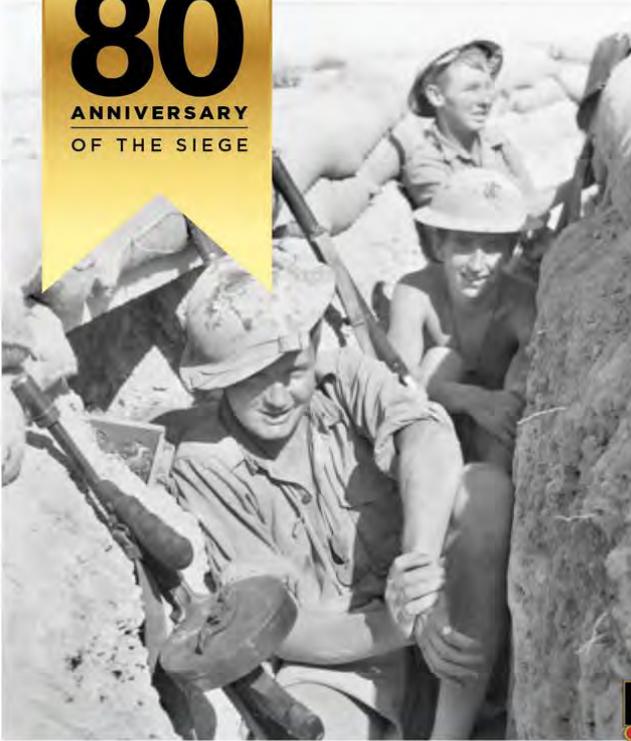


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GENERAL MEETINGS NORMALLY START AT 10.30AM

(NO MEETINGS JANUARY, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER)

THE DATES BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION CALL 0432 232 502

Month / Date	Event Description
February 26	Tobruk House Meeting and Tobruk Exhibition Launch
February 27	Open Day at Tobruk House (11am – 4pm) All welcome.
March 26	Annual General Meeting – Nominations for the committee now open.
April 11	Tobruk Sunday
April 25	Anzac Day
June 25	General Meeting
August 27	Shrine of Remembrance Carpathian Brigade Commemorative Service
October 22	General Meeting
December 5	Christmas Lunch – Details TBA

Patron: Bill Gibbins

Committee of Management:

President – Graham Gibson

Vice President – Mike Kiernan

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Christine Mulvaney, Bob Horton,

Graeme Clifford, Tony Smith,

Heather Macfarlane, Ian Marr,

Karolina Sevcikova, Stuart Tolliday,

Lachlan Gaylard

Tony Codd – Hall Keeper

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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

No notices of a veteran's death have been received since December. For those who have died that we are unaware of, the President and ROTA Inc. members wish to extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to the families and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to all grieving families at this sad time.

RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC.

President's Report – February

A belated Happy New Year to all. I trust that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and have also had a good start to 2021.

Obviously, it was extremely disappointing that in 2020, the association's 75th year, we were unable to meet with members or hold our special event in October, but the good news is that there is much to look forward to in 2021. We have started with a new look to the front page of the Tobruk House News. The Merchandise page has also had a facelift.

Despite the lockdown last year, the committee met regularly via Zoom as reported, and towards the end of the year, we were able to hold a working bee at Tobruk House and a small Christmas get-together, with a special visitor from Kapooka army base, Braeden Heverin and his partner, Sonia, in attendance. See pages 12 and 13 for more details.

The exhibition of 24 large panels telling the story of the siege is also now ready for permanent display at the hall and, as mentioned in our last THN, will be officially launched at our first meeting of the year on Friday February 26. There will be a number of special guests at this meeting from the Royal Children's Hospital. We are really looking forward to seeing many of you again on this, our first meeting for 12 months! The hall will also be open the following day for the first of several Tobruk House Open Days planned for 2021.

At this stage, our calendar of events is still a work in progress, but our other major event for the first half of the year will be Tobruk Sunday on April 11. As this is the 80th anniversary of the beginning of the siege, planning for this special day of commemoration is underway and we are hoping to have many people in attendance, so please pop the date into your diaries! This will obviously be followed by the usual get-together on Anzac Day, just a few weeks later.

