

SAS RESOURCES FUND HISTORY

1996-2016



FOREWORD

If there was one single glimmer of light to emerge from the ashes of the 1996 Blackhawk disaster, it would certainly be the creation of the Special Air Service Resources Fund. While the unit was understandably reeling from its worst ever loss, and rightfully focused on rebuilding the short notice Counter Terrorism capability that Australia relies upon it to provide, a selfless group of individuals coalesced, unprompted, and set about creating this amazing institution. In doing so, they reacted swiftly, decisively and generously; and have continued to ever since.

The 20 years since the Blackhawk tragedy represents about a “generation” within the Special Air Service Regiment; the unit’s most senior soldiers today were young troopers or lance corporals back in 1996 when the accident occurred. Sadly, during that generation, almost every single member of the unit has experienced the loss of a friend in training or combat. But on each occasion, in the midst of their grief, our men and women have also seen the Fund immediately step into action. As a result, we have witnessed the children of our fallen mates grow up, being cared for by the Fund. No one can replace a lost father or husband but through its financial support and empathy, the Fund provides a backbone of solace in this darkest of situations.

By virtue of this fact, 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. In a capability sense, the difference that this makes to the Special Air Service, as an operational unit, is profound.

Finally, while every member of the Special Air Service Regiment is aware of the incredible support that the Resources Fund provides, I must admit that it has only been since assuming the role of Commanding Officer that I have come to fully appreciate the enormous time and effort put into this endeavour by the board and members of the Fund, and the incredible generosity and support of the Perth and, increasingly, wider Australian community. On behalf of every member of the Special Air Service Regiment, I wish to pass on our sincere thanks. I look forward to where the next 20 years of our relationship might take us!

Who Dares Wins

Commanding Officer SASR

SAS RESOURCES FUND TIME LINE

12 th June 1996	Blackhawk helicopter tragedy occurs outside of Townsville, Queensland in the late afternoon. 18 soldiers are killed, 15 from the SAS Regiment, Swanbourne, Western Australia. Another SASR soldier is rendered a paraplegic and many more are seriously injured. 10 children are left without fathers.
15 th June 1996	Mr Jeff Kazim starts work on the formation of the SAS Resources Trust, pulling together his Board members, Chairman, Patron and Auditor
2 nd October 1996	Launch of SAS Resources Trust at Government House, Perth Donations start arriving and bank account opened
1998	Unsuccessful trip to Canberra to seek \$10M donation from Federal Government
February 1999	Charity Concert held in Perth
23 rd April 1999	First address to SASR by Trust Secretary
December 1999	Invitation to Sydney by Governor, NSW for function
28 th July 2000	Charity lunch held in Perth with LTGEN Peter Cosgrove as Guest Speaker
February 2001	Invitation to Brisbane by Governor of Queensland for function
July 2001	Charity Dinner in Darwin with Guest Speaker LTGEN Peter Cosgrove
24 th May 2003	Charity Lunch, Elements Restaurant, Perth with Guest Speaker Olympian Mr Kieran Perkins
17 th October 2003	First Rugby Charity Breakfast held at Parmelia Hilton
February 2004	First Western Derby Breakfast held at WA Club, Perth
12 th June 2006	10 th Anniversary Ceremony held at Campbell Barracks
2007	First OOSJ Charity Dinner held at Royal Perth Yacht Club
20 th November 2008	Advice from Federal Government of Trust to receive \$10M Deed of Gift previously promised during 2007 Federal Election by Hon Keven Rudd, ALP Leader
16 th February 2009	Death of Founding Trustee, Mr Jeff Kazim
April 2009	\$10M received in Trust's bank account from Federal Government
July 2010	Formation of Commando Welfare Trust and donation of \$350,000 from SAS Resources Trust
21 st October 2010	Retirement of Hon David Malcolm as Chairman, replaced by Hon Peter Blaxell
16 th November 2010	Creation of SAS Resources Trust No 2
5 th January 2012	Formation of ADF Assistance Trust (now renamed Bravery Trust) with a donation of \$440,000 from SAS Resources Trust
17 th November 2011	Creation of SAS Resources Trust No 3

