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Secretary's Report for November/December 2021 Newsletter

Christmas and New Year Greetings,

On behalf of the President and Members of the Management Committee, I would like to wish all Association Members and their families all the best for Christmas and New Year. It is to be hoped that 2022 is a much better year than the last two and those that are able may travel to Port Macquarie for the Association Reunion in July. Travel safely, treasure the love of your families and loved ones, enjoy the companionship of your friends and mates and return from your holidays refreshed and invigorated for 2022.

And last, but certainly not least, spare a thought for those in Australia, as well as those throughout the world, who may not be fortunate as us.

Membership Report

The current membership, as at 14 December 2021, is 500 plus one (1) unknown! We have had a number of new members (including Mr Unknown) and sadly we have also lost a number who have passed on to the green fields beyond. The names of six (6) new members are included below and the recent passings are included on the Honour Roll page.

Between now and February 2022, 216 members are due for their Membership Renewal. Notices are to be despatched between now and the middle of January. Just to be different, Renewal Notices are to be sent out in alphabetical order based on first or given name. This is to ensure that those with a surname beginning with Z are not last in line as it used to be on Pay Parade.

Minutes of last Management Committee Meeting

Discussions at the last Management Committee meeting on 3 November 2021 include:

- a. Vacancies for the positions of Communications Manager, Newsletter Editor, Website Editor and Recruitment Manager still exist.
- b. The AGM planned for the Broadford RSL on 7 November 2021 was officially deferred until early 2022. Subsequently a three (3) month extension was granted by Consumer Affairs Victoria. Further details to be provided when a suitable date has been selected.
- c. A new Association Banner has been acquired for our members in Tasmania. The Banner has been donated by Signarama (Canning Vale WA).
- d. The need for an audit/review of the Association's financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2021. The original quote of around \$600 was considered excessive and the Secretary is to investigate alternatives.

New Association Members

Members who have joined the Association since 30 August 2021 include:

Jeffrey (Jeff) Coleman, Brett Cowcher, Patrick McCanna, Michael (Mick) Denison, Quentin Roberts and Graham Firth

Donations

Peter Linnell, Adrian Baggio, Pat Deeker, Brian Slocombe and Bob Kennard

Australian Army emblems

The Australian Army has many iconic and recognisable emblems that are protected by legislation. These emblems include the Rising Sun badge, as well as corps and unit emblems. To ensure Army is not brought into disrepute use of Australian Army emblems is managed by the Army Brand Manager.

Why we protect Australian Army emblems

We protect Australian Army emblems because they represent the Australian Army's history, tradition, values and people, both past and present. Misuse of Australian Army emblems can lessen their significance and be offensive to current and ex-serving members.

All Australian Army emblems are protected by section 83 of the Defence Act 1903 (Cwlth). The Rising Sun badge and all corps emblems are also registered trademarks under the Trade Marks Act 1995 (Cwlth). Using an emblem without permission from the Minister for Defence is a breach of the legislation.

Using Australian Army emblems

The most common circumstance where the public may wish to use an Australian Army emblem is for commemorative or ceremonial purposes, for example, to commemorate Anzac Day.

If you wish to use an Australian Army emblem, approval must be granted by the Army Brand Manager before use. Each application to use an Australian Army emblem is assessed on a case-by-case basis. No blanket or continuous approvals are granted.

Alternatives to using Australian Army emblems

To acknowledge the service of Army you don't need to use an Australian Army emblem.

As an alternative to using an Australian Army emblem you may wish to use symbolic imagery such as a poppy, rosemary, slouch hat or soldier resting on reversed arms alongside words 'lest we forget' or 'we will remember them'. These images and words are not protected by legislation and do not require permission from the Minister for Defence for use.

Misusing Australian Army emblems

Intentional or not, misuse of Australian Army emblems is common.

A misuse can be a reproduction of the emblem without permission, a design that incorporates elements of, or stylises, an emblem, or using an emblem in association with products, activities or brands that are not aligned with Army's values.

If you see what you suspect to be a misuse of an Australian Army emblem, please email the Army Brand Manager at army.brandmanager@defence.gov.au.

How to apply for permission to use an Australian Army emblem

To apply for permission to use an Australian Army emblem, first read the guidelines, then complete an application detailing the nature of use. Once the application has been submitted, please allow approximately four weeks for processing.

