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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOCIATION (NSW) Inc.

Association Matters

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This is our last edition of *Thurunka* for 2023.

We ended the year with our Annual Wreath Laying Service at the Signals Memorial at Signal Hill, South Head on Sunday 20 November 2022. We were ably supported by a catafalque party from 142nd Signal Squadron, Chaplain MAJ Frank Langford from HQ Forces Command and bugler CPL David Lewis from Army Band- Sydney.

It was a beautiful sunny day and the small number of members who attended the service enjoyed both the sunshine and a simple but moving service to remember and reflect on all those veterans who have served or are serving in the Royal Australian Corps of Signals – see photograph below.

The service was followed by our AGM, the minutes of which are enclosed in this edition of *Thurunka*.

We are now in the process of recruiting some new members to the Association's Management Committee and to revitalise the role of the Committee in reaching out to all members of the Association and to all serving personnel in RA Sigs units in NSW. I will provide more information on this in the first edition of *Thurunka* in 2023.

I would like to draw to your attention an update on the Certa Cito Foundation located on the last page of this edition of *Thurunka*. The foundation was created to raise funds to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Corps in 2000 and whilst it successfully raised funds, it was hampered in its operation by an inability to obtain registration as a charity and also deductible gift status from the Australian Taxation Office.

Having witnessed first hand the work of veterans associations representing other Corps and Services in assisting serving and former members of their Corps/Service, such as the Armoured Corps Association, the RAR Association, the Naval Association and the Air Force Association, there will be a wonderful

opportunity for the Certa Cito Foundation to be able to offer a range of services to RA Sigs "veterans" – who are now defined by Federal and State/Territory Governments as anyone who has done one day's service in the ADF.

We will provide details of events in 2023 in the first edition of *Thurunka* in 2023. But please keep **Tuesday 25 April 2023** free for the Sydney Anzac Day march and post-march celebrations.

Finally, on behalf of your Management Committee, can I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023.

Kind Regards

Paul Irving
President

NEXT ISSUE

Copy for the next edition of THURUNKA must be in the hands of the Editor, Chris Johnson by 15 Feb 2022

All submissions to be via email at thurunkarasigs@gmail.com



Corps Matters

Putting communications to the test

Capt Thomas Kaye

(Army News Paper DEC 22)

MEMBERS of 145 Sig Sqn, 17 Sustainment Bde, were put to the test while deployed to the field across two states for Exercise



Sigs Sarah Adams and Cody Selby establish communications at Holsworthy training area.

Lions Ready. The exercise, held in October, was a shakeout activity that ensured the teams were ready to move and establish their deployable capabilities to provide force communications. OC 145 Sig Sqn Maj Elizabeth Dodson was impressed with how the detachments took to the field. “Despite the weather impacting our plans of working across three states, our teams were efficient and met all outcomes of the exercise,” Maj Dodson said. “It’s great to see the teams out in the field using their skills and capabilities, conducting WO2 Leal Reynan undertakes the Army Combative Program Level 1 at Randwick Barracks. Photos: Capt Thomas Kaye foundation signaller activities out of multiple locations. “The exercise also provided the opportunity to consolidate Initial Employment Training (IET) and foundational warfighting skills.” New to the squadron, fresh off IETs and having her first experience with the squadron out in the field for the first time was CSO Sig Sarah Adams. “It’s my first non-assessed activity and it’s a bit different to IETs,” Sig Adams said. “At a unit, you can improvise and learn with senior soldiers taking care of you and showing you how to do things. I used to work in health previously and had no knowledge or work

experience in the area; I learnt it all through my training.” The battlespace communications specialists work to ensure teams can effectively communicate over various networks.

