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**2023**

# "Sitrep, Over!"

**OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC**

**Patron Major General Neil Wilson AM RFD**

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## Position Vacant



# AMOSA



**ARMY MUSEUM OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**ASSISTANT CURATOR REQUIRED**

**RSAR Historical Collection**

Des Hawkins took over as Curator of the RSAR Historical Collection from Major Jeff Ayles who sadly passed away in 2022. Des now requires someone to work with him and assist with the maintenance, upkeep and recording of this valuable piece of our military history.

Hours are only 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs every Wednesday.

This position would ideally suit:

- Someone with previous military service
  - Ideally a former RSAR soldier
- Someone with an interest in military history
- Someone with a few hours to spare every Wednesday.

For further information please contact Des Hawkins on

0434 676 050 or email of [desmondh@ozemail.com.au](mailto:desmondh@ozemail.com.au)

### Quick Picks

Whenever there's a  
50-50 chance of  
getting something  
right, there's a 90%  
probability that you'll  
get it wrong

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# EDITORIAL

Once again the loyal few have catered for another Battalion event, the Welcome Home BBQ for our troops deployed to our Northern Borders over the recent Christmas period. Story and pics on Pages 3 & 4..(Thanks to Des Hawkins, Rod Beames and Padre Paul Ghanem for the pics. And thanks also to Graham & Julie Elliott, Heather Phillips, Chook Wilson, Tex Ranger & Howard Parslow for their support)

Chances are, if you live in the Adelaide Metro Area, and have a calendar, the date of 6th August will be blank. If it is, write down that date as our AGM at the Avoca and send me an email reserving your seat (s) It's a great place to catch up and the food is fantastic.. The AGM will only last an hour and the rest of the time you can catch up with mates for a meal and a beer. We need your attendance to keep the Association functioning. Details on Page 14.

The Merchandise available from the Association is selling at a steady rate, but unfortunately some buyers can't read the simple instructions and keep sending me emails asking "How much is this?" and "How do I pay for that?" Well, to alleviate any further problems, after the RSARA Merchandise page in this newsletter, I have added an Order Form page. It tells you everything you need to know about what is available, how much it costs and what its' postage is. If I've omitted anything, you'll figure it out! Simples.

Long time RSAR Association member and long serving WO2 from the Regiment Jim Thomson is doing the hard yards with his health at the moment . After suffering a fall at his home, he has been transferred to the Lyell McEwin Hospital and more recently to Calvary Hospital in Angas Street Adelaide. His family are currently considering Thommo's ongoing care and welfare at this hard time. Best wishes may be sent to Thommo's daughter Mardi on 0429 671 244.



Finally, the Band of the 10th/27th Battalion RSAR are holding a concert at our "spiritual home" the Drill Hall at Torrens Parade Ground. Many of us spent many hours there, (some years as well) learning, teaching, soldiering and drinking, and the Band is going to bring back some long lost memories. For those who haven't been back inside the Drill Hall for many years, this will be your chance, and hear some damned good music to boot. Details on Page 10.

That's it from me!

*David Laing*

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[www.rsara.asn.au](http://www.rsara.asn.au)

**PAYMENTS FOR SUBS &  
MERCHANDISE**

**Fees and Merchandise can be  
paid by EFT through the follow-  
ing Bendigo Bank account**

**RSAR Association Inc**

**BSB 633 000**

**Acc. 1616 585 88**

**Cheques etc can be mailed to**

**The Treasurer  
Christian Bennett  
RSAR Association  
PO Box 1133  
Kensington Gardens  
SA 5068**

[christianbennett95@gmail.com](mailto:christianbennett95@gmail.com)

# Welcome Home BBQ for Deployed Troops

On Friday 28th April the RSAR Association was tasked by the Battalion to provide a BBQ to Welcome Home those soldiers deployed to our Northern Borders over the recent Christmas period. A small group of dedicated members took over the Roy Inwood VC Club, and after a couple of hiccups succeeded in providing a very sumptuous meal for about 40 personnel.

Des Hawkins writes:

Our crew were on deck early and helped set up, prepare salads etc.

Rod was very happy as we were well in front so had time to sit down and relax awaiting arrival of the diggers.

"H" hour approached and we were given the go ahead to start cooking.

Some of us started to joke about calamities that had occurred on previous BBQ's. We even checked the weather radar for thunderstorms.

First batch of snags were cooked and ready to go, then it starts to rain lightly, then right on queue the gas BBQ goes out. Murphy strikes again – we had run out of gas!!!

Main Q Store is locked up, so RSM sent someone to check with Sgt's Mess, however no bottles.

Graham Elliott grabs the empty bottle to race away to find a Swap and Go.

Luckily Heather found an electric frypan to cook the prawns and then the Padre comes to the rescue and cooks up his seafood and garlic sauce.

