



1ST ARMoured  
REGIMENT  
ASSOCIATION INC.

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## Minutes for Management Committee Meeting Held Using Zoom Technology on 12 October 2024

The meeting was opened by the President, Mel Meloncelli, at 1903 hrs. He thanked all those in attendance for giving their time on Saturday evening.

1. **Attendees:** The following members were in attendance:  
Mel Meloncelli, Dean Martin, Russ James, Werner Golla, Graeme Walker, Pat Deeker, Mark Reid, Iain Reynolds, Brian Hatfield, Richard Stanios and Graeme Unmack.
2. **Apologies – (Secretary)** – apologies Andrew Walker, Chris Hodgson, Charlie Dearing and Chris Fenton.
3. **Distribution of Information:** Copies of all documents tabled and/or discussed at the Management Committee meeting were electronically distributed to all Management Committee members prior to the meeting.
4. **Item 24/24 - Minutes from Previous Meeting (17 May 2024)** the Secretary advised the following issues were not resolved:
  - a. **Future of the Regiment** – to be discussed later.
  - b. **Adelaide Reunion Update** – to be discussed later.
  - c. **Exit Survey** – as the Association only had one member resignation in the current year, it was decided to 'park' the exit survey for some time.
  - d. **Survey of current Association members** – as there are more important issues at this time, and there had not been general agreement on the content, it was decided to leave this for a future meeting.
  - e. **Access to 1AR Face Book page** – Wol Walker advised that he had approached the SSM C Sqn with a view to having an article on the crew of 31C published.
5. **Minute 11 of 2023/24** - it was moved Graeme Unmack, seconded Brian Hatfield that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **CARRIED**
6. **Item 25/24 -2024 AGM (Secretary) – 2024 AGM at Broadford on 19 October 2024** - advised that sufficient attendees had indicated their intention to attend the AGM, and sufficient proxies had been received. The AGM could proceed as planned.
7. **Item 26 – Minute No 12 of 2023/24 - Membership Decisions Made via email (Secretary)** – it was moved Russ James, seconded Mark Reid that the membership decisions made via email be ratified for Trevor Grantham 17 May 24, Graeme Woodham 28 May 24, Michael Austin 15 Jun 24, John Clifton 4 Jul 24, Mason Krstanoski 12 Jul 24, Thomas Fisher 15 Jul 24, Bob Mackenzie 17 Jul 24, Mark Deuis 14 Aug 24, Peter Proudfoot 16 Aug 24, Graeme Selwood 23 Aug 24, Keith Moodie 31 Aug 24, Bill Tait 23 Sep 24 and Max Hammond (Affiliate) 10 October 24. **CARRIED**
8. **Item 27 – Minute No 13 of 2023/24 – AGM Budget Decision (Secretary)** - ratify the decision to approve a budget of \$600 to cover AGM costs at the Broadford RSL on 19 October 2024.

It was moved Russ James, seconded Pat Deeker that the AGM Budget decision (\$600) made via email be ratified. **CARRIED**

9. **Item 28 - Correspondence In (Secretary)** – letters from the ATO concerning lodgement of Not-for-Profit self-review return, emails relating to membership renewals, advice of deaths and illnesses, Q store orders, Anniversary Coin orders, merchandise (Reunion) orders, invoices, the Adelaide Reunion, etc.

10. **Item 29 - Correspondence Out (Secretary)** – Invitations to CO 1<sup>st</sup> Armd, 2IC 1<sup>st</sup> Armd, RSM 1<sup>st</sup> Armd, 10 others from the Regiment and President 3/9 SAMR for the Meet and Greet, and then Comd 9 Bde, CO 1<sup>st</sup> Armd, 2IC 1<sup>st</sup> Armd, RSM 1<sup>st</sup> Armd for the Reunion Dinner, renewal emails and letters, invoices, condolence cards, membership cards and membership badges, etc. No other significant outwards correspondence.

**Minute No 14 of 2023/24** - moved Russ James, seconded Mark Reid that the Correspondence Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

11. **Item No 30 – Student of Merit Awards at SoArmd (Secretary)** – advised that the figurines had been in Victoria for four 940 or so months and were waiting to be collected from John Brooker. (Note: the delivery of the figurines [8] was subsequently arranged and completed).

12. **Item No 31 - Membership Report (Secretary):**

- a. Current Membership = 531 (12 Oct 24) increase of 159 since July 2018. There is currently only one (1) member who has indicated that he will not be renewing his membership this year.
- b. Membership – Chasing lapsed members – Secretary and the Recruitment Manager – continue to ring and email lapsed members. One recent renewal from a 2018.

