



AUR Association Newsletter

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The Adelaide University Regiment Association

Anzac Day approaches

President's Message

It's seems like Christmas has just past but we are approaching the middle of the year. Our Regiment is



going through a rapid change in responsibilities. The training module TB2 course for First Appointment has been transferred to Sydney University Regiment and will be conducted as a National course at Singleton Barracks, NSW. AUR has retained responsibility for Subject course for Sergeant Subject 1 and a newer course, Supervisor Infantry Operations Section and is the National sponsor for these courses. All of the 9th

Subscriptions for 2012

If you are not currently a financial member of our Association we would like to hear from you! Major John McKellar AM ED is our conscientious secretary and he would like to receive from you a membership form and a cheque or EFT for \$25 membership fee. For this

Brigade recruits in South Australia undertake their pre-recruit training at AUR at Hampstead Barracks. As you are aware, Lieutenant Colonel David Edmonds RFD (RAAC) is the Commanding Officer of our Regiment. The Association Committee is planning events for 2012. We hope to join with the Regiment in celebrating the 64th Birthday of the Regiment on or about 29th May 2012. There were 3 Officer graduations from RMC Duntroon in February 2012 and the Regiment is expecting another 9 or so in July 2012. We congratulate all of them on their graduation as Officers in the Australian Army. Some of you will be aware that our first Commanding Officer will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on Anzac Day this year. Rex will be dining with a large group of friends at the Intercontinental Hotel on 28th April 2012. If you would like to send him a card you could address it to his office in Angas Travel.

money you will receive notification of social functions, a tie of the Association and the opportunity to provide recognition to the many exemplary students now graduating from a wide range of courses conducted by AUR. We are hopeful in 2012, with a substantial increase in



Rex and son 'Skip Lipman relaxing after an Anzac Day march.

I continue to be involved in military matters as Chairman of the Army Museum of South Australia Foundation and I also meet with a small group under Bill Denny from Veterans SA who want to develop a Virtual War Memorial website which will house details of all defence personnel serving over the last 150 years as well as developing year 9—12 curriculum materials for use in schools under the new National curriculum initiative. We hope to see you at one or more of our functions this year. They are detailed later in the Newsletter. Please keep in touch with us by visiting our website and opening up AURA email we sent to you. **Brig Nick Williams AM RFD President**

graduating officers in 2012, that we will instigate the presentation of a sam browne to the more proficient officer of a graduation year. Help support the Association who support the Regiment that gave us a great start in life! Forms available from our website.

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Back to the British Friday 13 July 2012

Come along and dine by either ordering at the counter or cooking your own steak—no Hexamine stoves allowed!

Back to Torrens Sunday, 16 Sept 2012

Music, photo's from yesteryear, tour of Torrens Training Depot and catching up with mates!

AURA Ties anyone?

A gathering of AURians

Christmas Party December 2012

Each year between Christmas Day and New Year, Irena, Michael and the Meredith family generously open their doors to a BBQ celebration for their friends. Many of the AUR stalwarts attend this function annually including Dave and Brigette Sweeney (Dave is taking a well early



break from the military and sporting a beard!) They travel down from Queensland to attend and visit relatives. Thank you Irena and

Michael once again for your generosity!

AUR Archives

WO2 Reg Yorke Simpson (Retd) has recently relinquished 4 boxes of historical records held by him as a former historian when he was posted to AUR. We are looking for some help to go through the records, scan the photographs and collate the information of AUR. We have scanned a number of the photographs already and will present them to you on the walls of TTD at our 'Back to Torrens' BBQ to be held on 16 September 2012.

Officer's Mess Candelabra

Thanks to the efforts of Major Graham Growden, 2 pieces of the 3 piece set of candelabra have been

found and returned to the Officers Mess for safe keeping. The candelabra are solid silver and were presented to the Regiment by the then Honorary Colonel, Brigadier Sir Kenneth Wills CBE. They are of significant value. A further search will be undertaken to identify further items of missing memorabilia that may still be stored somewhere at Hampstead Barracks.