16 th December 2011	Inaugural Perth Scorchers Charity Breakfast, WACA Perth
6 th March 2012	Creation of SAS Resources Fund
6 th March 2012	Appointment of Trust Ambassadors TPR Mark Donaldson, VC and CPL Ben Roberts-Smith, VC MG
8 th December 2012	Formation of Navy Clearance Diver's Trust with donation of \$30,000 from SAS Resources Trust
May 2013	Donation to SASR History and Research – Memorial Wall for interment of ashes and replacement of memorial stone
July 2013	Appointment of additional SASRF staff: Chief Operating Officer and Administrative Assistant
August 2013	Establishment of new office in Dalkeith at Sunset, courtesy of the Minderoo Foundation
February 2014	Strategic direction, educational scholarship programme, governance initiatives commence. Respite and welfare opportunities are enhanced for current members of the Regiment (Project Excalibur, Pasithea, Squadron family functions and holiday home access)
4 th April 2014	Special event dinner, Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, guest Prime Minister Gusmao of Timor Leste and substantial donation made by Prime Minister Gusmao in recognition of SASR involvement in the independence military action
May 2014	School scholarship fundraising event held at Campbell Barracks, SASR
September 2014	Inaugural Trust Secretary Ms Ann Edwards retires from the Fund
September 2014	Appointment of Functions Coordinator, primarily to administer the annual charity dinner
20 th October 2014	Death of inaugural Chairman, Hon David Malcolm, AC QC
1 st May 2015	Appointment of Business Manager
6 th February 2015	First Melbourne charity dinner held at the MCG
10 th October 2015	Support to UWA St Georges College Spring Fair
15 th November 2015	School scholarship fundraising event held at Campbell Barracks, SASR
1 st November 2015	Retirement of Hon Peter Blaxell as Chairman, replaced by Greg Solomon
4 th March 2016	Second Melbourne charity dinner, held at the MCG with Guest Speaker His Excellency, Sir Peter Cosgrove, Governor General of Australia
12 th June 2016	20 th Anniversary memorial service for Blackhawk accident held at Garden of Reflection, SASR
2 nd October 2016	20 th Anniversary of the establishment of the SAS Resources Trust

HISTORY OF THE TRUST

Mr Jeff Kazim

Jeff was a husband, a father, a proud former member of the UK SAS 22 Squadron, a very keen game fisherman and a retired successful businessman. Jeff was unique in every way and was different things to the many different people he encountered. For those lucky enough to call him a friend he was a truly amazing man.

The catalyst for the formation of the Trust was the tragedy of the Blackhawk helicopter crash which occurred at High Range outside of Townsville, Queensland on the evening of 12th June 1996 in which 18 of Australia's finest soldiers died, 15 of which were members of the Australian SAS Regiment based at Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne, Western Australia. One further SAS soldier was rendered paraplegic and many more seriously injured. 10 children were left without fathers.

Jeff, who was a very compassionate and kind man, was the instigator and the driving force behind the formation of the Trust. The military compensation which was available at the time of the Blackhawk accident for the benefit of the widows and children of deceased soldiers, was, in Jeff's opinion, inadequate. Jeff's previous experience in helping set up a Charitable Trust in the UK in 1982 during his time in 22 Sqn SAS gave him the background, expertise and the know-how to establish a similar trust in Australia. Jeff was diligent, persuasive, somewhat bossy but always driven in his desire to help relieve suffering in any way he could. Until the formation of the Trust, Jeff had gone about his philanthropy in a very anonymous way but the financial assistance he provided helped many unfortunate families in Western Australia in their times of need.

Jeff devoted a substantial amount of his time to the planning and establishment of the Trust.

Jeff's principal aim for the new Trust was to provide financial relief to the families of members of the SAS Regiment who were killed or permanently incapacitated, and to members of the SAS Regiment who were permanently incapacitated in, or as a result of operational service or in training. The cover of the Trust would also extend to those members of the ADF who were killed or permanently disabled whilst working with the SAS Regiment and under the command of the SAS Regiment. Accordingly, the young son of a Blackhawk pilot from 5 Avn Regiment who had died on 12th June 1996 became a beneficiary of the Trust. Benjamin had not yet turned three. In 2006 another young son of a Blackhawk pilot was accepted as a beneficiary of the Trust. Mitchell was just three months old.

In no time Jeff had assembled a group of very prominent Perth business men to become the inaugural Trustees of the Trust. This group included Judge Peter Blaxell (then of the WA District Court), Mr Malcolm McCusker, QC (Malcolm went on to become Governor of Western Australia in July 2014), Mr Greg Solomon (Partner, Solomon Brothers, who agreed to be the Solicitor of the Trust) and Mr Tom Wallace (Partner, Grant Thornton, who agreed to become the Treasurer of the Trust). Other inaugural Trustees included Mr Gordon Crump (Duncan Nissan), Mr Ian Brown (SGIO) and Mr Howard Sattler (a Journalist and presenter on Radio 6PR). The then CO of the SAS

Regiment and the National Chairman, Australian SAS Association were also appointed as Trustees of the Trust (the persons from time to time who occupy these positions will always be Trustees of the Trust). **(Note 1 and 2)**

