




# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2017



“Every time our soldiers step forward into the breach, they do so confident in the knowledge that should they fall in the service of this country, the Fund has their back, and will continue to take care of that which is most precious to them.”

Commanding Officer SASR

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# WELCOME



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## ABOUT THE SAS RESOURCES FUND

The Special Air Service Resources Fund (SASRF) assists current and former members of the SAS Regiment (as well as dependants of those members) who are in need of relief or support. The Fund was established in 1996 after the Blackhawk helicopter tragedy which claimed 18 lives and rendered one soldier paraplegic. The Fund was set up to fill the gap in existing Government support.

The primary beneficiaries are the dependants of SAS soldiers who are killed or severely disabled in, or as a result of, operations or training. The Fund also assists the families of other ADF personnel who are killed or disabled while working alongside the SAS Regiment in SASR controlled operations or training.

The Fund provides peace of mind to members serving in the Australian Special Air Service Regiment. They rest assured in the knowledge that they, and their families, will be looked after in the event of death or injury.



### SASRF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The SASRF is not able to provide the care and assistance to current and former members of the SAS Regiment and their dependants without the support of the friends of the Fund. It is our donors, sponsors, volunteers and supporters who ensure we are able to carry out our work.

The Wanderers Education Program, coordinated by the Regiment, provides all members posted to the Regiment with an opportunity to conduct tertiary and vocational education, as well as other professional and personal development opportunities. The expansion and success of this Program is due to the generosity of donors; we thank you for your generosity.

We would like to thank our lawyers Solomon Brothers and our auditors Ernst & Young, who provide the Fund with pro bono advice and support – something which they have done since the Fund's inception over 20 years ago. Greg Meyerowitz has recently announced his retirement from Ernst and Young after 34 years with the firm. We thank Greg for his many years of service to the Fund.

We currently have a number of scholarships and schools who ensure our beneficiaries are able to secure a high level of education. I would like to acknowledge and thank MLC, Trinity College and Scotch College for their scholarships and Christchurch Grammar, St Mary's and St Hilda's for their ongoing support of our beneficiaries. Guildford Grammar School is the latest school with which we have been able to secure a scholarship which takes effect December 2017.

I would also like to thank our very dedicated team of Tim, Jo, Donna and Sharon, who have once again done an excellent job throughout the year. Thank you to Marion Smyth who has been instrumental in providing invaluable counselling and assessments of beneficiaries throughout the year. Nick Brasington has again made an enormous contribution to the fund raising and scholarship program.

I thank all our Trustees, and our Committee members who have put in so much of their time and effort to support the Fund and the three Trusts. In particular, I would like to recognise and thank our assistance

committee and all members of the dinner committee, headed by Hon Chris Ellison, both of whom have made enormous contributions over the past year.

To our donors, your contributions ensure we are able to continue our work in supporting and providing such things as quality education, financial relief and respite for our beneficiaries.

Thank you too, to everyone else who has assisted in one way or another over the past year, we thank you sincerely for your support, without which we would not be able to function as we do. We appreciate that when we ask for your help and assistance, you are always generous in your support – please know this is greatly appreciated and not taken for granted.

We have had a wonderful year at the Fund, with such events and functions as the AFL Western Derby Breakfast, the Perth Charity Dinner, the Beneficiary Afternoon Tea and the Chairman's Function. This year we were fortunate enough to be supported by the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club at their annual Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

We look forward to working with you and seeing you at one of our events in 2018.



