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GENERAL MEETINGS START AT 10.30AM

(NO MEETING IN JANUARY)

THE DATES & EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION
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Month / Date	Event Description
February 15	The Shrine monthly service – with a focus on Tobruk 11.30am
February 23	Annual General Meeting
February 25	Open Day at Tobruk House 10am-3pm
March 24	Open Day at Tobruk House 10am-3pm
April 7	Tobruk Sunday
April 9	The Shrine HMAS Vampire service 11am
April 14	The Shrine 2/4 th AGH service 2pm
April 25	ANZAC day at Tobruk House
May 26	Open Day at Tobruk House 10am-3pm
May 31	General Meeting

Patron: Bill Gibbins

Committee of Management:

President – Bruce Bingham

Secretary – Lachlan Gaylard

Other Committee Members –

Tony Smith, Paul Dipnall,
Graeme Clifford

Karolina Sevcikova, Tony Codd,
Marlene Bingham, Kelly-Ann McKinnis,

TOBRUK HOUSE NEWS

Editorial Deadlines

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DEADLINE: MARCH 6

We welcome contributions from our community
but cannot guarantee publication.

Email is preferred with documents in Word and
pictures in jpeg format but not essential.

Articles or letters with no contact details
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VALE

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD;
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.
LEST WE FORGET

The President and ROTA Inc. members wish to extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our departed comrades.

BUSSELL Dianne 02/11/2023
BYDDER Gunner Geoffrey VX50253 - 13/11/2023
DOWLING Lieutenant Nancy W45406 -04/01/2024

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC.

President's Message – February 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

2023 was year of increased activity for Tobruk House and our association. The regular opening of Tobruk House to our local community and to kindred organizations was an outstanding success. Many of the Albert Park community are now aware of the significance of Tobruk House and the important role that the Rats played in World War 2. Many thanks to our local supporters Jim and Ruby for their letter-box drops regarding these open days, advising of the dates and opening times. I am pleased to report that a number of military organizations and members are commencing to utilize our hall's facilities meaning that Tobruk House is playing a more active role in our community.

December saw the culmination of our year's endeavors with an excellent Christmas luncheon. Thanks to the many members and volunteers who helped decorate and set up the hall and provided salads, raffle prizes etc. During the luncheon we farewelled our Vice President, Kelly-Ann who has a work promotion in Hong Kong. Sue Hunt, CEO of the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation is standing down from her role there but will remain with the Rats. We wish Sue and Kelly-Ann the very best in their future roles. Graeme Clifford has also resigned as ROTA Treasurer. This role is being carried out by our secretary, Lachlan until the AGM.

The committee resolved that there would be no activities in January so as to give everybody a break before the coming months' commitments.

February 23rd is our AGM, and I will be stepping down as president of the association. As our membership and activities are increasing, there is a need for active committee members and volunteers to carry on our great work. Please consider nominating for the various positions on the committee.

Incidentally, Marlene Bingham has been propagating cuttings from the Tobruk fig tree located in Tobruk Park. She has four available and should you desire one, she will bring it to the AGM. Please advise beforehand by calling the Rats phone.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bingham
President

PS If you haven't paid your annual membership fees yet, may I remind you that they are due on January 1 every year. See page 17

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN 23 136 193 517

Reg No: A0054511Y

Date: 23rd February 2024

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Tobruk House, 44 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park, VIC

At this meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

- Find out about ROTA's operations and finances for 2023
- Speak about any areas of concern

At this meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- Accept the minutes of the last AGM
- Accept the annual report
- Accept the annual financial statements
- Confirm the appointment of the new executive and general committee members.

If you are unable to attend, please consider filling out the separate PROXY form on page 20 of this issue.

At this meeting the recipient of the Royal Children's Hospital 2024 Rats Of Tobruk Neuroscience Fellowship will be announced.



REMINDER: ROTA SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE FOR PAYMENT ON 1ST JANUARY 2024

Affiliate members are reminded that this year's subscription was due for payment on 1st January. The subscription remains at \$30 for 2022.

Please note that individual payment requests are not normally sent to members. The cooperation of members by responding to this notice and paying their subscription as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

For payment information please refer to the **2024 Annual Subscription Payment Form** on page 17.