Ultimate Test for Signallers

Sgt Matthew Bickerton

(Army News Paper DEC 22)

SIGNALLERS bounced radio waves off the ionosphere with a 20-watt man pack in Canberra to establish communications

Signallers from 143 Sig Sqn set up their Harris RF-1944 HF Broadband antenna kit configured as a terminated inverted ‘V’ during Exercise Noble Skywave at HMAS Harman.



almost 17,000km away during the international HF radio exercise Noble Skywave. Signallers from 143 Sig Sqn competed day and night from October 26-28 with signallers from Europe and North America, while the Canadian Army coordinated the exercise. Cpl Daniel Hodgson, from 143 Sig Sqn, helped organise the activity for his unit. “It’s the ultimate challenge for signallers to test

their HF radio skills, and the only time of the year where we get to communicate with call signs more than 15,000km away without using satellites or integrated networks,” he said. Points are scored when contact with another call sign is confirmed. Detachment commander LCpl Tim Stokell said the point-scoring rules changed this year, awarding more points for greater distances. “Being so far from most other call signs, we got some really solid points,” LCpl Stokell said. Saint John, at New Brunswick in Canada, was the team’s most distant contact at 16,857km, with most other call signs transmitting from Europe and the United States. The 143 Sig Sqn team competed in the zero to 150-watt category with a 20-watt capacity, and did well despite their disadvantage to call signs transmitting at higher wattages. They finished 18th out of 278 teams in that category, ranked 43 in the world overall, and first in Australia. LCPL Stokell attributed their success at such low watts to their large antenna setup and it’s careful positioning. High-

frequency radios operate within the three and 30 megahertz range and can bounce between the ionosphere and the planet’s surface, allowing for communications far beyond line-of-sight at intercontinental distances. The Canadian Armed

Forces have run the exercise annually since 2013. Other units from Australia that competed included the Defence Force School of Signals, 1 Armd Regt and NORCOM in Darwin. *(editors note 142 SIG SQN in Holsworthy also competed and came in third in Australian teams behind 145 using the same 20-watt capacity as used by 143.)*

Sadly, we have lost more valuable servants of the Corps and Country...

Information provided by Adam West. sigsdb@netspace.net.au

VALE

I have received notification of the passing of 222803 Kevin Frank WHITE

Sadly, we have lost another valuable servant of the Corps and Country

17 Jan 73 - 3 Jul 95

Employment:

Apprentice, Technician Electrical; Officer Cadet; Troop Commander; Instructor; Training Officer.

Rank on Discharge: Major

Postings:

Army Apprentice's School (28th Intake) -17/1/73

School of Signals (Trainee Strength) – 6/12/75

6 Signals Regiment – 17/2/76

594 Signals Troop – 13/1/77

2 Signals Regiment – 1/9/77

520 Signals Troop – 26/5/80

135 Signals Squadron – 12/7/82

2 Signals Regiment – 15/1/85

School of Signals (Staff) – 15/1/86

144 Signals Squadron – 31/1/88

1 Signals Regiment – 18/12/89

6 Signals Regiment – 15/1/92

4 Signals Regiment – 1/1/93

Attachments:

33 Supply Battalion – 23/2/79 to 2/3/79

331 Supply Battalion – 18/5/79 to 25/5/79

4 Signals Regiment – 12/10/92 to 30/11/92

VALE

I have received notification of the passing of 1733544 Denis Aloysius LYONS

Sadly, we have lost another valuable servant of the Corps and Country

104 Sig Sqn South Vietnam 15 Jul 68 - 23 Jul 69

DEFENCE ISSUES

Veterans a key focus of budget

Cpl Jacob Joseph (Army News NOV 22)

Support for veterans was highlighted in the latest Federal Budget, handed down on October 25.

Responding to recommendations by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, the government has marked \$233.9 million over the next four years to hire an extra 500 DVA staff to speed up veteran compensation claims and processing.

This should be aided by a further \$87 million to modernise IT systems, such as myGov and myService.

Further investments in Defence personnel and veterans include almost \$47 million for 10 new Veterans' and Families' Hubs to connect veterans and their families to health, housing and employment services.

\$24 million has been allocated to deliver the Veteran Employment Program, supporting transition to civilian life by recognising veterans' skills and experience.

The Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme will also be expanded by reducing the minimum service period for subsidised mortgage payments and allowing veterans to access the scheme any time after leaving Defence.

Minister for Defence Personnel Matt Keogh said the government was committed to growing the ADF with improved conditions for personnel to enhance retention.

"Our greatest Defence capability is our people and this budget delivers on the Albanese Government's commitment to delivering a better future for defence personnel, veterans and their families," Mr Keogh said.

Focusing on investment in Defence's priorities, the government has provided \$32.2 million for the North Queensland Spark training facility in Townsville. The

technology hub will be built between James Cook University and Lavarack Barracks to provide a space for environmental simulations and industry collaboration.

