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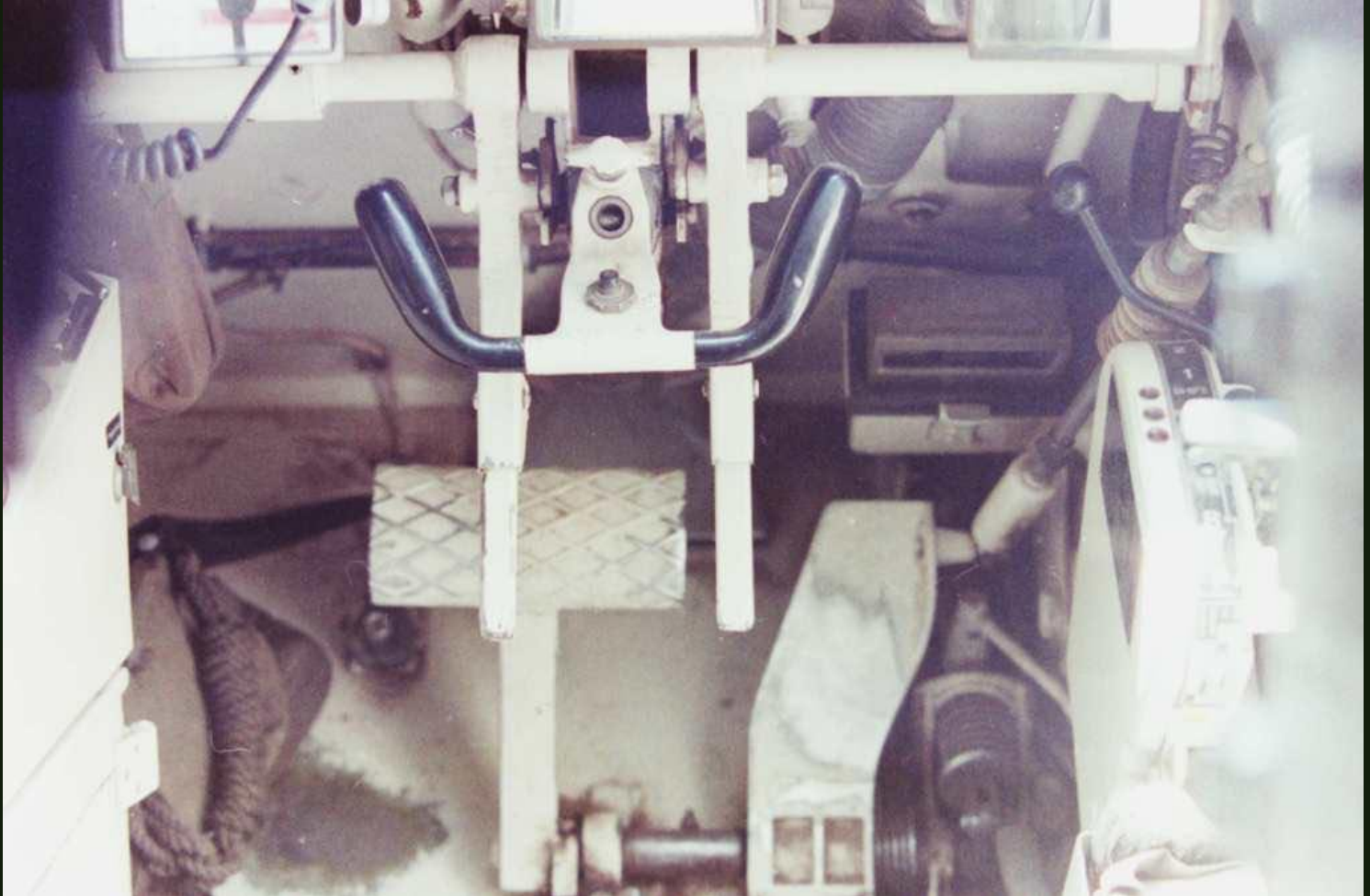
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"The Driver's Hole", Leopard AS1 27736 C/S 12B, October 1983 (Editor Photo)

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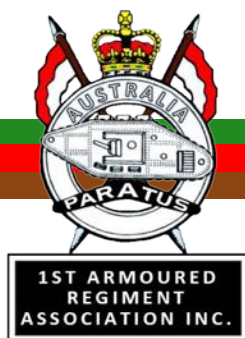
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### **Report from the Secretary - Russ James**

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**This issue of the Secretary's report covers the following issues:**

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- The 2025 AGM and Management Committee Elections
- Membership Report
- Membership Renewals – February 2025
- New Members
- Donations
- Association Gatherings - \$10 Member Subsidy

## **2025 AGM and Elections**

The 2025 AGM was held at the Epping (Vicotria) RSL on Saturday 5 July 2025.