Jeff was very proud when the Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Hon David Malcolm, AC QC **(Note 3)** agreed to become the inaugural Chairman of the Trust. Through the Hon David Malcolm an invitation was extended to the Governor of WA, His Excellency, MAJGEN Michael Jeffery, AC CVO MC to be our Inaugural Patron. A delightful morning tea was being enjoyed at Government House until the Governor queried the name of the Trust and asked, as a condition of his acceptance, for the name of the Trust to be changed from The Special Air Service Resources Trust to The Special Airborne Services Resources Trust and for it to include members of the two Commando Regiments based in the Eastern States. This did not sit well with Jeff (being a loyal SAS man) at all and, after indignant words, he hastily left the morning tea. Jeff was retrieved from St George's Terrace and asked to return so further discussion could take place. At the conclusion of talks it was agreed that the Trust's name would be changed to The Special Airborne Services Resources Trust and would include members of the two Commando Regiments in its coverage. Later, in 2001, the Trust's name and beneficiary coverage reverted to that of which Jeff had earlier envisioned. In future years, the Trust would make a large donation, of \$350,000, to help with the formation of the Commando Welfare Trust (October 2009) which was established to provide financial assistance to Commando soldiers and their families.

Jeff contributed significant time and personal funds to the Trust in the lead up to its official launch on 2nd October 1996. He was constantly on the telephone spreading the news and encouraging support, both in kind and importantly the promise of funds once the legal framework was in place and bank accounts opened. Jeff secured the support of the three television networks, ABC, Channel 7 and Channel 9. His aim was to raise very significant funds (Jeff's original target was \$10 million). Mr Greg Solomon was given the task of drawing up the Trust Deed (taking into account the name change and extended coverage to the two Commando Regiments). Greg worked in consultation with both Peter Blaxell and Malcolm McCusker and also with the Hon David Malcolm.

While the legalities necessary to create the Trust were being finalised, the Trust Secretary, in conjunction with the SAS Regiment's Liaison Officer, the Regimental Padre and a member of the SAS Regiment worked on compiling a list of the beneficiary families. The newly appointed Trust Treasurer, Mr Tom Wallace confirmed Ernst & Young had accepted his invitation to be the Auditors to the Trust. It was all falling into place, though perhaps not as fast as Jeff would have liked!

On the evening prior to the official launch of the Trust all of the founding Trustees met in the offices of Solomon Brothers for the signing of the Trust Deed. Mr Doug Solomon accepted the role as Settlor to the new Trust and generously handed over his personal cheque for the settled sum of Ten Thousand Dollars. It was a very special moment for Jeff, all the Trustees and Trust Secretary. Finally Jeff's vision was about to become a reality.

The official launch of the Trust was held at Government House, Perth at 10am on the morning on 2nd October 1996 in the presence of His Excellency, MAJGEN Michael Jeffery, AC CVO MC, Governor of WA, Mrs Marlena Jeffery and the newly appointed Trustees. Two Blackhawk widows, with their five children, ranging in age from three to eight years old attended the ceremony. These two widows, with their little children, showed immense dignity and courage during the ceremony. Other guests included Hon Sir Charles Court, AK KCMG OBE, Mr Ross Lightfoot (representing the Premier of WA, Hon Richard Court, MLA), Commodore David Orr, and Brigadier G Warner. Members of the SAS Regiment, including two beneficiaries permanently incapacitated during active service with the Regiment, also attended the ceremony. Both Governor Jeffery and Hon David Malcolm spoke eloquently and passionately about the new Trust prior to Governor Jeffery officially launching the Trust.

Jeff was, justifiably, a very proud man that day. He had seen the Trust go from just being a vision to now becoming a reality. However, the real hard work (raising substantial funds to make the lives of current and future beneficiaries easier) now began in earnest. The Trust has no vesting date and will therefore continue in perpetuity for the lifetime of the SAS Regiment. The Trust's aim was therefore to raise sufficient funds not only to meet the needs of its present beneficiaries but also those of future beneficiaries. Jeff made the Government of WA his target for a sizeable donation. A meeting was set up in the Office of then WA Minister for Finance, Hon Max Evans, MLC. Jeff, accompanied by the CO of the Regiment and the Trust Secretary, strongly advocated the importance of the Trust. Jeff was a happy man when donations of \$50,000 each were received from the State Governments of both Western Australia and Queensland. The donation from the Queensland Government was accompanied by a beautiful and very touching letter from the Premier of Queensland, Hon Rob Borbridge, MLA.

Subsequently when Sydney was granted the 2000 Olympics a donation of \$50,000 was received by the Trust from the Premier, Hon Bob Carr and Government of NSW. Needless to say, Jeff was delighted!

For all Jeff's hard work he was very much a "behind the scenes sort of man", always on the telephone, or attending personal meetings with Trustees, always offering to help and cajoling others to assist in raising funds.