As part of the application, you must include a visual representation of the intended use as well as any other logos or words that are to appear alongside the emblem. Please give thought to how you intend to use an emblem. **The Australian Army does not allow its emblems to be modified, cropped or altered in any way, used in part or overlaid with imagery or text, used as a watermark (reduced opacity) or background image, or used as a part of a new logo.** You should also consider including other Service emblems to appropriately recognise the contribution of Navy, Air Force or Australian Defence Force.

For additional information please email the Army Brand Manager at army.brandmanager@defence.gov.au.

Veteran Concessions and Energy Providers

The Association was recently contacted by a War Widow who was experiencing some difficulty with an Energy Provider that was refusing to recognise her Gold Card. Selected statements from the Energy Provider's website include:

Government Concessions and rebates are available to customers that meet eligibility criteria, and these vary between Victoria and South Australia.

To be eligible you must hold one of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC). This card is issued by the Department of Human Services (formerly Centrelink) or the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- Health Care Card (HCC) issued by the Department of Human Services (formerly Centrelink).
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

An energy concession can be claimed where all of the following criteria are met:

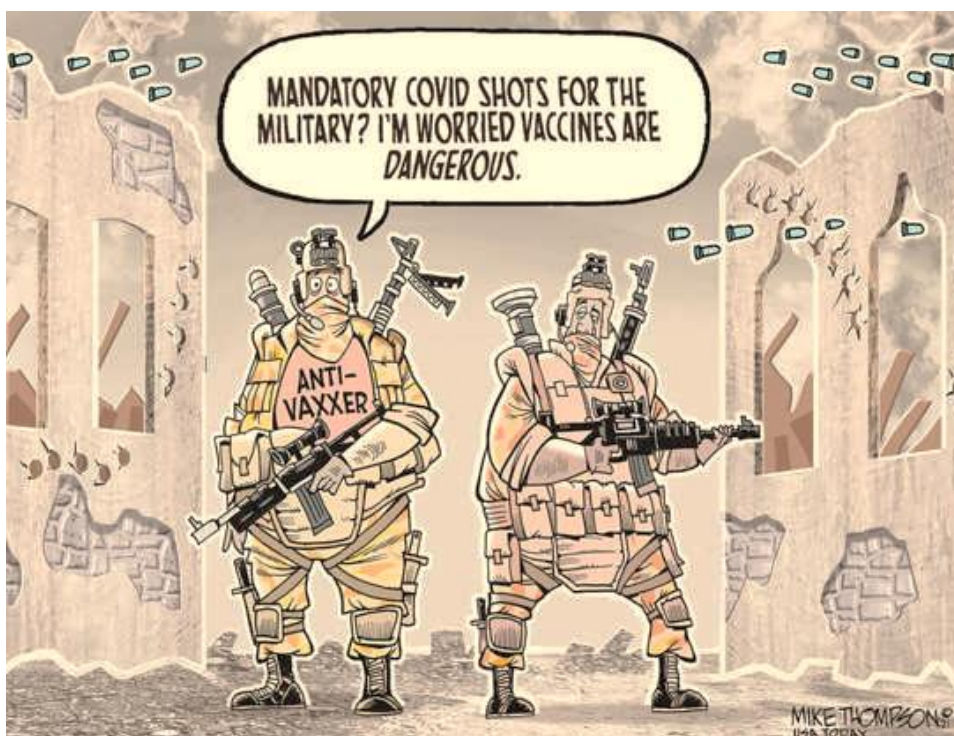
- An eligible concession card is held, and it is valid.
- The residential energy account with the Provider for energy (electricity and/or gas) is in the name of the concession cardholder.
- The name on the account(s) and the eligible concession must be identical.
- The address the residential energy we supply to is the primary residence.

Despite these statements, the Energy Provider told the War Widow that she was ineligible because:

1. She did not have a PCC issued by the Department of Human Services or a HCC issued by DHS or Centrelink,
2. The Gold Card was not acceptable because it did not have a date of issue, and
3. She was not a Veteran and therefore not entitled to the Concession.

