



Minutes for Management Committee Meeting Held Using Zoom Technology on 30 January 2025

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

1. **Attendees:** The following members were in attendance:
Mel Meloncelli, Dean Martin, Russ James, Chris Fenton, Gary McCabe, Graeme Walker, Pat Deeker, Mark Reid, Brian Hatfield and Graeme Unmack.
2. **Apologies – (Secretary)** – apologies Dick Stanios, Andrew Walker, Chris Hodgson, Charlie Dearing and Iain Reynolds.
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 21/25 - Minutes from Previous Meeting** (12 October 2024) the Secretary advised the following issues were not resolved:
 - a. **Future of the Regiment** – to be discussed later.
 - b. **Adelaide Reunion Update** – Financial Update – the Secretary advised that a final Financial Statement for the Adelaide Reunion had been distributed. This statement only showed the income that was not directly related to the BBQ at the Regiment, the Meet and Greet and the Reunion Dinner or the exact expenditure for each of the above events. What the statement does provide is the additional income (over and above member receipts) and the additional expenditure after the receipt offsets. Basically the Reunion had a very small surplus of around \$111 and the Association incurred a small loss of \$1,455, being the subsidy of \$5 provided as an reduction in the total amount paid by each Association member attending the Meet and Greet and the Reunion Dinner. There were no questions. A copy of the Final Statement is provided at Annex A.
 - c. **Access to 1AR Face Book page** – Wol Walker advised that all Regimental Appointments were in the process of changing but believed that the face book contact may be the Adjutant. Further advice to be provided when known,
5. **Minute 14 of 2024/25** - it was moved Pat Deeker, seconded Gary McCabe that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **CARRIED**
6. **Item 22/25 -Future of the Regiment – (President)** - advised that considerable work had been carried out, by the group identified at the AGM, to prepare the letter that was sent to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. The document had been through a number of drafts. There were certain issues – such as housing and accommodation in the Townsville area for currently serving soldiers - that could not be addressed as these were beyond the scope of the Association’s Constitution.

There have been a number of inferences, on an RAAC related forum, concerning the Association as well as the Representative Honorary Colonel and the Head of Corps, either supporting or not supporting the Parliamentary Petition submitted by Bruce Cameron that are factually incorrect. There are also a number of assertions by others who clearly have very little, if any, knowledge or understanding of the actions and representations that have already been taken.

The President noted that Association members are more than capable of making up their own minds concerning their support, or otherwise, for the Cameron Petition.

7. **Item 23/25 – Minute No 15 of 2024/25 - Membership Decisions Made via email (Secretary)** – it was moved Russ James, seconded Mark Reid that the membership decisions made via email be ratified for Craig Tippet 24 Nov 24, Paul Jackson 24 Nov 24, Brett Ferguson 10 Dec 24, Stephen Williams 18 Dec 24, Gary Matthews 18 Dec 24, Neil Pollock 23 Dec 24 and Phillip Bridie 7 Jan 2025. **CARRIED**
8. **Item 24/25 – Minute No 16 of 2024/25 – Additional Membership Approvals (Secretary)** – it was moved Russ James, Seconded Wol Walker that applications for Association Membership submitted by Keith Everett, Jeff Gregory and Brandan Rodgers (all submitted on 30 January 2025) be approved. **CARRIED**
9. **Item 25/25 - Correspondence In (Secretary)** – emails relating to membership renewals, advice of deaths and illnesses, Q store orders, Anniversary Coin orders, merchandise (Reunion) orders, invoices, the Adelaide Reunion, letters from the Colonel John Haynes Trust, emails from the Regiment, letters from the ATO concerning lodgement of Not-for-Profit self-review return, etc.
10. **Item 26/25 - Correspondence Out (Secretary)** – Christmas cards to CO, Exec Offr, RSM, Patron and former patron, application to the Colonel John Haynes Trust, emails to the Regiment and School of Armour, letter to the Joint Parliamentary Committee, recruiting emails, renewal emails and letters, invoices, membership cards and membership badges, etc.
Minute No 17 of 2024/25 - moved Russ James, seconded Mark Reid that the Correspondence Report be accepted. **CARRIED**
11. **Item 27/25 - Membership Report (Secretary):**
 - a. Current Membership = 539 (30 Jan 25) increase of 167 since July 2018. There is currently only one (1) member from last year (September 2024) who has indicated that he would not be renewing his membership last year and one further who indicated he would not be renewing his membership this year.
 - a. Membership renewals for 2024 – 99% renewal rate. 99 due to renew and 98 renewed!
 - b. Membership renewals for 2025 – 164 members due to renew. 135 Renewals Notices sent so far and 50 of these have renewed. A further 29 renewal notices are to be sent between now and the end of the year.
 - c. The average of years renewed has increased from 2.76 years for last year’s renewals to 3.20 years for this year. Whilst this means there are a few more dollars in the bank, it also means a slight decrease in total membership fees received as the average membership fee is slightly less.
 - d. Secretary and Recruitment Manager (Treasurer) continue to contact previous members and other contacts for potential renewals and new memberships.