## VALE COMMODORE DAVID JAMES ORR

### VALE

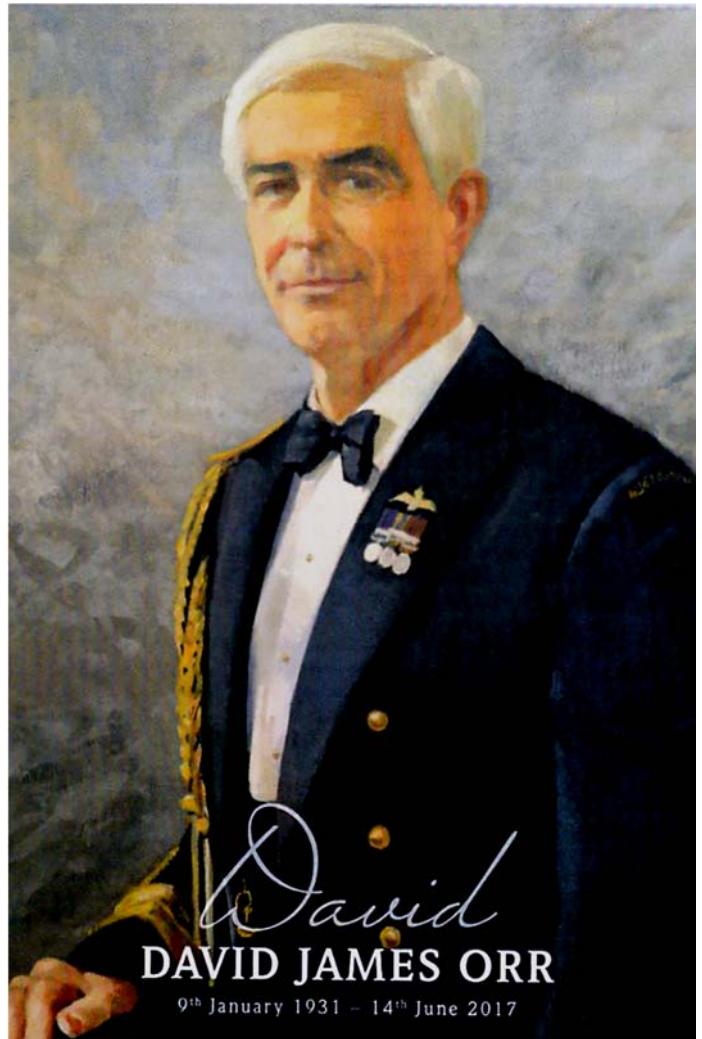
#### COMMODORE DAVID JAMES ORR RAN (RTD) 1931 - 2017

We note with sadness the death (on 14 June 2017) of David Orr, who was a trustee of the SAS Resources Fund for 12 years between 2000 and 2012.

David came to the Fund following a distinguished 33 year career in the Royal Australian Navy. He started as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm and ended his career as Naval Officer Commanding Western Australia. After retiring from the Navy in 1985 David became CEO of the Official Corruption Commission and then a Commissioner with the Anti Corruption Commission of WA. He also served as President or Patron of a number of Naval veterans organisations and as Warden of the State War Memorial.

When David was a trustee of the SAS Resources Fund he brought to bear considerable experience and empathy with problems encountered by military families. He also had good analytical skills and could reduce complex situations down to simple yes or no answers. David was so often able to cut through lengthy discussions on complicated issues and suggest sensible solutions.

David retired from the Fund after being struck down by a debilitating stroke. He had also lost his beloved wife Judith, so had to endure his final years without her. He showed great courage in his subsequent struggle to maintain his independence and did so in a manner befitting his hero Lord Nelson. Whenever visited by his friends he always put on a display of high spirits.



Despite his lifetime of high achievements David was always a gentle, humble man with an egalitarian outlook. He liked to describe himself as a “simple sailor” and that is certainly how he would wish to be remembered.

**May he rest in peace.**

(By the **HON PETER BLAXELL**)

### 2017 BENEFICIARY REFLECTIONS...

2017 has been a whirlwind of a year. You would think that after living in Melbourne for a year and a half that things would have settled into a routine, and everything in my life would be in order. However, being the daughter of an SASR Sargent I am constantly searching for new adventures and seeking excitement in all avenues of life. In some ways, I see parallels with those enduring long-service missions. Living on the opposite side of the country to all my dear family and friends, finding my own team to help me tackle life away from home. My mission, although not life threatening, comes with its own challenges and objectives.

This mission is University. The main objective; to successfully complete a bachelor degree in Journalism and Communications at Monash University. However, the road to get there has dangerous territory, also known as assessments, that require a combination dedication and treading carefully. There were tears, sleepless nights and fatigue as I travelled along the road tackling all challenges head first. We got there in the end and the first mission, completing year two of my journalism degree, was accomplished. Of course, this mission was only achievable by being part of a team.

I had my support network of close friends I've made while in Melbourne, but most importantly the funding provided by the SASRF. Without the ongoing, generous contributions from the Fund to fund my university studies I would not have had the opportunity to expand my knowledge and progress towards achieving my goal. I truly believe that education has the power to change the world, so thank you for providing me with the unwavering support I needed to delve into the unknown and for believing in me.

My second mission for 2017 was finding new ways to better my life. In order to live every day to the fullest, and follow the admirable attributes of our fallen, I am

determined to stay both physically and mentally healthy. I needed to find a way to get through the mission when times were tough. This is when I fell in love with yoga. Through its teaching, I discovered what lit me up from inside out. Throughout the year, my passion for the practice grew and before long yoga began to play a pivotal part in my happiness.

However, practicing was only the beginning. There was a little voice in my head (Dad) that told me I had more light to give and more knowledge to learn. With this passion for my new hobby I decided to complete my yoga teacher training course.



The SASRF have been beyond supportive, digging deep to provide me with another opportunity to grow through education. Becoming a yoga teacher has been the most empowering, bewildering and captivating experience. It has taught me so much about myself and opened up so many opportunities I never thought possible.

