



# AUR Association Newsletter

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### What's new for 2011?



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#### President's Message



It is marvelous to catch up with so many former AURian's who want to contact some of their peers and talk about their lives post AUR! We have increased the use of Facebook as a social networking tool. We now have 157 'friends' who regularly communicate with one another and upload pictures from their days in AUR. If you want to join, just register

with Facebook and search for 'aurassociation' or email us at [aurassociation@gmail.com](mailto:aurassociation@gmail.com) and we will connect with you. We have developed a policy within the AURA Council to commit funds to prize giving to students of the many courses now conducted by AUR. So far, we have presented book prizes and AURA ties to worthy recipients. We intend expanding this concept to include some of the perpetual trophies held by the Regiment such as the Lipman and Blackburn Trophies. You may remember them being presented on a Graduation or Gala Day parade! Our AUR ties are very popular with several of the current Officer Cadets purchasing them to wear at some of the

more formal occasions such as the Graduation Cocktail Party. Please let us know if you haven't received your tie which is now included with the payment of the 2011 membership fees. Life members should have received their tie already. We are planning two major activities for 2011. We want to have a meal together at a "Back to the British" function to be held on 22nd July 2011. This will be followed by our annual "Back to Torrens" function to be held on 16th October 2011. This was a great success in 2010 with over 130 people attending. Please put them in your diary and your 'to do' list for this year. Help us support your Regiment!

[Brigadier Nick Williams](#)  
AM RFD  
President

#### Ben Roberts Smith VC



Congratulations to Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG who was a recent recipient of the Victoria Cross for Australia. Some of us remember his father, Major General Len Roberts Smith RFD QC —a graduate of OCTU 6 in AUR

in 1968. Len has recently retired from the Western Australian judiciary as a Justice of the Supreme Court and some years ago as the Judge Advocate General of the ADF. Len graduated in Law from Adelaide University in 1969 and slipped away to a legal position in Papua

New Guinea where he rose to the position of Chief Justice. We wish Len and his wife Sue every happiness in his retirement.



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#### Breaking News:

31th May 2011

Join members of the Regiment for a BBQ at Hampstead Barracks. We have been invited by CO AUR to attend the 63rd Birthday Party of the Regiment. It promises to be a great reunion for our members and the serving soldiers of the Regiment.

## AUR Graduation Cocktail Party 25th March 2011 .....



Commanding Officer, Simon Ridgway hosted a Cocktail Party held at the Naval Military and Air Force Club of SA to recognise the significant achievement of Officer **Cadet's of the Regiment** and to celebrate with Lieutenant Russell George his graduation as an Officer in the ADF. Russell is posted to the 10th/27th RSAR to begin his career as an Infantry Corps Officer. There were approximately 60 officers,

cadets and partners attending the function. Simon outlined his future direction for the Regiment and his strategy to increase the recruitment and production of Officers for the ADF. It was pleasing to see Pro-Vice Chancellors attending from both Adelaide and Flinders Universities. The Association presented a book prize to Lieutenant Russell George. The book was written by Colonel Pat **Beale DSO MC** entitled '**Operational Orders**'. This is a great read and is well suited to young officers embarking on a career that will almost certainly involve an overseas deployment in mainly a peacekeeping role. The AUR Association Council has decided to give each graduating

Officers a complementary membership of the Association which will also come with the Regimental Association tie.



Brigadier Nick Williams presents Lieutenant George with his book prize and AURA tie. Russell also presented a gift to the Regiment in thanks for the tuition and management support he had received over the past 3 years of his training.

## The Meredith's Christmas Party .....

Every year between Christmas and **New Year's**, Irena & Mike Meredith and family open their home to a group of friends drawn from their work and military friendships. A strong contingent of former **AURian's** are grateful for the opportunity to catch up with some

mates and share a few tall stories.



Well done Irena and Mike! There are plenty of former AUR people in these pictures, do you recognize some of them? Whenever AUR friends get together there is a revival of the mateship we all enjoyed during those

service days in the Regiment. There are others, such as Alex Karminski, who organizes an '**Australia Day**' Party with some more AUR people attending. Do



you know the third verse of Advance Australia Fair? Alex will teach you.