Fortunately/unfortunately the numbers originally expected did not eventuate, so we managed to provide sufficient cooked food using alternate means.

Graham finally returns with a full gas bottle – which is no longer required this time. He now needs a drink.

Lesson learned –Graham will from now on always have a full gas bottle with him in his car.

The CO and RSM were as always appreciative of our efforts, as were the diggers.

Rod was happy that eventually everything worked out.

The CO is hopeful that this type of event will continue after all returning deployments, and that our association will provide similar assistance in the future.

A special note "Well done Padre" the prawns were great you may have missed your true calling.

## OFFICIAL

Good morning everyone,

From the CO and I a huge thank you for supporting and being there for the returning TSE soldiers. Although numbers were low it was still a fantastic event, and the food was great.

The Padre has taken a photo, and I will leave it to him to forward on.

Again, thank you for your valued support, and I look forward to continuing our relationship.

Cheers,

Scott

*Scott Hannan*



**Scott Hannan**

**Warrant Officer Class One**

Regimental Sergeant Major

10th/27th Battalion, the Royal South Australia Regiment



# Welcome Home BBQ for Deployed Troops



RSM WO1 Hannan, LT Kenny-Roberts, PTE Harris, CO LTCOL Benveniste, PTE Stansbie, PTE Francis, LCPL Schoeman and PTE Loue at the function. WELCOME HOME GUYS!



# WW1 GUN DEDICATION

Following on from last months story on the dedication ceremony of our captured WW1 gun, additional pics have been sent in to complete the story. (More pics on our Facebook page.)

CO 10/27 Battalion RSAR LTCOL Sam Benveniste  
and The Governor of SA The Honourable Frances  
Adamson AC unveil the Dedication Plaque



Governor of SA The Honourable Francis Adamson AC addresses invited  
guests prior to unveiling the WW1 Gun, now on display at Battalion HQ



# WW1 GUN DEDICATION



**Denis (Tex) Ranger, Rod Beames, Reg Williams, Alan Hook & Philippa Hook**



**Chair of Regimental Council Brigadier Peter Moore, CO 10/27 Bn LTCOL Sam Benveniste, Representative Colonel The Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Commander 9 Brigade Brigadier Graham Goodwin and Honourary Colonel 10/27 Bn LTCOL Steve Larkins**



## Colour Sergeant Bournes' Humour



The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

# BUNNINGS warehouse

TIP NUMBER 22

'WHEN UNABLE TO LOCATE STAFF.'

ENTER GARDEN SECTION AND START ONE OF THE CHAINSAWS... THEY WILL FIND YOU.

It's funny how 8 glasses of water a day seems impossible,



but 8 glasses of wine can be done in one meal.



I'm off to Specsavers for my appointment. By the way you haven't shaved very well and your tie is crooked!

### Law of Gravity

Any tool, nut, bolt, or screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.





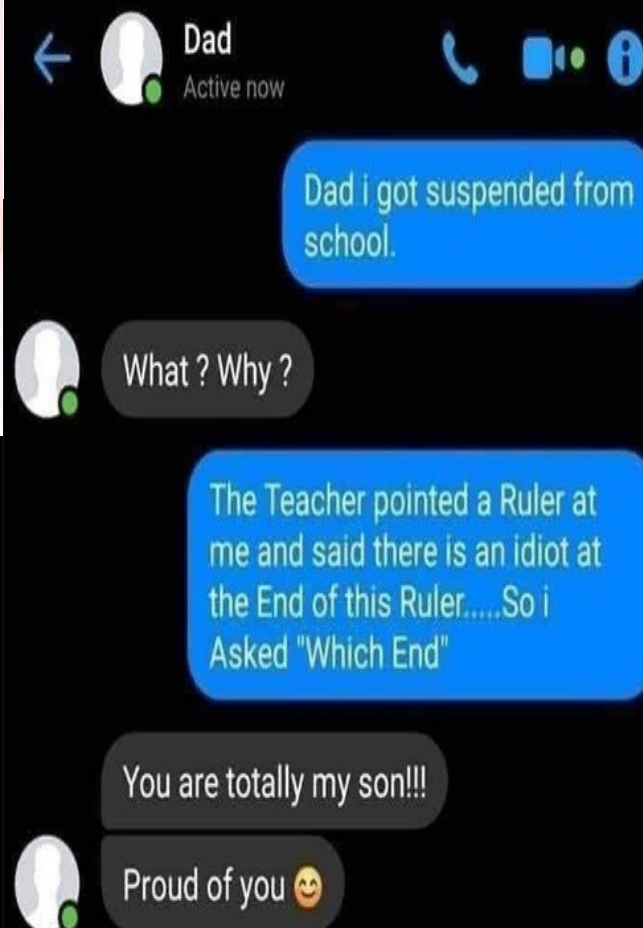
When the body is fully immersed in bath water, the telephone will ring



To everyone that received a book from me for christmas, they're due back at the library next friday.