After a telephone call from a representative of the Association who pointed out the contents of the Website, the Energy Provider apologised and guaranteed that the War Widow would indeed be given the concessions to which she was entitled. Shortly after, the War Widow contacted the Energy Provider and was advised that her account would be adjusted accordingly. Only time will tell, but we will continue to monitor the accounts.

All Gold Card holders should be aware of any applicable concessions and hold Energy Providers to account if any reluctance or intransigence from Energy Providers is encountered. If in doubt, do not hesitate to contact the Secretary.





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Honour Roll

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)

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



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 them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

Members passed away since the last newsletter

Ian Bernard 'Elsie' ELLYARD

Darren FERRIS

Kevin James CRAIG

Peter Anthony 'Smutts' SMITH

Dave WALTON

Around the Association

MAJGEN Scott Winter on your promotion and.....your US Legion of Merit award. An amazing occasion and best choice by both Australian Army and US. (Scott is a member of 1AR Association)



Mark Reid SA Rep and Regt LO attended A SQN's promotion and awards ceremony on Friday 15 Oct 2021 before the Sqn headed off to Cultana.



Inaugural Award of the 1st Armoured Regiment Association Education Scholarship

On Saturday 11 December 2021, Mr Don Spinks, AM (on behalf of the 1st Armoured Regiment Association) presented Amelia Balas with her Scholarship Certificate and a biography of Napoleon Bonaparte by Andrew Roberts.



Amelia, the daughter of Ivan and Melissa of Candelo NSW, is a student at Lumen Christi in Merimbula NSW. Amelia is the inaugural recipient of the Education Scholarship which was implemented during 2021. The Scholarship included an award of \$500 which was paid to Amelia in September. It is understood that Amelia acquired a new Apple computer to enhance her Year 11 studies in 2022.

Amelia is a keen student with a great interest in 17th Century European history with an emphasis on significant families and military leaders of that time. Amelia is currently reading War and Peace as well as the story of the Romanov family. The presentation of Napoleon's biography was fortuitous as she has chosen a Year 11 history elective on Napoleon's life.

The award of the Association's Scholarship inspired Amelia to explore additional scholarship opportunities which resulted in the award of a Young Scholars Program at Melbourne University. This program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Victorian and New South Wales Year 11 and 12 students.

Apart from her scholastic studies, Amelia has a very full life with part-time employment, helping in the community, and a keen and competitive AFL footballer. Amelia and her younger brother, Hugh, are also willing helpers on the family farm. Amelia hopes to pursue a career in Forensic Sciences and was selected to undertake work experience in this area with the Australian Federal Police.

The Association is very grateful to Mr Don Spinks, AM, Repatriation Commissioner, who presented the Award to Amelia on behalf of the Association. Don was the RSM of the Army, the Army's most senior soldier, from 2015 to 2018.

Remembrance Day Clayton VIC, with Association Treasurer Werner Golla.

I was involved with the Clayton RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony today.

By way of a few words, I submit that we had the Federal Member of Chisholm Clare O'Neil and her baby in attendance and the State Member standing on the left next to the wreaths in his suit. The Police were represented by an Assistant Commissioner (Capt. equivalent) not sure of his exact title. He was there in the capacity of a member of the Police Force and Security.

Strict Covid 19 procedures were in place at the event. I was involved with saying the Lord's Prayer and the Ode and placed a wreath for the Legacy Widows Club from Clayton of which I am the coordinator.



Cambrai/Beersheba Dinner - Royal Automobile Club Sydney, 13 November 2021



Bob Ferrari OAM and Mick Woolan MC (Platoon Commander D & E Platoon).

Graham Munsell (24C) and David Ritchie (22 and a Troop Leader at Binh Ba).

Association Victorian members Cambrai Long Lunch 19th November 2021

The Cambrai Long Lunch was held on Friday 19th November at the Emerald Hotel South Melbourne. This event was attended by 15 members that came along to help us celebrate the battle of Cambrai. Russ James kept us informed with an update on the Port Macquarie reunion in 2022, as well as the state of the Association. I must give a special thank-you to Chris McLeod who read out the members of the Regiment that have passed since our last Long Lunch in April & again read out the Ode to the fallen. Again, we were well looked after by the staff of the Emerald. The food was hot, the beer was cold & everyone had a great time.