If you are paying by EFT, ensure you include a unique reference such as your surname and membership no.

If you pay by over-the-counter bank deposit, please ensure you send details to ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com or post to The Secretary, ROTA, 44 Victoria Ave, Albert Park, 3206.

This is important for correct matching of payments, as bank deposits do not have adequate referencing. Payment can now be made using a credit or debit card. Please note that Tobruk veterans and their wives or widows, are exempt from paying the annual subscription. Life and honorary members are also exempt.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The flyer illustrated here was an attempt at disheartening the Australian troops following the successful and very bloody invasion of Crete by the German armed forces between May 20 and May 31. It is fair to say that from the Allied forces viewpoint it was in fact a disaster. Australian losses were 594 dead, 1,001 wounded and 5,132 Prisoners of War. If anything however, the Australian troops were even more driven to ensure that Rommel and the Luftwaffe were not successful in Tobruk.

AUSSIES

AFTER CRETE DISASTER ANZAC TROOPS ARE NOW BEING RUTHLESSLY SACRIFICED BY ENGLAND IN TOBRUCH AND SYRIA.

TURKEY HAS CONCLUDED PACT OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GERMANY. ENGLAND WILL SHORTLY BE DRIVEN OUT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN. OFFENSIVE FROM EGYPT TO RELIEVE YOU TOTALLY SMASHED.

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE.

OUR DIVE BOMBERS ARE WAITING TO SINK YOUR TRANSPORTS. THINK OF YOUR FUTURE AND YOUR PEOPLE AT HOME.

COME FORWARD - SHOW WHITE FLAGS AND YOU WILL BE OUT OF DANGER!

SURRENDER!

(COPY ONLY)

ROTA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2023

The traditional Christmas luncheon was held at Tobruk House on Sunday December 3. A large number of members and their guests enjoyed a wonderful festive meal.

The day began early for those erstwhile members of the catering crew. A huge range of salads was prepared with something for every taste. Turkey breast and ham off the bone (ably sliced by our erstwhile President Bruce) and Karolina's traditional individual plum puddings made it a very Christmassy affair.

Formal proceedings began as always with the reciting of the oath of allegiance. Our last remaining Rat, Tommy Pritchard recorded the oath for us for this occasion, and it was played through the PA, giving a little greater gravitas than this solemn pronouncement normally carries.

President Bruce Bingham gave a speech outlining the year that had been, which included our most successful ever Tobruk Sunday event, and many well attended 'Open Days', and he outlined what the committee hoped to achieve in 2024. (This was Bruce's final Christmas luncheon as President as he intends to step down at the next AGM.)



Sue Hunt, ROTA member and outgoing CEO of the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, gave a presentation about the value of the farsighted decision by the Rats to create the Rats of Tobruk Royal Children's Hospital Neurology Fellowship. Sue was involved in the Fellowship at the beginning, and she will be missed by all of those who know her and her tireless work for the Foundation. (We are pleased to note that she will continue her association with ROTA as a member.)

Of course there was also the raffle, with so many prizes it looked as though everyone might win something. The raffle was spruiked by Stuart Tolliday with much aplomb and many laughs.

Members and guests were also treated to a stirring bagpipe performance by Rats of Tobruk Memorial Pipes and Drums lone piper David MacNamara which, in addition to the traditional bagpipe favourites, included a wonderful medley of Christmas songs, inspiring an impromptu sing-along. A very merry time was had by all.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

Remembrance Day last year saw Tobruk House host a special remembrance open weekend across the 11th and 12th of November. On the 11th, the association held a special Remembrance Day service in the Rats of Tobruk Reserve across the road from Tobruk House.

The service, conducted by President Bruce Bingham, saw members of ROTA, Albert Park residents and passers-by come together for a period of solemn reflection. We even benefited from the annual Shrine commemorative flyover heading back to RAAF Point Cook which flew (with perfect timing) directly above the service.

