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Unselfishness, as far as you are concerned means simply this – you will put first the honour and interests of your country and your regiment; next you will put the safety, well-being and comfort of your men; and last – and last all the time – you will put your own interest, your own safety, before your own comfort.

Field Marshal Sir Bill Slim, 1957

President's Page

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Mounted Rifles Association was held on Wednesday 21st August 2024. At the meeting we acknowledged the passing of Malcolm Boyd, Grant Kirkpatrick and Erik Fridmanis. Between them, they had 78 years' membership in SAMRA.

SAMRA continues to support the Officer Commanding, officers, and soldiers of the 3rd / 9th Light Horse. In October 2023 we awarded the George Johnson MM Memorial Prize to Corporal Daniel Braham to travel to England to visit affiliated Regiments. It was initially valued at \$3,000 and, due to increased travel costs, has been increased to \$4,000. This award has been made possible by the generous donation from corporate and individual sponsors as well as from raffles at SAMRA functions.

We also provide support in other ways such as framing of commissioning certificates and making representations on matters relating to the unit and unit members. In previous years SAMRA has provided care packages to deployed unit members as well as cooking BBQs at the conclusion of unit activities. This has not happened this year and I am hopeful that we can reinstitute this support. SAMRA also maintains a History Room at the Smithfield Depot to provide an opportunity for new soldiers to gain an appreciation on the unit's history, and preserves a military collection at the Army Museum of South Australia in Keswick Barracks.

Another function of SAMRA is to provide a range of events to allow our members to keep in touch with mates they have formed lifelong friendships with.

- For many members their only contact with SAMRA is through the quarterly SAMRAG magazine, our website or our Facebook page.
- We also have a very effective email contact system with members, most of whom don't attend SAMRA functions. Earlier this year I attended a funeral service for a SAMRA member. Of the 60 mourners attending, about half were SAMRA members. It showed how important email contact is with our members to let them know about funeral arrangements. More importantly, it showed how important the network is of former unit members who share the bond of service as we came together to pay our respects.
- The Anzac Day service at the Light Horse Memorial in the Adelaide CBD and the march were successful. The numbers for the memorial service are continuing to grow. It is well positioned after the Dawn Service and before the march, which is appreciated by the wider community. This year there were over 300 people attending the service including the Lord Mayor, local Federal member, RSL President and representatives from service organisations.
- SAMRA hosts Mixed Old and Bold functions in different locations each time to allow people from different areas to attend. In the last 12 months they have been held at Seacliff Hotel, Victoria Hotel and Café Balthazar, one of our sponsors for the George Johnson MM Memorial prize, with the next at the Earl of Leicester Hotel.
- We also hold a Christmas function, which for the last few years has been at the Holdfast Scout Hall. About 20 – 30 people, including partners, attend each of these functions.
- There is also the annual get-together at Stansbury Caravan Park around the time of the Melbourne Cup.
- SAMRA aims to host two Black Hat Nights each year with the plan for one to be at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club with the second at the Smithfield Depot. In November 2023, the Commander of 9th Brigade, Brigadier Graham Goodwin CSC, APM talked about his reflections on command. A second Black Hat Night was not planned due to the uncertainty of 3rd / 9th Light Horse relocating to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct. We are now progressing with a celebration of the 60 years that the M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier in service with the Australian Army later.

Last year we had 66 life members and 40 ordinary members. We now have 64 life members and 55 ordinary members. We are fortunate that our membership is holding steady although we have an ageing membership base so the need to attract younger members remains a priority. The committee has approved the offer of one years' free membership to attract new members. This is being used with varying degrees of success. With more life members than ordinary members, the committee is also wanting to place a cap on life membership to assist with cash flow.

I wish to thank the SAMRA Committee who continue to support you and organise functions. Thanks to Vice-President James Kennelly, Past President Reg Williams, Treasurer Peter Byass, Secretary Dave Mercer, committee members Bill McKeough, Bob Ireland, Steve Langdon, Thom Begg and Warwick Edwards as well as the OC Major Matt Walsh. I wish Bill and Thom the best as they complete their time with the committee and welcome Simon Braid, Robert Townsend-Gun and Peter Tulloch to the committee.