One of the tasks Jeff wanted the Trust Secretary (initially Ann Edwards) to see to was the care of the widows and their children. He acknowledged that whilst we could never make their lives better, we could try to make their lives easier. Jeff's vision was for the Trust to provide funding not only for school tuition, books, uniforms etc but for "after school activities" such as music, sport and dance. When the Trust was first established, children beneficiaries qualified for assistance from the Trust until they attained the age of 22 (this was changed to 25 at the Board meeting on 7th July 2009). Jeff was keen for the Trust to provide children with the best education money could buy (as his own five children had enjoyed) as well as providing funding for activities that a caring father would provide for his children.

Jeff was always making sure the widows and children were looked after and, with the Trust Secretary, started a campaign to find out any "wish list" items. One of the concerns raised by a

widow in response to this campaign was that now, without her husband, house security was a major issue. The Trust then arranged for home security doors and windows to be installed. Another widow had serious car repair issues so Jeff arranged for the Service Department of Duncan Nissan to attend to the car repairs. Jeff paid the cost of these repairs privately.

Jeff was extremely delighted when he learned the Board of Governors, Aquinas College, a very prestigious Western Australian boy's college, had offered the Trust a full Scholarship to Year 12 for the young son of the SAS soldier rendered paraplegic in the 1996 Blackhawk tragedy. St Mary's Anglican Girls' School also then offered a place and a Scholarship to the young daughter of the same SAS soldier.

The Trust has been very fortunate to have the support of these and many other prestigious private schools for the education of its young beneficiaries. In consultation with the beneficiary's mother the Trust Secretary would start communicating with the mother's school of choice. The story of the deceased SAS soldier together with the Trust's story would inevitably bring about a good result. Jeff was always very pleased when the Trust was able to provide educational opportunities for young beneficiaries. Jeff felt that not only was the Trust doing something tangible for the families, it was also showing the current members of the SAS Regiment that it was serious in its aim of helping the families of their fallen mates. Special mention must be made of Guildford Grammar School, St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls and Christ Church Grammar School who also provided Scholarships for our beneficiaries. Another donor, who had previously attended Scotch College, gave a sizeable donation which would be matched by the College's Board of Governors in providing a Scholarship to Scotch when the occasion arose for a beneficiary to attend Scotch College.

In 1998 Jeff, Peter, Greg, Tom and the Trust Secretary (all funded by Jeff) set off to Canberra for a meeting with Hon Bronwyn Bishop, the then Minister for Defence Industry, Science & Personnel. Jeff asked the Federal Government to place an amount of \$10M on deposit in the joint names of the Federal Government and the Trust so that the Trust could draw the income from the deposit to enable the Trust to better look after its beneficiaries. Despite a lengthy meeting, this donation was not forthcoming. Jeff was disappointed but not beaten. In 2007 Jeff's dream would become a reality with the newly elected Rudd Labor Government upholding their earlier promise of a Deed of Gift Donation of \$10M to the Trust. Hon Kevin Rudd, during a pre-election visit to Perth to support the candidacy of Major Peter Tinley, a former valued member of the SAS Regiment asked Peter about his life at the SAS Regiment. Peter told Kevin about the Trust and Kevin asked "how much do they need"? The figure agreed to was \$10M and Kevin promised if the Labor party made Government the Trust would receive a \$10M donation. The Rudd Labor Government was elected and the promised donation was announced in a press release of 20th November 2007. This donation changed the financial ability of the Trust immeasurably. Jeff was ecstatic with the news and eagerly waited for the funds to come. Sadly Jeff died on 16th February 2009, the funds arriving in the Trust's bank account in early April 2009.

Jeff was the proud owner of "Ocean Hunter", his game fishing boat penned at the Fremantle Sailing Club. Jeff did a great deal of his Trust work on board Ocean Hunter. It was during this time he met Commodore David Orr, Naval Officer Commanding, Royal Australian Navy, Western

Australia. David and Jeff went on to develop a close personal relationship, resulting in David Orr being invited to join the Board of Trustees in March 2000. David was a very valued and highly respected member of the Board until ill health brought about his retirement in March 2012.

Jeff was always “on the look-out” for donors and opportunities and “held court” at Fremantle Sailing Club or on board “Ocean Hunter”. Jeff arranged for Trustee Hon Peter Blaxell to speak with Ian McNamara on ABC’s Sunday morning programme “Australia All Over” thus giving the Trust an Australia wide audience. Following this programme, donations came in from all over Australia, the Australian public again living up to its reputation of being generous to those in need. Letters seeking donations were also sent to every Local Government City/Shire/Council within Australia. Jeff was very emotional when six sitting Councilors of the Shire of Roebourne, in WA’s far north donated their yearly sitting fees to the Trust. Jeff bought Name/Address books for all facets of Industry, Mining, Banking, Finance, Accountants, Legal Firms etc and letters were sent to each and every one of them. In the early days Jeff covered all the costs for printing and postage. Australia Post ultimately gave a generous donation to help with the postage costs.