Sorry it has been a long time between updates, but all our planning and organisation has been on hold while we come to grips with living in a pandemic and while Australians get vaccinated. It is just under 7 months to the reunion and most of everything that needs organising is completed, we just need to let the businesses supporting the reunion know, when travel opens up. Be reassured that we still planned to go ahead for July 2022 in Port Macquarie where the weather is always fine and the beer/wine refreshing. Our latest numbers are:

Members attending 65

Registered 116

Meet & Greet 112

Dinner 117

Breakfast 80

These numbers are fine to go ahead with the reunion but there are plenty of places left if you wish to join us and come along.

As stated previously, those who had previously registered do not have to re-register and if you have registered and haven't confirmed that you still wish to attend, please let us know what you have decided.

For new registrations there is an updated Registration Form available on the Association's website, in the newsletter or we can send you one.

Reminder that if you had booked with Rydges for 2021 they should have contacted you to move your booking to the new dates. Details of their accommodation package offer were in the last newsletter and update for reunion attendees, but it expired last month. We will try to re-negotiate their offer and inform you about any further deals from them.

The Breakwall Caravan Park is now accepting reunion bookings. There have been some staffing changes so if enquiring about an existing or a new booking, let them know you will be attending the 1st Armoured Regiment Association Reunion.

Port Macquarie is experiencing an unseasonal increase in holiday and accommodation booking this year, with most, if not all places currently booked out. Whether this will continue into 2022 is unknown but the advice we wish to give to those attending or planning to attend the Reunion is to book early.

Due to the postponement, anyone who registered whose circumstances change and you can no longer attend then all monies paid for Registrations, Meet and Greet, Reunion Dinner and Recovery Breakfast will be fully refunded. Members should email the Treasurer (treasurer@paratus.org.au) providing BSB, Account Number and Account Names for an EFT refund.

More news to follow as it happens and if you have any questions, please contact either:

Association Secretary at (secretary@paratus.org.au)

or

Mick Payne Chair of the PM22 Reunion Sub-Committee (ChairPM22Reunion@paratus.org.au)

or

Johnny Atkinson (SecPM22Reunion@paratus.org.au)

Port Macquarie attractions and amenities – click on the (url) link: [portmacquarieinfo](#)

**Looking forward to seeing you in Port in
2022**

Attendees Reunion 2022

Port Macquarie as of this newsletter

Atkinson John
Austin Dennis & Rhonda
Baker Geoff & Denise (Den)
Bavistock Chris & Ruth
Beckett Brian & Cheryl
Bell Kevin (Dinga) & Vilma Anderson
Britten Reginald (Dennis) & Helen
Brooker John (Tubby)(OAM)
Chambers Barry
Chapple Brian & Sandra Edlington
Coutts Peter (Bushy) CSM
Cummings Ian & Wendy
Dearling Charles (Charlie)
Fenton Christopher (Chris)OAM & Jan
Ferguson Bruce & Katrina
Ferrari Bob OAM & Sue
Foote Roger & Sue
Fredericks Chris & Carolyn
Garrigan Paddy & Debbie
Golding Brad
Grant Warren (Wazza) & Christine (Chris)
Harberts Herman
Hastings Ian & Cathie
Hatfield Brian & Margaret
Hendy Peter & Colleen
Henry Chris (Chook)& Kris Witty
Hodges Angus (Barry) & Christine
Hoseason-Smith Phillip (Phil) & Sue
Hunter Kevin & Angela
Hyson Maxwell (Max) & Sandra (Sandy)
Iry Celeste
James Richard & Iris
Joyce Rob & Gloria
Key David (BM+bar) Key & Vicki Key OAM
Lane John & Jen
Lewis Brian & Deidre

Mahar Des & Fran
Main George & Suellen
Martin Dean & Denise
Maxwell David & Ann
McCormack Gerald (Gerry) & Geraldine
McNabb Gary & Helen King
Meloncelli Keith (Mel) & Ann
Miller Neville & Terri
Morris William (Bill) & Frances
Neville Anthony (Tony) & Catherine
O'Gorman Peter & Carol
Payne Mick & Judith (Judi)
Powell Roger AM & Rhonda
Reardon Mal & Carol
Reid Mark & Gail
Reynolds Iain
Rossiter Phil & Brenda
Rowley Eric & Lyn
Shearn Robert (Rob)
Sibly John & Fran
Stanfield William (Bill) & Mary
Tarran Bruce (Brewsta) & Lorraine (Lozza)
Unmack Graeme
Van Der Schoot Bill & Annette
Vicino Phillip (Phil) & Beverley
Watts Trevor
Williams Simon & Michelle
Wilson John & Patricia
Wood Ray





