions, and is looking forward to taking up where Ben Read left off. Some info on Scott Hannan:

Nicknames: Scotty, Hanno (RSM or Sir to you)

Corps - RAINF

Background Units - 1 RAR, 2 RAR, 5/7 RAR, 7 RAR, SO Armd, etc.

Experience - Mechanised Infantry Combined Arms, Pipes & Drums.

We welcome Scott Hannan on board and look forward to working closely with him.

## ....and Farewell to another RSM - WO1 Ben Read

WO1 Ben Read was presented with a personalised, customized Pace Stick Stand by Rod Beames at the final Committee Meeting for 2022. The inscription on the plaque reads

*"Presented to WO1 Ben Read for  
Outstanding Service to the RSAR Association  
as RSM of 10th/27th Battalion RSAR.  
November 2022.  
Pro Patria"*

Ben thanked Rod and the Association members for their support of the battalion during his 2 year tenure and said he would keep in touch with us he settled into his new home in Darwin. *"Base, this is Barra 1, Over!"*

NOTE: The Pace Stick Stand was made by our mates at the Murraylands Community Men's Shed





# LCPL Lawrence Weathers tribute

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*In last months "Sitrep. Over!" we featured the story of LCPL Lawrence Weathers VC, one of the bravest soldiers from our own 43rd Battalion. After reading the story, RSARA member Bob Cotton from the Army Museum phoned me and said he had some information about a connection to the story. He passed it on to Des Hawkins, and here it is for your pleasure: Editor.*

During our ongoing cataloguing and documentation of RSAR Regimental collection artefacts, a badly damaged, carved wooden figurine was found and would have been written off if we had not found the attached caption.

Thanks to former WO2 Bob Cotton who volun-

teers with the RSAR Historical Collection team at the Army Museum of South Australia Keswick Barracks, we have been able to repair, conserve and save another piece of Regimental memorabilia which would otherwise have been lost.

That caption reads:-

**"Victoria Cross** Late August early September 1918 the British High Command ordered the exhausted Australian soldiers to make one final effort to breach the Hindenburg Line. On 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sept. near Perrone with the Australian advance held up Corporal Lawrence Weathers charged along the German trenches throwing grenades. Surviving the heavy fire he returned to his own lines for more grenades and charged again. Again he survived and 180 German soldiers surrendered. He was awarded the Victoria Cross. (The first of three that day) but his luck ran out two weeks later when he was killed by a shell burst. He was my Grandfather and this is my tribute to him."



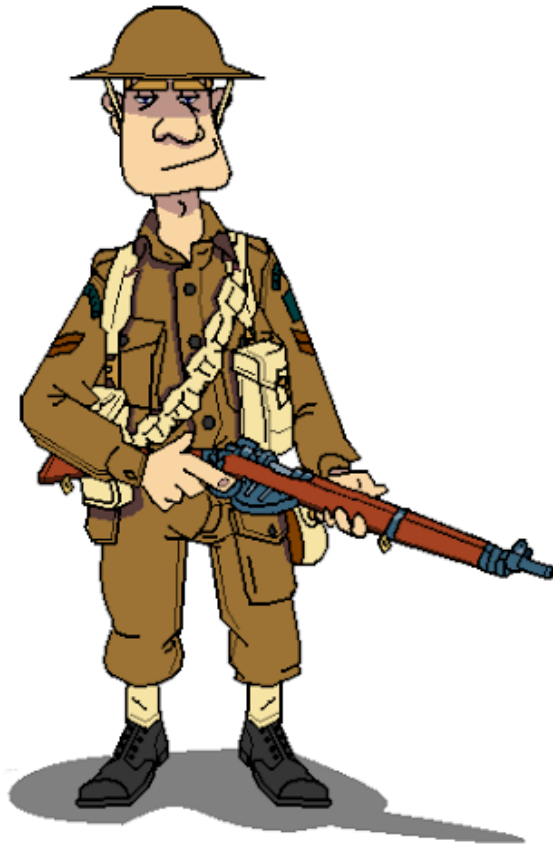
Sadly the caption has not been signed, but my team are presently trying to establish which Grandson was responsible for carving this figurine.

*Des Hawkins.*

Curator RSAR Historical Collection.

*Thanks Des and Bob, for adding an interesting epitaph to an intriguing story. Let's hope you can find the name of the "responsible" grandson so we can attribute this artefact to him. Editor.*





## Corporal Numbnutz Funnies.

WITHOUT A SINGLE DEGREE, THEY BUILT US  
ROADS THAT HAVE LASTED AN ETERNITY...