Whenever my wife uses the phrase "I was thinking."

That means I either have to move, build, paint, or buy something.







A slightly drunk woman is watching tv and yells

"Don't go there! Don't go to the church you dumb bitch!"

Her husband asks "What are you watching?"

"Our wedding video"



**THERE IS NO BETTER SUNSCREEN**



**THAN SITTING INSIDE A PUB.**

## **World's Best Toys**

- 1. Sticks**
- 2. Rocks**
- 3. Water**
- 4. Dirt**
- 5. Buckets**



How fast was the little bastard going??? 🤣🤣🤣





The Partners of Veterans Association SA proudly presents

# **BACK ON THE OLD STOMPING GROUND**

Featuring the Band of the 10th/27th Battalion RSAR  
with special guests Seymour College Old Scholars Pipe Band



**SCAN ME**

**WHEN**

**SUNDAY 11 JUNE @ 2:00PM**

**WHERE**

**DRILL HALL  
TORRENS PARADE GROUND  
VICTORIA DRIVE  
ADELAIDE SA 5000**



**TICKETS \$25**

**FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT: CHRIS - 0468 786 241  
ANGELA - 0416 221 328, LINDA - 0417 081 150  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/back-on-the-old-stomping-ground-tickets-588665031957>





Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2023

EST  
2008

Membership Category

Date of Application / /

<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

My Details - Please print clearly

Full Name:	Postal Address:
Date of Birth:	Email:
Mobile No:	How did you hear about the Association?
Regt No. or PMKeys No.	
Period of Service / / to / /	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Serving Member of the RSAR or Sub Unit
Spouse/Partners name.	

Method of Payment

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or Money Order - Payable to The Treasurer Christian Bennett RSAR Association Inc 5 Ashwin Parade Torrensville SA 5031	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Funds Transfer Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc BSB 633 000 Account 1616 585 88 Include your <b>name</b> as an identifier								
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH (In person to the Committee)	<input type="checkbox"/> I have paid my Fees by <b>Cheque</b> to the Association Account listed below and posted to The Secretary RSAR Association PO Box 5218 Murray Bridge South SA 5253 <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Account Name:</td> <td>RSAR Association Inc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank:</td> <td>Bendigo Bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BSB:</td> <td>633 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acct #</td> <td>1616 585 88</td> </tr> </table>	Account Name:	RSAR Association Inc	Bank:	Bendigo Bank	BSB:	633 000	Acct #	1616 585 88
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☐ I understand that receipt of this application constitutes my acceptance of the Associations Rules as set down in the Constitution found at the website address below. I also authorise the processing of my preferred method of payment and acknowledge that I may be required to provide proof of past or current military service as required.



Website: [www.rsara.asn.au](http://www.rsara.asn.au)

Please send this completed application, with any proof of service to the RSAR Association Secretary at [davidlaing49@bigpond.com](mailto:davidlaing49@bigpond.com)

# RSARA MERCHANDISE



A. Regimental Tie \$25

B. Stubby Holders \$6 or 6 for \$30

C. RSARA Nameplate \$25

D. RSARA Lapel Badge \$15

E. Laser-engraved timber shield w/-  
brass look plaque \$45

Allow \$10 postage for clothing & shield, everything else  
\$2 per item

**POLO TOP  
ONLY \$45**

Place your orders by contacting the Secretary on [davidlaing49@bigpond.com](mailto:davidlaing49@bigpond.com). You will be advised of the total cost and postage at that time.  
Please don't order through the President or Treasurer. They know nothing!





## RSARA Merchandise Order Form

**Each item attracts postage. Please ensure you include this in your total.**

I WISH TO ORDER THE FOLLOWING:- (Please tick)

<input type="checkbox"/>
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NAME PLATE \$25 POSTAGE \$2

RSARA LAPEL BADGE \$15 POSTAGE \$2

RSARA TIE \$25 POSTAGE \$2

STUBBY HOLDER \$6 POSTAGE \$2

ENGRAVED SHIELD \$45 POSTAGE \$10

RSARA POLO TOP \$45 POSTAGE \$10 (Include size)

RSARA HOODIE \$50 POSTAGE \$10 (Include size)

RSARA CAP \$15 POSTAGE \$2

NAME.....(TO BE PLACED ON NAME PLATE)

ADDRESS.....

SUBURB.....PC.....

Members can order Association Merchandise by the following means.

Send this form **and a Cheque** to:-

*The Secretary David Laing  
RSAR Association  
Po Box 5218 Murray Bridge South  
Murray Bridge SA 5253*

Or email to [davidlaing49@bigpond.com](mailto:davidlaing49@bigpond.com)

Or pay via EFT to:-

**RSAR Association Inc**

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**Acc. 1616 585 88**

*(Include your name as an identifier)*

# 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



## RSAR Association Inc 2023 Annual General Meeting



All Members, wives & partners are invited to attend the AGM and mix with friends whilst voting on changes to the Constitution.

