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Editor's Apology

In the September 2019 edition MAJ John Schulz (Retd) wrote a wonderful article about the late SGT Ted Kaminski.

In the acknowledgement I inadvertently wrote CAPT instead of MAJ so I would like to correct the error and humbly apologise to MAJ Schulz for my mistake.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2020. I hope you have all stayed healthy over the past few months when there has been so much going on.

The extreme weather conditions across Australia have impacted a lot of people so I have no doubt there are family and friends of Association members who have experienced some loss and tough times. Our thoughts and best wishes go to everyone who has been affected by the bushfires and floods across the states.

The support to those people affected has included a huge response from the ADF and as always, the RAEME elements make up a big part of the effort.

Last year finished on a good note with a successful AGM and Corps Birthday dinner held at the Plympton Glenelg RSL. The AGM and dinner were quite well attended and certainly enjoyed by those members present. More on the AGM in this newsletter, but I am pleased to advise the committee is keen to work on making sure we can maintain the efforts of running the association and have some good functions during the year.

On Friday 29th November it was great to head out to Edinburgh and see the hard work of 1 CSSB come together as they hosted the Corps Birthday Celebration. It has been quite a while since the celebrations had not been at Woodside but 1 CSSB certainly put on a great show and entertained everyone that was able to get there.

There was a lot of activity going on and lots to have a look at with trades displays, competitions and a huge raffle at the end. I was also fortunate to be able to present the Association "Soldier of the Year" Award while I was there.

In regard to the awards, we usually provide an award for both a Regular and Reserve RAEME Soldier (CFN to CPL). Last year there were no nominations for a Reserve member but two outstanding nominations for the Regular soldier. As a result it was decided both nominees would be presented with an award.

The winners were CPL Josh Russell of 16 Regiment and CFN Robert Caddy (now CPL Caddy) of 9 CSSB. Both these tradesmen are great examples of the current expertise that represent RAEME and the Army in this modern age. Congratulations to both of them.

The first function planned for 2020 is fast approaching so have a look at the key dates detailed in this newsletter. The Anzac Function on 18 April will be a great night and an opportunity to catch up with many Association members for the first time in a while.

Later in the year (October) the Combined Logistics and Medical Corps Associations will once again hold a dinner at the West Lakes Golf Club. The dinner last year was an excellent night with 90 people attending and having a great time. There will be more information on this over the coming few months.

For Anzac Day the details we have will be in this newsletter and if there are any changes members will be advised.

I look forward to another great year and hopefully seeing many of you at the functions.

Arte et Marte
Richard Moyses
President



MAJ Richard Moyses presenting the ARA SofY award to FN Caddy



Congratulations



2019 “Soldiers of the Year” Award (Association Award)

- ARA - CPL Josh Russell
16 Regiment, and
- CFN Robert Caddy (now CPL Caddy)
9 CSSB
- GRES – No Nomination this year

*MAJ Richard Moyses presenting the
ARA SofY award to CPL Russell at the
ARA Corps Birthday Function at Edinburgh*



Congratulations. Ed

2019 “Best Overall Cadet at 43 ACU” Award (Association Award)

TBA

RAEME Association of SA DIARY DATES 2020

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- RAEME Luncheon (Avoca Hotel)	Tuesday 3 rd March
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 18 th March
- 2020 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion – Plympton/Glenelg RSL	Saturday 18 th April
- 2020 ANZAC Day March	Saturday 25 th April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 17 th June
- RAEME Luncheon (Avoca Hotel)	Tuesday 1 st September
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 16 th September
- RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function	Friday 30 th October
- Annual General Meeting	Saturday 28 th November (4pm)
- RAEME Birthday Family Function	Saturday 28 th November (evening)
<u>Allied Military Association Functions</u>	
- Defence Reserves Association of SA - AGM	TBA
- Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See Museum Website)	Wednesday 13 th May

VALE – Lest We Forget



SGT Bob Gell

**Vehicle Mechanic – 3/9 SAMR LAD
Passed away 20 Dec 2018**

WO1 Ray **EACOTT**
passed away 28 Feb 2020 in Brisbane
Vietnam 68/69 - DIV S&T WKSP