Jeff arranged a lunch at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club for the beneficiaries and Trustees. Jeff arranged for Ian McNamara and his team to come to Perth and Ian did his Sunday programme from the ABC Studios in Perth that weekend. The lunch, with guest speakers and members of the WA Police Force, was very good indeed. A charity cricket match had been held some weeks previous to raise funds for both the Trust and the Police Welfare Trust and donation cheques were handed over to each Trust. Former members of the WACA had helped with this charity match and some attended the Lunch.

In February 1999 Jeff achieved another “first” with his dream to hold a Charity Concert to not only raise funds but to again broaden the base of the Trust. With the assistance of Promoter, Mr Paul Gadenne, musicians such as John Farnham (and his band), Judith Durham, Col Joye, James Rayne and Gerry Marsden all generously donated their time. Our Patron hosted a reception at Government House, Perth the evening prior to the Concert. It was a very successful Concert. Special thanks go to our valued Trustee, Mr Kerry Stokes, AC for his generous donation of the Perth Entertainment Centre as the venue for the Concert.

For the first time on 23rd April 1999 the CO, SAS Regiment invited the Trust Secretary to address the members of the SAS Regiment thus giving the opportunity for SAS Regiment members to learn first-hand about the Trust established for their benefit. The Commander, Special Forces’ was also present at this address. Jeff was very delighted with this arrangement as it gave the SAS Regiment members information on the Trust, the Trustees and the work the Trust was doing for the families of their fallen mates. From 2000 onwards the Trust Secretary was invited to give an annual address to SAS Regimental members during their “Information Week” held each February. Another incentive, again very much pleasing Jeff, was the work of the Trust Secretary in keeping the SASR Ladies Auxiliary up to date with the work of the Trust.

In December 1999 the Chairman, several Trustees and the Trust Secretary made their way to Sydney to attend two special Trust events. His Excellency, Mr Gordon Samuels, AC, Governor of NSW hosted a reception for the Trust. The following day a lunch was held at a restaurant at

Circular Quay which was also attended by Brigadier Phil McNamara, CSC, then Commander, Special Forces' Command. Over a very pleasant "working" lunch the Trust Deed and military compensation matters were discussed.

On 28th July 2000 the Chief of Army, LTGEN Peter Cosgrove, AC MC was the Guest Speaker at a fund-raising lunch held in Perth at the Hyatt Hotel. The sell-out crowd listened intently to General Cosgrove speak proudly of the work done by the SAS Regiment in East Timor. Jeff was the successful bidder at the auction of a framed Army shirt (General Cosgrove's) which he donated to "The House" at Campbell Barracks.

Jeff was very happy when in February 2001 the Trustees were invited to a reception being hosted by His Excellency, MAJGEN Peter Arnison, AC at Government House, Brisbane. Jeff attended this event. Some days later a Charity Dinner was held in Brisbane, the Guest Speaker again being LTGEN Peter Cosgrove, AC MC. Jeff was the successful bidder for the bronzed army boots (again donated by General Cosgrove) which Jeff again donated to Campbell Barracks.

In July 2001 a Charity Dinner was arranged in Darwin to coincide with General Cosgrove's visit to the Top End. General Cosgrove was again the Guest Speaker. The former CO, SAS Regiment, now Brigadier Mike Silverstone together with Mrs Silverstone were also able to attend the Dinner. Also attending the Dinner was legendary singer, Mr Normie Rowe who gave an impromptu performance of "Bring Them Home" (from Les Miserables). Normie went on to speak proudly of his time in the Australian Army in Vietnam and how he had the opportunity to meet some of the SAS Regiment members posted there. Several Trustees, together with the Trust Secretary made the trip to Darwin. Jeff was very proud that the Trust had the support of General Cosgrove and his attendance at Trust charity functions.

In November 2002 Jeff, who until that time had been a widower, married his long-time companion Nanciey. In lieu of wedding gifts to the happy couple Jeff and Nanciey generously asked their family and guests to make donations to the SAS Trust.

In May 2003 the Trust Secretary was able to secure Olympic champion Mr Kieran Perkins as a Guest Speaker at a Saturday lunch held in a Perth restaurant. It was a wonderful occasion. In his address Kieran spoke of his admiration for the members of the SAS Regiment and his gratitude for their work in having kept the 2000 Sydney Olympics safe for both competitors and attendees alike. To complete the lunch a charity auction again raised funds for the Trust.