AND THEN, THE ENGINEERS ARRIVED!!!



**I HAD A REALLY BAD  
DAY.**

**FIRST, MY EX GOT  
RUN OVER BY A BUS.**

**THEN I GOT FIRED  
FROM MY JOB AS A  
BUS DRIVER.**

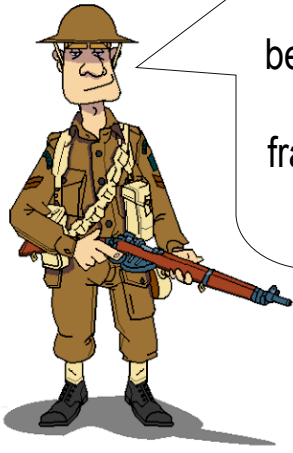


**Never hike alone  
in bear country!**

**Always hike with someone  
you can trip and outrun.**

**I'm proud of myself.  
I finished a jigsaw  
puzzle in 6 months,  
and the box said 2-4  
years!**





There's a fine line  
between a numerator and  
a denominator. Only a  
fraction of people will find  
this funny!

Sometimes, not  
saying anything is the  
best answer. You see,  
silence can never be  
misquoted.

JIM	JOE
Bachelors Degree in Philosophy	4 year paid apprenticeship
100K student debt	No student debt
Can't find a Philosopher job	Earns 80K annually
Believes people without college degrees are stupid	Disconnected Jim's electricity for non-payment

I have many hidden  
talents.

Just wish I could  
remember where I  
hid them.

The School Called Today  
And Said "Your Son Is  
Telling Lies"

"Well" I Replied "He Must  
Be Really Good Because  
I Don't Have Any  
Kids"

**My wife asked if she  
could have a little  
peace and quiet  
while she cooked dinner...**

**So I took the battery out  
of the smoke alarm!**





Diet Day 1. I have removed all the bad food from the house. It was delicious!

***Apparently exercise helps you with decision making. It's true. I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again.***

**I DONT CARE WHAT MOM SAID**



**GRANDMA SAID I CAN HAVE IT**



I think your child is dead



YOU'RE SO OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE, I'M LIKE, 'SUPER POPULAR' ON SOCIAL MEDIA

ISN'T THAT LIKE BEING RICH ON MONOPOLY?

**I found \$20 in Maccas Car Park, so I asked myself, "What would Jesus do?" So I turned it into wine!**



# EDITORIAL

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**A**nother year has come and gone and we're still here! Most of us, anyway! We survived COVID and we're nearly back to normal so I look forward to hitting a new year head on and getting on with life. But along with all the good stories are those of folk who just can't handle the stress of life, and more often than not they suffer in silence. If you're one of them, there is no need to suffer alone. While there are a myriad of agencies who can offer help and suggestions at the end of a queue, there are also those of us who are prepared to listen anytime, any day. My number is on the bottom of this page and I can be contacted at any time. R U OK mate? If not, reach out! We're here for you!

**I**n early October I was privileged along with about 200 others to attend a 20th Anniversary Edinburgh Tattoo Concert performed by the outstanding Band of the 10th/27th Battalion RSAR at St Peters Girls College. Unfortunately I left my camera home, but managed to get a couple of pictures with my steam powered mobile phone. Page 13 and 14 have the results.

**S**erving Member & Committee Member SGT Mark Blondell was posted to Adelaide Universities Regiment about 18 months ago to further his military career, namely a WO2s course. His training regimen was interrupted by a posting to Darwin on OP RESOLUTE, but now he's back and into the instruction phase at AUR again. He took time to tell us of his experiences, and you can read them on Pages 16 & 17.

**I** had a piece prepared to wish mate Norm Tregenza a Get Well Soon message after he was hospitalized with double pneumonia. Sadly Norm succumbed to his ailments and passed away at 0100 hrs on November 12th, just 1 hour after Remembrance Day. I had the honour to attend Norms funeral service, read the Eulogy and recite the Ode. The service was attended by many friends and RSARA members. An article will be dedicated to Norm in the new year. Rest In Peace old mate.

**W**e're still waiting for you to reserve your seats for the End of Year Lunch at Keswick Barracks on December 18th. The food is FREE and all you pay for is your drinks at Mess prices. Drop me a line, but NOT ON FACEBOOK.