Online lists of recent RAEME members Deaths and Illnesses are always available at:

- <http://www.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-alt>
- <http://www.sa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-report>

SGT Robert (Bob) James Gell

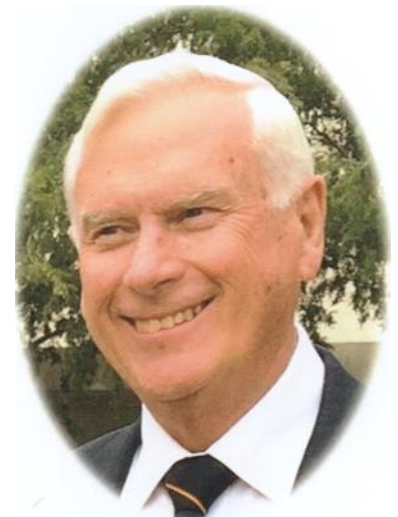
by MAJ John Schulz (Retd) (with assistance from ex-WO2 Bruce Watson)

Bob was a qualified VM which he practised at 3/9 SAMR LAD however his primary role (his choice) was Recovery. He was trained by SGT Bill Temby (so you can imagine what tricks they got up to !!) and was very good at the job.

Bob was a National Service dodger (in the sense that he chose to do CMF Service in lieu of doing the full time bit - at least this is what we ribbed him about) as he was an apprentice when National service kicked off and his marble came up. He was required to do 6 years in the CMF to satisfy the National Service requirements. I think he did 4 years with 3/9 LAD and then moved with his civilian job (from Chrysler in Adelaide to Borg Warner in Sydney). In Sydney he transferred to I think it was 2 Cav LAD to serve out the remainder of his time.

He started his service at 3/9 LAD with another lad (CFN Tugwell - also a National Service dodger) they were like a pigeon pair and they were called Bib and Bub. Bob in those days had a very free spirit and was always in trouble for something. Technically he was very sound however he had this wild streak so he fitted in very well at 3/9 SAMR.

He was very well respected by the Buckets.





Coming Activities

The ANZAC Commemorative March Saturday 25 April 2020

We have been in touch with the march organiser and the Order of March and FUPs are the same as last year. Our Vietnam Workshops veterans are in Group 8 and their FUP is in North Terrace. The AEME/RAEME Association group are in Group 13 and their FUP is adjacent to the RAA. More details in the April edition of the Newsletter

RAEME LUNCHEON

The RAEME Luncheon get-togethers are held twice a year on the first Tuesday in March and September. They are open to all serving and ex-serving RAEME personnel and are held at the Avoca Hotel, 897 South Road Clarence Gardens, at 12:00pm. This Luncheon is organised by Bob Killoran.



Next Luncheon is on Tuesday 3rd March

If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob by phone on 0412 060 315 by the Friday before the luncheon so they can let the Hotel know how many to cater for. If you know of others who spent time with RAEME, please let them know or bring them along.

2020 RAEME ANZAC FUNCTION

The committee has decided this year's RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion will be held on **Saturday 18th April** commencing at 6:00pm. The venue will again be the **Plympton-Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Road, Plympton Park**. Remember while there is some parking on-site, street parking may be required.

The format will be different from last year in that the meal will be catered (at approximately

7.00pm) followed by a "Remembrance Ceremony" at 9:00pm.

This function is for all serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintance". A great evening was enjoyed by all last year and the committee is working very hard to make sure the new venue makes it an even better function.

Mark the 18th April in your calendar now and plan to be there!!!

An Invitation with most details and a map showing the location is being circulated with this Newsletter. You will be emailed the actual food costings in the next couple of weeks.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Meetings will now be held approximately Quarterly at the **Plympton-Glenelg RSL**, nominally on the 3rd Wednesday of the month commencing at 6.00pm. Meetings are held in March, June and September with the AGM in December. **See the Diary dates on Page 3**

All members are welcome to attend.

Please confirm location and timings if you are planning to attend as it sometimes changes.