**Minute No 15 of 2023/24** - moved Russ James, seconded Graeme Walker that the Membership Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

13. **Item No 32 - Treasurer's Report (President)** – the Treasurer provided a quick update on the current cash situation (holding Reunion fees as well as Merchandise payments and these would be paid to various vendors/suppliers in the near future). Asked if there were any questions relating to the previously distributed financial report. Copy included at Annex A.

**Minute 16 of 2023/24** moved Ian Reynolds, seconded Dick Stanios that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

## 2. General Business

- a. **Item 33 – Membership Fees for the AGM (Secretary)** – advised that an Association member had suggested an increase of 5 to 10% in Membership fees be considered at the AGM. Detailed analysis of membership fees, membership renewal rates, income and expenditure over the last three or so years indicated that the Association was operating within its means. Projected expenditure for the next twelve months indicated that an increase would not be necessary.

**Minute 17 or 2023/34** moved Russ James, seconded Mark Reid that an increase in Membership Fees would not be recommended at the AGM. **CARRIED**

- b. **Item 34 – Appointment of Public Officer to satisfy ATO requirements (Secretary)** – advised that the Association was required to complete an 'annual self-review reporting obligation' as well as a requirement to 'lodge a not-for-profit self-review'. After many hours on the phone to the ATO it was determined that the Association was required to appoint a Public Officer for

taxation purposes. The Secretary indicated that he had previously been the Public Officer as the Secretary of a Consulting Firm and understood the implications and requirements of a Public Officer. He therefore volunteered to take on this role.

**Minute 18 or 2023/34** moved Iain Reynolds, seconded Brian Hatfield that Russ James be appointed as the Public Officer for the Association. **CARRIED**

- c. **Item 35 - Colonel John Haynes Foundation and Potential Award (Secretary)** – advised that the Haynes Foundation had been established and Associations and individuals were now able to apply for grants for education, development and welfare payments for RAAC members as well as for children and grandchildren (two generations) of serving members and veterans. The Secretary further advised that the Association was currently discussing options with the Regiment. Additional information would be provided when there was a greater degree of certainty about submitting an application for a grant.
- d. **Item 36 – Purchase of a Marquee for Use on Tolmie Camping Trips (Iain Reynolds)** – briefed the meeting on the need for a marquee to be used on camping trips at Tolmie. Primarily required to provide shelter from the wind and rain for up to 30 members who attended these trips (twice per year).  
**Minute 19 or 2023/34** moved Iain Reynolds, seconded Mark Reid that a sum not to exceed \$300 be allocated for the purchase of a marquee. **CARRIED**
- e. **Item 37 – Adelaide 2024 Reunion (Mark Reid/Secretary)** – provided an update on the latest Reunion Registration figures and financial situation. Copies of the reports are provided at Annex B.
- f. **Item 38 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coins (Secretary)** – advised that the Regiment had only been able to provide five (5) numbered coins from the original 100 coins that had been numbered by the Regiment. The Regiment did not anticipate numbering any more coins but were in the process of ordering a considerable number of un-numbered coins which could be sold to the Association. The Secretary advised that 64 numbered coins and 38 un-numbered coins had been ordered by Association members. Negotiations with the Regiment had resulted in a solution that would allow the Association to uniquely number un-numbered coins providing that the number be prefixed by RA (Regimental Association). The Association has ordered 120 coins to satisfy membership demand. There may be a small number for sale at the Meet and Greet in Adelaide.
- g. **Item 39 – Merchandise at the Adelaide 2024 Reunion (Vice President)** – advised that orders had been received for mouse pads, peak caps, polo shorts, jersey top, chambray shirts, coffee mugs and stubby holders. Shirts would be embroidered and would be ready for collection at the AGM or despatched by Aussie Post after the reunion.
- h. **Item 40 – Future of the Regiment (President)** – provided an overview of action taken by senior RAAC officers (currently serving and retired) and advised that the outcome proposed by Chief or Army had not changed. All tanks at the Regiment would be sent to 2CAV and the Regiment would be downsized to approximately 100 personnel and re-roled as a technology trials unit. The question posed to the Committee was whether the Association should no longer 'keep it powder dry'. The President indicated that whatever decision was made should be included as a recommendation at the AGM.  
After much discussion, it was agreed that the Association should now take action (letter writing, approaches to Ministers, etc) and that this recommendation be made at the forthcoming AGM.

There being no further business, the President thanked those in attendance for their input and closed the meeting at 2023 hours.

Russ James  
Secretary  
1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Regiment Association

Annexes:

- A. Treasurer's Report and Current Cash Situation
- B. Reunion Registration Figures and Financial Situation

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01 JUL 24 TO 10 OCT 24  
1<sup>ST</sup> ARMoured REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC**

The status of our accounts are as follows:

Operating Account	\$44,115.33
Credit Card Account	\$516.86
Cheque Account	\$776.72
Term Deposit and interest earned	\$51,931.28

The Secretary will provide details of costs which will be incurred for the Adelaide Reunion 2024. He will also explain the current financial arrangements relating to memorabilia which we will purchase and sell.