Looking overseas, a new Australia Pacific Defence School to train regional partners' defence and security forces was part of a \$900 million investment in the Pacific. The new school is set to build on existing programs, such as the Defence Cooperation Program, Pacific Support Team, Pacific Mobile Training Teams and Defence International Training School.

More than \$213 million will be set aside over the next five years for additional assistance to Ukraine. Defence Minister Richard Marles said the budget reinforced Defence readiness and capability to promote regional prosperity.

"The 2022-23 Budget will strengthen our regional partnerships and build our shared resilience to meet future challenges, delivering the capability needed to keep Australians safe," Mr Marles said.

AT A GLANCE

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Military History

Controversial call to arms

It's 50 years since the last conscription scheme ended. The Australian Army History Unit reports.

AUSTRALIA'S National Service Scheme, suspended in 1959, was revived by the Liberal-Country Party Coalition government in November 1964 with the National Service Act. At the time, Prime Minister Robert Menzies informed parliament that the scheme was a response to the deterioration in Australia's strategic position, in part requiring an increase in Army's workforce. It operated until December 1972, when the newly elected Whitlam Labor government suspended it. The government of the day considered Communism and its influence in South-East Asia, the territorial ambitions of Indonesia in the West New Guinea region, and the consequences of Indonesian "confrontation" of Malaysia as reasons for the deterioration in Australia's strategic position. As a result, Mr Menzies said "the Regular Army should be built up as rapidly as possible" in Australia's national interest. The Australian economy was in a period of "more than full employment", hence voluntary recruitment would likely not achieve the required Army strength in the time needed; and the related training effort would see the Regular Army "cease to be an effective fighting force and become for some ... time ... a training organisation". The scheme introduced a birthday ballot requiring 21-year-old men who resided in Australia to register with the Department of Labour and National Service. If balloted in, men were obliged to perform two years' continuous full-time service in the Army (reduced to 18 months in 1971), followed by three years' part-time service in the Army Reserves. Full-time 'conscripts' were potentially liable for 'special overseas service' in areas that included Vietnam and the Malayan peninsula. The highly publicised registration was conducted biannually: in January, for those who turned 20 in the first half of the year, and in July, for those turning 20 in the second half. Non-registration was an offence. Those who did not register without reasonable explanation were



automatically balloted. The Vietnam moratorium protests in 1970-71 were the largest public demonstrations in Australia's history. The protesters were generally opposed to Australia's commitment to the war in Vietnam and particularly opposed to conscription. About 200,000 people took part in the first protest march, the largest in Melbourne attracting about 70,000. The second and third protests attracted less participants, with the second marred by violence. The selection for military service by ballot was identical to the procedure used from 1957 for the earlier national service scheme. About five weeks after the close of registration, numbered marbles representing birth dates were placed in two barrels. A pre-arranged number of marbles were drawn randomly from the barrels one at a time. Within a month, all men whose birth date was drawn knew if they were 'balloted in' or 'balloted out' of the scheme. Those who married before 'callup', who had serious criminal records, posed a security risk, or who had joined the Navy, Air Force or Army Reserves were provided with indefinite deferments. Temporary deferments were possible on the grounds of hardship or compassion, and educational commitments. Exemptions were considered after ballots were drawn. They were for either physical or mental disability, occupation, or conscience. Automatic exemptions were granted on occupational grounds to theological students, ministers of

religion and members of religious orders. Indigenous Australians as defined by the Act were also exempt, however, they could volunteer to serve. 'Defaulters' were those who failed to register at the required time, provide notice of a change of address, attend a medical examination, report for callup or provide mandatory requested information. Draftees who obstructed the process or made false and misleading statements were also deemed defaulters. In all, 14 men were prosecuted and imprisoned for failing to obey their call-up notice. National servicemen, on completion of their continuous full-time service, were entitled to re-establishment and civilian employment benefits. Those benefits protected the obligations they had entered before national service, and entitled them to return to their previous employment if they had been with their employer for at least 30 days before their service. Benefits included business loans, housing grants and vocational training. Between 1964 and 1972, 804,286 men registered for national service, 63,735 were conscripted to the Army. Of the 19,205 who served in Vietnam, 200 were killed and 1279 wounded. Read more in Edwards, P. 1997. *A Nation at War: Australian politics, society and diplomacy during the Vietnam War 1965-1975: the official history of Australia's involvement in Southeast Asian conflicts 1948-1975*, Volume VI, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest, NSW. (Army News Paper Dec 22)