In conclusion, SAMRA is one of the most successful old comrades' associations in South Australia and continues to be the envy of other like organisations in terms of our member numbers and functions. Its success is due to the those responsible for organising a range of events as well as for members supporting these events. As times change we must always look for new opportunities to be relevant to new members joining. Malcolm Haynes



David—The recent 2010 Minute on Slouch Hats (OTD in the RAAC 1-15 Aug) may have arisen out of two 3/9th mavericks in AUR in 1996. There may be others I am not aware of.

You and our OC had Sgt Tim Leach posted to AUR as an instructor – kicking and screaming from the best Army position in RAAC - that of Troop Sergeant.

At AUR Sgt Tim Leach was ordered by the AUR RSM to wear the slouch hat with RAAC hat badge hat on parade in lieu of his Black Beret with RAAC badge. He was permitted to continue with, a yellow lanyard and could forego a red sash. Sgt Tim Leach refused citing to his CSM the dress manual overrides the RSM order and Sgt Leach defiantly continued to wear his black beret with a RAAC badge. He was never issued a slouch hat. The RSM unperplexed advised Sgt Leach (nose to nose as any good RSM skilled in RSM'ing can be) he will have the dress manual amended.

Sgt Ronald Farrington also posted to AUR (ex 3/9 SAMR) a year prior to Sgt Leach – an unusual person – went an extra step. He acquired a slouch hat, spray painted it black, and added emu feathers with the 3/9th hat badge and wore it on parade. Of all the RSM's I have seen turn purple, the AUR RSM is the most enraged I have ever seen.

My silent and legal protest was affected by Ron's over the top actions, and the RSM went to work which I believe culminated in the 2010 Minute you have shared with us.

I am aware of discussions between the RSM of AUR, and RSM of the Army, and RSM of RAAC arising out of my refusal to wear the Slouch Hat and Ron's inappropriate protest. I understand the RSM RAAC wrote to the AUR RSM and supported Sgt Leach wearing the black beret as appropriate, therefore he continued to wear the black beret without impunity until returned 3/9th.

My exit interview with the RSM included what to do with my black beret. It took a few more years but the RSM AUR eventually prevailed for which Ron's action behind the scenes must have influenced the decision.

No matter, our Corps historically introduced the slouch hat to the Royal Australian Army, and we again we wear the slouch hat with arrogance and pride, emblazoned with adorned bold emu feathers, to show that we are special and elite force.

Kind regards—Tim Leach

SAMRA's own Rhodes Scholar

The Rhodes Scholarship, established by Cecil Rhodes in 1902, is the oldest graduate scholarship in the world and is considered among the world's most prestigious international scholarships. It is a postgraduate award for students to study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. There are nine scholarships awarded for Australia each year including one from South Australia.

The South Australian recipient for 2023 is Oliver Douglas who is a Lieutenant in 3rd / 9th Light Horse and also a SAMRA member. Oliver will depart soon to undertake post-graduate study in modern history.

To recognise his military service to date, SAMRA recently organised the framing of Lieutenant Douglas' commissioning certificate. We have since received the following message from him:

In what was surely one of my last parades at ENT D [Smithfield] with 3rd/9th on Tuesday 27 AUG 24 for the next few years, MAJ Walsh presented me with my framed commissioning certificate. I write to thank SAMRA for being so generous in having this significant piece of personal history framed so nicely for me.

I joined the Army Reserve on 4 JUN 19, and the subsequent five years have seen me grow through challenging experiences, and meet incredible people across all ranks. I look back on my decision to join the Army Reserve with great fondness.

I leave for Oxford on 10 SEP 24 as South Australia's 2023 Rhodes Scholar and will likely be living in the UK for the next 3-4 years. I'll be sure to write periodically and update SAMRA, if that is of interest, on my parading in the UK. I have organised an RFFSA [Australian Army service in another country] with the Oxford University Officer Training Corps for my first 12 months, and after that will investigate whether I can serve with a Yeomanry unit. Thanks again for your generosity.

SAMRA congratulates Lieutenant Oliver Douglas on this significant achievement.



LT Oliver Douglas receiving the Rhodes Scholarship from the Governor, Frances Adamson AC)

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE M113A1'S SERVICE IN THE ADF

The M113A1 is an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) in service developed in the United States of America and introduced into Australian Army service in 1964.