Finally, you will be pleased to know that the veterans we are in contact with have fared very well during the Covid-19 pandemic, and we send them our best wishes for continued good health.

Thank you once again for your support.

Graham Gibson, President

P.S. Just in case you've forgotten, please note that annual subs were due in January. Also, nominations are now due for the 2021 Committee. The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 26. See this issue for the necessary forms.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION – FOLLOW UP

A Story of a Medal....From the 'Horse's Mouth'

You may have read a story which appeared in the December 2020 THN regarding the 'original' Tobruk medal, which was the inspiration for our recent 80th anniversary commemorative medal.



At the end of the article, there was a request for information from readers about the famous, but mysterious, Tobruk medal. After publishing this, 'Looking for Information' segment, we were contacted by 104-year-old veteran NX20046 Ernie Walker OAM, who served in the Middle East with 2/1 Pioneer Btn. He was vice-president of the NSW branch of the Rats of Tobruk Association from 2010-2015.

Ernie (pictured here) read about our request and rang to tell to tell his story and to clear a few things up!

Ernie recalls that during the siege, he and a mate, 'Spud' Murphy, whilst patrolling inside the perimeter, came across, as Ernie describes it, an abandoned German mobile tank workshop. They found it in a wadi, obscured from view, under an overhanging cliff and were delighted to discover that the workshop was equipped with a lathe which was still operational. The men believed that they could put it to good use and set about doing just that. Ernie, acting as Spud's 'gofer', was sent out, armed with just a hacksaw, to retrieve metal from the propellers of downed aircraft.

Over a series of visits to this secret workshop, they were able to use the lathe to fashion a variety of items, including rings and ashtrays. Of course, the 'top brass' knew nothing of their exploits. Their activities were kept confidential and only a few close mates knew what they were up to.

Ernie cannot recall who exactly came up with the idea of making a medal, but he went on to explain how it came about. The men of Tobruk were becoming increasingly aggravated by Lord Haw Haw's radio broadcasts. Early on, they found these broadcasts quite amusing and Ernie even recalls that Haw Haw had a beautiful speaking voice, "like Irish silk", as he described it. Ernie was even able to give a wonderful impersonation of the broadcasts, finishing off with, "Back to your holes, rats!"

No longer finding this at all funny, the broadcasts really began to annoy the troops and so the idea of making a medal in response to the entreaties to surrender was hatched. Only a few medals were made, as they were not easy to manufacture, but the rest, as they say, is history!

So, there you have it, from the horse's mouth. We are extremely grateful to Ernie for this information and so glad he contacted us.

(Editor's note: It appears that there were several 'medals' created independently during the siege by different people. If you are aware of any other stories on this topic we'd love to hear from you.)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to ROTA:

Belinda Anderson Maura Braithwaite Janet George Graeme Oliver
James Anderson



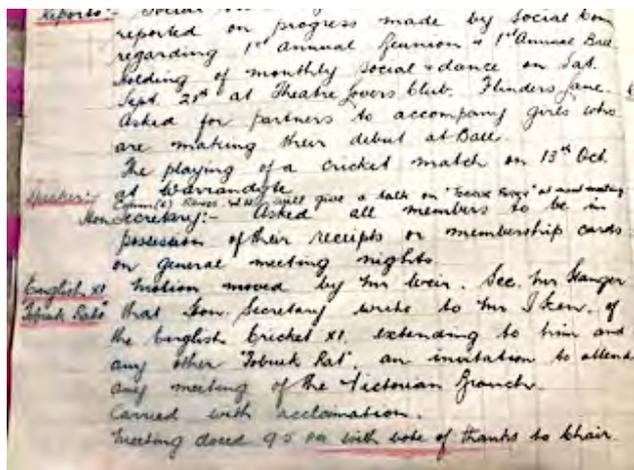
Your membership helps to ensure the legacy of the Rats of Tobruk

FROM THE ARCHIVES

ROTA is fortunate to still have in our possession many of the association's meeting minute books, even a somewhat battered one from the inaugural meeting held on October 2, 1945, not long after the end of WW2.

While browsing these records not long ago, we noticed one entry which looked particularly interesting. Dated 24 September 1946, a motion was moved as follows:

'That the Honorary Secretary write to Mr Ikin of the English Cricket X11, extending to him, and any other 'Tobruk Rat', an invitation to attend any meeting of the Victorian Branch. Carried with acclamation.'