I truly believe yoga has the power to transform my future objectives and career path. I have fallen in love with the physiology and psychological make up of the human body, and hope to study it in depth via natural medicine, myotherapy and nutrition. It has been the highlight of my year and has enlightened me with devotion, perseverance and purpose. These all represent values that I believe my Dad would be very proud of.

Thank you SASRF, especially Donna, for allowing me to spread my light and making a year of challenging missions not so daunting. With your ongoing support, I am confident that all my future missions will be successes.

With love and gratitude always,

**ELLE-LOU DIDDAMS**

Last year I was feeling a little lost in what it was I wanted to do as a career. I have been interested in a few different things since finishing high school but realized last year that my interest in the medical field was evident. So I decided to apply for a Bachelor of Nursing at Queensland University of Technology here in Brisbane. I have really been enjoying my subjects including anatomy where I got to view the organs that are donated for science and pathophysiology, which are the disease concepts.

This year has definitely been challenging with the assignments and exams but I am glad to say I successfully finished my first year and can't wait to start working as a nurse. I go on my first placement soon in a nursing home and can't wait to finally put my knowledge into action. Next year I would really like to do a volunteer trip overseas to Nepal or Cambodia as I think it would be a great experience embracing the culture and learning diverse skills.

With the help from the SASRF I have been able to reduce my financial stress by utilizing my availability for study time and classes. The SASRF has helped me immensely and I can't thank you enough for your support on this journey..

### LAURA HAGAN



On the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2017, I set off on the St Mary's New York year 11/12 art and design tour. It was a long journey to New York through Sydney and LA, though by the time we got there we were all super excited. The highlights of the trip were visiting the MET and the Museum of Modern Art, having a guided 'Gossip Girl' tour around the city, going to the 9/11 Memorial Museum and seeing a Broadway show. It was surreal being at the 9/11 memorial site and we all left feeling quite moved by the experience.

My favourite night was when we went to see the Broadway show 'The School of Rock'. The actors were extremely talented musicians and I really enjoyed the singing and atmosphere.

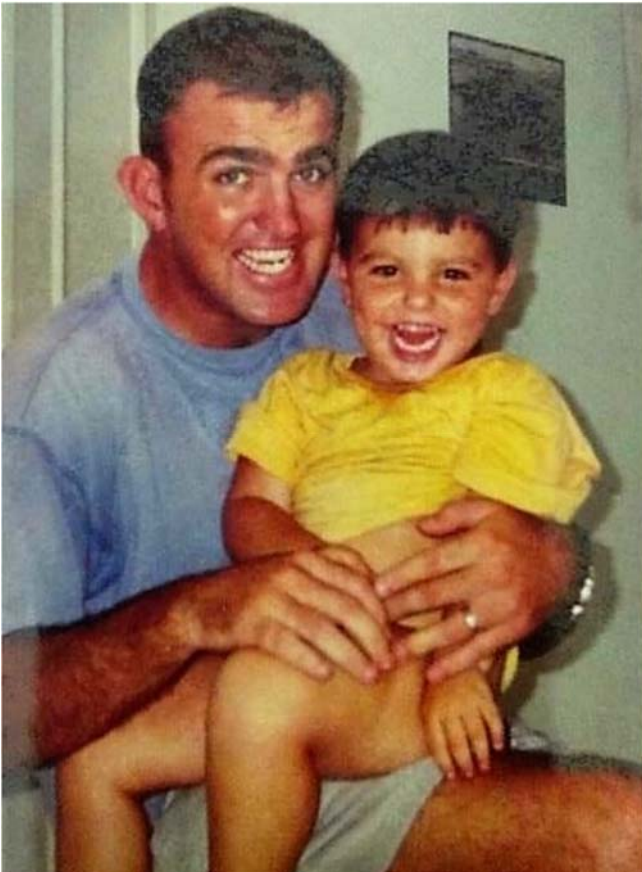
I feel extremely grateful that I had the opportunity to go to New York and have the experience that I did. I would like to thank the SASRF for giving me this amazing opportunity.

### ASHA BAKER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognise the SAS Resources Fund for all the support they have given me over 21 years. I became a beneficiary in June 1996 with the death of my father the late Captain John Berrigan of 5 Avn Regt in the Blackhawk Helicopter tragedy which occurred outside Townsville, Qld on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1996.

The SASRF covered all my education expenses which enabled me to go to Ignatius Park College in Townsville in my teen years where I probably spent too much time on the sports field and not enough in the classroom. However, my time at Ignatius Park College led to the formation of some truly great friendships that I am sure will endure for a lifetime.