Following the service, all attendees were invited to turn around and observe the unveiling of a commemorative plaque identifying the Tobruk fig tree which was planted on the 80th anniversary of the siege. After three years of minimal growth, the fig tree finally gave proof that it was here to stay, and the committee had decided it was time to organise a plaque, which in turn was very kindly donated by Cameo Memorials Fawkner.

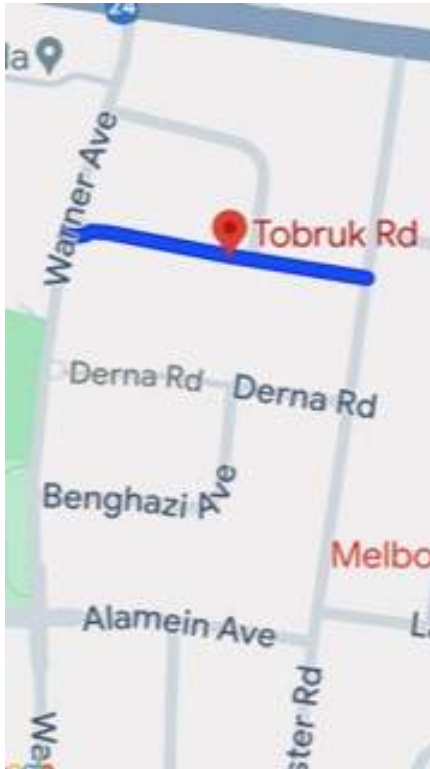


The plaque was unveiled by Sue Kenny, Chas Stone and Anne Clapton each representing their own Rat who had been present at the 80th anniversary service.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We are no doubt aware of the many monuments dedicated to the Siege of Tobruk which are scattered throughout Australia. However, living near the Melbourne suburb of Ashburton, I often drive down streets bearing some quite familiar Tobruk-related names.



Upon investigating, I discovered that in 1944 the Victorian Housing Commission acquired land for a proposed 'Ashburton Estate'. In honour of returned servicemen and women who actually occupied much of the new estate, the streets of this new area were named after World War II sites in the Pacific and Western Desert campaigns, and also war-time aircraft and flying boats. Street names include Victory Boulevard, Benghazi Avenue, Alamein Avenue, Derna Rd, Tobruk Road, Ambon Street, Lancaster Street, and Liberator Street.

This made me ponder which other streets etc. throughout Australia bear the name 'Tobruk'? A quick search came up with the following results:

Tobruk Roads exist in:

- Puckapunyal, Vic
- Campbell, ACT
- Ashburton, Vic
- Yarroweyah, Vic
- Narrellan Vale, NSW
- Yeagarup, WA
- Jerramungup, WA

Tobruk Streets can be found in:

- Bulleen, Vic
- Morwell, Vic
- Ashmont, NSW
- Horsham, Vic
- Warragul, Vic
- Swan Hill, Vic

Tobruk Avenues:

- Heidelberg, Vic
- Tremont, Vic
- Maryborough, Vic
- St Marys, SA
- Kensington Park, SA
- Tremont, Vic
- Port Kemble, NSW
- Cremorne, NSW
- Belmore, NSW
- Warracknabeal, Vic

Tobruk Courts:

- Lalor, Vic
- Traralgon, Vic
- Crib Point, Vic

Tobruk Crescents:

- Williamstown, Vic
- Orange, NSW
- Shortland, NSW

Tobruk Lane:

- Dianella, WA

Tobruk Place:

- Holtze, NT





And then, of course, there are schools...

St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School is a co-educational, Catholic primary school in Beenleigh Queensland.

Morwell in Victoria until recently had Tobruk St Morwell Primary School (now Morwell Central PS, with which ROTA continues to have an ongoing connection.)

And the hospitals...

The Austin Repatriation Hospital in Heidelberg Melbourne has a Tobruk Centre.

And of course Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital has the Cockatoo Rats of Tobruk neurology ward, courtesy of our veterans who donated money from the sale of the hall in 2009.

Not to forget the swimming pools...



Tobruk Memorial Pool Cairns



Townsville- Tobruk Memorial Baths

It would be gratifying to think that people driving down these streets or using these facilities might stop and think about the history behind these names. Let's hope so.

If I have missed any that you know of, please feel free to make contact!

