



AUR Association Newsletter December 2011



Adelaide Universities Regiment Association Inc

December already.....



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President's Message

A very busy year for our members and soldiers of the Regiment. We have seen several successful social



functions including:

- 29 Jan 2011—AUR BBQ
- 25 Mar 2011—AUR Graduation Cocktail Party
- 25 April 2011—The Grand Anzac Day Concert
- 24 May 2011—AUR 63rd Birthday celebration
- 22 Jul 2011—Reunion—Back to the British
- 16 Oct 2011—Reunion at Keswick
- 26 Oct 2011—AGM—Astor Hotel

We have presented prizes to outstanding Officer Cadets

completing the TB2 course conducted by AUR on a National basis.

We currently have 118 members on the books of which 44 are Life Members. Our subscriptions are due for 2012 which includes an AUR tie if you haven't received one as part of your 2011 subs! The funds are mainly used for the benefit of the Regiment and include some subsidization of the annual Birthday Party, prizes for high achievement on courses and in 2011 we sponsored T shirts to enable unit members to compete in the City—Bay Fun Run from Adelaide CBD to Glenelg. We are keen to increase our support to the Regiment in the form of book prizes for all graduating Officers in 2012 and by awarding a Sam Browne to the highest achieving Officer from each of the two graduations expected in 2012.

In 2011 we saw the changeover of Commanding Officers in mid year and we note the appointment of

Lieutenant Colonel David Edmonds from 2012. We commend Brenton Stevens for stepping back into the command position for the later half of 2011. As you are aware the Army is promoting increased involvement of the Reserve in it's support of the High Readiness Reserve and support to the 1st Brigade. It will be a significant challenge! We wish all the members of the Regiment a safe and Happy Christmas and we look forward to working with them in 2012. Thank you to our members for their support and attendance at some of the functions conducted in 2011. We have an exciting year planned for 2012 including another 'Back to Torrens' booked for **Sunday, 16th September 2012**. Please put it in your diary and make it a priority for next year.

Merry Christmas to all!
Brigadier Nick Williams AM RFD
President

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Breaking News:

Diary dates for 2012

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?

Farewell Irena... AUR to 10/27 RSAR after 34 years!



Irena and Mike Meredith farewell the Regiment

Corporal Irena Meredith (ne Kielnerowski) said a

fond farewell to long time friends after 34 years with AUR. Irena has been a strong supporter of AUR over this period of time and she now moves on to a posting with 10/27th RSAR where she will be welcomed by many former AURian's including her husband, Mike. Irena's length of service rivals

that of John Rowe, Max Weir and the late Ray Arthur. Irena has worked in the Medical Platoon at AUR and is a former PMC of the OR's Canteen. She has been a strong and effective member of the AURA Council for the past 3 years. We wish her well with her new posting.

Keswick Reunion— 16 October 2011

Members and friends gathered in the Officers Mess at Keswick Barracks for a reunion and a BBQ.



Former RSM's, Ray Baldwin and Noel Smith sharing a story or a joke with Max Weir and Ray's wife, Val. John McKellar and John Rowe are in background.

The Mess Annex was a great venue with the 10/27th RSAR Band playing and two slide projectors portraying the lives of many of us when we

served in AUR. The Pipes and Drums played a few popular tunes and



reminded us all of the focus we once had through those Scottish tunes played on parade or after a Mess function. About 60 members came along and we soon noticed that tables filled with AURian's from similar cohorts. Irena and her very capable family provided the food and

beverages as well as a raffle. We were grateful once again to LTCOL Brenton Gasteen for his support in loaning us the Band for a few hours of entertainment. Being a training weekend for the Reserve, several members joined us later in the day after they had finished training with the 9th Brigade who are now the parent HQ for AUR.



LTCOL's Peter Moore and Roman Duras, conversing with 2IC, AUR, MAJ Geoff Robertson.

Where you ever in the 43rd Battalion?



Former members of the 43rd Battalion are celebrating 40 years since the presentation of their Colours on 23rd January 1972. A reunion will be held on Sunday, 5th February 2012 commencing at 11.30am with a visit to the Adelaide

Town Hall to view the Colours. Following that there is a lunch planned at Keswick Barracks after which the visitors can visit the Army Museum of South Australia. There were 400 men on parade 40 years ago and the past members hope to attract most of them to the reunion. To let them know that you are interested please contact



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AURA AGM at the Astor— 26 October 2011

A great venue for our AGM and another gathering of AURian's.