Unfortunately, there is no indication that Mr Ikin ever attended any meetings, however this entry prompted a bit of research into 'Mr Ikin'.

John Thomas Ikin (7 March 1918 – 15 September 1984) was an English cricketer, who played in eighteen Tests from 1946 to 1955.

After losing perhaps his best years to World War II, during which he fought at Tobruk, he resumed his career for Lancashire in 1946 and became a mainstay of the team, recording 1,000 runs in a season eleven times. He toured Australia in the 1946-47 Ashes series.

In a benefit match against the Australians in 1948, Ikin had reached 90 when Captain Don Bradman instructed Keith Miller to bowl. Keith Miller, of course, was not just a 'golden boy' of Australian cricket, but he had also been a Royal Australian Air Force pilot during World War II.

Despite his captain's request, Miller refused to bowl, noting that Ikin had been a Rat of Tobruk.

Gradually, injury and fragile health took its toll, and Ikin retired at the end of the 1957 season, with 17,968 first-class runs to his name.

Miller's wartime exploits obviously gave him a greater sense of perspective when he returned to the sports field. When asked many years later by Michael Parkinson, about pressure in cricket, Miller responded. "Pressure is a Messerschmitt up your arse, playing cricket is not."



John Ikin



Keith Miller



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 020790
Not quite Test cricket..... but nevertheless, while one of their number kept a look-out above for enemy planes, these Australians played a game of cricket in the ruins of a street.

CRICKET TOBRUK STYLE

The December edition of the Tobruk House news carried a cricket story and a photograph of troops playing the game in the back streets. Our intrepid researcher Glenda and ROTA member Alastair Davidson have uncovered some more information about these games between Australian and British troops, including the special rules for one such match, reproduced below.

CRICKET MATCH between 20 AUST INF BDE HQ and 107 R. H. A. To be played at Cricket Ground

1. Time of start	Play to commence at 1400 hrs, 30 July 41
2. Hours of play	Play to be continuous, except by interference by air raids, until 1800 hrs. Play will NOT rpt NOT, cease during <u>shell-fire</u> .
3. Refreshments	All players will supply own beer. Rum issue, before and after match, is being arranged by Manager
4. Dress	Shirt, shorts, long socks and shoes (if available), hats F.S. (or bareheaded). ITI helmets or other fancy headgear will NOT be worn. Umpires will wear white coats (if available) and will carry loaded rifle with fixed bayonets. Tin hats to be used (on head only) by wicket- keeper, if desired.
5. Umpires	One umpire to be supplied by each side. Unbiased umpires preferred but these may be changed if things are going against team concerned. Remarks to umpires on receipt of adverse decisions to be confined to those words used during dive-bomber attacks.
6. Weapons	All players will be searched for concealed weapons before start of play. All weapons found, other than S.T. grenades, Mills bombs, and revolvers will be confiscated (this does NOT apply to the umpires).
7. Additional rules	Any other rules may be added or deleted as a majority of players, umpires or onlookers think fit.
8. Medical	Manager will make medical arrangements and have ambulance in attendance. A parade of stiff (muscle) players will be held at 0900 hrs, 31 July 41.



DIGITAL ARCHIVES TO BE EXPANDED

ROTA members and friends will soon be able to access a digital version of the records of all Tobruk veterans, without having to pay a special fee.

In November 2020 the National Archives of Australia signed contracts totalling \$4.4 million for the bulk digitisation of more than 650,000 Second World War service records.

They will digitise the two largest Second World War series held by the National Archives – B883 (Personnel services records for the Second Australian Imperial Force 1939-47) and B884 (Personnel service records for Citizen Military Forces 1937-47) - by mid-2023.

Work has commenced on series B884 and records digitised under the contracts will be made progressively available free of charge to the public via the National Archives website from December 2020. More than 220,000 Second World War service records are already digitised.

National Archives' Director-General David Fricker said the contracts marked a milestone in the four-year, \$10 million project to digitise the majority of Second World War records.

"The World War II service records are among the most popular in our vast collection and this project will ensure Australians can access almost one million of these records digitally by 2023," Mr Fricker said.