**S**tay safe over the holiday period, and spare a thought for our soldiers on deployment at this time. They do it for us. Thanks for your service guys. I'll see you all in 2023.

That's what I think, anyway!

*David Laing* - Editor

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# RSARA MERCHANDISE

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RSARA Regimental Tie

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**\$6** each plus \$2 postage

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Laser engraved timber shield with  
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with your Regimental details

**\*ONLY \$45**



**POLO TOP**

**\*\$45**

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# Some Gave All

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## Lance Corporal Francis Curran, DCM

### The bomber

With the skill and athleticism of an A-grade cricketer, the khaki-clad figure repeatedly fielded the hissing bombs in mid air as they flew towards him. With no time to hesitate, yet with deadly accuracy, he hurled them back to their senders. Those missiles that managed to escape his agile hands fell spluttering to the trench floor, only to be smothered with a sandbag or flicked back over the parapet.

Francis Patrick Curran was born in Tenterfield, New South Wales, in 1887. On joining the workforce, he became a carter and postman by trade. Young Frank was also a very keen sportsman, excelling at football and boxing. In September 1914, Australia, now at war by virtue of being a member of the British Commonwealth, called for volunteers to join a military force to go to Europe to fight the German oppressors.

Like so many of the mates with whom he had attended school and played sport, Curran joined the queue at the local enlistment office. As a result of growing up in a country town and his choice of trade, Frank was a very competent horseman; it was therefore not surprising that he was assigned as a reinforcement to the 7th Light Horse Regiment (7 LHR).

The unit, as part of the 2nd Light Horse Brigade, departed Sydney by ship in late December 1914, bound for places Frank had only read about in his school geography books. The troops arrived at Mena Camp near Cairo in Egypt on 1 February 1915.



AWM P00152.020. Part of the Mena camp showing the proximity to the pyramids.

After months of intensive training in the hot, sandy conditions of the desert, the infantry battalions of the AIF were given the order to prepare to move. They were fit, tanned and raring to go—in their minds they were invincible. As the trains carrying the troops to waiting ships pulled out from Cairo station, the departing Diggers shouted boisterously as they waved farewell to the light horsemen who were to remain behind. With shoulders slumped, a dejected Frank returned to the camp. (Initially, the light horsemen were considered unsuitable for Gallipoli, but were later sent as reinforcements, without their horses.)

## Some Gave All

The landing at Gallipoli did not go well for the Allies. In the early days of the war, the losses suffered by the infantry were severe; additional fresh forces were required to bolster the tiny beachhead before the ANZACs were pushed back into the sea.



AWM G00267. Gallipoli 1915. Two soldiers sit beside a pile of empty tins cutting up barbed wire for jam tin bombs. The bombs were made near the beach, a spot popularly known as the 'bomb factory' near ANZAC Cove. All the old jam tins and other empty containers were used to make bombs which were filled with fragments of Turkish shells and enemy barbed wire which had been cut into small lengths.

To a man, the troopers of the light horse volunteered to double as infantry. They had come a long way to fight for their country—with or without their horses. Frank slammed home the bolt of his .303 rifle and threw his bandolier over his shoulder. Finally, it was the light horsemen's turn to show the Turks a thing or two. The 7 LHR disembarked at Gallipoli in late May—just in time to help repulse a series of savage attacks by the Turks. The troopers had barely reached the relative safety of the Australian trenches when they were suddenly exposed to a style of warfare they had not encountered before—nor been trained for in Australia or at the Mena Camp—hand-thrown missiles.

Grenades had not been issued to the landing force, so these were weapons that were unfamiliar to the ANZACs. However, the Turks had an endless supply of bombs—round black metal missiles, about the size of a cricket ball, with a few seconds' fuse. Initially, to retaliate, the soldiers had little option but to retrieve these bombs before they exploded and return them to their owners. However, it was not long before the resourcefulness of the Diggers led to 'homemade' bombs being manufactured on the beach, using jam tins filled with any available scraps of metal they could find.



Curran, now a lance corporal, soon showed the worth of his deadly throwing arm. His ability to catch the incoming bombs in mid air and to then launch the projectiles into the enemy lines with deadly accuracy became legendary. In their letters home, the troopers paid tribute to his bravery and the skill and audacity of his daring exploits.