Ed note: we are also aware of 5 Tobruk streets in New Zealand, 6 in the UK, and 5 in South Africa!

ANIMALS IN TOBRUK

Animals are not really something that immediately spring to mind when you think of the Siege of Tobruk. However, a quick glance through the Australian War Memorial's collection of Tobruk-related photographs shows that they may, in fact, have featured in the men's lives to some small extent. The AWM collection is a treasure trove of extraordinary images, which is something that some former committee members discovered when compiling information for the Tobruk exhibition panels which are often on display at Tobruk House. From canaries to monkeys, here they are!



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

040580

A canary which was the pet of one of the scrap iron Flotilla, running the gauntlet between Alexandria and Tobruk carrying supplies and evacuating wounded.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

040651

A dog adopted as a mascot by an Australian infantry unit in Tobruk.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

005614

Three pups found in a kennel close to an anti-aircraft gun.

In fact, "the Italians left a host of dogs behind when they surrendered Tobruk. Scores, perhaps hundreds of these dogs are still here. Most of them have been adopted as mascots by different units.

AND, of course, there is the classic story of a sheep adopted by an anti-aircraft battery, which not only scorns cover when a raid is on, but mounts the parapet of the gun-pit and stalks up and down, nodding approvingly when the battery's guns are well on to their target. (Anyway, that is the gunners' story)." Taken from The Herald 18 November 1941



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

020774

NX12305 Lieutenant Colonel Robert William George Ogle, Commanding Officer 2/15th Infantry Battalion, with the Unit's mascot – a monkey found in a captured German tank.

"BOBBY TOBRUK" DEAD

Saga Of A Good Pup

Bobby Tobruk, the nine-months-old pup who first saw action at Tobruk from a sergeant's overcoat and went through the entire Libyan campaign, is dead. He has been buried with full military honours in the lines of an Australian battalion in Palestine.

Bobby was recruited at the age of five weeks by Sgt. J. O. Reedy, and by the time he arrived in Greece he was a veteran. A three-day tramp over snow-covered mountains was too much for this son of the sand, but Sgt. Reedy's overcoat was available when he became tired.

At 'Panic Pass' Bobby graduated as Air Sentry No. 1. He could detect an aeroplane, give the alarm, and dive for cover quicker than any soldier.

During the long and sometimes hungry withdrawals Bobby was the only one on full rations. He had his share of the food of every man in the company. He lined up for beer at the wet canteen and was a good line bear at the wet canteen and was a good line wear an Australian uniform. He attended all parades and seemed to have a secret understanding with the captain, whom he always "helped" with the inspections. His narrowest escape was in the Mediterranean when a man nearly fell overboard in rescuing him.

Bobby died beneath the wheels of an Arab truck in the "safety" of a Palestine camp.

Pte. Rigg has written Bobby's saga and concludes an in memoriam with the following verse.

*So we gave him a soldier's funeral,
"Twas all that we could do,
For Bobby Tobruk was a cobby of ours
And helped us see it through."*

And then there is this charming story, which appeared in the Mercury (Hobart, Tasmania) on Tuesday 9 December 1941, about a much-loved dog.

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This image from the Australian War Memorial photographic library, shows soldiers including some medical orderlies, possibly of C Company, 2/2nd Battalion, beside a large crater created by an Italian bomb. The deep hole appears to be in a courtyard, very close to the verandas of a building. One of the soldiers is holding a small dog, possibly 'Bobby Tobruk' who was cared for by Private Jack Reedy.

Ed note: the AWM description above refers to "Private" Reedy as opposed to the story in the Mercury where he is recorded as a sergeant.

TOBRUK SUNDAY 2024



COMMEMORATING THE 83RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMENCEMENT
OF THE SIEGE OF TOBRUK

SUNDAY APRIL 7TH 2024

A COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT 2PM IN MOUBRAY ST
(AROUND THE CORNER FROM TOBRUK HOUSE).