"We're proud to be working with our commercial partners on a project of national significance that will safeguard our Second World War documentary heritage into the future."



One page at a time, Michael Buxton is meticulously preserving the memories of Australia's war heroes. He is one of the many workers undertaking an administrative task of epic proportions — digitising Australian Defence Force (ADF) medical and personnel documents, photos, training files and campaign logs from World War II through to the 1970s.

Hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of files will need to be archived. The ADF says the collection stretches the equivalent of 130 kilometres and expects its multi-million-dollar digitisation project to take five years.

The files are stored in four locations with boxes from the Victoria Barracks in Melbourne being sent to Mr Buxton's workplace Ability Works, which employs people with a disability.

Mr Buxton, who has Down syndrome, has been employed at Ability Works for nearly two decades and is also heavily involved in several theatre companies.

His role includes removing staples from the records, straightening out creases and fixing up any tears before they are sent off to be scanned.

"You have to be very careful ... it takes a lot of practice," Mr Buxton said.



Mr Buxton's family has historic links to the ADF. (ABC Melbourne: Kristian Silva)

After the files have been scanned, quality control checks are then undertaken by Ability Works and the ADF.

It's a job Mr Buxton does with a sense of pride, and he feels he is adding to his family's legacy. Mr Buxton's great-grandfather and grandfather both served overseas, and his brother is a current ADF member. Mr Buxton's father is also a former army reservist.

Mardi Jarvis, the assistant secretary of regional services at the Department of Defence, said the digital files would be

made available to veterans, family members, historians and ex-service affiliated organisations like the RSL.

"There are members who've served for 40 years, so they're quite big files, some of them can take up to four to five hours to [digitise]," she said.

"At the moment we are retaining the hard copy files. We hope into the future we will get to the stage where we're confident to destroy those."

The ADF currently receives about 43,000 requests a year for information contained in the records, and manually locating and extracting information can take up to a month.

Sharon Harnett, the director of Defence Archives and Service Centres, said the department was looking for further opportunities to include more people marginalised from the workforce in the digitisation project.

"We would like to continue to bring in a greater diversity of people into our projects, which helps continue the positive legacy of the members whose information is included in these files," she said.

Above story from National Archives press release and ABC Radio Melbourne By Kristian Silva

MORWELL CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FIG TREE PLANTING

Morwell Central Primary School students and staff were thrilled to receive a fig tree from the Rats of Tobruk Association in Melbourne. It is a cutting from the ancient fig tree that stands on top of a series of caves at Tobruk in Libya. During the Siege of Tobruk from April to December 1941 injured soldiers were cared for in the caves. The original tree survived the battle and still stands today.

The special relationship between the Rats of Tobruk and Morwell Central Primary School goes back many years to the original Tobruk Primary School.



Sue Turner and John Turner from the Rats of Tobruk Association with teacher Nic Quenault and school captains Amelia V and Amelia O, with the fig tree cutting in the school library



'Diggers' Amelia V and Amelia O planting the fig tree in the school grounds.