By August, the campaign had developed into a prolonged war of attrition. In an attempt to break the stalemate, the British High Command devised a plan for a landing at Suvla Bay, while at the same time creating a series of diversions along the ANZAC lines to distract the Turks. These diversionary actions at Chunuk Bair, The Nek and Lone Pine—names that would become etched in history as places where so many heroic young Australian and New Zealand soldiers died—were scenes of some of the bloodiest battles fought on the Peninsula.

As the New Zealanders battled their way up the slopes of Chunuk Bair, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiments were suffering heavy casualties at The Nek. Wave after wave of ANZACs brandishing fixed bayonets charged the Turkish lines, only to be cut down by a wall of bullets. Each new line of attackers had to scramble over the dead bodies of mates who had been alive just a few minutes before. (In 1919, when a group of ANZACs returned to Gallipoli to give their dead a proper burial, at The Nek they found more than three hundred Australian bodies in an area smaller than a tennis court.)

Meanwhile, the infantry assault on the fortified trenches of Lone Pine was to continue for four days, mostly hand-to-hand fighting. On reaching the enemy trenches, the Diggers found them covered with thick pine logs. In some places, the attackers had to break through the roof with their bayonets, before dropping into the inky darkness of the trench to engage the defenders. No quarter was asked or given by either side. This protracted action resulted in the loss of more than two thousand Australians.



AWM A02022. Australian troops in the Turkish Lone Pine trenches, captured on the afternoon of the 6 August 1915.

**Some Gave All.....Continued next  
month January 2023**

# RSAR ASSOCIATION INC

## End of Year Lunch



All Members of the RSAR Association, Serving  
Members of 10/27 Bn Battle Group and their families are  
invited to

**THE END OF YEAR LUNCH**  
**Sunday 18th December 2022**

**Keswick Barracks**  
**Roy Inwood VC Club**  
**1100 - 1500 hrs**



All cold meat and salads provided  
**FREE** of charge

Drinks available at Bar Prices

Reservations definitely required.

Contact David Laing on 0407 791 822 or  
[davidlaing49@bigpond.com](mailto:davidlaing49@bigpond.com) for catering purposes

NLT Friday 9th December



# 10/27 Band Concert at St Peters



The 10th/27th Battalion RSAR Band is well known for its support of not only the Battalion but also the majority of Army units within the 9 Brigade district. Regularly performing at Army Unit Pass Out Parades, Promotions Courses, Dining In Nights and other functions, they are, without a doubt the best military band in S.A and arguably, Australia.

On Sunday 9th October the Band presented a concert at the St Peters Girls College, to mark the 20th Anniversary of their performance at the prestigious

Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2002. The concert was a fundraiser for the Partners of Veterans Organisation, and was well attended by around 200 people. As well as the wonderful band music, highlights were provided by a lovely group of Irish Dancers, and the Seymour College Old Collegians Pipes and Drums.

The concert was very ably MC'd by Battalion 2IC Major Martin Dinan in his best Scottish accent.



Band Master WO2 David Portakiewicz leads the Band of the 10th/27th Battalion at St Peters College



# 10/27 Band Concert at St Peters

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I've attended about 12 concert featuring our band, and MC'd another 4, so I reckon I know what their music capabilities are, but the last concert at St Peters Girl College was one of the best I have ever seen. There are so many individual talents who all play fantastically, but combined they make up one of the best military bands in Australia. At LEFT giving a great rendition of the Village People and their songs "YMCA" and "In The Navy" were David Portakiewicz as the Construction Worker, Christian Bennett as the Biker (he also happens to be our Association Treasurer) Ivan Simac as the Cowboy and Josh Koop as the Sailor.

The 10/27 RSAR Band Drum Corps performed some entertaining and tricky segments that would give the Top Secret Drum Corps a run for their money.





# PADRES PONDERINGS

By Chaplain Paul Ghanem OFM

## ***To add or not to add to capability; that is the question***

Attending the Commanders Update Brief's (CUB) I inevitably find myself scribbling down acronyms that I can't decipher. I then show my scribbles to the Chief Clerk, WO2 Natasha Morrison, who can crack the code 9 times out of 10. In the last few months my brain has finally kicked into gear and I know that a TSR is a Training Support Request while RATS refers not to rodents or a Covid test but the Reservist Accelerated Training Scheme. After two years in this current posting I am finally able to follow the conversation and my focus has shifted to the content of what the Commander is saying. In whatever discussion is being had the CO refers to the concept of *CAPABILITY* before giving his direction.