The positions of President, Treasurer, Communications Manager, Regimental Liaison Officer, Newsletter Editor and Special Projects 1 were declared vacant. The only nominations for these positions were the current incumbents and Mel Meloncelli, Richard Stanios, Gary McCabe, Mark Reid, Graeme Walker and Chris Hodgson were duly reappointed until the AGM Of 2027 unless they resigned in the meantime.

The nomination for Life Membership for John Blackwell was presented and the vote for his Life Membership was unanimous. Congratulations to our newest Life Member.

The Minutes of the AGM should be distributed to all members via Mailchimp by 11 July 2025 and a copy is to be provide on the Association website.

## **Membership – Current Situation**

As at 8 July 2025, the Association had a total of 543 active (financial) members. At this stage 18 members have not renewed their memberships with effect 1 February 2025 and a further seven have not renewed their membership for various dates between 15 March and early July 2025.

Members who do not renew may renew their membership at any time without any difficulty. Any member who may be experiencing 'financial hardship' should contact the Secretary for a confidential discussion and probable extension of membership.

## **STOP PRESS**

**This could be the very last newsletter for those 1 February 2025 members who have not yet renewed their membership. The Constitution provides that non-renewing members become inactive – and removed from mailing lists – six months after their membership renewal date, in this case 1 August 2025.**



## New Members

The Association would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since late-March 2025: Brenton Shevlin, Tobert Dowie, Kevin Davies, Robert Ellingsen, Paul Howarth and Anthony Morgan.

## Donations

The Association gratefully acknowledges the following members and veterans who have made donations to the Association since the last Newsletter:

Roger Powell, Dave Key and Ian Hunter

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## Association Gatherings - \$10 per Association Member Subsidy

At the Management Committee held on 21 July 2021, a motion was passed that the Association would provide a subsidy of \$10 per head for gatherings of members in regional/remote areas to subsidise the cost of the meal. This was later amended to include all gatherings of Association members, whether in regional/remote areas or not. In recent times, this subsidy has been paid to offset direct members costs for the 2024 Adelaide Reunion, Tolmie Camping Trip in March and the AGM lunch on 05 Jul 2025.

Any gathering of four (4) or more Association members for lunch and/or dinner is entitled to claim the \$10 per head. The money is to be used to offset food costs only. A list of the members attending is required as well as a photo of those in attendance.

Claims should be submitted to the Secretary ([secretary@paratus.org.au](mailto:secretary@paratus.org.au)) or Treasurer ([treasurer@paratus.org.au](mailto:treasurer@paratus.org.au))



**John Forrester, Chris McLeod, David Catterall, Simon Williams, Rob and Gloria Joyce at the Melbourne 2025 Anzac Day Long Lunch. (Photo courtesy Iain Reynolds, Victoria Rep)**

# 2024 Reunion Follow-up

South Australia rep, Mark Reid recently travelled into the Hilton Hotel in Adelaide to present staff with Association Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their part in the hugely successful 2024 Reunion.



Soula Kaya accepts a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Hilton Events Team from SA rep Mark Reid.



Fazli Kaya accepts a Certificate of Appreciation for the Hilton Events Catering Team from SA rep Mark Reid.

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# 2025 Anzac Day Wrap Up

**Vic Rep Iain Reynolds has sent in the following Melbourne Anzac Day round up.**

This year's Melbourne ANZAC Day march saw a small number of members marching. Unfortunately, numbers marching were low (approximately 16 members plus additional family members). Again, with the early step-off start time, it made it difficult for members to attend their local RSL dawn service and then to make it into the city for the march.