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Port Macquarie Reunion 2022 - Registration Form

Separate Registration forms are to be submitted for guests (two guests per form). Places at the Reunion are to be reserved in the order that Registrations are received. Registrations fees may be paid after the situation with COVID-19 is clearer.

**Registrations close 25 March 22 and full payment is required by 1 May 2022

Only use this form if this is a NEW registration made after 1 March 2021

Personal and Contact Details

	Title/Rank	First Name	Surname	Preferred Name	Member No
Name					
Wife/Partner					
Postal Address					
Home Phone		Mobile		Email	
Corps/Unit/Regiment/Squadron/Troop details including years and location served:					
Events				No. Attending	Total \$
Registration Fee – See Note 1	\$35 per person (Member and Wife/Partner)				
	\$40 per person for non-members				
I/We would like to attend the following functions:					
Fri 22 Jul 2022 - Meet and Greet	\$50 pp members	\$55 pp non-members			
Sat 23 Jul 2022 - Reunion Dinner	\$120 pp members	\$135 pp non- members			
Sun 24 Jul 2022 - Recovery Breakfast	\$15 pp members	\$17 pp non-members			
				Total Cost	\$
Special Dietary Requirements:					
Accommodation: Please circle your likely Accommodation preference: Rydges, Caravan Park, Other					

Please Note: All travel and accommodation for the Reunion weekend are the responsibility of attendees.

Payment Details: When sending this completed form the registration fee may be paid, either by an electronic funds transfer to BSB: 633-000, Account No: 161498159 and Reference 'PM21 REG Surname' Important Or by Cheque or Money Order to: Secretary, 1st Armd Regt Assoc, PO Box 301 MENTONE VIC 3194

Subsequent Payments:

On receipt of this Registration Form, the Association Treasurer is to prepare and send an itemised invoice to the member's address. Lump sum, part payments or instalments are acceptable.

Disclaimer – In submitting this form, you agree to the following:

All members, their partners and guests attending the Port Macquarie Reunion do so at their own risk. The Association and Reunion committee accept no responsibility for personal injury, property damage or any loss that maybe suffered through participation in any event/s comprising the 1st Armoured Regiment Association 2022 Reunion.

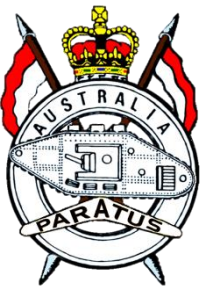
Signature: Date:

Scan or copy and Email to: SecPM22Reunion@paratus.org.au, cc to Secretary@paratus.org.au

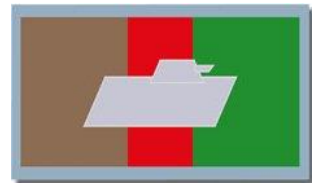
Or post to: John Atkinson, Secretary, Reunion Sub-Committee

6 Forrest St, LAKE ALBERT NSW 2650

Note 1. Due to the Coronavirus the Registration Fees does not have to be paid at this time. Any Registration Fees that are paid will be fully refunded if it is necessary to postpone or cancel the reunion due to Coronavir



REGIMENTAL AWARDS 2021



The Brad Robertson Awards:

Crew Commander of the Year - CPL S. Butler - C SQN

Gunner of the Year - TPR S. Richards - C SQN

Loader/Operator of the Year - TPR J. Orr - B SQN

Driver of the Year - TPR A. Bird - B SQN

Support Soldier of the Year - LCPL V. Schroder- HQ SQN

Tradesman of the Year - CFN M. Telford - C SQN

R.E Bird Cup for Soldier of the Year - LCPL C. Schwenke - A SQN (Association Award)

Bradbury Trophy for JNCO of the Year - LCPL D. Joyce - SPT SQN (Association Award)

Bob Murray Award for SNCO of the Year - SGT P. Walsh - A SQN

The Sword of Excellence - MAJ J. Bennett - Regimental 2IC

Cupka Cup for the best "Bravo", as decided by their peers

CPL S. Butler - C SQN

The Lancer Trophy for most proficient AFV Gunnery crew - T21B

Paratus Cup - T23

Premier Squadron - Support Squadron

CO LTCOL Tim Orders

RSM WO1 Andrew Remin

Mark Reid Assoc Regiment LO





Regimental Awards Table (Lighthorse statues are 1AR Assoc awards) for JNCO of the year and Soldier of the year.