This last Padre Ponders has me ask the question: In 2022 have I added or not added to *capability*? It is a question that we are all called to ask of ourselves not just in our work with the Association but in the actions of our daily lives. I have a suspicion that St Peter will one day be asking me the same question as I stand before the Pearly Gates!

When I ask this of 10/27 RSAR I can see how WO2 Portakiewicz does such great work with the band. Together they add a depth of *capability* that is enormously appreciated but that so often goes unrecognised. Likewise, the OC's spend unaccounted hours doing admin and follow up. And those who always put up their hand for a TSR (see above J) always get a good wrap from the CO for adding to *capability*. I can see the passion of Dave and Rod and their merry band to be of service to former and serving members. All these good people add to *capability*.



From 2023 I am posted to SA HQ AAC. It's been an absolute privilege to have called 10/27 home. My hope is that over the last 24 months that I too have, somehow, added to *capability*. Goodbye, farewell and Amen.

## ***The Padre***

PS. According to Natasha I'm off to the South Australia Head Quarters Australian Army Cadets (SA HQ AAC).

*Editors Note: In my 50 or so years with the Regiment I've met and worked with many Padres, Madres (yes, there is such a person) Chaplains, Priests, Pastors, Deacons and even Bishops, but none has had the charisma, knowledge, friendship and compassion shown by Paul Ghanem. Like good RSMs, just when you get a good Padre, they're usually transferred somewhere else, and such is the case with Padre Paul Ghanem. After nearly 2 years he's been sent to SA Cadet HQ, still at Keswick Barracks, but a long way from the front line, and I'm sorry to see him go. I've become good friends with Paul and we've shared many laughs and a few tears. Stay safe Padre, and keep up your fantastic work.*

# AUR according to Blondie

## My Time with AUR by **SGT Mark Blondell**

December 2020 it was decided that after 12 years it was time for me to move on from 10/27 RSAR as part of my career progression.

Adelaide Universities Regiment was to be my next posting. A bit of background about AUR first.

Adelaide Universities Regiment (AUR) was first formed in May 1948 under the command of Major Rex J Lipman

Approval was first given to raise Adelaide University Regiment on 17 September 1947 following the many good leaders trained from Sydney and Melbourne University Regiments for the 2nd AIF for World War Two.

The rationale of having AUR on the Order of Battle was that in war, many university graduates would become officers in the Army and by having had a sound infantry training they would be better officers. Adelaide Regiment was originally called Adelaide University Regiment, changing its name in 1992 due to the formation of the regiment extending to other universities.

The unit birthday is officially 31 May 1948. The Regimental March is Highland Laddie in quick time and Morag of Dunvegan in slow time

Role Army Reserve officer Training.  
It is part of 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

Motto Sapientia Omnia Vincit ( Wisdom Conquers all )

In 1949, the first Honorary Colonel, Brigadier A.S. Blackburn, VC, CMG, CBE, LLD, ED was appointed, he held this post until 1955

The Regiment was originally based on the Commonwealth Military Forces (CMF) Infantry Battalion of three companies. The unit had a rifle company consisting of one rifle platoon and a support company with transport, antitank, mortar, signals, and intelligence sections: and a headquarters company. Machine gun and assault pioneer sections were added later.

During 1966, an Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) style training commenced, and the first graduates were commissioned in April 1967

The Regiment's first home was a small section of the Hydraulics Laboratory in the Physics Building at the Adelaide University,

Over the years the Regimental HQ was located at Torrens Training Depot, Prospect and St Marys, finally moving to Hampstead Barracks Greenacres, again consisting of three separate company's

Reserve Individual Training Capability (RITC)  
Beersheba Coy (Officer Training)  
Advance Training Company ATC (Promotion and Range Courses)

AUR also has a depot located in the Northern Territory but is committed to the training and management of Soldiers from all over Australia.

So at the end of January 2021 I reported to ATC and started preparing for my 1<sup>st</sup> SUB 2 CPL. My first role was as a directing staff (DS) assessing the Section Commander's during their various tasks including planning and conducting missions.

My role with the courses has also included being PL SGT, both roles have given me a great opportunity



# AUR according to Blondie

to witness some of the upcoming Infantry Section Commanders within the ADF. In between instructing on CPL courses I had my own courses to complete.

Due to COVID restrictions this meant my Subject first 2 courses for Warrant Officer would be online. This had a big downside as it made it difficult to form work relationships with other students. Thankfully it was not impossible, and some great networks were formed, and we were all successful.