The art of deception

The 4th Light Horse Brigade's 4th Regiment on the way to take part in the attack on Beersheba. Photo: Courtesy of the Australian War Memorial, accession number A02788. www.awm.gov.au/collection/

The famous cavalry charge at Beersheba was just one component of the WW1 victory. The Australian Army History Unit reports. (Army News Nov 22) The British victory at Beersheba in Palestine on October 31, 1917, was a part of the third battle of Gaza. It is popularly remembered for the famous actions of the Australian 4th Lighthorse Brigade.

Their charge across nearly six kilometres of ground drove their Turkish enemies from Beersheba, secured the precious desert water wells there, and set the conditions for the securing of Gaza one week later.

Less commonly known is the operation's deception plan that was pivotal to the victory.

The lessons learnt from that deception still hold true today.

In 1917, two Turkish armies held the Gaza-Beersheba line, blocking the British Egyptian Expeditionary Force's access to Palestine from Sinai.

In February, the British War Cabinet authorised a Palestine campaign. Its objectives were the capture of Gaza and then Jerusalem.

Following two failed frontal assaults against Gaza in March and April, the third successful attack in November was different. It involved pinning the enemy at Gaza, while horse and camel-mounted infantry who manoeuvred around the eastern flank of the line at Beersheba supported direct infantry attacks on Beersheba. By the conclusion of the third battle of Gaza, the road to Jerusalem was open to the British.

A key to British success was deceiving the Turks. They were led to believe the main attack would again be centred on Gaza. The perception created was that this time the attack would come from the rear.

One enduring deception myth, however, must first be dispelled; that of the haversack ruse and the involvement of British Major Richard Meinertzhagen. The well-known ruse involved, at great peril, the dropping from horseback of a haversack close to the Turkish lines for the Turks to recover. It contained false information designed to trick the Turks into believing the next assault would be



on Gaza later than October. Meinertzhagen claimed to have conceived and implemented the ruse. However, by 2007 it was proved he was not the architect, nor did he personally execute it, and that its effectiveness is doubted. Rather, a James Belgrave suggested the ruse, and it is more likely that British Captain Arthur Neate rode the horse and dropped the haversack. Aside from this ruse, five key elements underpinned the successful deception plan. First, four days before the attack, British artillery on the left of the line bombarded the Gaza defences. The shelling increased in intensity from day to day, giving the impression it was an extended preparatory barrage. Secondly, two simulated preparations were made for an amphibious landing to the north of Gaza. At the same time, deceptive wireless messages supported this notion while reinforcing the idea that any attack on Beersheba would be a feint later in the year.

A camp was established on the island of Cyprus to the north of Gaza. Buoys were laid down to direct transports, the local population was asked about supplies for a large force, and Cypriote speculation and gossip was promoted.

The navy also appeared to take soundings. A fleet of small craft were made to look busy, and battleships provided a bombardment in unison with the artillery.

Thirdly, well before the assault, the horse and camel-mounted infantry, often a division strong, conducted regular reconnaissance close to Beersheba. Their purpose was to accustom the Turks to such demonstrations.

Fourthly, all troop movements from their camps to their starting points occurred in the dark, while during the day efforts were made to maintain cover and silence. The evacuated camps were left standing, with fires lit in them at night, and lights burned in the tents. Finally, with air superiority, in the final week of October, constant air patrols were conducted during the day. The patrols gathered intelligence and ensured the enemy observed little or nothing of the British Army's movements to Beersheba.

The advantage of deception is that it is difficult for an enemy to counter, and it affords surprise. Conversely, deception is not a panacea. Adequate combat power is still required to win the battle, and it can be difficult to know if the enemy has been deceived; let alone to know if you have been deceived. The third battle of Gaza provides an example of the elements of deception that hold true today:

- Good intelligence and security
 - Knowledge of your enemy's perceptions and expectations
 - Deception and operational planning integration
 - Adequate time to both plan and execute operational deception
 - Air superiority or the ability to control your enemy's reconnaissance of your forces
 - Creativity in blending these elements into a clever and innovative plan.
- The British deception plan during the third battle of Gaza was pivotal to their victory. It set a foundation for the broad and successful integration of deception and operational planning during the Second World War and beyond.