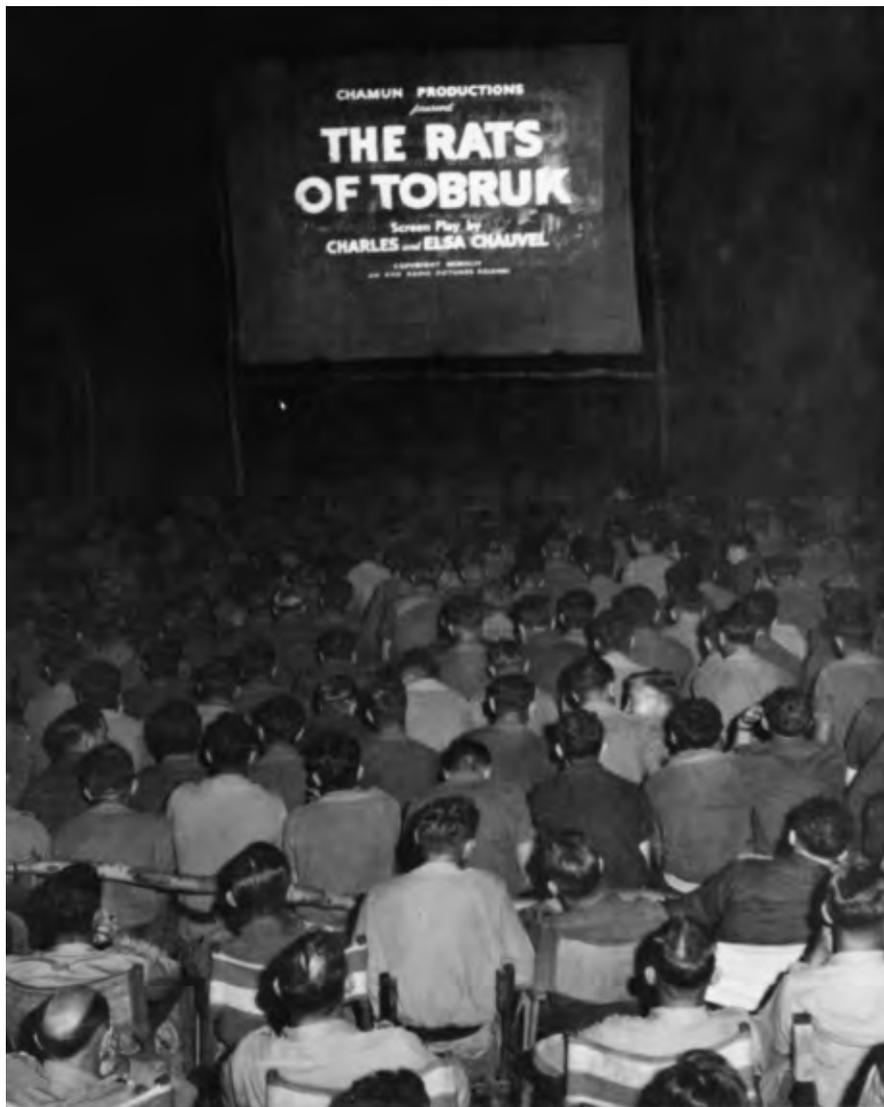


The Rats Of Tobruk Association very generously donates two scholarships to the school annually. These are presented to students who understand the importance of mateship and display the characteristics of strength in adversity and resilience. These are the personal qualities deemed important, above all others, by the famous Rats. Pictured above are the 2020 recipients.

Morwell Central is proud of its ongoing relationship with ROTA.

MOVIE NIGHT – TOBRUK STYLE

This image is from the Australian War Memorial archives. Our Exhibition Committee has been doing extensive research into their photo collection, finding images for our forthcoming exhibition, and we have found a number such as the one below that show a less well-known side of the siege. We will feature some more of these in future issues of the THN.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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It is a little-known story that the first film about the Rats of Tobruk was actually made during the siege for Allied propaganda purposes. In this image you can see members of the 6th, 7th and 9th Divisions watching an early screening in Tobruk! In fact, there have been many films made about the siege since, and there is at least one currently in production. These posters show some of those movies.



NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC.

REG No: A0054511Y

Date: 26th March 2021

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 2019
- Ask questions about the above
- 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 new committee members

There are no special resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

Please see the nomination form on page 16 covering all Committee positions, please note that nominations for the Executive Committee must be received by the Secretary of ROTA no later than the 31st January 2021.

All Ordinary Committee nominations can be accepted up to, and during the AGM.

A CHANCE MEETING

The THN has reported a number of chance meetings recently and this is another. Late in 2020 ROTA committee member Lachlan Gaylard 'discovered' another Rat of Tobruk in 102-year-old Don Simpson. During Lachlan's interview with Don, he learned that Don's battalion was 2/32nd.

"That's interesting," said Lachlan, "as the THN's editor's father was also 2/32nd. Did you ever come across a Bill Tolliday?"

"I was in his platoon!" Don replied.

Lachlan wasted no time in putting the two together for a long chat. Don recalled the way the 2/32nd was created from two disparate groups – originally formed from Australians sent to defend England, where they had taken part in the Battle of Britain, and supplemented by men who had gone straight to Egypt from Australia. There was a great deal of antagonism between the two and finally the decision was made to mix the groups, which entailed splitting platoons up. It wasn't a popular move at the time, but it achieved the desired result and the 2/32nd went on to become one of the great Infantry Battalions of the Second World War.