- e. Adelaide Reunion – emails encouraging Membership of the Association sent to 27 non-Association members who attended Adelaide Reunion functions. Five members have applied for membership.

Minute No 18 of 2024/25 - moved Russ James, seconded Brian Hatfield that the Membership Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

- 12. Item No 28/25 - Treasurer's Report (Secretary)** – advised that the Treasurer was out of technology range. Secretary asked if anyone had any questions concerning the Profit and Loss Statement that had been distributed prior to the meeting. The President asked if the increase in Merchandise Sales was a result of the merchandise provided for the Adelaide Reunion. Secretary advised that this was the case as well as the sale of around 160 Regimental Anniversary Coins. The Secretary further advised that End Of Financial Year (EOFY) adjustments such as stock and inventory, cost of goods sold, depreciation, etc would impact the bottom line. Copy included at Annex B.

Minute 19 of 2024/25 moved Russ James, seconded Graeme Unmack that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

13. General Business

- a. **Item 29/25 – Colonel John Haynes Grant (Secretary)** – advised that the Association has applied for a grant of \$4,000 from the Haynes Trust. The Trust approved the grant subject to the Association contributing a reasonable sum.
In conjunction with the Association, the 1st Armoured Regiment determined the selection criteria and identified a senior NCO to be awarded the 'inaugural grant (Award). At the Cambrai Day Parade on 22 November 2025, the Award was presented to Sgt Christopher Hoffman. The grant is to be used by the recipient to undertake a tour of the WWI battlefields (Cambrai) followed by attachments to the School of Armour (UK) and an armoured unit equipped with MBTs. It is anticipated that the tour is to be undertaken in the second half of 2025. Sgt Hoffman is expected to provide a written report as well as passing on his learnings to his peers and subordinates within the Regiment.

Minute No 20 of 2024/25 - moved Russ James, seconded Gary McCabe that a sum of \$1,000 be approved for the Association's contribution to the Colonel John Haynes/1st Armoured Regiment Association's Award to ensure that the recipient has sufficient funds for travel and subsistence whilst on the learning and development phase of the award. **CARRIED**

- b. **Item 30/25 - Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Appointment of Public Officer (Secretary)** – advised that Change of Registration Details (for the Appointment of a Public Officer) submitted to ATO on 6 Nov 24 was not accepted as these were signed by the Secretary and not the Public Officer! New forms submitted on 11 Dec 24. ATO advised that these forms had not been processed correctly (by ATO staff) and this would be rectified in a week or so. Secretary to contact ATO around the 6th or 7th February.
- c. **Item 31/25 - Tolmie Trailer Update (Secretary)** – advised that the purchase price of the trailer was around \$2,300. In addition, the trailer would have to be registered in Victoria (\$67, comprehensively insured (\$245 pa) and a wheel lock (\$50) be fitted. Details of the Association members, and their driving record, for those towing the trailer to be submitted to Youi prior to the issue of an Insurance Policy. Secretary then

advised that a member who regularly attend the Tolmie Camping Trip has decided to purchase the trailer privately.