In 2003 the Trust commenced its sports themed Charity breakfasts, one for the AFL and one for Rugby Union. These proved to be very successful not only in raising funds through ticket sales and the Charity auctions but in successfully spreading the word of the Trust and the work the Trust is doing in looking after its beneficiaries. The Trust is indebted to the Parmelia Hilton Perth Hotel for their magnificent assistance in helping to arrange many of these functions. Mr Trevor Jenkins, ABC TV has been the Master of Ceremonies at all of these breakfasts. Trevor has been outstanding with his professionalism and his great support of the Trust. Special thanks also to the Coaches and players of the West Coast Eagles, the Fremantle Dockers and the Australian Wallabies for their on-going support.

In 2007 the Orthodox Order of St John of Jerusalem held the first of a series of Charity dinners for the Trust. As with this dinner and all subsequent dinners Jeff (until his sad death) was the first to pull out his cheque book to cover the costs of several tables for the SAS Regiment and the beneficiaries. Although Jeff did not attend these functions he was always very generous in covering the “gift” table costs as a “thank you” to the SAS Regiment and the beneficiaries.

On 12th June 2006, on the 10th Anniversary of the Blackhawk tragedy, Jeff made a rare visit to Campbell Barracks to attend the Commemoration Ceremony. Jeff finally got to meet some of the Trust’s beneficiary families. Jeff had always preferred to be in the background marshalling his Trustees to keep up their hard work. That was the way Jeff liked to work.

In December 2011, the Trust was the choice of the Inaugural Perth Scorchers Big Bash League as their Charity of choice. The Trust held a Charity Breakfast at the WACA on 16th December 2011 which was attended by all Scorchers players and Coaches.

CONCLUSION

If not for the heart-breaking peace-time tragedy of the Blackhawk helicopter crash on 12th June 1996, the Special Air Service Resources Trust may never have come into being.

If not for the inspiration, drive, vision and the incredible personal and financial support of Mr Jeff Kazim the Trust would never have grown into what it has become in 2016. Jeff first dreamed of the Trust becoming a reality in the dark days of 1996. Many obstacles, some big some not so big, were placed in his path but Jeff’s persistence, know-how, never say die attitude and amazing passion and love for the SAS Regiment kept him focused. Jeff had the ability to get the best out of his team, a mixed group of business friends and colleagues. Jeff was always encouraging, always visionary, and always insistent. Jeff often asked “were we doing enough to help the mums and kids”? This question is the same today in 2016 as it was in 1996.

New Charitable Trusts, modeled on the SAS Resources Trust have now come into existence to provide similar support to the rest of the Australian Armed Services, including the Commando Welfare Trust, the Bravery Trust and the Navy Clearance Divers Trust. Jeff would have been very proud to know the Trust he started was not only the model for these later Trusts but also helped fund all these Trusts at their inception.

Note 1

The Commanding Officer (CO) of the Special Air Service (SAS) Regiment is a Trustee of the Trust by virtue of this appointment. Commencing with the first appointment of BRIG Mike Silverstone (Ret’d) on 2nd October 1996 the Board of Trustees has been very privileged to have the expertise, wisdom and support of the CO at the Board table.

Note 2

The National Chairman, Australian SAS Association is always a Trustee of the Trust. Commencing with the first appointment of LTCOL Peter Schuman, MC on 2nd October 1996, the Board of Trustees has been very fortunate to have their wide range of experience, knowledge and support.

LTCOL Peter Schuman, MC was a tower of strength in the days following the Blackhawk tragedy on 12th June 1996 and after the official launch of the Trust on 2nd October 1996. His knowledge of Regimental matters and personnel was extremely helpful to the Trust. Once the establishment of the Trust was announced, Peter was the first to contact the Trust Secretary to thank us for this initiative and to offer his full support. Peter could always be relied upon to provide advice and assistance to the Blackhawk beneficiary families.

Peter retired from the Board due to ill health on 10th March 1998 but always remained a strong supporter of the Trust and its aims.

Sadly Peter died on 21st March 2011.

In October 2001, LTCOL David Lewis, AM assumed the mantle of National Chairman and was a very significant contributor to the aims and vision of the Trust. David was always at the forefront in working with the beneficiary families, his support of the beneficiaries was amazing and David was always a fountain of knowledge in his work with both the families and the disabled soldiers.

National Chairman, BRIG Terry Nolan, AM (Ret'd) was appointed to the Board in 2012. While Terry is the first National Chairman to reside outside of Western Australia, he regularly attended Board Meetings. His support of the Trust, its visions and aims was remarkable and he retired in October this year. His replacement is Mr Peter Fitzpatrick.

Note 3

Hon Professor David K Malcolm, AC QC

The Trust was very fortunate to secure the services of highly respected Western Australian Hon David K Malcolm, AC QC as our Inaugural Chairman.