After completing year 12 in 2010 I had a variety of jobs including working on the wharfs in Gladstone and Port Hedland before finally settling in Brisbane in 2015. Earlier this year at the age of 23 I decided to go



*Hayley and Benjamin*

back to my studies and do my Certificate IV in Property Services with Open Colleges and obtain my Real Estate Agents Licence and I hope to own my own agency one day. Once again the Fund stepped up and are covering my study expenses.

I enrolled to complete my studies part time over two years so I could still work part time and keep Hayley (my partner) happy and food on the table. I am extremely grateful and would like to again say a big thank you to all at the SASRF for the continued support over the years that has helped shape me to who I am today.

Regards,

**BENJAMIN  
BERRIGAN**





## OUR BENEFICIARIES

Dear Special Air Service Resources Fund

Yasmin and I are writing to you in order to express our most sincere gratitude and due respect for the ongoing support provided throughout the years. The financial and moral support has been instrumental in maintaining a steady course during the early foundation years of Yasmin's education in Queensland. The liaison and care provided by both Ann Edwards and Donna-lee Attrill has been beyond exceptional during these formative years, when challenges presented that could unsettle the most durable of children. The level of confidence and knowledge that the SASRF provides a comforting and steady hand has resonated deeply in Yasmin's consciousness. Yasmin and I discuss the foundation of the SASRF, which was based on the tragic event of June 12 1996. The enormity of which is only now embedded due to my relationship with the deceased veterans of the Blackhawk training accident due to being a member 1 Squadron in that year of tragedy.

Yasmin was recently able to attend the school Year 7 excursion to visit the national monuments in Canberra, in October 2017. It was indeed fortunate she was able to participate in such a crucial learning exercise of significance, as her mid-year enrolment actually precluded her from attendance. However, SASRF being the masters of adaptive warfare and a positive decision making cycle enabled a working travel plan to be arranged to the satisfaction of the school.

Attending the Australian War Memorial brought much greater clarity to the significance of the contributions of the nation and its citizens and servicemen and women in war and peace. Yasmin attended the Special Forces exhibition and according to her teacher, was deeply moved.

Discussing with her the selfless dedication, courage, endeavor and relentless pursuit of excellence by SASR in their unique role with the ADF gives Yasmin a distinct hint of pride and interest; furthermore; a developing respect and understanding of the unique role, tasks and risks that members undertake whilst serving in SASR.

We wish to thank the generosity of the donors, trustees, committee members, staff members and volunteers for their dedication, passion and support. We would like to make special mention to members of SASR who host and provide demonstrations and activities to donors for this provides such a sense of belonging and purpose to the SASRF. The time and effort taken outside of their rigorous operational and training cycle is much appreciated and valued.

We wish to thank the Patron, His excellency MAJGEN Michael Jeffrey, AC CVO MC, Chairman Greg Solomon, Vice-Chairman Dr Grant Walsh CSM and all Trustees. Yasmin wanted to say thank you and hello to The Honorable Peter Blaxell and the SASRF Chief Operating Officer Mr Tim Hawson, whom she remembered (from the 2016 SASRF newsletter photo) many years ago when visiting Perth and the SASRF offices. Thank you also to Ms Donna-lee Attrill and Ms Jo Nelson for their terrific support.

In closing we wish to thank, and give our sincere respect and gratitude to the Commanding Officer, and all ranks of SASR.

Sincerely,

**ANDREW AND YASMIN CAVE**

I moved to Adelaide to live with my dad, Tin Tin and Maddie in early July of this year. I got to enjoy settling into my new home and I am excited that I get to live closer to some of my favorite family members.

It was a big change from the Gold Coast, but it has been good because I have had a lot of new experiences and made new friends.

Mercedes College is a beautiful school nestled into the hills, with many academic and co-curricular opportunities. It is a Catholic school (Sisters of Mercy); therefore, the school emphasizes the values of: compassion, loyalty, responsibility and mutual respect. Some of my favorite subjects are sport, English, science, and performing arts.