October 2021, I applied for and was given the position of Watchkeeper 2IC on Operation Resolute Darwin, An Operation many members of 10/27 RSAR have been and are currently involved with. This gave me a chance to work with members of Army, Navy and even Air Force.

Thankfully my role was land based and I spent limited time at sea. Anyone who was with me on the boat to Kangaroo Island during the fires knows that I don't do sea very well. I'll leave the finer details for SGT Abraham to write about when he returns from Darwin next year.



Certification Training with RAN



Darwin 25 Metre Range

After 6 months I returned to AUR and started to prepare for another CPL course. This one was slightly different from the last.

Due to the professionalism of the course manager and other instructors any improvement to the course is always implemented. This not only keeps the instructors on their

toes, but students are exposed to better training.

The last few weeks I have been preparing for my own course. This will involve a trip back to the School of Infantry to finish my Subject Courses for WO. Accommodation will be in the SGT Mess, so a few comforts for me.

At this stage I have one more year of my posting. But if the stars align I'll be heading back to 10/27 a little sooner.

SGT *Mark Blondell*



# Simpson Trophy @ MUTA

Sadly the Simpson Trophy was cancelled this year, but not due to the atrocious weather. Although the Murray Bridge region was hammered by storms and hellish rain since 0400 hrs on the day, a larger part of Murray Bridge East had a power outage, and this included the Army Range. Having no power meant the range electronics were out of action, therefore the sensible decision was made to cancel the shooting for the day. However 10/27 Bn Ops staff decided that they weren't going to let the entire day be ruined, and allowed the Association members who attended to cook a lunch time BBQ for about 90 troops, and at least keep the soldiers happy for their efforts.



Clockwise from **TOP**: Howard Parslow, Col Abel and Rod Beames set up prior to the cook up.

**RIGHT**: Howard and Col finally get things going. Hungry troops in the back ground.

**RIGHT**: One bonus! If you don't have to shoot, you don't have to clean your weapon!





# Simpson Trophy @ MUTA

"OK, Listen in! Thanks for travelling all this way today for a FREE BBQ cooked by the members of the Royal South Australia Regiment Association. You're all entitled to a sausage and onions on bread, plus a softie. If there are left overs, you can have seconds. No questions? Good! There is one Vegan sausage for the Vegan. Where are you RSM?"

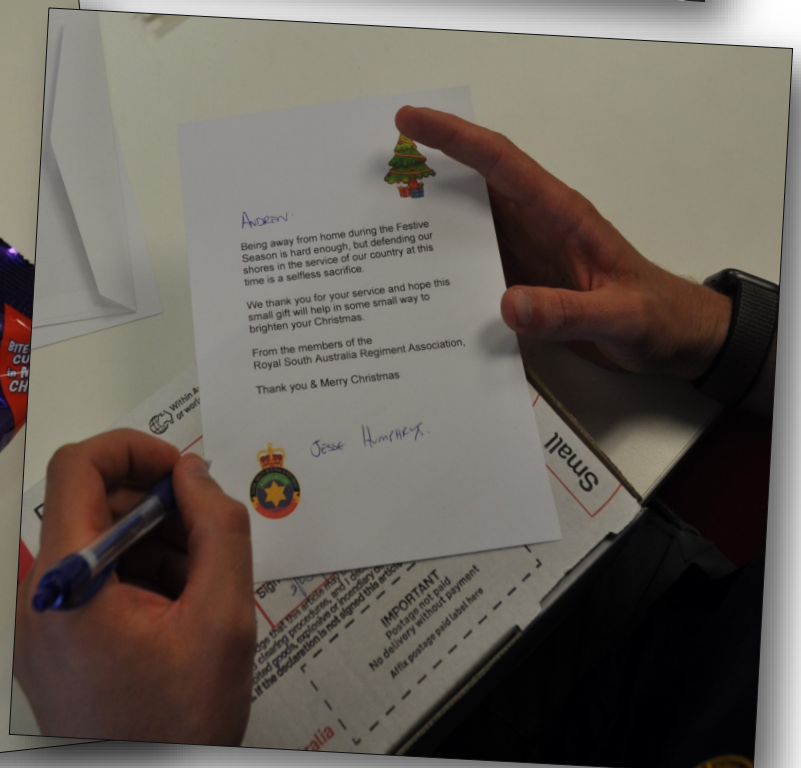


Thanks to Rod Beames, Julie & Graham Elliott, Lyndon Gaborit, Howard Parslow, David Hope and Padre Paul Ghanem for his support and photo taking. Main thanks go to Chief Bait Layer Col Abel for buying, transporting and cooking the BBQ snags and onions. Also thanks to the bloke who organised the BBQs and Gas Bottles. We'll find you!