These expenses are currently in a state of flux, but I am sure you will have a good understanding of matters once the Secretary has briefed you.

With respects to monies owed by prospective attendees to the various activities at the Adelaide Reunion, most of the payments have been received, however, it has become apparent that in some instances the emails with the invoices sent were deposited in the “junk” folder by the system and not read or acted upon.

This has caused considerable extra work and to try and resolve. If you have any questions, please raise these during the Zoom meeting.

Werner Golla  
Treasurer  
10 Oct 24

**Current Cash Situation - 1st Armoured Regiment Association  
as at 10 October 2024**

Current Bank Balance - approx		\$ 44,000.00
Plus Outstanding Income		
Outstanding Reunion Invoices	\$ 4,061.00	
Anniversary Coins not yet paid	\$ 956.50	
Merchandise - not yet paid	\$ 86.75	
	\$ 5,104.25	\$ 49,104.25
 Less Amounts to be paid		
Hilton Hotel	\$ 14,444.00	
Hilton - Audio Visual	\$ 1,500.00	
1AR BBQ	\$ 3,230.00	
Torrens River Cruise	\$ 3,383.00	
Winery	\$ 2,760.00	
Coins	\$ 2,050.00	
Transport	\$ 4,000.00	
Merchandise Suppliers	\$ 70.00	
	\$ 31,437.00	\$ 17,667.25
 Plus		
Term Deposit \$52,000 approx		<b>\$ 69,667.25</b>

## Reunion Registration Figures and Financial Situation

As at 10 October 2024

### Overall Reunion Figures

Eventbrite Registrations = 401  
(Members, Veterans and Serving Soldiers)

No of Cancellations = 26

Eventbrite Registrations (members, veterans and serving members) = 225

Eventbrite Registrations (members, veterans, spouses & family) = 369

**Outstanding Registrations = 1**

### Invoicing

Invoiced (prepared and sent) = 225

Invoices – fully paid = 209

Invoices – partly paid 0

Invoices – not paid = 16

Invoices – Amount outstanding = \$4,196

### Invoicing by Individual Events (Activity)

Registration Fee (\$5 per person) – 318 people \$1,590

Meet and Greet – (\$85 per person) – 290 people \$24,650

Transport to/from the Regiment (\$10) – 163 people \$1,630

BBQ after Regimental Parade – (\$10 per person) 323 people \$3,230

Cambrai Reunion Dinner (\$125 per person) 302 people) + 16 \$37,750

Winery (\$85 per person) 29 people \$2,760

Torrens River Cruise - 99 \$3,383

Donations Received \$2,195

Subsidies to be paid by Association – (\$5 for M&G, \$5 for Dinner) \$1,505

(effectively a transfer from the Association to the Reunion)

### Hilton Minimum Spend Requirements

Meet and Greet \$15,600 We have reached 158% of min spend

Reunion Dinner \$35,000 We have reached 110% of min spend

### Amounts Paid to Hilton

Meet and Greet \$15,600

Reunion Dinner \$32,356

### Amounts owing to Hilton (based on current Registrations) – due on 7 Nov 24

Meet and Greet \$9,050

Reunion Dinner \$5,394

## Statement of Adelaide 2024 Cambrai Reunion Finances as at 10 October 2024

### Income

Donations		\$	2,195
Registration Fee	\$5 * 318	\$	1,590
Meet and Greet	\$85*290	\$	24,650
Reunion Dinner	\$125*302	\$	37,750
BBQ	\$10*323	\$	3,230
Bus Transport	\$10 * 163	\$	1,630
Member Subsidy	\$5*301	\$	1,505
SA Veterans Grant		\$	1,000
River Cruise		\$	3,383
Winery	(\$65*33)+35		2180
Winery Tpt	\$20*29		580
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,693</b>

### Expenditure

Meet and Greet	\$81*290	\$	23,490
Reunion Dinner	\$125 * 302	\$	37,750
Pre-Dinner Drinks	\$5 * 302	\$	1,510
Reunion Dinner - 8 Guests	\$125*8	\$	1,000
Reunion Dinner - Standard	\$125 * 3	\$	375
Reunion Dinner - Band	\$125 * 8	\$	1,000
Hilton Security		\$	432
Hilton - Audio Visual		\$	3,360
Regimental BBQ		\$	3,230
Bus Transport to Regiment		\$	1,672
River Cruise		\$	3,383
Winery		\$	2,180
Winery Transport		\$	968
Door Prizes		\$	260
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>80,610</b>

**Surplus/Deficiency**

**\$917.00**