Just for the laughs! Thanks Ken Myers for these contributions!

Paddy says to Mick I'll turn 18 t'morra and its a family tradition that I will be able to walk over the lake to the Pub for a drink.

Now Mick his best mate has some doubt and says t'morra w'll hire a boat, row to the centre of the lake and you get out and I'll meet you at the Lakeside Pub for a celebratory drink.

So Paddy agrees. Next day all enthusiastic he jumps out hits the bottom of the lake comes back up all a spluttering, Mick grabs him and pulls him in. Paddy says I could have drowned I can't swim.

Now Paddy is pissed off by his inability to walk on water and in his belief of the legend and says I will go see my Nan and seek the truth.

Nan hears his story and laughs. Then confirms the legend was true but says they were all born in December and here it is you in June. They all walked over a frozen lake to the Pub. Aaarh to be sure.

The Cemetery

Paddy and Mick were exploring when Mick shouts "Paddy look at this there's some one born in year 152. Paddy says "what's his name". Mick replies " Miles from London."

Apologies to all claiming Irish descent. Ken M.

Taming of the 2IC

1966 8 SIG REGT Memories from Lidcombe

Sit- Our Snow was a good man who was in his terminal posting. He had an attitude regarding the professional capacity of CMF officers so had a tendency to challenge them.

Myers you are to be the supervising officer for the other ranks club. You are required to prepare the Rules of Operation by the end of the week. The next day they were given to him for approval. Again he was taken back by the quick response.

What I didn't say was that I had anticipated the duty and simply studied and changed that written for 5 Signal Regiment to read 8 Signal Regiment. This happened during the period of my May 66 Annual Camp at Lidcombe.

Two of our SQN COMDs had served in 1 Signal Regiment. Their Civilian occupations were Sales Manager Rothmans NSW and Senior Personnel Officer Qantas Airlines. The OC Admin SQN was the Office Manager of Ralph King & Yuill Stockbrokers. The Cross St Mosman Unit did not come under command as 155 Sig Sqn till 20 Oct 1969.

Part 3. Our CO Jimmy Trick was aware that Snow had been a rough diamond but he had the experience we needed and Jimmy believed that given time we would gain his respect.

As previously said the Officers Mess was tiny but there was room for a card table. Snow was very competitive. We had a WRAAC officer attached who was a Liar Dice champion. After two months of play Snow had not won a game. Penalty, loser buys drinks. The WRAAC Officer's capacity exceeded that of Snow and there was frustration.

So a suggestion was put. Change the bet for winning to be sex. Our WRAAC Officer had a great sense of humour and so it was put to him. Next game she lost to Snow who had made no commitment to the bet but every one was aware of the bet. Snow was speechless on winning. The Mess became silent.

Then she said in a raised voice " Is it to be standing up or laying down." All the mess broke out in laughter. It was then Snow new he had been had and bought a round of drinks. We then considered him tamed.

The Joker Ken Myers
RHQ 8 Sig Regt.

CERTA CITO FOUNDATION

Message from Bruce Long

Hi All,

I just wanted to provide an update on the Certa Cito Foundation (CCF) before the end of year. It has been a very slow process to make the regulatory changes to the CCF with a new Constitution, state legalities along with acceptance as and national Company (ASIC). Once that happened the CCF applied for Charity Status, which has just been approved. Many milestones just to establish the foundation to a working entity. We still have more to go in the new year with establishing the CCF as a "Not For Profit" company, we hope to have more news to pass on this and other information in 2023. The CCF eventually will be in a position to help current and past Corps serving members in a number of ways. The RASIGS Associations and other Signal groups will be able to source assistance in a number of areas, this will be explained in the coming year. Below is a paragraph from our constitution that details our purpose.