**Peter Duncombe**



**Russell Stewart, Geoff Stelmach and  
Russell Smith**





**Craig Burn and Dickie Williams**



**The group after the march**



***The following photos were sent in from Phil Bridie via Bob Ferrari, of Sydney's Anzac Day; before, during and after the march.***











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## 2025 Melbourne Anzac Day Long Lunch

**Vic Rep Iain Reynolds has sent in the following Melbourne Anzac Long Lunch report and photos.**

With Anzac day falling on a Friday, and Good Friday the week before, the Anzac Long Lunch was held after Anzac day on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. We had a change in location to the Limerick Arms Hotel South Melbourne with 12 members and guests in attendance for a pleasant, but eventful afternoon. Unfortunately, one of our members was taken away by ambulance before lunch started after falling in the toilet and breaking his femur; to our shock, totally sober. (We all wish you well during your rehab and recovery Johnno - Editor)



**David Catterall, Brad Clarke and Simon Williams**





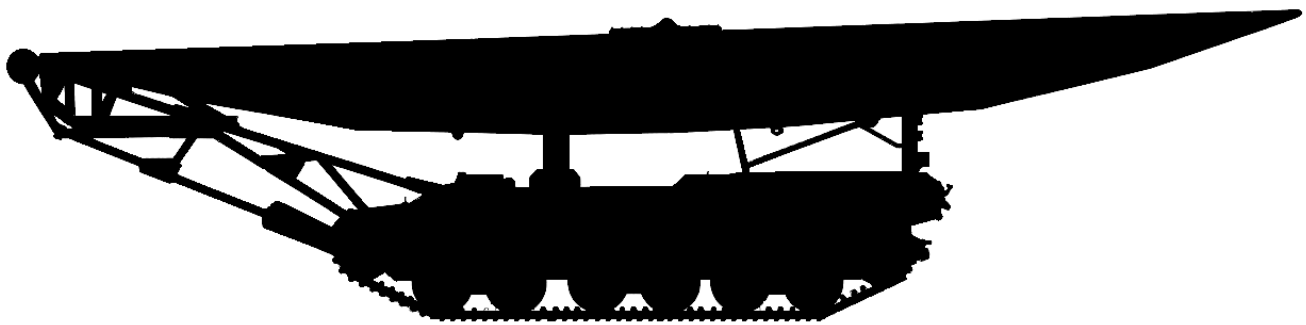
**Russ James, John Forrester and Keith Johnson in the background**



**Spanners Dean Martin and Chris McLeod talking tech**



**Simon Williams, Brad Clarke, Rob and Gloria Joyce and John Forrester**



## **Crow Eater's Veteran Retreat 2025**

**Lou and Barb Walker have once again put on a fantastic veteran's retreat weekend in Quorn SA. Lou has sent in the following report and photos.**

Another successful 'Crow Eater's Veterans Retreat' run by veterans of the 1st Armoured Regiment Association Inc, has been conducted at the Junction Outstation, Quorn South Australia. To 'kick start' the Retreat off, a defibrillator (AED) demonstration was held at the Quorn Bowling Club by a SA Ambulance Paramedic prior to us moving out to the venue. An AED, on loan from the Flinders Ranges Council, along with a comprehensive first aid kit was present at the Retreat for the duration.

The Flinders Ranges Visitors Information Centre supplied a Welcome Bag to each attendee, which contained tourist information and maps of the Flinders Ranges, an enamel mug, a shot glass, a hat badge, a set of six coasters, a fridge magnet, a magnetic note pad and a steam train puzzle. I sincerely thank the Flinders Ranges Council, and the manager of the Visitor Centre.

At the Friday night BBQ, we hosted the Flinders Ranges Council Mayor and local farmers as a thank you for their continuous support. Also, on Friday the Bush Games Competition was contested between teams of two playing Quoits, Darts, Bean Hole and Indoor Bowls with Trap Shooting being the final blast for the Bush Games Competition. My gratitude to Alex Wolf for supplying the shot gun, shells, clays and clay thrower for our annual shoot at the retreat. On Saturday morning after breakfast, we headed back to Quorn to contest the 'Annual Bowls Comp' at the Quorn Bowling Club, then followed a tour/tasting at Flinders Gin with the rest of the afternoon free to visit the Quorn attractions. After the Saturday night Gala Dinner, presentations were made to the winning pairs of the Bush Games Comp by Russell Wood comprising Barry Hodges and Dennis Austin and the Annual Bowls Comp fours by Roger Martlew comprising; Alex Wolf (S), Russell Wood, Dennis Parkin and Nick Chance. All winners were awarded individual prizes with the Annual Bowls Comp trophy to be engraved with the winning team name of "Crow Eaters".

Mark Reid was presented with a compact 1st Aid Kit by Barry Hodges and Andrew Rule to always carry with him when



attending the Retreat. No qualification needed on why! Shaun Clements SC (Clem Oo) was presented with a Crow Eater's Veterans Retreat plaque as a thank you for his service to his country. Alex Wolf, on behalf of the attending members, presented a very surprised Lou Walker OAM with a large Barry Spicer print "Tanks for the Memories" featuring a Churchill Mk VII, Centurion Mk 5/1, a Leopard AS1 and a M1A1 Abrams moving across the Puckapunyal range.