Don was wounded at El Alamein and repatriated to Heidelberg and he lost touch with Bill and many of the others from his Tobruk days. He became a sign writer and for many years specialized in painting the 'fancy scrolls' on toy prams. Don and his wife Betty moved to Leith Park retirement village in the 1990s. Betty died in 2016 and Don has continued to be an involved member of the community.



Bill Tolliday's son Stuart, with Don Simpson

TOBRUK HOUSE WORK

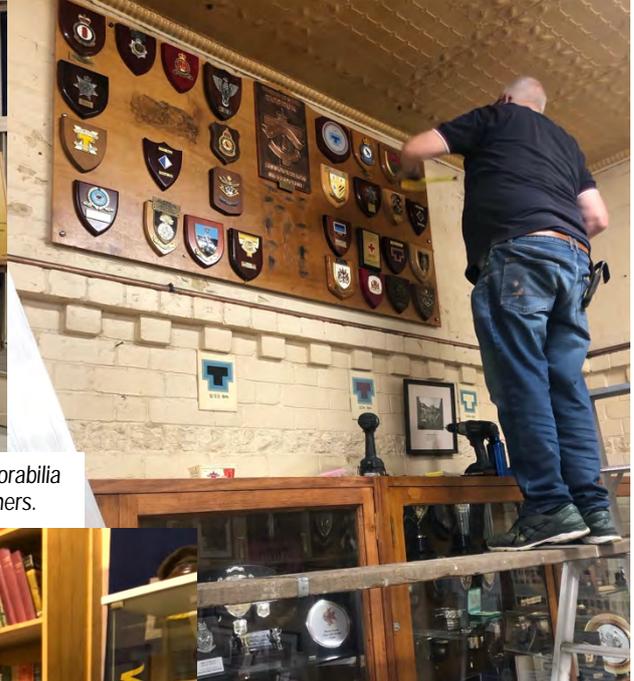
Over the past couple of months there have been several committee working bees at Tobruk House in preparation for the 80th anniversary of the Siege and the launch of our Exhibition. We have re-arranged many of the pictures around the hall to put them in logical groups, and some of the artifacts which have been sitting in cupboards have been put on display in new glass cabinets. We are hoping to get a government grant to bring the honour boards up to date. We have also commissioned a display cabinet from the Men's Shed for the sets of medals that have been given to ROTA. The kitchen and the adjoining room have also had a big reorganisation by our amazing Catering Crew.



Many of the pictures have been rearranged into related subject groups.



A second glass cabinet at the front of the hall features memorabilia from Past President Bob Semple's collection amongst others.



The board of plaques was relocated to allow for more photographs at lower levels on the wall.



The front foyer has been re-organised and includes one of the three glass display cabinets and an image promoting the new exhibition.



The ROTA emblem at the front of the hall was kindly restored by Geoff Fumberger.

CHRISTMAS 2020 AT TOBRUK HOUSE

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we were unable to hold our traditional Christmas lunch at Tobruk house but a gathering of committee members with some special guests was arranged. From Kapooka army base, Braeden Heverin and his partner, Sonia, joined us. Braeden told us how, as a trainer of new recruits, he talks about the Tobruk Siege and the importance of 'owning' no-man's-land, a key factor in the holding of Tobruk.

Our other important guest was our irrepressible veteran Tom Prichard, who was given a special preview of the new exhibition. Tom read every panel carefully and we are pleased to report that he gave it the 'thumbs up'.



Tom Prichard inspected the exhibition.



Braeden Heverin talks to committee members about his training roll.



YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE FOR PAYMENT NOW

Affiliate members are reminded that this year's subscription was due for payment on 1st January. The subscription remains at \$30 for 2021.

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 **2021 Annual Subscription Payment Form** on page 17 of this edition.

Thank you to all those members who have already paid.

Please note that Tobruk Veterans are exempt from paying the annual subscription.

