

Official Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Mounted Rifles Association Inc held on the 14th August 2019 at the Naval, Military & Air Force Club.

1. The Meeting opened at 1915 h. President Reg Williams welcomed all to the AGM.

2. Attendance:

Peter Byass	Ron Fleet	Roger Burzacott	Barry Goldsworthy
Gerald Hopgood	Seamus Neeson	Don Pursche	John Gyepes
Malcolm Haynes	Dave Griffiths	Peter Southam	Bon Jordan
Geoffrey McDuff	Bill McKeough	David Mercer	Ron Teusner
Rob Richards	Win Syson	Reg Williams	Erik Fridmanis
Warwick Edwards	Jake Kearsley	Jim Kennelly	Steve Langdon
Chris Manning	Peter Ozschmid	Ken Potter	Dirk Nieuwenhoven
Rob Gun			

3. Apologies:

Wayne Vantenac	Benjamin Robinson	Anthony Booker	Darryl Smith
Charlie Belperio	Pat Norton	Brian Holmes	Dean Manuel
Mark McKenna	Geoffrey Barnett	Glenys Litchfield	Michael Kuilboer
Michael Phillips	Peter Tulloch	Ron Farrington	John Masson
Terry Moore	Ray Stanley	Jane Bodley	Frank Wade
David Edmonds			

4. **Minutes of AGM held on 9th August 2018:** Motion was proposed that the minutes be taken as read and accurately reflect the meeting and that they be accepted.

Moved: Bill McKeough
Seconded: Win Syson
Carried:

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes of the last AGM:** Nil

6. **President's Report (Reg Williams):** Report as tabled
Motion that the report be accepted.

Moved: Reg Williams
Seconded: Ron Teusner
Carried:

7. **Treasurers Report for the year 2018/2019 (Peter Byass):**

The 2018-19 audited reports as tabled.

Motion that the audited reports be accepted.

Moved: Peter Byass
Seconded: Rob Gun
Carried:

Peter thanked Dave Griffiths for auditing the Association accounts.

8. **3rd/9th LH (SAMR) Report (MAJ Christopher Manning):**

- A Sqn 3/9 LH (SAMR) establishment is 93. Current posted strength is 66 with 20 IETs at the Regional Induction Centre and 20 candidates in various stages of the recruiting pipeline. So in the next 12-18 months we will be fully staffed.
- The Sqn has a very good relationship with 1AR and 4/19 having surged this training year to complete the Ex Predator series for Cav Scouts and the Battle Group Jacka series for PMV drivers (i.e. two sets of 3 x 2 week field training exercises going through training progression of crawl walk run) culminating with a Cav Scout section plus on Ex War Fighter and a PMV Tp minus on EX Talisman Sabre 2019.

- We are now consolidating trg and preparing to enter the ready phase and send Sqn members on Operational deployments as soon as October with more operational tasks next year as well as a current online operational domestic security requirement. The Army is going through the largest modernisation 40 years including new vehicles (L400 new Armoured Fighting Vehicles project), weapons (Enhanced F88), equipment (UAV/drones, Night Fighting Equipment) and the Army Combative Program. And the Squadron is introducing these capabilities now in-line with the whole of Army and focused on the future building a foundation of Cavalry Scouts/Drivers and expanding to commanders and promoting junior leaders to grow the squadron in order to sustainably meet the increasing directed capabilities (specified and implied tasks). This will enable us to be platform enabled and not platform dependent in order to be ready now and future ready!

9. 49 ACU (Seamus Neeson): Verbal report submitted.

10. AMOSAF (Roger Burzacott): Verbal report submitted.

11. Membership

- Life Members – 59
- Ordinary Members – 67 (+ 10 on the previous year)
- All serving members of A Sqn 3/9 LH (SAMR)

12. Election of Office Bearers:

There was only one nomination for the position of President and Reginald Williams was duly elected.

- President – Reginald Williams (2019-2021)
Moved: Rob Gun
Seconded: Dirk Nieuwenhoven
Carried

There was only one nomination for the position of Treasurer and Peter Byass was duly elected.

- Treasurer – Peter Byass (2019-2021)
Moved: Reg Williams
Seconded: Rob Gun
Carried

Committee members – being no new nominations, the current members are prepared to stand.

- Moved: Reg Williams
Seconded: David Mercer
Carried

The four Committee members for 2019-2020 are;

- Bill McKeough
- Malcolm Haynes
- Seamus Neeson
- Gerald Hopgood

13. Social Calendar

- Four - reunion lunches will be held in various locations during the year, venues TBA.
- Two Black Hat functions will be held per year, the next one this year will be on 23 Oct 19.
- Two Squadron Happy Hour functions per year, the next one this year will be held at the Cumberland Hotel on Thursday, 19 Sep 19.
- Light Horse Memorial Service and ANZAC Day march – 25 Apr 20.
- 2019 major event is the Beersheba Dinner to be held on Sat, 2 Nov at Elizabeth North Training Depot.

14. Special Business:

Roger Burzacott spoke on the future of the Military Collection. Roger proposed that we transfer our collection to AMOSA after it has been audited, SAMRA can then decide what items are kept, loaned to the unit or given to AMOSA. Proposal – Executive Committee is seeking the power to act on behalf of SAMRA (Custodian of the Military Collection) to audit the collection, determine what we have, what we keep, determine what items can be disposed of, look at what items are of value and discuss with the current OC of 3/9 LH as to what items they would like.

Moved: Jake Kearsley

Seconded: John Gyepes

Carried

- Presentation of an Association plaque to Erik Fridmanis for services as the Curator of the 3/9 SAMR Military Collection.

15. Upcoming social events:

- 14 Sep 19 – Reunion lunch at the Hotel McLaren, McLaren Vale.
- 19 Sep 19 – Cumberland Hotel Happy Hour.
- 22 Sep 19 – Riverton RSL 100th Anniversary.
- 12 Oct 19 – McLaren Vale RSL 100th Anniversary dinner.
- 2 Nov 19 – Beersheba Dinner at Elizabeth North Training Depot.

16. Next Meeting of the Committee: Wednesday, 9 Oct 19 at the NM&AF Club.

17. Meeting Closed: 2035 h.

REG WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

DAVID MERCER
SECRETARY