Hon David Malcolm, AC QC was the Chief Justice of Western Australia (26/05/1988 – 01/05/2006) and Lieutenant Governor of Western Australia (26/02/1980 – 09/10/2009). Initially approached by Judge Peter Blaxell to take up the Chairman position David willingly accepted the invitation. In the early days, both before and after the official launch of the Trust, David gave the Trust a great legitimacy as well as bringing a very significant presence to the Board table. David brought to the table not only his immense legal skills and experience but his enormous humanitarian skills in the support of the widows, their children and the disabled members of the SAS Regiment. David was a firm believer in the vision and aims of the Trust, namely to provide the very best support to the widows, their children and the disabled members of the SAS Regiment.

David gave wise counsel and great support to the Trust Secretary and was an efficient connecting link to Government House and the Trust's Patron.

David made available his Chambers at the WA Supreme Court for the annual Chairman's function and the release of the Annual Report. He also welcomed the beneficiary families, members of the Regiment and donor guests to his Chambers.

David stepped down as Chairman on 20th October 2010 (being replaced by Hon Justice Peter Blaxell) but remained on the Board as a Trustee until 28th March 2012.

On 29th March 2012 David was appointed our Inaugural Vice Patron, a position he held until sadly his death on 20th October 2014.

In 2016 an impressive new office building at 28 Barrack Street, Perth was named The David Malcolm Justice Centre in honour of this very significant Western Australian who had been very proud to have served as our Chairman and Vice Patron.

This narrative was largely compiled by the inaugural Trust Secretary, Miss Ann Edwards who, within days of the tragedy on 12th June 1996, was asked by Mr Jeff Kazim to help him with the formation of the Trust. Mr Kazim was a very valued client of Ann's employer, Challenge Bank and had been known to Ann since May 1978.



HONOUR ROLL

PATRON	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
His Excellency MAJGEN Michael Jeffery, AC CVO MC, Governor of Western Australia	02/10/1996	16/05/2000
His Excellency LTGEN John Sanderson, AC, Governor of Western Australia	03/10/2000	30/06/2003
His Excellency MAJGEN Michael Jeffery, AC CVO MC, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia (now retired)	11/08/2003	Present
VICE PATRON	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
Hon David K Malcolm AC QC	29/03/2012	20/10/2014
TRUST AMBASSADORS	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
CPL Mark Donaldson, VC	06/03/2012	Present
CPL Ben Roberts-Smith, VC MG	06/03/2012	Present
CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
Hon David K Malcolm, AC QC, Chief Justice of Western Australia	02/10/1996	20/10/2010
His Honour Justice Peter Blaxell	21/10/2010	31/10/2015
Mr Gregory Solomon	01/11/2015	Present
FOUNDING TRUSTEE	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
Mr Jeff Kazim	02/10/1996	16/02/2009
PAST TRUSTEES	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
Hon David K Malcolm, AC QC	02/10/1996	20/10/2014
Commanding Officer, SAS Regiment	02/10/1996	By appointment
National Chairman, Australian SAS Association	02/10/1996	By appointment
Mr Malcolm McCusker, AC QC	02/10/1996	30/06/2014
Mr Ian Brown	02/10/1996	30/06/1998

Mr Tim Lyons	02/10/1996	15/09/1997
Mr Howard Sattler	02/10/1996	01/02/2000
Mr Gordon Crump	02/10/1996	31/12/2001
Mr Ken Webb	10/03/1998	26/08/2002
Mr Kevin Campbell, AM	11/02/1999	14/10/2003
Mr Paul Gadenne	20/11/1999	04/08/2003
CDRE David Orr	01/03/2000	06/03/2012
Mr Paul Murray	17/11/2003	23/01/2012
Mrs Maree Alver	21/05/2007	30/06/2014
Hon Justice James Edelman	28/03/2013	24/07/2014
Mr John Worsfold	21/10/2014	14/10/2015
Mr Grant Vernon	20/10/2014	14/10/2015
BRIG Terry Nolan (Ret'd) National Chair, ASAS Association	29/05/2012	25/10/2016
CURRENT TRUSTEES	Date of Appointment	
Mr Gregory Solomon Appointed Chairman – 1/11/2015 Trust Solicitor 2/10/1996 – 20/10/2014	02/10/1996	
Dr Grant Walsh, CSM Appointed Deputy Chairman 1/11/2015	27/01/2009	
Mr Robert Druitt Appointed Trust Treasurer 1/11/2015	24/07/12	
Hon Peter Blaxell Chairman 21/10/2010 – 31/10/2015	2/10/1996	
Mr Nick Brasington Trust Treasurer 21/10/2013 – 31/10/2015	16/04/2012	
Mr Andrew Forrest	13/07/2011	
Ms Michelle Hawksley Trust Solicitor	20/10/2014	
Mr James McMahon, DSC DSM	17/03/2009	
Dr Mark Nidorf	09/12/2008	
Mr Kerry Stokes, AC	09/06/1998	