ARA RAEME Birthday Celebrations

I CSSB 29th Nov 2019

The Corps Birthday celebration for 2019 was hosted by 1 CSSB at Edinburgh which was the first time in many years it was not at Woodside. An excellent series of events and competitions was put together and managed extremely well by the many RAEME Soldiers who had put a lot of time and effort into the celebrations.



The morning kicked off with Tug O War and spanner (big shifter) throw competitions and these were followed on by the billy cart race which included many obstacles and challenges for the competitors. There was also a chin up (or heaves) challenge which was very impressive with the winner achieving over of 30!

Apart from the competitions and racing there was many displays of trade stalls, tool companies and some defence related suppliers. Along with these were the modified street cars and a Gel Blaster stand for the gun nuts. Inside the workshop people could have a go at roping from the beams, mini golf or gaming on the wide screen TVs. There was something for everyone.



There were also a wide range of the current vehicle fleet ranging from the Land 121 vehicles, APCs, and M88 Abrams Recovery Vehicle. At some stage of the day, the M88, while travelling at slow, speed met 2 much smaller cars. The 2 small cars came out second best which was no surprise to the entertained audience.

The RAEME Association was represented by President Richard Moyses, Secretary Don Harvy and Merchandising Member Bob Killoran. There was good interest and numerous sales of the RAEME merchandise that Bob took along. Thanks to Don and Bob for making the time to attend. All the people who attended were well catered for with a great BBQ and bar area providing the food and drinks. Everyone had a chance to walk away a winner with the mega raffle that had prizes donated by many businesses and organisations.



Overall a great day that finished with the cake cutting and some presentations. Congratulations go to 1 CSSB for hosting the day and to SGT Jamie Harwood, who was in charge of the preparations and led all the crew on the day, well done to all involved it was an excellent day for the Corps Birthday.

Thanks to MAJ Moyses for providing this article and pictures

CAN YOU HELP

Our Vice-President, Geoff Parker was given this picture some years ago by a workmate who didn't (or couldn't) explain the details. Geoff found the picture recently and is trying to work out the origin of the vehicles.

- An RAAF Blitz?
- Some sort of LH drive scout car? But with a cut away door

Can anyone help him. Your solutions can be sent via email to the editor gregrosser@adam.com.au who will pass them on to Geoff.



Our 2019 Corps Birthday Cake

*Hope you were there
to have a slice*

Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal??????

Subs are due on 1st July in the year your membership expires.

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years eg \$50 for five years.

Payment can be arranged through our Treasurer/Membership Member

CPL Bob Matthew (mobile) **0409 962 208**

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities are available.

An Obituary printed in the London Times

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,

- by his parents, Truth and Trust,
- by his wife, Discretion,
- by his daughter, Responsibility,
- and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 step children;