The M113 family of vehicles includes seven variants - the APC, Armoured Fitters, Armoured Recovery Vehicle Light, Armoured Ambulance, Armoured Mortar, Armoured Command Vehicle and Armoured Logistic Vehicle.

The M113A1 remained in service with the Australian Army for over 50 years with a heavily modified and 'stretched' Australian version known as the M113AS4 introduced into service from 2007. As of 2022 this vehicle is still in service with the Australian Army and fourteen (14) with the Ukrainian Army.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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This particular vehicle (Army Registration Number 134192) was first deployed to South Vietnam with 1 APC Squadron in 1966. It later served with 3 Cavalry Regiment until 1969. The vehicle covered close to 10,000 miles on operations, with an initial callsign of 40A, and later 21. The vehicle's first driver in Vietnam was Keith Jones. Prior to the deployment Keith drove the vehicle from Bandiana to Puckapunyal, from where it was shipped by rail to Sydney. It was then carried by the aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney to South Vietnam.

At the time of its initial deployment the vehicle was fitted with a single .50 calibre machinegun, mounted in a pintle above the crew commander's position. It was subsequently fitted with an Aircrafts Armament Incorporated M 74C turret, and by late 1968, with its current Cadillac Gage T50 turret.

Its second overseas deployment was to Rwanda as part of UNAMIR (United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda) with B Squadron 3/4 Cavalry Regiment and 5/7 RAR, 1994-96. Its callsign was 31A. Painted white with black United Nations insignia, the first time Australian armoured vehicles had been finished in this paint scheme. (The white paint is still present below the current camouflage).

Its third overseas deployment was to East Timor from October 1999 to 2001 during Operation Warden, INTERFET (International Force for East Timor) with B Squadron, 3/4 Cavalry Regiment. It was used extensively for patrol and security duties mainly in border regions in support of 2 RAR infantry companies, and on independent operations by day and night. Thousands of kilometers were covered on sealed roads and rugged cross-country. Its crew commander while in Timor was Captain Steve Wilson, its callsign 20A, and its nickname 'Bare Back'. The departure of B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt from East Timor saw 134192, along with a number of other armoured vehicles from the Squadron, left in Dili. These were subsequently crewed by the relieving Troop from 2/14 Light Horse Regiment as part of UNTAET (United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor). The vehicle was transferred to the Memorial in May 2000, and is operable, complete with most equipment. Lieutenant General F J Hickling AO CSC, Chief of Army, has described ARN 134192 as "an excellent historical artefact and encapsulates much of Army's modern operational experience. INTERFET was an important part of the ADF's history and captured the public's attention as few military endeavours have in recent times. As such I believe it to be fitting that it is properly represented within the Australian War Memorial." Source: AWM

VALE

CPL Erik (Freddy) Fridmanis passed away on the 24 June 2024. Erik joined the Regiment in 1967 and served for 29 years. He has been a Life Member of SAMRA for 22 years.



Federation Star awarded to SAMRA members

The Federation Star is awarded for 40 years' service in the Australian Defence Force. After 15 years' service a long service medal is awarded, with a clasp for each subsequent period of 5 years' service, and a rosette is attached to the medal ribbon. When the 5th clasp is earned, a Federation Star is awarded to replace the rosettes on the ribbon bar. It is a rare honour to receive the Federation Star and only about 40 awarded each year. Over the past few months, two SAMRA members have received this award.



Corporal Greg Hill, currently serving with 3rd / 9th Light Horse, received his award from the Commander 9th Brigade, Brigadier Tim Orders in a ceremony at the Smithfield Depot.



Major Malcolm Haynes, currently serving with Joint Operations Support Staff – SA received his award from Major General Jason Walk, Commander Joint Logistics in a ceremony at Keswick Barracks.

Congratulations to Greg and Malcolm on your achievements.

The Headstone Project – Trooper Richard Hanna

The Headstone Project SA is a voluntary organisation that seeks to locate World War 1 veterans buried in unmarked graves throughout South Australia and provide a suitable memorial. As part of their research they have located the grave of Trooper Richard Hanna.

Trooper Hanna enlisted on 18 January 1916 at the age of 32. He was initially posted to both 3rd Light Horse and 9th Light Horse Regiments before active duty in Palestine with 1st Light Horse Regiment and 4th Battalion, Imperial Camel Corps then completed his service with 15th Light Horse Regiment. After the war, he returned to Adelaide where he was discharged on 26 July 1919 and had a subsequent career as a co-operative manager and stock agent. He lived in the Mount Barker area with his wife and two sons before dying on 13 January 1948 at the age of 64.