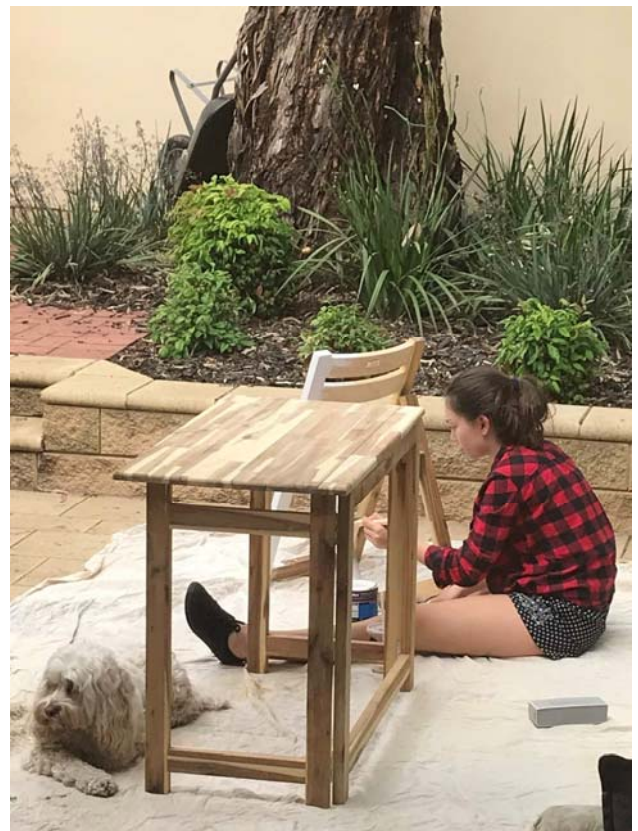
In October my Year 7 class visited the Australian War

Memorial. Dad said if it was not for the SASRF and their support I would not have been able to go. It fills me with a sense of pride that I was able to visit the War Memorial. Dad and I have discussed the history of the SASRF, and the support that it provides to SASR and its members, and the families of the soldiers killed, injured and wounded.

I am very grateful for the generosity, support and opportunity provided by the SASRF. Thank you so much.

Yours sincerely,

**YASMIN CAVE**



## OUR BENEFICIARIES



Dear Chairman and members of the SASR Board,

I wanted to say hello and give you an update on Mitchell.

Mitchell was in Year 5 this year at Southern Cross Catholic College and was kept busy with Naplan and lots of projects. The year 5's went on school camp over to Magnetic Island in October.

At the recent school awards night Mitchell received a Diligence Award and a Gold Academic Excellence Award for his hard work. He was also invited to participate in ICAS testing and received a Distinction for his English exam and a Credit on his Math exam, both very good results.

Mitch has represented the school at the Riverside Math Competition and in the Opti-minds challenge, he has enjoyed being part of Science Club and the Mini Vinnies program to visit the elderly in nursing homes. He has continued to learn the drums and played with the school percussion ensemble in the local Eisteddfod. Mitch played basketball for the first half of the year and is currently deciding on what sport to try next.

Thank you for your continued support of Mitchell and his education.

Love,

**MELISSA AND MITCHELL BINGLEY**

Dear Chairman of the SASR Fund,

I would like to say a very sincere thank you. Thank you for the many years of care and support that you have provided to my family and I. The financial aid towards my education and extra curricular activities have been immensely appreciated.

As a result of this education, I now find myself as a Territory Sabs manager at Merik Sharp and Dohme and am currently looking to buy my first home. The statue of the SAS soldier will serve well as a lasting reminder of all you have done for my family and I and what you continue to do for many more like us.

Sincere thanks,

**JOSH TOMBS**



### THE ELLIS FAMILY

WRITTEN BY MARIE, KAREN, JOSEPH AND DANIEL

#### SGT HUGH WILLIAM ELLIS

The 12th of June 1996 is etched into my mind and that of my three children; Karen 8, Joseph 6 and Daniel 3 at the time.

I was excited when Hughie was going on exercise for three weeks, as I had plans to remove wall paper and paint the inside of the house to surprise him on his return. (which I must say Tony and Kim Kholmann from SASR completed for me).

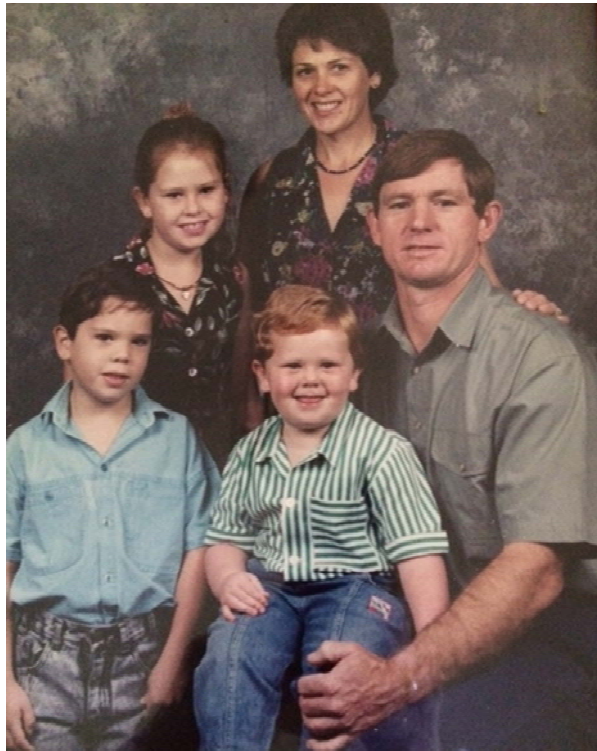
This time was different. When Hughie left this time he told Joseph that he was the man of the house now, something he'd never done before.