Please arrive by NLT 1100 hrs to order and pay for your meals, to be served at the conclusion of the AGM at 12 noon.

### A CALL FROM THE ASSOCIATION



This is the MAIN event for the year so it is imperative for all members to attend and vote.

Dress Neat, Casual.

Please join us after the AGM for a couple of drinks and a chat. Get to know the other members.

**SUNDAY 6th August 1100 hrs Avoca Hotel, South Rd Clarence Gardens**  
**Reservations Required for Seating & Catering Purposes NLT 30 July to**  
**[davidlaing49@bigpond.com](mailto:davidlaing49@bigpond.com) or 0407 791822**





# THE PADRE PRAYS

By Chaplain Paul Ghanem OFM



I believe it fit, appropriate and respectful to replace “*The Padre Ponders*” with the “*The Padre Prays*.” As a mark of respect for the King and Queen Consort I offer these two prayers on behalf of all those who have called and those who still call 10/27 or the RSAR Association home:

## **For the King** *(Based on a prayer in the 1953 Coronation Service)*

O God, who providest for thy people by thy power,  
and rulest over them in love:  
Grant unto this thy servant Charles, our King,  
the Spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted unto thee with his whole heart,  
he may so wisely govern, that in his time thy Church may be in safety, and Christian devotion  
may continue in peace;  
that so persevering in good works unto the end,  
he may by thy mercy come to thine everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **For the Queen Consort** *(Based on a prayer in the 1953 Coronation Service)*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness:  
hear our prayer and multiply your blessings  
upon your servant Camilla the Queen Consort  
as she offers herself with humble devotion to your service.

Defend her from all danger, make her an example of virtue and godliness and a blessing to the  
King and to his people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Padre*

... any day, any time

**0408 163 257**



# RSAR Association Financial Members

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	Beames	Paul	Rado	Steven
Brookes	Phil	Bennett	Christian	Ramm	Hank
Burnard	Trent	Blondell	Mark	Ranger	Denis
Burns	Wayne	Brown	Bruce	Robertson	James
Carnachan	Ian	Burnard	Saxon	Sanders	Ashley
Carpenter	Ian	Burton	Ray	Schuh	Simon
Cotton	Bob	Buttars	Erik	Scott	Rhys
Dart	John	Carlisle	Lesley-Anne	Skapin	Corey
Davey	Trevor	Chamberlain	David	Smith	Ryan
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Gaborit	Lyndon	Cram	Kevin	Tasker	David
Goodwin	Graham	Demosani	Tony	Tattersall	Geoff
Harris	Lachlan	Dew	Trevor	Thomas	Travis
Hawking	Don	Donald	Thomas	Thomas	David
Haynes	Malcolm	Domanski	Glenn	Thomson	Jim
Higgins	Jonathan	Duncan	Coen	Threlfall	Kev
Hogan	Mark	Dunn	Bob	Tran	Andy
Hook	Alan	Dunn	Peter	Trezise	George
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Horseman	Ian	Ewens	Mimi	Tucker	Belinda
Hudson	Mike	Faquiri	Reshad	Turner	Garry
Jackson	Aaron	Faunt	Joshua	Vozelj	Blaz
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Johnson	Barry	Genovese	John		
Klopf	Alex	Ghanem	Paul	<b>Honorary Members</b>	
Laing	David	Gibson	Lindsay	Benveniste LTCOL	Sam
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Moore	Thomas	Harrison	Keith		
Paul	John	Harrison	Nigel		
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Stewien	Peter	Hume	Matthew	Phillips	Heather
Vella	Joe	Humphrys	Jesse	Sanderson	Lorraine
Waters	Ian	Jones	Brett	Tregenza	Lyn
Watters	Matthew	Koop	Joshua		
Westover	Rhys	Lewis	James		
Wilson	Graham	Loveder	Peter	<b>Associate Members</b>	
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		McIver	Bill	Carnachan	Dom
		McKenzie	Kain	Dunn	Trish
		Migali	Michael	Hudson	Margaret
		Mitchell	Barry	Johnson	Margaret
		Moore	Peter	Parsonage	Yvonne
		Morony	Frank	Pollard	Kay
		Mulroney	Dennis	Toy	Jill
		Normandale	Zachary	Winger	Kathleen
		Oakley	Andrew		
		O'Daly	Ryan		
		Orrock	Alan		
		Parslow	Howard		
		Parsonage	James		
		Pascoe	Michael		
		Payne	Bob		
		Pexton	Timothy		
		Phillips	Colin Rex		

If your name isn't on this list and you think it should be, please contact the Secretary on the numbers advertised. Otherwise, see the Padre.