Rainey MM Club



“A” SQN Soldier of the year 2021
Provided by Lou Walker OAM
Winner
TPR Jamie Howell



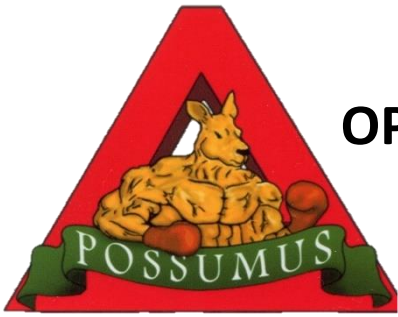
Famous Quotes

Donald Rumsfeld once famously said:

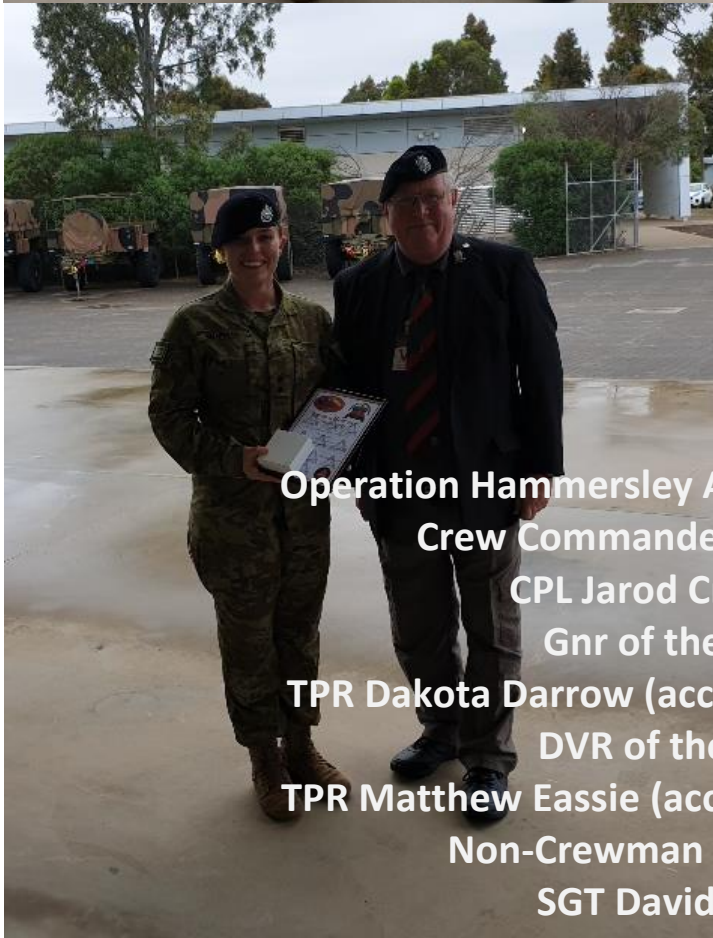
“There are known knowns, things we know that we know; and there are known unknowns, things that we know we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns, things we do not know we don't know.”

An unidentified source also famously said:

“Those people who assume are just making an ‘ass of U and Me’! Is there a difference between ‘seem’ and ‘assume’? Perhaps not! One cannot say ‘that it would seem’ unless one is in the full possession of all the facts, otherwise it is just a guess or an assumption.



OPERATION HAMMERSLEY AWARDS



Operation Hammersley Award Winners 2021
Crew Commander of the year
CPL Jarod Crosskey
Gnr of the year
TPR Dakota Darrow (accepted by TP Leader)
DVR of the year
TPR Matthew Eassie (accepted by TP Leader)
Non-Crewman of the year
SGT David Allen