Kids asleep, time for me to get back to work on my project. My phone rings, Ingrid a friend called to see where Hughie was and after much convincing told me about the Blackhawk accident. My whole body was numb, you just know, I knew Hughie wasn't coming home from that second. I still hear my friend Kim's footsteps coming down the driveway on that night to be there with me before details were confirmed.

Memories of a lot that was said is unclear because of shock taking over but there was very quick talk of a Trust being formed to help with education of the children. I didn't think a lot of it at the time but the response to the Trust amazed me, to know that people were so generous and genuinely cared. Thousands of letters and well wishes rolled in.

This Trust has also been emotionally supportive. Ann Edwards OAM, a past member of the Trust, has pretty much known our highs and lows since 1996, and was only a phone call away for a chat and reassurance and still is.

The SASR Trust supports the spouse and dependent children until the age of 25 which absolutely takes that burden away, so a parent can concentrate on their children's emotional needs and wellbeing. It also indicates to children how important their parent was in the role of protecting our Nation. I feel the Trust will always be part of my adult children's lives in one way or another.



We moved back to Victoria where my family are and the Trust have paid for all of us to return to Perth for memorial services. Without that help we would not have been able to make the journey. Our first Christmas we were asked if there was something we would like, a strange request when I think back on it now, but I asked for Santa to visit the children and he did, at my parents' house. Peter, ex SASR, turned up as Santa, just amazing, the children couldn't believe their eyes. We also had a Trust funded holiday to the Gold Coast and of course education, sporting and medical costs have been funded allowing the children

to pursue their desires in life.

I believe life would've been so different with Hughie still around, it's been a hard, emotional road for everyone, which doesn't really get a lot easier. Milestones in life; birthdays, engagements, weddings, grandchildren being born, hit home to us all the loss of my dear husband and the children's wonderful Dad.

I/We have not been outwardly vocal over the years, we have just never been like that but from the bottom of my/our heart, I/We appreciate the dedication, generosity, enormous amount of time, effort and support of all past and present SASR Trust Members, and Donors.

Sincerely Yours  
**MARIE ELLIS-BIRD**

I was 8 when I woke to find out Dad wasn't coming home and we wouldn't have him to watch us grow. The Trust has been very supportive and has funded my Diploma of Beauty Therapy, C111 in Hairdressing and C1V in TAE. Also helped me complete my beauty therapy and hairdressing kits and set up. I am now 30, married to Mark and have two beautiful children, Archie Hugh-James-4 years old and Sienna Louise-2 years old. To my kids, my Dad is known as special Pa and they know if they want to talk to him, to find the brightest star in the sky. Dad is still a huge part of our lives and we all talk about him frequently.

I have recently started back at work as a Barber, doing designs and loving it. The Trust has been amazing, particularly one very special lady in all our lives, Anne Edwards, whom we still keep in touch with and is still a big part of our lives.

I am extremely grateful to all Trust members and donors who have supported us.

**KAREN**

First of all, an honourable mention to Ann Edwards for all the love and care she has given myself and her "Blackhawk babies" as she calls us, we are truly blessed to have her in our lives. Speaking of amazing woman, my mother lost her true love, Hughie, my father, in 1996.

I remember waking up that morning, finding out my Dad wasn't coming home, we have been heartbroken since. Broken lives still have to move forward, 21 years on, Meagan and I have two beautiful daughters, Evie Louise-2 years old and Poppy Wilma.

I travelled a lot from ages 19-24, it helped me escape some growing pains when I felt I needed my Dad around the most. The Trust helped me with my education and I started at Deakin University but found this wasn't for me at that time. Now I work at the Geelong based Toyota dealership and am a manager of 15 mechanics. Revisiting University to finish my Psychology degree is maybe something I will look into in the future.

We have grown into a big family but the four of us remain very close wherever we are in the world or in our own lives. We thank the Trust for all they have done, more than anything for what they have done to assist my mother in raising us. I wish I could have known my Dad, I struggle to remember his face some days but I will never forget him. My Mum, She did the hard yards though and no one has done those yards like my mother. Dad was an amazing man but my mother is the most amazing person.

**JOE**

I was never that fond of school after Primary School but always worked hard to achieve a good result. Leaving school and starting an aluminium boat building apprenticeship at 15, I finished a four year apprenticeship in just over three years through fast tracking.

I have always loved fishing and hunting and the outdoor life. So I saved up and bought a camper trailer, then along with my girlfriend Erin, saved until we could afford to travel. Travelling the east coast in 2016 we then came back home and took off in 2017 travelling west in hope to find work. No work in southern WA so I applied for a position at Home Valley Station in the Kimberley. Now both Erin and I are happily working there, I work at Ground Maintenance and am learning many skills.