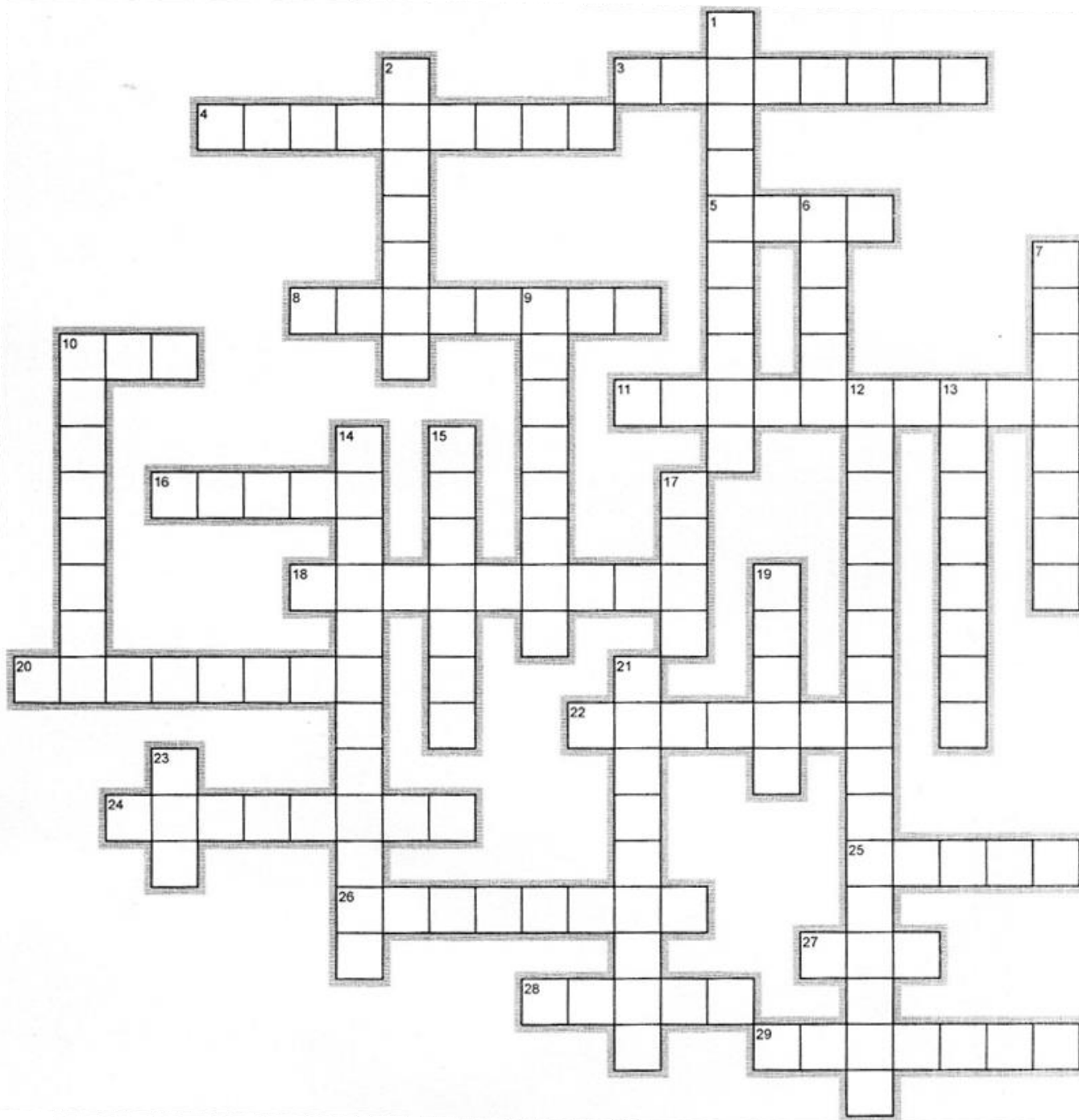
- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because, so few realized he was gone.

RAEME CROSSWORD

How well can you do

Thanks to Geoff Parker for organising this, there will be another one next edition



Across

- 3. GANGSTER'S MACHINE GUN
- 4. HF: HIGH.....?
- 5. THORNY FLOWER
- 8. BRAND OF TRACTOR
- 10. BIG HIT
- 11. MEASURES ANGLES
- 16. LARGE SEA MAMMAL
- 18. "YOU CANNA HAND A MAN A GRANDER SPANNER"
- 20. STOVE FUEL (TABS)
- 22. ARMY WATER BOTTLE
- 24. SHORTLEE ENFIELD
- 25. CRICKET STICK

- 26. REACTION
- 27. STYLE OF BEER
- 28. RED POLISHING PASTE
- 29. DAWN

Down

- 1. SOURCE OF COMPRESSED AIR
- 2. NUMERALS
- 6. DIRECT A COURSE
- 7. "WERMACHTKANNISTER"
- 9. SWORD HOUSING
- 10. WORD BOARD GAME
- 12. FUEL WITH ANTI-ICING ADDITIVES
- 13. "M" IN ROMAN NUMERALS
- 14. AMERICAN GAOL

Down

- 15. 43 BEANS
- 17. GRATIS
- 19. POMMIE CRICKET BALL
- 21. VERY LIGHT METAL
- 23. ACORN BEARING TREES

2019 AGM REPORT

The 2019 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 30th November at the Plympton- Glenelg RSL