# Christmas Gift for Deployed Troops

Des Hawking, Rod Beames, Mark Blondell, Jesse Humphrys, Padre Paul Ghanem, Corey Skapin, David Portakiewicz and I assisted wrapping Christmas packages for our soldiers deployed away from home over Christmas. For the 20 soldiers deployed on OP RESOLUTE, this was a little gift of appreciation from the Association to them for their service over the Christmas period, and a personalised Christmas cards was signed for each soldier.





# 2022 FINANCIAL MEMBERS LIST

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Life Members		Members	A - P	Members	P - Z
Acton	Chris	Abel	Colin	Portakiewicz	Anthony
Beckett	David	Abraham	Michael	Portakiewicz	David
Benveniste	Sam	Attenborough	Geoff	Powell	Gary
Blackmore	Bill	Bampton	Michael	Preece	Brian
Boscence	Bob	Bennett	Christian	Rado	Steven
Brookes	Phil	Blondell	Mark	Ramm	Hank
Burnard	Trent	Brown	Bruce	Ranger	Denis
Burns	Wayne	Burnard	Saxon	Robertson	James
Carnachan	Ian	Burton	Ray	Rossetti	Lee
Carpenter	Ian	Buttars	Erik	Sanders	Ashley
Cotton	Bob	Carlisle	Lesley-Anne	Schuh	Simon
Dart	John	Cooke	Nat	Scott	Rhys
Davey	Trevor	Cram	Kevin	Skapin	Corey
Elliott	Graham	Demosani	Tony	Smith	Ryan
Gaborit	Lyndon	Dew	Trevor	Sniedze	Julie
Goodwin	Graham	Domanski	Glenn	Tasker	David
Harris	Lachlan	Dunn	Bob	Tattersall	Geoff
Hawking	Don	Dunn	Peter	Thomas	David
Haynes	Malcolm	Eva	Keith	Thomson	Jim
Higgins	Jonathon	Ewens	Mimi	Trezise	George
Hogan	Mark	Faquiri	Reshad	Tsoulakis	Christos
Hook	Alan	Faunt	Joshua	Tucker	Belinda
Hope	David	Foy	Erin	Vozelj	Blaz
Horseman	Ian	Gatley	Graham	Weepers	Nicole
Hudson	Mike	Ghanem	Paul	Wheeler	Chris
Jackson	Aaron	Gibson	Lindsay	Williams	Reg
James	Grant	Gill	Graham		
Jeffrey	Scott	Gordon	Frank	<b>Honorary Members</b>	
Johnson	Paul	Groffen	Renee	Benveniste LTCOL	Sam
Johnson	Barry	Harrington	Malcolm	Wilson MAJGEN	Neil
Klopf	Alex	Harrison	John	Read WO1	Ben
Laing	David	Harrison	Keith		
Lakin	Bruce	Harrison	Nigel	<b>Hon Memb for Life</b>	
Marlin	Robin	Hartshorne	Anthony	Beames	Rodney
Meredith	Mike	Hawkins	Des		
Miller	Nick	Higgins	Kevin		
Moore	Terry	Hill	Max	<b>Associate Life Members</b>	
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Paul	John	Hume	Matthew	Field	Shirley
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Stewien	Peter	McCulloch	Don		
Vella	Joe	McIver	Bill		
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		O'Daly	Ryan	Johnson	Margaret
		Orrock	Alan	Parsonage	Yvonne
		Parslow	Howard	Pollard	Kay
		Parsonage	James	Toy	Jill
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		Payne	Bob	Winger	Kathleen
		Pexton	Timothy		
		Phillips	Colin Rex		



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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Membership</b> \$30 (Former member of the RSAR)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Current Serving Military Member</b> Must have served with the RSAR or a sub unit. FREE 1st year. \$10 thereafter while still serving
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non Voting Associate Member</b> \$15 (Spouses, non former members of RSAR)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Life Membership (By invitation Only)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FULL Member \$300 <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE Member \$150

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Full Name:	Postal Address:
Date of Birth:	Email:
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Period of Service / / to / /	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Serving Member of the RSAR or Sub Unit
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Method of Payment

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