A headstone was never placed on Trooper Hanna's grave so The Headstone Project, with the approval of his family, have done so. This was unveiled on a very windy day at a ceremony in Mount Barker Cemetery on 30 August 2024. Family members were present including great-nephew Brigadier Tim Hanna, a former Commander of 9th Brigade. An address was made by David Leach, Mayor of Mount Barker District Council and a former member of 3rd / 9th South Australian Mounted Rifles. Although SAMRA only received very short notice of this ceremony, six members attended to represent the forebear regiments.

Photos L-R:



1. Trooper Richard Hanna
2. SAMRA members with Brigadier Tim Hanna and Mayor David Leach
3. SAMRA members Dave Edmonds, John Irvine, Tim Leach, James Kennelly, Dave Mercer
4. Mayor David Leach flanked by Barossa Light Horse Historical Association
5. New headstone for Trooper Hanna

SAMRA applauds The Headstone Project's motto: *"They served. They deserve to be remembered"*.

HOW MANY FACES DO YOU RECOGNISE?

1. Date of activity (month and year if possible)
2. Name and location of activity or exercise.
3. Names of any people you recognise (please be specific e.g. TPR Bloggs - second from left)

If you have any anecdotes of the photo or the relevant activity, please let us know so they can be published in the next edition of SAMRAG.



FEEDBACK FROM THE PREVIOUS SAMRAG (JUNE 2024)

1. The President's article in the previous (June 2024) SAMRAG was spot on.

I learnt so much in the army which I have carried over into my civilian occupation, as the following story will illustrate.

As a corporal I was watching my soldiers fill sandbags as part of a training exercise, and was about to light a cigarette when my sergeant, Sandy Bakie pulled me up. "Your blokes can't smoke, so neither do you!"

Years later I was the Director of Nursing of a country hospital when we needed to give an old tramp a bath before the bus would take him to Adelaide. My 2IC said just get an Enrolled Nurse from the Geriatric Wing to do it. It was not strictly part of our job, but I said I would bath the old bum. By the end of the exercise, I had been roundly abused, showered in water and dirt, (not to mention cayenne pepper which he had used as a delousing agent). The bathroom was in such a mess that I had to hose it out with a fire hose, much to the mirth of my nurses. I gained the respect of my staff by following the simple rule - never order anyone to do something that you are not prepared to do yourself. So, lesson learnt Sandy!

I learnt so many other things in the army. And when I hear the wails about reintroducing National Service, (I wasn't a nasho by the way)I think really? Would a bit of military service be so bad?
Regards...**Pete Tulloch**

2. Another interesting newsletter. I especially liked the President article. I was down working in my shed today and as I finished with a tool I put it away, a habit from my army days, however it also meant that if I needed the tool again I had to fetch it again. I was thinking that it would have been easier to just leave it out but of course old habits just don't die and I did recognise that the habit of putting things away was from my army days. So yes Malcolm is not the only one who experiences what he wrote about.

I also agree with him about 'decision making'. I have found it a real problem in volunteer organisations even at the highest levels. I was on the Qld State Council for St Vincent De Paul some years back and couldn't believe the procrastination that happened at meetings. Sometimes it seemed it was a wonder we got anything done. That aside it isn't only decision making but also basic management and leadership where the Army leaves the civilian world far behind.

The downside to this is that once people realise you can make decisions, have management and leadership skills, they are forever wanting you to get involved in everything. However, saying 'No' was another useful skill learnt in the Army.

Regards...**Michael Kuilboers**

3. The 1976 photo in the June SAMRAG is unusually complete with all members listed. Good foresight for the supervisor of the photographer. 3/9th had 3 brothers; Timothy Richard Leach (me) Terrance Robert Leach and David Alan Leach. The T Leach in the photo is me Tpr Timothy R Leach as distinct from Terry (no wonder the Chief Clerk combined our service files into one) with L/cpl Timothy Leach receiving Tpr Terrance Leach's pay for several months. The other Leach in the 76 photo is Tpr D A Leach he is the current Mayor of Mount Barker. Regards...**Tim R. Leach**

Saluting his service - Corporal Greg Hill

Corporal Greg Hill, who recently received the Federation Star (page 4), has spent most of his military career serving in 3rd / 9th Light Horse. He is the longest serving current member of the unit and has probably seen more service than almost anyone else within the Squadron or Regiment. His story is echoed by many who served in the unit at the same era.