## AURA Tie .....



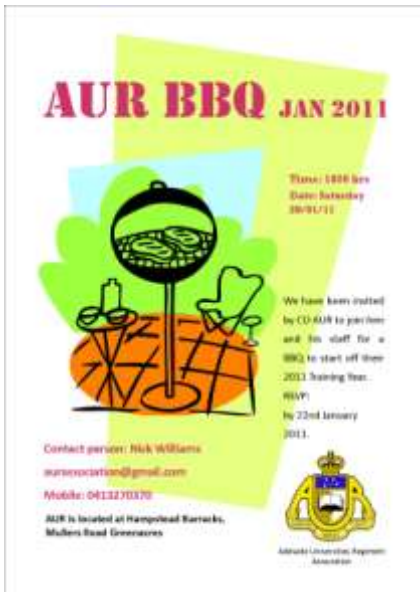
We have now distributed about 100 ties to Honoraries and members of the Regimental Association. Additional ties can be purchased by former soldiers and members of the Regiment at a cost of \$10 each. Each unit of the Australian Army wears a unique embroidered colour patch on the right side of the Slouch Hat puggaree. The history of these colour patches traces back to coloured shoulder patches worn by AIF units during the two wars to distinguish

and identify units. Upon integration with 9 Bde on 1 Jul 08, the unit was issued a new colour patch to reflect its training role, within Land Command. The tie is similarly distinctive with a quality AUR badge embroidered on the bottom RH corner of the tie.



The AUR colour patch

## AUR BBQ at Hampstead—29th January 2011 .....



About 20 members attended the BBQ hosted by RSM Lewis and the members of the Sergeants Mess.



Major Geoff Robertson, Staff Sergeant Ian Cullen and Warrant Officer Ray Arthur 'coveting' their new AURA ties.

McKellar AM and Warrant Officer Ray Arthur enjoy the BBQ and visit to the AUR Sergeant's Mess.



Val Baldwin OAM, Warrant Officer Max Weir, Major John McKellar AM and Warrant Officer Class One Ray Baldwin OAM served together in the late 90's when AUR went to camp at Waitpinga and then Deep Creek. Ray was the RSM of the Regiment from 1967—70 and served in 2/27th Battalion in WW II.



Warrant Officer Mike Meredith, Staff Sergeant John Rowe, Major John

## 2011—Future Functions

25 April 2011— Your Association will be manning a stand on the Parade Ground to promote AURA and attract members to the group. Ties will be on sale and fridge magnets given away. Irena and Claire will have membership forms and the newsletter available to those attending the ANZAC post march activities in TTD. Please say hello!

22 June 2011—Back to the British! An informal night with some mates.

The British was a favoured watering hole for many of us in the 80's and still boasts a great menu and



atmosphere.

Let us know if you want to come so we can book a seat for you.

16 October 2011—Back to Torrens We intend building on the success of last year's event. Come along and listen to the music of your era and revisit the hallowed halls of TTD. We will be running a collage of historical pictures to remind you of those heady days serving in the Regiment. Please diary these dates.

## 2011 Grand ANZAC Day Concert—25th April 2011



Rex Lipman and Nick Williams have been working together to promote this Proms style Concert at the Adelaide Town Hall. Rex will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on ANZAC Day this year and I am sure he would welcome a sea of friendly AURA faces in the audience. Over many years Rex has travelled extensively in Northern France and focussed on school bands and choirs visiting the battlefields and friendly towns of our

allies. He has hosted visiting bands from these regions to our shores. Come along and join in singing those all time favourite tunes from World War I & II. Join in the rollicking program with a great programme and a flag to wave. See the massed bands perform on the stage of the Town Hall. Rex has gone to extraordinary lengths in assembling a great range of soloists and bands for this exciting afternoon of entertainment. Book now and encourage friends to come with you!

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## Photos 2011

Have you got some old slides, photographs or an old exercise papers that you would like to share with others? Let us know so that we can scan them and arrange to display them on our website and share them with 'Pictures Australia' to be found at this URL <http://www.pictureaustralia.org>.

AURA will be cooperating with the Army Museum of South Australia (AMOSA) to scan and document many of the **hundred's of pictures** currently stored by AURA. You can help to document our photographic history by loaning us your collection of **slides and photo's so that we** can scan and preserve them.

## AURA Photo's

Let us know if you have seen these guys around recently!



Tell us your story – send us a photo and a bio of your life since AUR and we will put it on the website or publish it in our Newsletter. We would love to hear from you!

Let us know their whereabouts or contact them and give them information about AURA. Our biggest problem is finding up-to-date contact details for many soldiers who were students during their AUR service and have moved since their undergraduate days. Tell them where we are and what's on!