Mr Thomas Wallace, OAM Trust Treasurer 04/10/1996 – 20/10/2013	02/10/96	
Mr Alan Cransberg	03/02/2016	
Mr Peter Fitzpatrick National Chair, ASAS Association	25/10/2016	
Commanding Officer SASR	By appointment	
TRUST SECRETARY	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
Miss Ann Edwards OAM Trust Secretary 16/9/2003 – 03/03/2009 Trust Manager 03/03/2009 – 02/10/2014	02/10/1996	01/09/2014
STAFF	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
Mr Tim Hawson – Chief Operating Officer	01/07/2013	
Mrs Donna-Lee Attrill – Beneficiary Liaison Officer	01/07/2013	
Mrs Jackie Masters – Functions Coordinator Assisted with Charity Dinners from March 2007	30/09/2014	
Ms Joanne Nelson – Business Manager	01/05/2015	
AUDITORS TO THE TRUST	Date of Appointment	
Ernst & Young	02/10/1996	
CURRENT DINNER COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
HON Chris Ellison (Chairman)	Mr Allan Downs	
Mr Andrej K. Karpinski	Mrs Beverley Waters	
Mr Dietmar Mazanetz	Mr Gary Ramsden	
Mr Geoff Baldwin	Mr Mike Smith	
Mr Peter Boyd	Mr Ric Gloede	
Mr Ted Graham, AM	Mr Tony Wills	
HON Peter Blaxell		
ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS		
Mrs Caron Coburg-Sugars – Governance	Mr Mike Young – Governance	
Mrs Marion Smyth – Assistance Committee (Social Work)		

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS			
Methodist Ladies College (2)		Trinity College	
Scotch College			
WESTERN DERBY BREAKFAST			
Date	Venue	Master of Ceremonies	Guest Speaker
20/02/2003	WA Club	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Chris Connolly, Fremantle Dockers
23/4/2003	Subiaco Oval	Mr Mark Reading	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr David Wirrpanda, WC Eagles Mr Chris Connolly, Fremantle Dockers Mr Peter Bell, Fremantle Dockers
29/4/2004	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Chris Connolly, Fremantle Dockers
07/4/2005	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Chris Judd, WC Eagles Mr Chris Connolly, Fremantle Dockers Mr Des Headland, Fremantle Dockers
04/05/2006	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Beau Waters, WC Eagles Mr Chris Connolly, Fremantle Dockers Mr Heath Black, Fremantle Dockers
12/04/2007	Subiaco Oval	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Andrew Embley, WC Eagles Mr Chris Connolly, Fremantle Dockers Mr Heath Black, Fremantle Dockers
03/04/2008	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Darren Glass, WC Eagles Mr Mark Harvey, Fremantle Dockers Mr Dean Solomon, Fremantle Dockers
30/04/2009	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Quinten Lynch, WC Eagles Mr Mark Harvey, Fremantle Dockers Mr Garrick Ibbotson, Fremantle Dockers
29/04/2010	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Darren Glass, WC Eagles Mr Mark Harvey, Fremantle Dockers Mr Nick Suban, Fremantle Dockers
12/05/2011	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles

			Mr Mark le Cras, WC Eagles Mr Mark Harvey, Fremantle Dockers Mr Stephen Hill, Fremantle Dockers
27/05/2012	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Shannon Hurn, WC Eagles Mr Ross Lyon, Fremantle Docker Mr Nathan Fyfe, Fremantle Dockers
21/03/2013	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr John Worsfold, WC Eagles Mr Dean Cox, WC Eagles Mr Ross Lyon, Fremantle Dockers Mr Aaron Sandilands, Fremantle Dockers
01/05/2014	Parmelia Hilton	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr Adam Simpson, WC Eagles Mr Luke Shuey, WC Eagles Mr Ross Lyon, Fremantle Dockers Mr Hadyn Ballantyne, Fremantle Dockers Mr Mark Duffield, The West Australian
16/04/2015	Subiaco Oval	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr Adam Simpson, WC Eagles Mr Shannon Hurn, WC Eagles Mr Ross Lyon, Fremantle Dockers Mr Stephen Hill, Fremantle Dockers Mr Jude Bolton Mr Steve Butler, Sports Journalist
04/08/2016	Subiaco Oval	Mr Trevor Jenkins	Mr Adam Simpson, WC Eagles Mr Eric McKenzie, WC Eagles Mr Ross Lyon, Fremantle Dockers Mr Michael Walters, Fremantle Dockers Mr Kevin Sheedy, AM