Andrew Rule, the Retreat charity fund raiser, reported that a sum of \$426 was raised during the Retreat for the RFSD. Well done to all and congratulations to the prize winners. All the prizes were donated by local sponsors.

After breakfast and location clean up on Sunday morning, we headed back into Quorn to say thank you to the property owners Graham and Val Francis and to present to them a Light Horse figurine featuring a sands of Gallipoli insert in recognition of their 10 years dedicated support to the Crow Eater's Veterans Retreat. True country people who look after veterans!

I believe 2025 was another successful Retreat; the following quote from Allan 'Spud' Murphy says it all:

*"I attended the Crow Eater's Veterans Retreat this weekend. What a great weekend, I caught up with a lot of friends, had heaps of fun, ate a heap of food and drank some grog. This Retreat is a valuable opportunity to talk to likeminded spirits. Thanks heaps to Lou Walker for organising another great event and Barb Walker for her support in the way of snacks and Quandong tarts and pie. I look forward to future events".*

I would like to thank all attendees over the past ten Retreats for making the trip to Quorn SA and to reunite with fellow veterans and to continue the spirit of the 1st Armoured Regiment Association Inc.

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Lou Walker OAM - Retreat Organiser/Coordinator



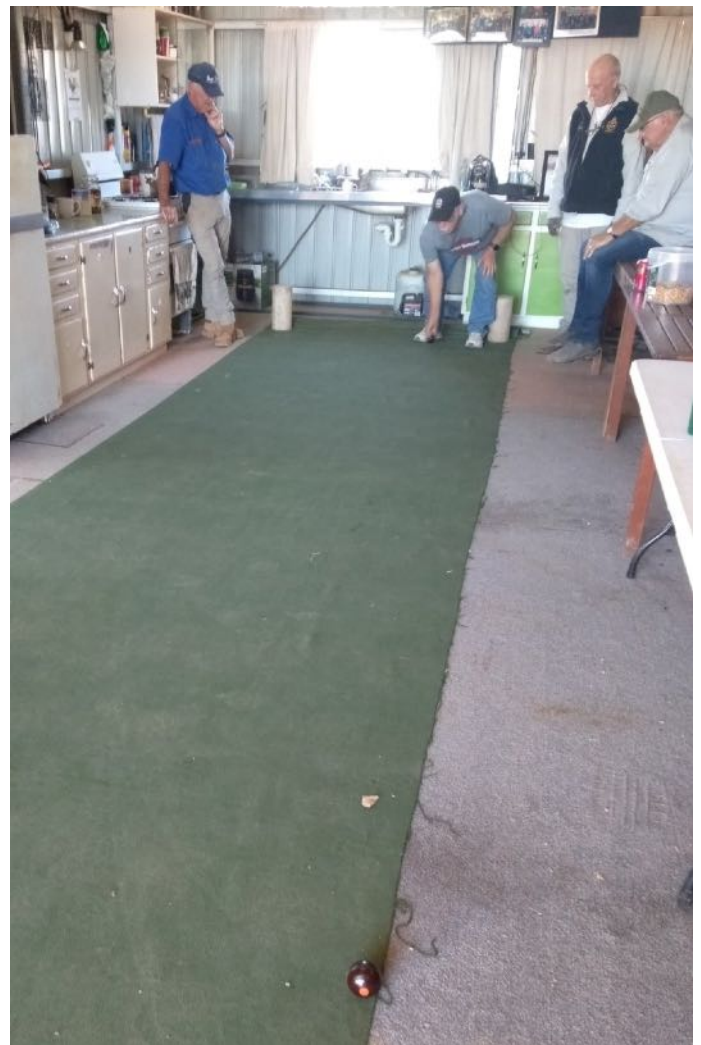
**Claude the mascot at the entrance to the venue checking attendees**



**AED demonstration conducted by a member of the SA Ambulance Paramedic at the Quorn Bowling Club, Thursday 1st May 25**



**Flinders Gin tour of distillery**



**Bush Games playing 'Indoors Bowls'**





**Flinders Gin tasting with owner/distiller, Alby Trotter**



**Bush Games Day playing 'Bean Hole'**



**Members enjoying the early morning sun. (Photo by Allan [Spud] Murphy)**





**Bush Games' playing quoits, Mark Reid, Richard James throwing and Dennis (Duck) Parkin**



**Annual Bowls Comp, Saturday 3May at Quorn Bowling Club**





**Bowls Comp winners of Alex Wolf, Russell Wood, Dennis (Duck) Parkin and Nick Chance being presented prizes by Roger Martlew**