Back to the British—13 July 2012



with some mates and have a meal together. The self cooking BBQ is still in place as a centrepiece of the informal dining area but all of us took advantage of the excellent cooks behind the counter to prepare our meal. We have booked for 40 people but we can easily expand if we have increased responses above those who attended last year. Check out their website if you would like to peruse the menu.

www.britishhotel.com.au/courtyd.htm

There is no need to book beforehand but we would appreciate you letting us know nearer the date so that we can expand the booking if necessary. If you would like to bring

some mates or a partner along, please feel free to do so as it is a very informal night, a get together ... no speeches, just a few old pictures to



hand around and help us identify who's who is in the pictures.

Let us know by email if you want to come and we will save a seat for you otherwise you may need to stand at the bar to eat your meal.

Did you miss out on this great event in 2011? This is a great night to join

Some early photo's



1954 from the Rex Lipman collection



1971? Who?



1978 Strauts and Wong



Sergeant's Mess Formal 1987

Back to Torrens—16 September 2012



Remember those heady days of marching on the parade ground or doing some weapons lessons on the grassy banks leading up to Government House? Would you like to visit your old office or the armory inside the building and see what has happened with the

renovations? It is a building steeped in history and it is now the home of RSL SA and the History SA Trust and other military organisations. The floor has been refurbished and many of the partitions have been removed to make room for open plan work areas and yes ... there is air conditioning. Come along on the 16th and enjoy a sausage sizzle, some background music from a piper or two, pictures of yesteryear projected onto the wall and a drink or two with some 'not so old' mates. We have booked the Depot for this reunion and we

intend putting together an exciting and interesting afternoon for you to enjoy. Put it down in your diary or email us now so that you can receive a poster when we get further into the planning. Two years ago we had 130 members and friends come along to the 'Back to Torrens' function. We hope we can have members of the Regiment drop in and visit as we did last year at Keswick Barracks. Make the effort and we are sure you won't be disappointed. Email us of your intentions: auration@gmail.com

The Rising Sun Hat Badge

In 1902 a badge was urgently sought for the Australian contingents raised after Federation for service in South Africa during the Boer War.

The most widely accepted version of the origins of this badge is the one that attributes the selection of its design to a British officer, Major General Sir Edward Hutton, the then newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Forces.

Hutton had earlier received as a gift from Brigadier General Joseph Gordon, a military acquaintance

of long-standing, a 'Trophy-of-Arms' comprising mounted cut and thrust swords and triangular Martini Henri bayonets which were arranged in a semi-circle around the Crown. To General Hutton the shield was symbolic of the co-operation of the naval and military forces of the Commonwealth.

On 17th April 2012 Australia Post released a 5 stamp series depicting the various changes of the badge over the past 100 years. Visit your local PO for a first day cover or presentation folder of stamps.



Army Museum of SA—Keswick (AMOSA)

Why not set aside an afternoon on 16th May 2011 to come along to the 'Lunch with the Legends' in Building 34A at Keswick Barracks?

The lunch is a fund raising event for the Museum and its volunteers. Spend some time afterwards to visit the Museum and absorb the atmosphere of old uniforms and equipment and displays of most wars in a diorama format. Did you ever fire a Vicker's, an armalite or

a native spear from Nui Guinea? An enjoyable meal and talk, all for \$25 per head. Many of us have joined the Museum to help preserve our military heritage and present it to the SA community in an attractive and thought provoking manner. Drop in any Sunday and bring a group of friends to visit this marvelous resource in the grounds of Keswick Barracks.

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We have 5 of these banners already framed and ready to hang on a wall in your house. The cost is \$250 which includes the framing. The embroidered banners are of excellent quality, made in Canada and framed professionally in Adelaide. They are 650mm x 550mm framed with a glass front protecting the quality of the banner. Your Association has presented 3 framed banners to the Regiment in 2010 and these were ordered in response to interest expressed at the AGM in 2010.

AURA History Photo's 2012

See if you can identify some of the players!



SGT Frazon 1985?

Where and who are the others in the picture?



A great bunch at the Sergeant's Mess Formal Dinner in 1987. Didn't we all look younger?

Williams, Kokosko, Moore, Marlin, Amos to name a few



A great night possibly about 1988 with the young Mike McCarthy



Three wise monkeys

Miller, McPherson & Looker

1993



The Wyld Bunch 1993

Shaw Gibbs Douglas Wyld Saji Macartney Franczuk



You can name them all

The Officer Cadets of 1990

Some are still serving!



Theile and Tonkin and a few others



Girdler and Vogt 1991

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.