Charitable purposes and powers

6. Object

The Foundation's object is to pursue the following charitable purposes:

6.1 advancing the education, health and welfare of members and veterans of the Australian Defence Force (the ADF) in general and RA Sigs in particular, their families and their communities, including but not limited to:

(a) providing benefits, whether in the form of goods and services or financial support, to serving members of the ADF to help alleviate hardship

(b) providing benefits, whether in the form of goods and services or financial support, to former members of the ADF to help alleviate hardship

(c) providing benefits, whether in the form of goods and services or financial support, to the families and communities of serving and former members of the ADF, to help alleviate hardship

(d) providing grants and bursaries to assist in the education of children of serving and former members of the ADF, and

6.2 advancing the safety and security of Australia and the Australian people, including but not limited to:

(a) raising the profile of, and community engagement with, the ADF in general and RA Sigs in particular, including raising awareness of the heritage and history of RA Sigs CONSTITUTION of Certa Cito Foundation Ltd

(b) undertaking commemorations, promotional events and celebrations with a view to making the Australian community at large more patriotic

(c) providing material support to the ADF in general and RA Sigs in particular, including providing specific support to deployed units, and

(d) promoting the pursuit of excellence among serving members of the ADF in general and RA Sigs in particular, including through the establishment of competitions, awards and trophies.

I would like to ask all RASigs Presidents if they are happy for me to remain the Association representative or have they someone else they would like to suggest. I'm happy to continue if you support my position. Please let me know ASAP.

Also, please remember the RASigs National Reunion in November 2025 to celebrate the 100th Birthday of our Corps. The Reunion will be held in Healesville Victoria where it is close to Wastonia and Balcombe.

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards



Bruce Long
RASigs Association Representative
Certa Cito Foundation



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOCIATION (NSW) Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Paddington RSL Club
12:30 hours Sunday 19 November 2022

Present:

Management Committee

President/Secretary	Paul Irving
Committee Members	Chris Johnson Barry Izzard

Members Bob Eaglesham, Chris Ballantine, Michael McEvoy, Barbara Edwards

1. APOLOGIES

The President chaired the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Paul Hummerston, Edward Farrell, Carol Ward, Ken Myers, Keith Roberts, Garry Olsen, Geoffrey Davidson, Simon Stattern.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the previous AGM of 19 November 2019 were confirmed. [Bob Eaglesham/Barry Izzard]

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE AGM

Inwards Nil

Outwards Nil

5. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The President tabled his Annual Report for 2022 (Attachment 1).

The President's Report was accepted. [Chris Ballantine/Barbara Edwards]

6. FY 2021/22 FINANCIAL REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, Paul Irving presented the Treasurer's Report (Attachment 2) and referred to the surplus achieved in FY 2021/22.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. [Chris Johnson/Barbara Edwards]

7. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Bob Eaglesham presented the Auditor's Report (Attachment 3).

The Auditor's Report was accepted. [Bob Eaglesham/Chris Ballantine]

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were elected to the Management Committee [Bob Eaglesham/Barbara Edwards]:

President	Paul Irving
Senior Vice President	Paul Hummerston
Vice President	Vacant**
Secretary	Paul Irving
Treasurer	Keith Morris
Membership	Paul Hummerston
Member	Barry Izzard
	Chris Johnson

Vacant** No nominations were received for this position

Chris Johnson was appointed as Editor and Publisher of *Thurunka* and Chris Ballantine as Honorary Auditor.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Bob Eaglesham raised the creditors provision in the Financial Reports of \$526.06 owing to the President being \$150 for wreaths and \$376.06 for costs associated with the Anzac Day 2022 reunion. Moved Bob Eaglesham/Mike McEvoy that the President be reimbursed \$526.06 - Carried.

Moved Paul Irving/Bob Eaglesham that Barry Izzard be reimbursed \$75.00 for cost of wreath for the Annual Memorial Service - Carried.

Discussion was held on how the Association could be more relevant to members; whether the *Rhumb Corps* lunches should be reinstated; and what the Corps was proposing for its 100th anniversary in 2025.

The President advised that he would write to the CO 8 Sig Regt thanking him for the support provided to the Association for its Memorial Service; to the Chaplain and Bugler; and to the Paddington RSL for the use of a room for the AGM.

The President also thanked Bob Eaglesham for many years of dedicated service as Hon Auditor and to outgoing Committee members, Carol Ward and Peter Ivey.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1310h.

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President/Secretary

Date: 20 November 2022