Election of Office Bearers

<u>President:</u>	MAJ Richard Moyses
<u>Vice President</u>	Geoff Parker
<u>Treasurer & Membership</u>	Bob Matthew
<u>Secretary</u>	Don Harvy
<u>Assistant Secretary:</u>	Judy Moyses
<u>Asst Treasurer and Editor:</u>	LTCOL Greg Rosser (Retd)
<u>Ordinary Members:</u>	Bob Killoran Merchandising
	John Howard Historian
	Michael Culley
	Brian Holmes
	Doug Pammenter
	Lou Leeuwrik
<u>Hon COLCOMDT:</u>	COL Andrew Herbert



L-R Our Treasurer Bob Matthew, our President MAJ Richard Moyses and Minutes Secretary Judy Moyses

Finance

An audited statement was provided.

The financial position remains very strong for the Association with net position \$13,400

Major items covered include:

- Change of Association name agreed - proposal was passed by majority and the new name will be "RAEME Association of South Australia".
- The newsletter distribution will continue to be sent via email and only those who pay for delivery of the newsletter will be distributed by post. If you hear of any members who are not receiving a copy, ask them to email the editor.
- It was agreed that we continue to financially support 43 Army Cadet Unit for the sum of \$200 for 2020.

2020 Functions

- **ANZAC Function** - will be held on Saturday 18th April at the Plympton-Glenelg RSL.
- **Combined Services Corps Dinner** – will be held on 30th October at West Lakes Golf Course.
- **RAEME Birthday Function** – will be held on Saturday 28th November (78th Birthday) at the Plympton-Glenelg RSL.

Full copy of the minutes, financial statement and other attachments available on request from the Secretary.





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RAEME BIRTHDAY FUNCTION

The 77th RAEME Corps Birthday was celebrated by Central Region RAEME personnel at the Plympton – Glenelg RSL on Saturday 30th November (following the AGM).

As usual, several the *REME Association of SA* members travelled to join us for our Birthday function. We certainly appreciate the great relationship that exists between the two groups

As always, a special cake was prepared for the function and it was enjoyed by all.



Cutting of the Corps Birthday Cake by two current serving members from 107 Fd Wksp Coy



The catered meal was excellent and had a Yuletide theme. Roast Turkey, ham and hot vegetables followed by dessert.

As always this was an excellent function which was very well attended. It was fantastic to see so many RAEME and REME members and their families attend and enjoy the function and share in the numerous raffle prizes.



Checking out the numerous Raffle Prizes

This is always a great activity to catch up with old RAEME friends and fellow soldiers

The RAEME Association of SA “Soldier of the Year” winners for 2019 were announced:

- **ARA** –CPL Josh Russell and
- CFN Robert Caddy (now CPL),
- **GRES** – **No nomination**



Both winners were presented with their awards on the previous day at the ARA Corps Birthday activity by MAJ Moyses (see pages 2 & 3).

Our congratulations and thanks go to the organizers and the many helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the function such a success.

MEMBERSHIP

Subs are due on 1 July in the year your membership is current until. If the date on the list below shows 2019, (or before) then your subs are due NOW

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years eg \$50 for five years.

All subs are to be forwarded to the Membership Member, Bob Matthew (40 Ashbourne Ave KINGSWOOD SA 5062) Mobile 0409 962 208. Please include details of your date of birth if you wish to claim the free "over 75 year rule" membership.

Contact Bob Matthew for details if you want to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

According to the records, the following persons are financial members of the Association:

Honorary Life Members

Mike Culley, Bob Killoran, Grant Kuchel, David Turner, Greg Rosser, Richard Moyses, Don Harvy.