WO1 Basil Muir enjoying his steak

Upstairs and on the balcony the AURian's gathered for a quiet drink and some great pre-dinner nibbles. The Chairman paid tribute to the efforts of John Rowe and Rob Marlin as retiring members of the AURA Council. New members voted onto the Council include: Brian Wright, and Officers Cadets Joel Beamish

and Andrew Pennington. The Council have been concerned to attract current members of AUR to membership of the Council so that we can provide greater support to the activities of the Regiment and ensure that we get our prize and trophy support going in a more tangible way. Andrew and Joel will be helpful in providing the link between the current serving Officer Cadet's and the functions and activities where they wish to enlist our support. In 2011 we were able to provide funds to AUR to assist in buying T shirts which some wore in

the City to Bay Fun Run. This was a testing time for many of the Officer cadets as they strived to beat the Commanding Officer who also competed in the event. The Astor Hotel provided an appropriate informal venue with very good rates on the meals and drinks. We were again able to project images of AUR and its members over the past 63 years onto the wall of the hotel for everyone to view as they enjoyed an evening meal together. Please think about coming along to next year's AGM!

Officer Cadets ...



Joel Beemish recently joined the Council of AURA and attended our recent meeting at the NM&AF Club of SA. He began training as an Officer Cadet at

the start of 2011, and has just completed TB3 which is about half way through the First Appointment Course. Before that he was a Sapper at 3FD SQN for 3 years where he learnt many of the skills and values that are holding him in good stead for his officer training and development. He is working toward going back to Royal Australian Engineers on graduation from RMC at the end of next year. Outside of

Army, he has just finished his Bachelor of Software Development and will start a new job next year as an IT risk and advisory consultant. We welcome Joel into the Association and its Council.



It was a great privilege for our Chair, Brigadier Nick Williams to attend the final day of the TB2 course conducted by AUR for all the Officer Cadets across Australia. Officer Cadet Katherine Clarkson was the Dux of the 3rd course conducted by AUR in 2011. Katherine is an exemplary

student and was also recognised for her achievement as Dux of the TB1 course conducted earlier in the year. Katherine is a student from Queensland University Regiment. Major Adam Hay, Senior Instructor for the course gave the closing address and presented Katherine with a Certificate of Merit. The book prize presented to Katherine by the Association is titled "Operational Orders" This is a significant book on leadership written by our own Brigadier Pat Beale, DSO MC, who was noted for his valuable work training Montagnard soldiers in Vietnam as part of the Australian Army Training Team. We also thank Officer Cadet Lachlan Clyne for his interest and support of the Association. Lachlan is the Mayor of the City of Unley.

Scanning old photographs

AS you may be aware, The Association has taken custody of boxes of historical documents and photographs belonging to the Regiment. They represent a marvelous window into the activities of AUR over the past 63 years. There are however, plenty of gaps! Recently, Nick Williams got together with Major John Donovan to scan some photographs he had collected over his years of service in AUR from the mid 60's to the early 80's. John came to us originally from Commando's in NSW and left us to pursue his civilian career in the USA and then in China. He has recently returned to Adelaide and settle down to retirement. John had a great



Majors Thomas, Ockenden, Donovan and Abols taken in the mid 80's

set of photographs, well preserved and covering many of the major activities and camps for AUR which he collected during this 15 or so year period of service. Do you remember the cricket match played against

officers of the 10th Battalion on the oval at Warradale where we gave them a lesson in the Bradman tradition?



If you have some old photo's that you wish to add to the collection, please contact the Association to arrange a scanning time or you can post them to us. At some stage we will display many of them on the AURA website.

Some early photo's



The Commanding Officer reads the lesson



Rex Lipman celebrating 50 years of AUR with CO LTCOL John Olson



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The Adelaide Universities Regiment Association Council wish all members of the Regiment, past and present, the very best Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year. Please take a moment to remember our troops in Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands, Timor and other areas of support by Australian Troops. We wish them a special Christmas experience safe from harm's way and healthy and happy when they return to their families and loved ones.

Merry Christmas to all!



AURA Function Photo's 2011

Great functions in great company—Let's do it again in 2012!



Farewell to Brenton Stevens and welcome

David Edmonds

13 December 2011



Officers Mess Hampstead Barracks

Farewells and postings

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Guests and the 10th/27th RSAR Band

at the Keswick Reunion

16 October 2011



Some familiar faces join the 'party' at Keswick in the Officers Mess Annex

16 October 2011



Bruce Perks and John McKellar

at the Astor Hotel



Claire Murray, Dave Peters and Brian Wright enjoying a meal after the AGM

26 October 2011



TB2 presentations at AUR at the completion of the module

Officer Cadet receives the Book prize from the President

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.

Send us a few pictures to aurassociation@gmail.com