**Gala Dinner sweets after camp oven roast dinner**



**Mark Reid is presented with a personal first aid kit by Andrew Rule and Barry Hodges**





**Group photo with Val and Graeme Francis at their house/art gallery on Sunday 4 May 25**



**Shaun Clements, SC (Clem Oo) being presented with Crow Eater's Plaque by Lou Walker, OAM, for his service to his country**



**Val and Graeme Francis being presented with a cast bronze Light Horse figurine with Sands of Gallipoli insert in recognition of their 10 years of dedicated support to the Retreat**



# RAAC Corps Conference Update

**The Association Patron BRIG Ted Acutt attended this year's Corp Conference and provided the following summary, as published in IRONSIDES magazine.**

The annual RAAC Conference was conducted at the School of Armour in Puckapunyal at the beginning of May this year. There has been a changing of the guard with a new RAAC Representative Honorary Colonel, MAJGEN Michael Krause replacing MAJGEN Craig Orme, and a new Head of Corps BRIG Andrew Moss taking the reins from BRIG Chris Gardner. The majority of unit Honorary Colonels were also present as well as all CO and RSMs. MAJGEN Krause continues to be responsible for developing Army doctrine and warfighting and BRIG Moss is the Commandant of the Land Combat College. Both are ideally placed to support and influence the future of the RAAC.

These are challenging times for the Army and the RAAC as the Army responds to the government's requirements laid out in the Defence Strategic Review. The focus of the four days was on the Corps as a whole and the future direction it should take. Discussion was open, respectful and aimed at producing outcomes and guidance for the Chief of Army and his headquarters. This brief will cover three key areas that were the focus of the four days.

Firstly, greater consideration was given to the GRES with the entire first day of the conference focused on these units. Their situation is on the up as they have been allocated an increased role in Homeland Security and equipped with Hawkeye (PMV-L) vehicles. Vehicle numbers are still small, and support limited, but this is a move in the right direction. Australia's strategic circumstance implies we have become more reliant on the Reserve and they need to attract greater resources to meet these demands.

Secondly, throughout the conference the key risk that continued to emerge was recruitment and retention. The RAAC is receiving new tanks and Cavalry vehicles that are highly capable, but the ADF is struggling to attract the numbers of young Australians needed to operate all the capability needed to conduct modern combat, particularly in Australia's area of interest. Significant priority will need to be given to this issue going forward. This leads to the third key area where the RAAC has the lead.

Due to 1st Armoured Regiments new experimental role, the unit is the lead in Robotic and Autonomous Systems. Instead of an entire crew, one person can remotely control a fighting vehicle. In future, one person could control several vehicles. The unit is also testing drones and other capabilities that are now dominating the battlespace. The unit has only undertaken this role in recent times, and it is a credit to all involved how far they have come. The unit will participate in major exercises including Talisman Sabre this year.

In putting this brief together and in consideration of 1AR's new role, I reached out to MAJGEN Krause for his thoughts. He was kind enough to send me extracts of what he is putting together for senior officers in Army. His extracts are in italics.

***"1 AR in its experimental role provides tremendous opportunities for not only the Corps but also the whole of the Army. The Corps embraces that unit and is strongly supportive without a hint of hubris that RAAC is the best corps to command an experimental unit. Modelling and encouragement is being generated so that the RAAC trade model gives everyone an opportunity to serve in that Unit, in order to gain an opportunity to think about future systems. As noted below, there is even more that this Unit could do.***

***It remains your Corps' experts view that the optimal way to train the tanks in Townsville is to provide a dedicated headquarters over them. It is also the optimal way to train 3 Bde's cavalry. It is not that it is impossible to have 2 Cav look the way it is, it's just not optimal. I appreciate that this requires careful timing and scarce personnel. Probably of more import is that, with 1 RAR earmarked as the GCE of the AAF, 3 Bde only has two BGp HQs. Raising another BGp HQ in 3 Bde should be given a greater priority to solve two problems.***

***As noted above, RAAC embraces the unit as a part of the Corps, and will double-down on it. There may already be moves in this direction, but I would recommend we broaden the role of the unit to look at as many facets of the future as possible. The headquarters should be established as a manoeuvre battlegroup HQ and should be tasked with experimenting as the BGp HQ of the Future. The unit should also be looking at future tactics. The BGp HQ is already exercising with 3 Bde, an important development that should be encouraged and expanded. You will excuse us for wanting our cake and eat it too; if another BGp HQ is raised in Townsville to train the tanks, it should not be at the expense of the experimental unit. This should remain an RAAC command."***

The RAAC is in good hands, has a plan for the future, and the will to see it through.