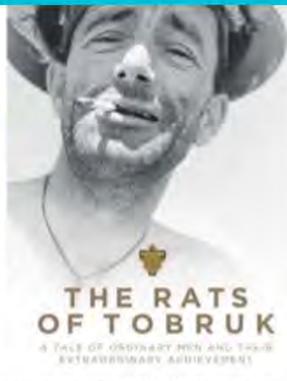
RATS OF TOBRUK NEUROSCIENCE FELLOWSHIP FUND

Siege of Tobruk, 80th Anniversary Appeal



**THE RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION
NEUROSCIENCE FELLOWSHIP FUND**

In 2005, the surviving veteran members of the Rats of Tobruk Association donated \$1,500,000 to the Royal Children's Hospital to establish 'The Rats of Tobruk Association Neuroscience Fellowship Fund'. Since then an annual Fellowship has been awarded to a young doctor so that he or she can undertake studies associated with paediatric neuroscience. The Fellowship has had an inspirational track record of success and achievement. It is a sought after, prestigious Fellowship. The growing number of recipients is contributing to an international network of paediatric neuroscience specialist. 2021 is the 80TH Anniversary of the Siege of Tobruk. To commemorate this, we would like to raise \$100,000 which will help maintain 'The Rats of Tobruk Association Neuroscience Fellowship Fund' into the future; this will ensure the mighty Rats of Tobruk are never forgotten.



\$100 raised

0%

GOAL \$100,000

1 donations since Nov 2020

donate now

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Foundation is the fundraising arm of the hospital, supporting medical excellence for children and young people.

About fundraiser

Mike Kiernan
VIC

Share this campaign

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COPY LINK

During this special 80th Anniversary year we have established an on-line appeal.

The link to this appeal is <https://www.mycause.com.au/page/241888/siege-of-tobruk-80th-anniversary-appeal>

Adding a gift in your Will is another way to help ensure the continuation of the Fellowship.

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 Jessica Frean, Planned Giving, RCH Foundation (03 9345 6389 or email: jessica.frean@rch.org.au)

80th Anniversary Mug - Siege of Tobruk



(Front of Mug)

2021 is the 80th Anniversary of the Siege of Tobruk which lasted for 242 days from April to December 1941. This mug has been produced to commemorate this very special milestone.
(9.5 x 8.2 cm ceramic mug which is dishwasher and microwave safe.)

\$18

plus postage

(Postage anywhere in Australia: \$10 for a up to four mugs, to the same address.)



(Back of Mug)

To order please send an email to ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com (Include the quantity required, your name, delivery address and contact phone number.)
Payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) is our preferred method of payment:
Bank Account Details: Account Name: Rats of Tobruk Association
BSB: 013 223 Account No: 2102 51748
Include as the reference the word 'MUG' followed by your surname.

Payment can also be made by Credit or Debit Card. To arrange this please ring our Merchandising Officer, Graeme Clifford: 0418 882 323



RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC.

REGISTRATION No: A0054511Y

NOMINATION FORM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021

In accordance with the Association Rules (2017), at the 2021 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.
- Only a member, who has been a member of the Committee for the 12 month period prior to the AGM, is eligible for nomination for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 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 2021. (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: _____



RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT FORM

Contact Email: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com

Contact Phone No: 0434 693 190

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

Membership No: _____

Name: _____
Title Given Name (s) Surname

Contact Details (Only complete if details have changed):

Address: _____
Suburb / State Post Code

Email: _____@_____ Contact Phone No: _____
Please Print Clearly

The 2021 Annual Membership Subscription is \$30 and is due and payable on 1 January 2021.

Please note that if payment is not received by 31 March 2021, your membership will be suspended. It is also pointed out that the Association's rules state that a member is taken to have resigned if the member's subscription is more than twelve months in arrears.

Payment: Payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) is our preferred method of payment. Payment can also be made by credit 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, for example, your membership no. and surname.

Bank Account Details: Name: Rats of Tobruk Association BSB: 013 223 Account No: 2102 51748

Credit Card Payment: Please provide the following details:

Name on Card: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Card No: _____ Expiry Date: __: __

CVC: ___ (3-digit number on the back of Visa / MC, 4 digit on front of AMEX)

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 form is necessary for the association to 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.

Association Rules:

As a member of 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

Member's Signature: _____

Date: _____

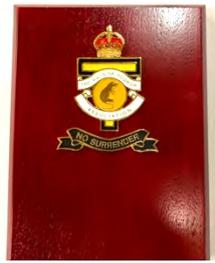


ROTA MERCHANDISE

See Order Form for postage costs and other details.