Current Members

Wally Ade (2015), Milton Ahrens (2023), Frank Aldous (Over 75), Graham Amos (2019), Kurt Andersen (2016), Heath Arblaster (2013), Graham Arthy (2014), Joe Barton (Over 75), Paul Berk (2022), Wayne Birch (2020), John Black (2021), James Boulton (2022), Helmut Bohn (2013), David Brand (2025), Warren Brazil (2020), Kent Brown (2024), David Buckland (2021), Shane Buckley (2017), Robert Butler (2020), Robert Castle (2019), Trevor Clerke (2020), Geoff Coat (2018), Brian Cogan (2018), Don Collins (2020), George Cooke (2022), Phillip Coppin (2017), Ian Coulter (Over 75), Brian Cowell (2020), Peter Cox (2020), George Craig (2018), Bob Davis (2021), Joe Dennis (2023), Chris Duffield (2022), Nick Ebbs (2014), Len Edwards (2008), Mick Ellis (2014), Kym Everett (2013), Andrew Ferguson (2021), Jim Fisher (2013), Scott Fishlock (2019), Brian Flavel (2024), Rodney Fletcher (2014), Jan Gancarz (2025), Charlie Gauci (2018), Bob Gell (2019), Nick Gogilis (Over 75), Steve Gough (2015), Bob Gourley (2021), Tony Gow (2015), Stephen Green (2018), Gary Green (2021), Robert Hansford (2013), Anthony Harriden (2021), Arthur Hasse (2013), Greg Hay (2015), Colin Haynes (2022), Tony Hinton (2022), Brian Holmes (2020), John Howard (Over 75), Gary Howell (2018), Rodney Hussey (2013), Graham Janz (2021), Juris Jaudzems (2024), Ian Jeisman (2020), Jeff Johns (2021), Lindsay Johnson (2013), Mark Johnson (2015), Kain Neale (2017), Eric Kelly (2021), Bob King (Over 75), Arron Kinleyside (2020), Geoff Kohler (2020), Colin Kuchel (2014), Alf Lee (Over 75), Warrick Lee (2021), Adam Leer (2013), Lou Leeuwrik (2021), Greg Lowe (2023), Chris Macintosh (2036), Tony Mackay (2019), Alan Marks (Over 75),

Trevor Martin (2021), Bob Matthew (2020), Bob Mathews (2020), Fred McInerney (2020), Gavin McMahon (2021), Buzz Meakes (2020), Terry Monten (2022), Ian Moody (2016), Ron Moran (2022), Barry Naulty (2013), Kain Neale (2016), Ian Nicholls (2022), Gary Nicolescu (2020), Troy Oakes (2021), Peter Oliver (2014), Alex Oschmanns (2013), John Owen (2019), Doug Pammenter (2020), Nick Papanikolaou (2020), Geoff Parker (2020), Trevor Parrott (Over 75), Roger Parsons (2014), David Pearce (2021), Greg Penno (2014), Rex Perry (2019), John Prince (2024), John Raftery (Over 75), Chris Rajasingham (2022), Hank Ramm (Over 75), Mick Reeve (2013), Pete Reynolds (2020), Antonio Riezzo (2019), Greg Robinson (2016), Stephen Rogers (2017), Dennis Rowlands (2028), Ray Ryan (2022), Perry Sangster (2014), Barra Schmidke (2013), Bob Silcock (2019), (Victor Sobotnik (2019), Walter Soroka (2019), Max Sparrow (2017), Ian Starick (2014), Murray Stock (Over 75), Penny Stone (2012), Donald Sutherland (Over 75), James Szpunar (2017), Michael Tamassy (2020), Ian Taylor (Over 75), Bob Temby (Over 75), Graham Terry (2013), Simon Thomas (2021), Robert Thompson (Over 75), Michael Thompson (2024), Dick Tischer (2017), Ken Treloar (2014), Brian Tuohy (2024), Graham Tweeddale (2018), Damien Van De Velde (2022), Mark Van Oostveen (2020), Eugene Wasilenia (2021), Bruce Watson (2020), Graham West OAM (2019), Robert Whaite (2016), Brett Wilkeson (2013), Craig Williams (2021), Brett Williams (2020), John Wilson (2017), Betty Winstanley (2019), Pat Wright (Over 75), Brian Yelds (2020), John Zander (2022), Pete Zander OAM (2022)

Associate Members

Marg Culley (2020), Anne-Michelle Howell (2021), Christine Kuchel (2024), Joan Lorraine (Over 75), Judy Moyses (2018), Janet Thompson (2024),

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