# VALE André Scheitler 1940 - 2024

**Those who served during the Leopard era will most likely be familiar with André, most particularly the gunnery instructors. The following article was sent in by Craig Burn, as published in the 2024 issue of Ironsides.**

With the untimely passing of André Scheitler in September 2024, we have used an article featured in the 2009 edition of the RAAC Journal Ironsides, as the basis of a tribute to a man well known and respected by countless tank officers and soldiers of the RAAC.

## MM&D - The Leopard Lifesaver

Tucked away in a refurbished building that was formerly the paint shop of the old 4 Base Workshop Battalion, East Bandiana; was a tiny sub-unit of the Land Engineering Agency – the Material Maintenance and Development Cell (MM&D).

Since MM&D was created in 1980 (originally titled Maintenance Development Section), this diminutive group of dedicated engineers has provided engineering solutions to the Australian Army which resulted in significantly higher rates of serviceability of various items of equipment (particularly in the Leopard MBT) and cost savings totalling millions of dollars.

In 1977 the Leopard MBT was introduced into service and issued to the Armoured Centre and 1st Armoured Regiment to replace the 25 year old Centurion fleet. The Leopard brought with it a quantum leap in technology. To increase the first round hit probability and decrease the engagement time, the tank was equipped with a state-of-the-art SABCA (Societe Anonyme Belge de Constructions Aeronautique) company of Belgium, tank fire control system (TFCS). The world leading technological innovation of the TFCS, was the use of a ballistic computer in combination with a laser range finder and turret stabilisation system.

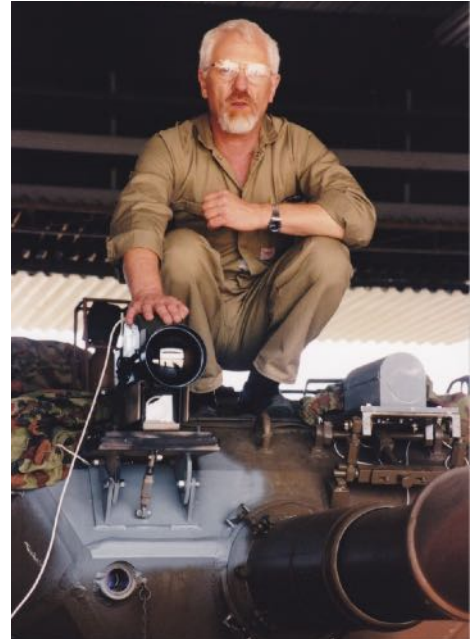
During the first years of service, numerous difficulties were encountered attempting to formulate a total field, and base repair capability for the maintenance of the TFCS. The problem became so chronic that in 1979 DGEME undertook a study into the maintenance of the TFCS. This study identified the need for several pieces of very expensive test equipment and proposed that an option to overseas purchase, may be the in-house development of much of this equipment. Critical to the success of the proposed in-house development was the services of the SABCA engineer and customer service representative, Mr André Scheitler.

During the introduction of the Leopard into service, André's initial task was to carry out warranty repairs on behalf of SABCA. This task expanded to include the retrofit of lasers (the tanks arrived without laser sub systems fitted) and the second retrofit of lasers after the laser manufacturer Selenia of Rome Italy; carried out the repair of all laser heads due to failed laser rods.

André Scheitler was born in Brussels Belgium in 1940 and graduated from the Brussels University in September 1964 following a three-year course with a degree in Electronics and Telecommunications. Following 15 months National Service in the Belgium Army as a Signals Officer (1965-66) he worked as a Radiation Research Officer for a short time at Brussels Louvain University. In September 1966 he was selected by SABCA and sent to America to the Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City California, for 15 months to conduct a feasibility study on the possibility of designing a Tank Fire Control System capable of being installed in all US Army M47 Patton medium tanks. The terms of reference of the study were that the proposed system had to consist of an optical sight with a mirror drive, a Ruby-Laser Rangefinder, a Ballistic Computer and a Gun/Turret Stabiliser.

