



AUR Association Newsletter December 2012



The Adelaide University Regiment Association

A Year to Remember



President's Message

2012 has been a year of significant change for our Regiment. There has been a significant impact across the



Reserve of reductions in funding for Defence with a severe impact on the Army Reserve Training Days (ARTS). Units have reduced their training to about two x 2 hour parades a month and cancellation of significant weekend training. AUR has seen significant change with the transfer of First Appointment courses to Sydney University Regiment for all residential courses conducted outside of RMC Duntroon. This decision resulted in the handover of

the TB2 course from AUR to SUR as a national delivery responsibility. AUR continues to produce competitive Officers and this year produced 14 Officer graduates. We congratulate all of these graduates and we are presenting each of them with a book prize, entitled 'Operation Orders, written by Brigadier Pat Beale DSO, MC. Pat kindly agreed to autograph each of the books. The book provides excellent advice drawn from first hand experience about leadership and management. Lieutenant Darrian Williams received the Sword of Honour from RMC Duntroon as the highest achieving graduate Officer. The Association responded to this significant achievement and presented Darrian with a Sam Browne and Frog to carry his sword. He is very grateful for the presentation by the Association. Lieutenant Tom Colyer also received recognition through the Staff Award for his

achievement throughout the course. On 22 May 2012 we attended a Regimental Birthday celebration at Hampstead Barracks. The Commanding Officer, David Edmonds gave a speech and cut the cake with the youngest soldier in the Regiment. 2013 is the 65th year of our Regiment and the Association would like to celebrate this milestone with a Cocktail Party at a suitable venue.

On 13th July 2012, we braved the wet and wintry conditions to gather at the British Hotel to relive some of our experiences of visiting this memorable pub in the 80's and 90's. At least the 'beer garden' is now covered in and heated! September saw our AGM at the Astor Hotel and a function in the old Sergeant's Mess at Torrens Training Depot. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to your continuing support of the Association.

Subscriptions and Donations for 2013

We are again asking for your support to attend the functions and to continue your membership of the Association. Your subscriptions are used in part to sponsor these functions and to provide prizes and awards for a range of course currently on offer by the Regiment. Our aim is to support the current members of the Regiment and we

would like to continue recognising achievement by presenting these awards. We do need your financial support to buy the prizes, Sam Browne and other accessories which will recognise high achievement by both staff and students of the Regiment. The final page of this newsletter outlines where you can obtain the membership forms and

banking details for subscriptions and donations. The Secretary will soon be sending out renewal notices to past members. Remember you can always convert to a Life Membership to avoid the yearly subscriptions. Make sure you give back a little of what the Regiment did for you.

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Diary dates for 2013

Wednesday 13th March

Army Museum visit and lunch at Keswick

Friday 31st May
Regimental Birthday and Cocktail Party

Friday 3rd August
Reunion and Meal possibly Hackney Hotel

Friday 18th October
Back to Torrens

Short AGM & Sunset drinks in the Combined Services Mess at Torrens Training Depot

Our AGM—5 September 2012 at the Astor

We met again this year at the Astor Hotel with 21 present and apologies from 18 members. It was pleasing to see many of the AUR Officer graduates attend the meeting and stay for a meal afterwards. The President presented the Book prize to all the graduates and Major Geoff Robertson, 2IC AUR presented them with a Certificate from the Regiment.



LT Darrian Williams his Certificate. Darrian was the Sword of Honour recipient for his graduating class at RMC Duntroon.



LT Tom Colyer receives his Book Prize. Tom was the Staff Award recipient for his graduating class at RMC Duntroon



LT David Duncan receives his Book Prize from BRIG Nick Williams —David is now the Secretary of our Association



LT James Alcock receives his Book Prize



LT Ashley Rowlands receives his Certificate from MAJ Geoff Robertson



LT Joel Beamish receives his Certificate



Association members congratulated all the Officers on their achievement.

Back to the British— 13 July 2012



Geoff Vogt and Jon Mander Jones . Great to see Jon visit us from Queensland.

A lively group of members braved the elements to have a meal together at the old British Hotel near to TTD at North Adelaide. The British again turned on a great meal. The Hotel was a favoured watering hole for AURian's particularly for some of those memorable 'Subaltern's Dinners' where much of the plotting and scheming took place.



Mick Meredith and Rob Marlin having a quiet chat. Rob is currently Administering Commander of 10/27 RSAR.

Back to Torrens—13 September 2012



Peter Moore, Mimi Ewens and Stephen Kenny relive experiences in AUR in 1989 or there about.

What a great night! After work on a Friday evening, the old Sergeant's Mess opened its doors to the Aurian throng. We were hosted by the Peacekeepers Group who now operate the Combined Services Mess in TTD. We again used the digital projector to display a number of photo's of members in action in AUR over the past 64 years. The scanning of the Regiment's historical collection is proceeding slowly but smoothly with some interesting pictures coming to light

after many years in archives. Later in the evening we enjoyed a fine supper prepared in the kitchen adjacent to the Mess. The Friday night seemed to be a good alternative to our usual Sunday afternoon function and saved us money as we were hosted by the RSL SA in terms of hire of the venue and coverage for



Carol and Phil Wyld, Irena, and Lieutenant James Alcock and family enjoying the evening. Phil and Carol arrived after a performance playing for the SA Police Pipe Band.

insurance etc. The Combined Mess is in first class condition and proved to be an ideal venue for our gathering.



Majors Geoff Robertson, Mark Keynes and Lieutenant Colonel David Edmonds. It's great to see these people coming along to AURA functions.



Noel Smith and Rob Marlin are regular attendees at many of our functions.

AUR Activity

On 11 December 2011 several members of the Committee attended the final parade of the Regiment for 2011. It is a time for staff postings and changeovers in preparation for 2013.



We say farewell to WO1 Greg Lewis who is also retiring from the Regular Army.



We wish him every success as he now looks for a new career out of the Army.

We also say farewell to MAJ Geoff Robertson. Geoff has been a regular attendee at our functions and Committee meetings and provided a valuable link between the Association and the Regiment. The function was held in the 'Green Room' at Hampstead Barracks which is the OR's Canteen and a refuge for many students who attend the courses conducted by AUR. Members of the Regiment take a well earned rest from a hectic year of training courses and revised parade activities due to budget cuts.



Members say farewell to WO2 Marj Egan who has served for many years across a broad spectrum of units in South Australia. We wish her well in 'retirement' from the GRes.



Graham Sanders and Ewan Vickery at the British



Brenton Gasteen, Claire and Irena at Brunch 3 June 2012. We wish Brenton a great experience in the Solomon Islands



Breakfast with Adrian

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AURA History Photo's 2012

See if you can identify some of these regulars at our functions!



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Let us know if you have some interesting photo's to share. We intend scanning many photographs to display to all our AUR personnel and continue to capture the history and traditions of our Regiment.