Greg enlisted in November 1980 at the Warradale Depot as a walk in recruit. He attended a mid-winter recruit course run by 3 RAR at Woodside barracks. Back then there were AB boots and gaiters for field work with a pair of black GP boots kept aside in spit polish condition for parades. On those heavy frosty nights out in the Kuitpo forest, a hutchy and two summer weight blankets between three was a bit cosy!!

His first course was Radio / Gunnery in stinking Cultana heat. Who could forget Sergeants "No Dramas" Kuilboer and Bob "Mumbles" Lines? His most memorable course was the Medium Reconnaissance Vehicle Crew Commander's Course. He did the gunnery in the Saladin turret and the crew commander module in the Scorpion. He said that the achievement was "just marvellous" because it was against the tide of RAAC corps opinion that "chockos" could not handle it.

Greg's worst experience was driving Series 3 Land Rovers due to breakdowns and other lapses. On one occasion he had to drive the northern route around the salt lakes from Woomera to Leigh Creek, a distance of almost 300 kilometres. Greg and Sergeant Roy "Pissy" Day travelled at less than 40 kph with three trailers for this trip which took four times as long than the unit main packet.

His most memorable exercise was two weeks with 2nd Cavalry Regiment on Exercise Silver City north of Broken Hill in 1982. This included a regimental fighting withdrawal from the hinterland of Queensland to Broken Hill. When Greg arrived he was assigned to the Assault Troop and issued an M60 machine gun and a Carl Gustav anti-tank weapon. He spent the first few days with seven members in armoured personnel carriers, until the Troop Leader realised he knew more about driving than his own Assault Troopers. He was then thrown into the driver's hole, even though he was an unqualified driver. His first job was to replace two torsion bars, and so it continued because the attrition rate for torsion bars was horrendous.

Greg's most memorable overseas deployment was for Anzac Day in 1990 where 75 veterans returned to Gallipoli along with their families. This was special event hosted by the Prime Minister, Bob Hawke. The original plan was for Greg to have a three-month trip on HMAS Tobruk. As is so often the case, plans change and Greg ended in the security detail, flying with the veterans and entourage, looking after the special medical supplies, personal baggage and assisting the wheelchair-bound members.

Over the course of his career Greg has gained vehicle qualifications for Series 3 and Defender Land Rover plus the Perentie 6 wheel variants including Regional Force Surveillance Vehicle and ambulance. He also has heavy vehicle licences for Mark 3 and F1 trucks and conversion to the UniMog. Of course, he qualified for the M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier variants and loved swimming the Armoured Command vehicle in the Port River. He was in the next APC to enter the water when Glyn Jones and Wayne Greaterax went under at Port Augusta.

In a career that is now in its 44th year, with the exception of 5 years at the 9th Brigade Recruiting Cell, Greg has spent his entire career in 3rd / 9th Light Horse. While he may not be in this favourite position as Call Sign 12B anymore, he continues to be a valuable member of the unit. Greg sees that he has had a useful innings as a reliable night watchman, to use a cricket analogy. SAMRA congratulates Greg for all he has done for the ADF, Army, RAAC and unit. We salute his service.



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THE F1 SUBMACHINE GUN

By Pete Tulloch—SAMRA Archivist

At the end of the Korean War, the Australian Army began to look for a replacement for the venerable Owen Machine Carbine.

The weapon had been manufactured quickly and cheaply in the emergency of World War 2, and many of the parts had been hand-fitted. This caused problems with maintenance as parts could not be interchanged easily.

Although the weapon soldiered on during the Malayan Emergency, (5,000 were provided for use by British forces), Borneo, during Confrontation and the early stages of the Vietnam War, by the 1960s it was time for a replacement.

As early as 1943 the Army canvassed troops with combat experience as to design features of an "ideal" submachine gun. This resulted in the experimental KOKODA smg which was tested against the British Patchett, (later to become the Sterling), and the BSA.

The weapon performed poorly in the tests, rapidly overheating to the point that its welds began to fracture. A second "improved" model fared no better and the project was scrapped.