Following acceptance of the feasibility study, the first TFCS was designed and built at Hughes Aircraft Company. The system was user certified in 1969 and installed in the M47 tanks. Eventually orders followed from the following Leopard user nations – Belgium Army 350 systems, Australian Army 100 systems, Canadian Army 95 systems and, in 1980, 300 systems were ordered by the Jordanian Army to be retrofitted to their Centurion MBTs.

In December 1976 André was sent to Australia by SABCA for a period of six months mainly to oversee the introduction of Leopard MBT into the Australian Army, particularly the TFCS, to solve the remaining production problems and ensure





warranty. This period eventually stretched to eight years until July 1985 when he left SABCA and joined the Australian Public Service as an engineer in MM&D.

Over the intervening 24 years, André and his team successfully supplied a multitude of engineering solutions to the benefit of the Australian Army. Of particular benefit to the RAAC and AFV crewmen were a range of initiatives including:

- Design of the Leopard MBT Electronic Digital Gunnery Aid (EDGA)
- Design and manufacture of the stand-alone Tank Level Aiming and Firing Trainer (TALAFIT)
- Design and manufacture of ASLAV and MBT sub calibre systems
- Support to the development of Leopard Tank Thermal Sight (LTTS) (Project NINOX)

André was an engineer of vast knowledge, great vision, and incredible enthusiasm. He was a technical mentor to Commanding Officers, Technical Adjutants, Gunnery Instructors, and tank commanders of the 1st Armoured Regiment. His late-night professional development lectures in the Jacka Club were legendary. His knowledge and engineering prowess was central to teaching the science, capability and limitations of the TFCS. He could talk endlessly about ballistic computations resulting from the integration of an array of sensor inputs, laser returns, and the turret stabilisation system. The ensuing technical mastery of the Leopard turret enabled optimisation of tactics, techniques and procedures developed by the tank commanders of that era. For those that worked with him, his memory will forever be revered. There is no doubt that the Good Lord was smiling on the Australian Army when André Scheitler was sent to Australia for just 'six months!'

LTCOL Craig Burn

MAJ Peter Branagan, OAM (Retd)

Photo courtesy of Michael K. Cecil

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## Association Trainee of Merit Award

**The recent Subject 4 Corporal Tank Commander course concluded at the School of Armour. Editor WO2 Graeme 'Wol' Walker was on hand to present the Association award to Trainee of Merit LCPL Jordan Upton of C Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment.**



**(Photo courtesy WO2 Mick Morton – WOIT, Tactics Wing)**



# Honour Roll

**Dedicated to those 1st Armoured Regiment Soldiers that made the ultimate sacrifice**

## **Killed in Action**

TPR James Kerr (13 May 1969)

## **Died of Wounds**

TPR Mick Hannaford (14 December 1968)

## **Died within the prescribed period**

WO2 Noel Lowes (6 July 1971)

## **Killed Accidentally whilst on Military duty in a Training environment**

TPR A. M. Jordan (14 October 1962)

CFN B. Silver (LAD) (19 November 1962)

SGT R. Morrison (17 August 1965)

LT A. J. Massey (7 July 1982)

TPR A. Patterson (7 June 1984)

SGT R. G. Murray (9 July 1986)



The Association recognises and acknowledges those former members of the Regiment who were either KIA or DOW whilst serving with units such as the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, 3rd Cavalry Regiment or any other units in any conflict since the Regiment was formed in 1949.

The Association also recognises and acknowledges those former members of the Regiment who have passed since the end of a conflict and who may or may not have been recognised by the Department of Veterans' Affairs as entitled to an Official Commemoration. Hundreds are known to have passed of wounds or illnesses and diseases that may have been contracted during military service.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary then, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
'LEST WE FORGET'**

## **Members passed away since the last newsletter:**

**Harvey Nelson (Mick) EILOLA - ~14 April 2025**

**Lewis Graham POTTER ~15 April 2025**

**Tadeusz SZELEST (RAEME) - 12 May 2025**

**Howard Graham TERRY - 17 May 2025**

**Peter Ernest EDWARDS - 16 June 2025**

**Donald Michael RODGERS - 17 June 2025**

**Robert Michael HANSEN - 26 June 2025**





# REGIMENTAL NEWS



**The Regiment's Adjutant, CAPT James Hodges, has sent through the following update of the Regiments' recent activities.**

April through to June has marked another high-tempo period for the 1st Armoured Regiment as we continue to lead the way in combat experimentation across the Australian Army. With a deliberate focus on future capability and the integration of Robotic and Autonomous Systems (RAS), the Regiment has maintained its strong tempo while preserving the fighting culture that defines our history and ethos.