LADIES SUMMER POPPY SCARF
Blue / Black / White / Navy
\$15



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Featuring an enameled
metal badge with
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80th ANNIVERSARY TWO-UP SET
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Sticks to inside of window
\$10



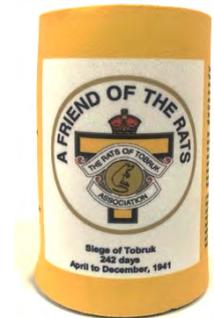
80th ANNIVERSARY
SIEGE MEDAL
In presentation case with
siege story
\$50



ROTA 'BASEBALL' CAP
\$20



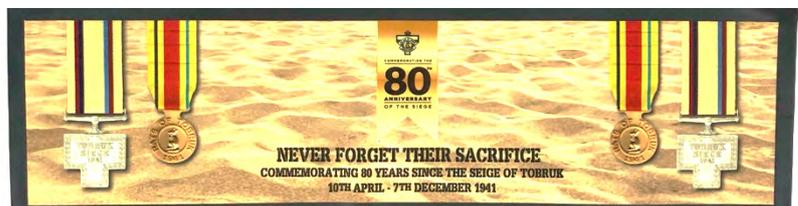
ROTA 80th ANNIVERSARY
POLO SHIRT
\$40



STUBBY HOLDER
Features selected verses
from a poem written during
the siege.
\$9



ROTA 80th ANNIVERSARY
RUGBY TOP
\$45



80th ANNIVERSARY BAR MAT
890mm x 240mm Poly-Felt Top, non-slip rubber backed.
\$40



RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION INC MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

ITEM	Cost per Item	Quantity	Size S,M,L, XL,XX	Postage Yes/No	Postage *	Total	Comments
80 th Anniversary Medal	\$50				\$10		Postage for up to two badges to same address.
80 th Anniversary Mug	\$18				\$10		Postage for up to four mugs to same address.
80 th Anniversary Rugby Top	\$45				\$10		
80 th Anniversary Polo Shirt	\$40				\$10		
80 th Anniversary Two-Up Set	\$17				Inc postage		
ROTA "baseball" style cap	\$20				\$10		
ROTA Face Mask	\$12				\$2		\$50 for five masks plus \$6 postage.
ROTA Bar Mat	\$40				\$10		
Badge Car Window Sticker	\$10				Inc Postage		20% discount for more than one.
ROTA Stubby Holder	\$9				\$6		\$10 postage for up to six.
ROTA Rosewood Plaque	\$95				\$10		
			Colour				
Ladies Poppy Scarf (light weight)	\$15				\$6		
*\$10 TOTAL 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 Details:

Account Name: Rats of Tobruk Association BSB: 013 223 Account No: 2102 51748

Payment can also be made by Credit or Debit Card. To arrange this please ring our Merchandising Officer, Graeme Clifford: 0418 882 323

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 (Graeme Clifford)
email: ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com Phone: 0418 882 323

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

WHAT'S ON

THE SHRINE IS OPEN. CAPACITY LIMITS APPLY AND CLOAKING IS NOT AVAILABLE. BEFORE PLANNING A VISIT, TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE CHECK THE SHRINE WEBSITE OR CALL 03 9661 8100 FOR UPDATED INFORMATION



SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
MELBOURNE

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 moving ceremony features a piper, bugler and Shrine Guard in historic uniform.

IMAGINING CENTAUR



The tragic story of the Australian Hospital Ship Centaur, sunk on 14 May 1943. A series of charcoal drawings by celebrated artist Dean Bowen to commemorate the 268 innocent souls lost and the 64 brave individuals who survived.

THROUGH THE EYES OF THE SON



Photographer, John Williams (1933-2016), left an impressive intellectual and creative legacy that reflected his passion and preoccupation with the impact of the First World War on Australian culture and society. Inspired by his father's service, John's war related imagery provides perceptive reflection that will leave a lasting impression.

CHANGED FOREVER



Stories of migrants who have resettled in Australia from war-torn countries are presented beside those of recent veterans of overseas service in the Australian Defence Force. This moving exhibition explores the impacts of global and civil conflict in changing lives and shaping contemporary Australia.