I have been very fortunate that the Trust has provided me with educational and sporting needs over the years and paid for a welder for me. Thank you to all concerned.

**DANIEL**



*Daniel, Erin, Marie, Archie, Karen, Mark, Sienna, Meagan, Evie and Joe*

### 2017 AFL WESTERN DERBY BREAKFAST

28TH APRIL 2017

The annual AFL Western Derby SAS Resources Fund breakfast, traditionally held on the eve of the first Fremantle / West Coast derby was held at Domain Stadium and attended by an outstanding crowd of some 255 people. The event again proved to be popular and well supported by a loyal group of WA football fans and members of the local business community. The Bill Walker Room provided an ideal and appropriate venue.

The special guest this year was Mr Peter Sumich, who kindly agreed to take time from his busy WAFL commitments and attend. Guests were privileged to hear a range of footballing insights and anecdotes from someone who is regarded by many as one of the greatest West Coast Eagle players ever to grace a footy field - WA footy royalty.

Other VIP Guests included Mr Paul Papalia MLA, Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests (representing the WA Premier) and Mr John McGrath MLA, shadow



spokesman for Racing and Gaming and Sport and Recreation (representing the WA State Opposition party), executives from WAFC, West Coast Eagles, PWC, Cossill Webley, Band of Queensland and Qantas, to name but a few.

The breakfast followed a traditional format consisting of the Fund Chairman Greg Solomon's opening speech and special guest Peter Sumich's AFL reflections with some highlights on Western Derby games of the past. MC Trevor

Jenkins then invited WCE coach Adam Simpson and FFC General Manager of Football Operations Chris Bond to the stage for an entertaining panel discussion.

Accompanying players Jeremy McGovern (WCE) and Hayden Ballantyne (FFC) were also quizzed on their pre-game thoughts and reflections. This was followed by a poignant and touching closing address from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who reminded the audience of exactly why the event is important and a



worthy cause to support. In typical style, the panel discussion and player interviews were conducted by the legendary ABC TV sports commentator Mr Trevor Jenkins who also performed the role of event MC. Trevor has been integral to the breakfast for over ten years and again compered the event to perfection.

A fundraiser auction concluded the mornings proceedings by auctioneer Mr Rob Druitt and was generously supported by audience members.

Many thanks to both the Eagles and Dockers for providing VIP boxes to the game, to Indoor Skydive (IFly) for providing a Corporate skydive package; to Mantaray for providing accommodation at their Ningaloo Beach Resort and to Qantas for providing the flight

We thank our sponsors and friends of the SAS Resources Fund for supporting this event and we look forward to welcoming everyone to the 2018 event.

## OUR THANKS TO THE WEST COAST EAGLES AND FREMANTLE DOCKERS FOOTBALL

INSIDE COVER



**Hayden Ballantyne, Peter Sumich**

### DIGGERS' DERBY

The annual Western Derby Breakfast is significant for two reasons — It gives WA footy fans a unique opportunity to hear from their teams a day before the derby and it is a major fundraiser for the SAS Resources Fund.

The second reason, of course, is considerably more significant considering money raised at the event goes towards supporting families of Special Air Service Regiment members either permanently disabled or who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

To appreciate the importance of the SASRF, one only has to know its origin, two decades ago, after a tragic Black Hawk training accident in North Queensland that claimed the lives of 18 soldiers, including 15 SASR members from Swanbourne's Campbell Barracks, with another SASR soldier left a paraplegic.

That terrible incident shocked the nation and left 10 children without fathers.

A group of prominent West Australians, led by retired businessman and former British SAS soldier Jeff Kazim, responded by establishing a trust to provide financial assistance to the families affected by the tragedy, and those who are similarly affected in the future.

So, while an event such as the Western Derby Breakfast is great fun for all who attend, its purpose could not be more serious.

In a foreword to the Fund's annual report last year, the SASR commanding officer, who is not named for security reasons, put it best: "Every time our soldiers step forward



**SASR members farewell a fallen comrade**

Into the breach, they do so confident in the knowledge that, should they fall in the service of this country, the Fund has their back, and will continue to take care of that which is most precious to them.

"In a capability sense, the difference that this makes to the SAS, as an operational unit, is profound."

This year's derby breakfast on April 28 will feature Eagles coach Adam Simpson, Freo assistant Anthony Rock and fan favourite Hayden Ballantyne, as well as former Eagles legend and Dockers coach Peter Sumich.

Search for "Western Derby Breakfast" at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) for a ticket to this special event.