Over the past quarter, the Regiment has executed two major experiment serials at the Cultana Training Area. These activities tested a range of emerging technologies, including small and large Uncrewed Ground Vehicles (UGVs), First Person View (FPV) Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS), and Counter-UAS (CUAS) methods. These trials weren't theoretical – they were conducted by our Squadrons in realistic, combat-representative scenarios. Importantly, this period also saw the Regiment make significant contributions to the Army's conceptual development of RAS employment, pushing beyond the platforms themselves to consider tactics, command and control, survivability, and integration at the combined arms team level.

A particular highlight of the quarter was the Regiment's participation as Battle Group LION during the North Queensland Warfighter Exercise. This activity showcased the Regiment's adaptability and professionalism, as we used analytical wargaming in conjunction with Defence Science and Technology Group and the Army Battle Lab to test theories related to new technologies, within a Brigade construct. Our soldiers demonstrated the discipline, initiative, and combat mindset that remain hallmarks of armoured warfare – regardless of the platforms employed. The results were clear: BG LION achieved all objectives, while simultaneously trialling new methods of command, control, and autonomous system employment under pressure.

The Regiment also had the privilege of hosting members of the UK Army's experimentation unit, the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Yorkshire Regiment. This collaboration provided an opportunity to exchange lessons, compare methodologies, and deepen the professional relationship between two like-minded Armoured Corps. Their observations and feedback validated our direction of travel and reaffirmed the Regiment's role as a pathfinder for Army's future force design.

Beyond our tactical achievements, regimental spirit has remained strong. A Regimental Dining Out Night was held at Torrens Parade Ground to commemorate the Battle of Coral-Balmoral, and honouring the Regiment's connection. Officers and Senior NCOs also gathered to honour the Battle of Messines with members of the 9th Brigade, reinforcing the intergenerational bonds of service and sacrifice that continue to shape our culture.

Looking ahead, July promises to be another milestone. The Regiment will deploy two combat experimentation sub-units in support of both 3rd and 7th Brigades during Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025, together with a precision loitering munition capability. Our participation on Exercise TALISMAN SABRE will provide an unparalleled opportunity to apply this year's experimentation in the context of a complex, joint and coalition setting. It is a chance to prove what we've learned, adapt further, and generate the insights Army needs to shape its future combat force.

The 1st Armoured Regiment remains fiercely committed to leading from the front and in the design of Army's next generation of capabilities.

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# Knock-off Note from the Editor

**Greetings members,**

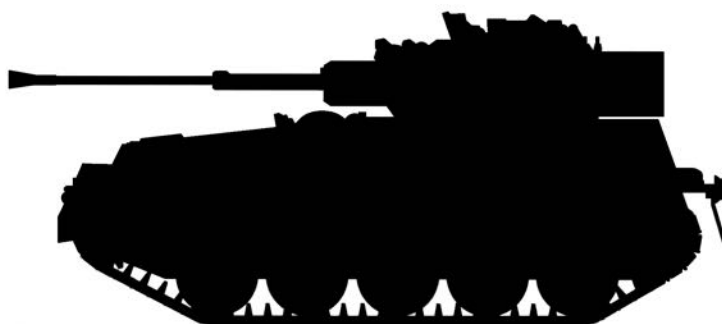
A big three months of Association activity; Anzac Day and the tenth year of the SA Quorn Retreat. All great opportunities for the camaraderie we all know and love. The SOArmd tank course presentations have recommenced as well with ROBC, a further two gunner courses and another commander course scheduled to be conducted throughout the remainder of the training year.

The Regiment hasn't been idle either, going hard after their new role in innovation and experimentation. We look forward to seeing their wide-reaching roles showcased in the upcoming major exercises in the north later this year. Keep an eye on the Regiment's Facebook page for updates as they're posted.

No space for a "Where Are They Now" episode this edition, but don't let that dissuade you from sending in your story for the next, or future, editions. Send them in to [newsletter@paratus.org.au](mailto:newsletter@paratus.org.au). If you receive no reply or response, then please send your submission here: [graeme14b11a32a@gmail.com](mailto:graeme14b11a32a@gmail.com).

If I did not see you at the AGM (Epping RSL 5 July 25), then I'll see you in the next edition. Until then, take care and see you later.

Cheers,  
Wol Walker  
Editor



"One Four Bravo; Out"

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