The Army went back to the drawing board, which resulted the "X" series, the X3 evolving as the F1.

The F1 shared many features of both the Owen and the Sterling.

The weapon fired from an open bolt with a fixed firing pin which was fed from a curved 34 round Sterling magazine. (The weapon could also accept Owen magazines).



The disastrous Kokoda SMG



Firing the F1 from the shoulder

Curiously, for a weapon with a top mounted magazine, the sights were offset to the right, a feature shared with the Owen. This was an advantage to left-handed shooters, but required a right hander to cock his head slightly over the right of the receiver when firing from the shoulder. (You "olds and bolds" who would have fired the Bren will remember that its sights were offset to the left of the weapon.)

Even expert sites such as FORGOTTEN WEAPONS are unable to give a reason for this. (I have written to both the Infantry Museum and the Small Arms Factory at Lithgow in an attempt to solve the mystery. If anyone can enlighten me, please contact me via our web-master)

Note the non-reciprocating cocking handle which prevented ingress of debris into the workings and the fragile flip-up back sight.

However, the top mounted magazine had a number of advantages, namely:

- It allowed the shooter to adopt a lower profile when shooting from the prone position.
- There was some assistance by gravity both with feeding rounds from the magazine, and as the ejection port was under the weapon also assisted with clearing debris from the workings.
- It allowed the weapon to be carried more easily slung.
- It did not snag on vegetation when carried through thick scrub.

Some sources report that the top mounted magazine was requested by soldiers, but in the survey which preceded the Kokoda, soldiers had requested a magazine mounted on the bottom of the weapon

The butt stock and trigger group were standard SLR components, and the weapon could accept that weapon's bayonet. Just over 25,000 were produced at the Government Small Arms Factory at Lithgow.

When compared to the Owen, the weapon weighed slightly less at 4.3 kg loaded as opposed to almost 5kg for the Owen, and was shorter than the Owen – 713 mm as opposed to 813mm

The F1 fired the same 9mmx19mm Parabellum, (9mm Luger or 9mm NATO) round as the Owen so muzzle velocity and range were similar. (For those who collect trivia, Parabellum comes from the Latin: "Si vis Pacem, para bellum." which translates roughly as: "If you desire peace, prepare for war." A maxim which seems to have escaped our political masters!)

There was no select fire switch, so single shots or bursts were achieved by a two-stage trigger.

From all reports the F1 was a reliable and effective sub machine gun, but it never gained the same affection that Australian troops held for the Owen.

Like all smgs its pistol ammunition lacked stopping power, and the F1 was soon replaced in Vietnam with the US M16, and the F1 was relegated to AFV crews and the like.

There is a story in the Osprey MEN-AT-ARMS book on the Malayan Emergency which describes an incident where a terrorist was hit multiple times by 9mm rounds, but kept running until felled by a burst from the patrol's Bren gun. When the body was examined the bases of the 9mm rounds were visible. After this incident one of the authors, (Mike Chappell) never carried a 9mm weapon again.

The weapon was in service from 1963 to 1991 when it was replaced by the F88 Austeyr

Some were supplied to the Papua New Guinea and Malaysian Constabularies.



SGT Bob Lines supervises a member of the Elizabeth CID during a range practice.

The following items are available for purchase. All profits support the Association:

- ASSOCIATION PLAQUES - \$40.00 (NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME)
- BLACK BASEBALL CAP EMBROIDERED WITH THE 3rd/9th LH (SAMR) BADGE ON THE FRONT AND THE WORDS 'SAMRA' ON THE BACK — \$20.00 (NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME).
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**We welcome to our
new SAMRA
member**

MAJ Andrew Kemp (partner Kerry), Service History: DOE 05 June 1999, served with 3/9 LH (SAMR), AUR, QUR and currently 2IC/XO 10/27 RSAR.



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Warwick is a former RAAC member who served with 1st / 15th Royal New South Wales Lancers and is a current SAMRA Committee Member.

2024 SOCIAL CALENDAR

- **Thursday, 19 September—Old & Bold lunch at the Earl of Leicester Hotel, Parkside.**
- **Wednesday, Black Hat Night, October date TBC via email.**
- **SAMRA AFX at Stansbury caravan park, first week in November.**
- **Saturday, 7 December—OEY function, venue TBC via email.**