GUEST SPEAKER: BRIGADIER DOUG PERRY OAM RFD ED RETD.
"THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ARTILLERY AT THE TOBRUK SIEGE"

FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL.
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Don McGregor Lydia Brkic Tim Humphries Virginia Waller
Sue Taggart Marilyn Rudd Jerzy Kirszac Peter Chenoweth
Sue Kenny Richard Nixon



Your membership helps to ensure the legacy of the Rats of Tobruk

LISTEN UP



[The Last Rat of Tobruk - ABC listen](#)

Of the 14,000 Aussie soldiers that were besieged in Tobruk in 1941, only one is left.

www.abc.net.au

If you happened to be listening to ABC radio recently, you may have heard morning presenter, Warwick Long, interview our current secretary, Lachlan Gaylard, who was able to eloquently tell the story of the Siege of Tobruk to listeners. Lachlan did a great job of also explaining the history of ROTA and how the digitisation of WW2 records in the Australian War Memorial's collection has enabled us to help descendants looking for information about their relatives. Tommy Pritchard, as the last Rat, also got a mention, of course.

If you missed it, you can try this link.. [The Last Rat of Tobruk - ABC listen](#)

This interview came about because the producer of the program's father happened to visit Tobruk House on one of our open days and, thinking it was great story, mentioned it to his daughter, who then contacted Lachlan.

As we get further away from 1941, and even we, as descendants, are 'not getting any younger', it is obviously going to become increasingly difficult to keep the story of the siege alive.

Everyone knows 'Gallipoli', but how many Australians, apart from having a vague recollection, know much about the Tobruk story at all? Interviews such as this radio one are important and often, after publicity such as this, we are contacted by relatives looking for information, and ROTA is always pleased to help.

As members of this association, you can also help by attending events such as Tobruk Sunday, Anzac Day, our open days etc. (We are always looking for volunteers!) Better still, consider becoming a member of the committee. There is a nomination form included with this issue. The Tobruk story is one well worth telling. Will you help us?

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Your Association needs interested members to join the committee
and help drive the organisation forward.**

**We have great plans for the future of ROTA,
but we need help to realise them.**

Enquire about joining the committee.

PHONE 0432 232 502

ANZAC DAY 2024

**TOBRUK HOUSE
44 VICTORIA AVENUE
WILL BE OPEN ON ANZAC DAY
FROM 8AM TO 3PM
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
VIA LACHLAN GAYLARD
0432 232 502**

THE RATS OF TOBRUK NEUROSCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

Each year in Australia, over 250,000 people are diagnosed with epilepsy. Yet, for around half of those, including around 35 per cent of children, the cause of the epilepsy is unknown. Thanks to the Rats of Tobruk Neuroscience Fellowship, supported by the Rats of Tobruk Association, teams across the RCH are hoping to change that.



This fellowship was established by the Rats themselves to be their legacy and has provided opportunities for twelve young doctors to advance their studies and knowledge of child epilepsy since it began in 2010.

These doctors are now contributing to the efforts to discover the cause and find treatments for child epilepsy in hospitals around Australia and the world.

To learn more about how you can contribute to this most worthy cause by adding a gift in your will, or most importantly, to let the Foundation know of your intention, please contact
Kathryn Sell, Planned Giving, RCH Foundation
(03 9345 6389 or email: kathryn.sell@rch.org.au)



RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC

Registration No: A0054511Y

NOMINATION FORM

Committee Members for 2024

In accordance with the Association Rules (2017), at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), all positions on the Committee of Management will be declared vacant and elections held for these positions. Nominations are sought to fill these positions. All nominations must be on this nomination form.

The following rules apply:

- Only a member entitled to vote at general meetings (must be financial), is eligible for nomination.
- An eligible member can nominate himself or herself; or with the member's consent, be nominated by another member.
- Completed nomination forms must reach the secretary by 31 January 2024. (Completed forms can be sent by mail to Tobruk House, 44 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park, Victoria, 3206 or electronically to ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com)
- The committee has the discretion to reject a nomination where the form is not correctly completed.
- A member can be nominated for more than one position.

I hereby nominate: _____
(eligible member's name)

for the position of (please tick the applicable box(s)):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Ordinary Committee Member

Nominator's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nominated person's Consent (only required where nominated by another member):

I, _____ accept this nomination.
(member's name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



ROTA MERCHANDISE



See Order Form on page 19 for postage costs and other details.