- d. **Item 32/25 - 75th Anniversary Coins (Secretary)** – advised that a total of 125 Coins had been acquired from the Regiment and sold. A further order of 40 coins has been satisfied and most of these have already been sold. Mark Reid had organised for engraving of some coins and all coins were to be sent to Melbourne for distribution by the Secretary.
- e. **Item 33/25 – Purchase of Microsoft Office for the Treasurer (Secretary)** – advised that Treasurer required a full version of Microsoft Office 365 so that he and the Secretary could communicate effectively in the electronic environment.

Minute No 21 of 2024/25 - It was moved Russ James, seconded Mel Meloncelli that a sum not to exceed \$150 be approved for the Treasurer to acquire a copy of Microsoft Office 365 to enable the Secretary and Treasurer to share Association data (primarily Membership and financial data). **CARRIED**

There being no further business, the President thanked those in attendance, appreciated their input, and hoped that everyone had had a great Christmas and New Year.
The meeting closed 1956 hrs.

Russ James
Secretary
1st Armoured Regiment Association

Annexes:

- A. Adelaide 2024 Reunion – Final Financial Statement
- B. Profit and Loss for Current Financial Year

Adelaide 2024 Reunion - Final Financial Statement

Income

South Australian Veterans	\$ 1,000.00	
Adelaide Registration Fees	\$ 1,520.00	
Event Subsidy (from Association)	\$ 1,455.00	
Donations Received	\$ 3,762.25	
Winery Trip Surplus	\$ 35.00	
Total		\$ 7,772.25

Expenditure (over and above receipts)

Adelaide Door Prizes	\$ 403.02	
Meet and Greet	\$ 880.00	
Cambrai Reunion Dinner	\$ 5,835.00	
Bus Transport	\$ 530.00	
River Cruise	\$ 13.00	
Total		\$ 7,661.02

Surplus/Loss **\$111.23**

Profit and Loss
1st Armoured Regiment Association Inc
For the period 1 July 2024 to 30 January 2025

Account	
Trading Income	
Interest Income	1,384.91
Membership Income	9,789.41
Merchandise Sales	14,372.75
Total Trading Income	25,547.07
Cost of Sales	
Cost of Merchandise Sold	120.66
Purchases	13,686.47
Total Cost of Sales	13,807.13
Gross Profit	11,739.94
Other Income	
Adelaide 2024 Registration Fees	1,520.00
Donations Received	1,370.05
Donations Received - Adelaide 2024 Reunion	3,758.75
Donations Received - Centurion Tank	500.00
Event Proceeds	1,000.00
Total Other Income	8,148.80
Operating Expenses	
Adelaide 2024 Bus Transport	530.00
Adelaide 2024 Event Outlays	1,455.00
Adelaide 2024 Meet and Greet Exp	880.00
Adelaide 2024 Reunion Dinner Exp	5,855.00
Adelaide 2024 Torrens Boat Cruise Exp	13.00
Adelaide 2024 Winery Trip Exp	(35.00)
Adelaide 24 Prizes	403.02
Bank Fees	21.89
Communications	843.36
Consulting & Accounting	490.00
Donations Paid by the Association	25.00
Event Outlays	1,056.28
Flowers/Wreaths/Donations in Lieu	100.00
General Expenses	44.97
Insurance	301.33
Legal expenses	49.00
Office Expenses	401.15
Postage	263.90
Printing & Stationery	463.91
RAAC Corp Fees	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Centurion	217.75
Scholarship Sporting	522.00
Stripe Fees	32.71
Tyro Charges	59.69
Total Operating Expenses	14,193.96
Net Profit	5,694.78