## OUR EVENTS

### 2017 PERTH CHARITY DINNER

21ST JULY—2017

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1ST SAS COMPANY ROYAL  
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

Over 450 people enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing all the while raising funds for the SAS Resources Fund at the annual Charity Dinner held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The evening, which celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the 1st SAS Company Royal Australian Infantry, was made all the more poignant with speeches by Troy Simmonds, a former member of the SAS Regiment; and Naomi and Joshua Nary, two beneficiaries of the Fund. Their speeches gave a greater understanding of the sacrifices and challenges faced by current and former members as well as their families.

Following the live auction, expertly conducted by Peter Lawrance, guests enjoyed dancing to the Australian Army Band Perth, under the command of Band Sergeant Major WO2 Ray Hingston and Music Director Captain Matthew O'Keeffe. The superb three course meal was accompanied by wines courtesy of Churchview Estate and guests enjoyed beer courtesy of Broo.

Our sincere appreciation to our Event Foundation,



Platinum and Gold Sponsors for their support.

The evening would not be possible without the SASRF Dinner Committee who worked tirelessly under the guidance of Chairman Hon. Chris Ellison. Special thanks to Mr Geoff Baldwin, who was an outstanding MC; and to all the volunteers who helped on the night, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The SASRF would also like to thank the many special guests who attended, including Federal and State politicians, the Commanding Officer and the Regimental Sergeant Major of the SASRF, as well as several senior defence representatives.

Our sincere appreciation to all those who attended the evening, your generous support is greatly valued.



## 2017 CHAIRMAN'S SUNDOWNER

26TH OCTOBER—2017

The annual Chairman's Sundowner was held in the Minderoo Courtyard at Sunset. Guests were entertained by the Methodist Ladies College Dolce Quartet and enjoyed refreshments through the evening.

This event is an opportunity for the Chairman to thank our supporters, sponsors, volunteers, donors, Trustees and Committee members for their support throughout the year. Without this support, the Fund would not be able to provide the care and assistance it does to our beneficiaries.

Mr Rob Druitt welcomed guests and introduced the Chairman, Mr Greg Solomon who formally thanked our many supporters for their assistance throughout the year. Once again, Solomon Brothers and Ernst & Young provided the Fund with pro bono advise and support – something which they have done since the Fund's inception over 20 years ago. The Fund recognized the outstanding years of

service Mr Greg Meyerowitz has provided and wishes him well in his retirement.

The scholarships provided by MLC, Scotch , Trinity College and now Guildford Grammar School as well as support for our beneficiaries from St Mary's, Aquinas and St Hilda's was acknowledged as was the ongoing generosity of donors.

This was also an opportunity to thank Ms Marion Smyth and Mr Nick Brasington for their contribution to the Fund. The Trustees and Committees put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort to support the three Trusts and their tireless work is greatly valued.

To all the supporters and friends of the Fund - thank you for your support.

We look forward to welcoming all our sponsors, volunteers, supporters and donors to the Chairman's Sundowner 2018



## 2017 ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY YACHT CLUB

### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

7TH NOVEMBER—2017

The SASRF were fortunate enough to be put forward to be the charity that the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club supported for their annual Melbourne Cup Fundraising Luncheon.

Over 300 guests enjoyed a Silkwood champagne bar before watching the race and then enjoying a superb three-course meal matched with Silkwood wines and Broo beer.

There were several fantastic live auction items, including a personally signed book by the Prince of Flesh, Mr Vince Gareffa who was on hand to auction off his book.

Guest also were able to enjoy fashion in the fields as well other entertainment and events.



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### SASRF CHARITY DINNER COMMITTEE

A great deal of thanks is owed to the SASRF Charity Dinner Committee led by the Hon. Chris Ellison.

The Committee work tirelessly on all of the SASRF's major fundraising events. This year, these have included the Perth Charity Dinner and the RFBYC's Melbourne Cup Luncheon. Combined, these two events have raised over \$170,000.

Not to rest on their laurels, next year is looking to be another major fundraising year, with the inclusion of the Melbourne Charity Dinner to be held on Friday 2nd March at the MCG in the MCC Members Dining Room.

Jackie Masters, who worked at the SASRF's office and assisted the Committee left earlier this year to pursue her pottery career, we thank her for her many years of

valuable service. We also thank Mr Gary Ramsden, who has retired from the Committee. Gary, you were a valuable member of the team and we thank you for all your work. We welcome Ms Sally Doherty and Mr Simon Trevisan to the Committee.

#### SASRF DINNER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Hon. Chris Ellison (Chairman), Tony Wills, Peter Boyd, Geoff Baldwin, Sally Doherty, Simon Trevisan , Mike Smith, Hon Peter Blaxell, Dietmar Mazanetz, Andrej Karpinski and Ric Gloede .



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