LADIES SUMMER POPPY SCARF
Light Blue, Dark Blue, White,
Grey, Black
\$15



SIEGE OF TOBRUK BAR MAT
\$40



SIEGE OF TOBRUK 'ROLL-UP'
STUBBIE COOLER
\$10



ROTA 'BASEBALL' CAP
One size fits all
\$20



ROTA POLO SHIRT
Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL
XXXL, XXXXL, XXXXXL
\$50



ROTA RUGBY TOP
Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL
XXXL, XXXXL, XXXXXL
\$60



ROTA BADGE CAR
WINDOW STICKER
7cm x 8.5cm approx
Sticks to inside of window
\$10



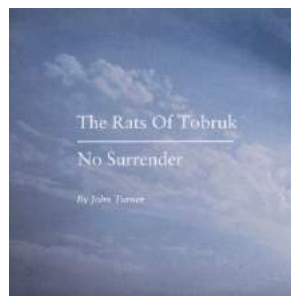
TWO-UP SET
Includes kip and two 1941 pennies
\$17



ROTA FACEMASK
Small or large
Special offer **\$7**



80TH ANNIVERSARY SIEGE
MEDAL
(Limited Stock remaining)
\$50



'RATS OF TOBRUK' CD
INCLUDES 'NO SURRENDER'
Written and sung by
John Turner
\$15



RATS OF TOBRUK 1941
LAPEL BADGE
\$15



RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC - APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP



Please forward this application together with payment of \$30 to:
The Secretary of ROTA, Tobruk House, 44 Victoria Ave, Albert Park, Vic, 3206.

Contact Email: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com

Contact Phone No: 0432 232 502

Name:

Title
Given Name (s)
Surname

Address:

Suburb / State
Post Code

Email:@..... Contact Phone No:

Please Print Clearly

Are you over 18 years of age: **YES or NO** To be eligible for membership the applicant must be over 18 years of age

Are you a descendant / relative of a Rat of Tobruk: **YES or NO** **If yes please print his details below:**

.....

Given Name (s)
Surname
Service ID
Unit

My relationship to the veteran is:

Payment Details:

Payment of **\$30 Annual Subscription** must accompany the application. (There is no joining fee.)

Payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) is our preferred method of payment. Payment can also be made by credit card.

EFT Payment: If you are paying by EFT, it is important that you include a unique reference so that the payment can be matched to the application. A suggested reference is the words 'New Member' followed by your surname.

Bank Account Details: Account Name: Rats of Tobruk Association BSB: 633 000 Account No: 197610603

Credit Card Payment. Please provide the following details:

Name on Card: _____ Amount \$ _____

Card No. |__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|

CVC: |__|__|__|__| (3 digit number on the back of Visa/MC, 4 digit on front of AMEX) Expiry Date __ : __

If you pay by EFT or credit card you can scan this form and email it to: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com

Privacy Clause:

Information requested in this application form is necessary for the association to determine your eligibility for membership, maintain the members register and to keep you informed about the association, its activities and products. It will not be provided to third parties for direct marketing purposes. As a member you have the right to inspect the members' register.

Promotional Photos:

At the Association's functions, photo's may be taken for promotional purposes and publication in the Tobruk House News. By attending any of these functions you give permission for the use of your image in the manner described above.

Annual Subscription:

By joining the Association, you agree to pay the Annual Subscription when it falls due on the 1st January each year. The amount of the Annual Subscription is set by the Committee of Management, prior to the start of each year.

Association Rules:

By joining the Association, you agree to abide by the Association Rules and policies approved by the Committee of Management from time to time. These are available on the Association's website www.ratsoftobrukassociation.org.au

Applicant's Signature: **Date:**

Membership Approval:

Delegate of the Committee of Management

January 2024



RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Item	Cost per Item	Quantity	Size (Refer page 16)	Postage Yes/No	Postage (Ordinary Mail)	Total	Comments
Rats of Tobruk, 1941, Lapel Badge – butterfly /clutch fitting	\$15				Inc postage		
Rats of Tobruk, 1941, Lapel Badge – stick pin fitting	\$15				Inc postage		
80 th Anniversary Medal	\$50				\$6		Postage for up to 2 medals to same address.
ROTA Rugby Top	\$50				\$12		
ROTA Polo Shirt (New look navy blue with yellow stripes)	\$45				\$12		
Two-Up Set	\$17				Inc postage		
ROTA “baseball” style cap	\$20				\$12		
ROTA Bar Mat (New design)	\$40				\$12		
ROTA ‘roll-up’ Stubbie cooler	\$10				\$6		
Badge Car Window Sticker <small>(Sticks to inside of window)</small>	\$10				Inc postage		20% discount for more than one sticker.
ROTA Face Mask	\$7				nil		\$6 Postage for 2 – 5 masks
‘THE RATS OF TOBRUK’ CD	\$15				\$4		
			Colour				
Ladies Poppy Scarf (light weight)	\$15				\$6		
\$12 postage for orders of multiple items to the same address			Total amount to be paid:			\$	

Payment is required before the items are sent. Delivery time can vary depending on stock availability and could be up to 6 weeks. Payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) is our preferred method of payment. Payment can also be made by card, cheque, or money order.

EFT Payment: If you are paying by EFT, it is important that you include a unique reference so that the payment can be matched to the members register. A suggested reference is the abbreviation ‘MERCH’ followed by your surname.

Bank Account Name: Rats of Tobruk Association BSB: 633 000 Account No: 197610603

Payment can also be made by Credit or Debit Card.

To arrange this please call: 0432 232 502

Purchaser’s Name: _____ **Contact Phone No:** _____
(Please Print)

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Delivery Address: _____

Suburb: _____ **State:** _____ **Postcode:** _____

Please forward completed form to:

‘Merchandise Officer, ROTA, 44 Victoria Av, Albert Park, Vic, 3206.’

If you pay by EFT or card, you can scan this form and email to: **ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com**

All enquiries to the Merchandise Officer

email: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com **Phone:** 0432 232 502



Rats of Tobruk Association Inc Voting by Proxy

- a) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer and shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in a poll. A member shall be entitled to instruct his proxy to vote in favour or against any proposed resolution. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as they think fit.
- b) The instrument appointing the proxy shall be in the following form (see below):
- c) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be addressed to the Secretary and shall be deposited at the office of the association not less than 48 hours before the time for the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting or poll. In default, the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.

PROXY VOTING FORM

I, _____ of _____
(Name) (Address)

being a member of the Rats of Tobruk Association hereby appoint

_____ of _____
(Name) (Address)

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Rats of Tobruk Association, to be held on the 23rd day of February 2024.

My proxy is hereby authorised to vote in favour*/against*/as they think fit* in respect of any motions, proposed amendments to the Statement of Purposes and/or Rules of the Rats of Tobruk Association.

Signed: _____

**Delete as required*

Return to:
Rats of Tobruk Association
Tobruk House | 44 Victoria Avenue| Albert Park | VIC | 3206
Email to Ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com

What's on at The Shrine



TRENCHES TO RUNWAY



This exhibition delves into the profound impact of military clothing design and wartime conditions on popular fashion, tracing these influences from the 1870s to the present day. Discover how wartime led to innovative design solutions and how the fashion industry reinterpreted these styles, giving them new meaning and expression in civilian life.

INK IN THE LINES



This Australian War Memorial touring exhibition focuses on the stories of Australia's military veterans, through stunning photography of their tattoos. Many members and veterans of the Australian Defence Forces have tattoos, and while their reasons for getting tattooed are as varied as the people themselves, self-expression and belonging play a part. They also share a common purpose in getting inked: to remember.

LAST POST – Every Sunday at 4.45PM



The Last Post Service is another reason to make a family visit to the Shrine on Sunday afternoons. This new moving ceremony features a piper, bugler and Shrine Guard in historic uniform.

TOYS, TALES & TENACITY



This first-of-its-kind exhibition at the Shrine explores the experiences of children during war. Join us for an immersive and thought-provoking journey as we explore the intertwined stories of war, childhood, and the enduring spirit of youth in the face of adversity.