



2024 ANZAC ROUND
SATURDAY 27th APRIL



VS



BURNSIDE RUFC
PARKINSON OVAL
422 THE PARADE
KENSINGTON GARDENS

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEVON 'VON' LAMBERT

Horseshoe Lines – Edinburgh Defence Complex

Lieutenant Colonel Lambert graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy in 2004 after completing undergraduate studies. He entered the Royal Australian Infantry Corps in 2005 after graduating from the Royal Military College – Duntroon. He has eight years of regimental and command experience in 7 RAR as a platoon commander, company commander, adjutant, and operations officer. Post-United States Marine Corps (USMC) Staff College, his service includes positions as a strategic planner in Army headquarters and operational planner for Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR).

Lieutenant Colonel Lambert has deployed five times to the Middle East Region – inclusive of four tours in force elements from 7 RAR and as a planner in a US corps headquarters. Initially serving in Afghanistan as a platoon commander in Bravo Company in 2006-07 and again as a platoon commander in Alpha Company in Iraq in 2008; he later returned to Afghanistan as adjutant of the 7 RAR Task Group (ATF-1) in 2012-13. In 2016, he deployed again to Iraq as the operations officer for Task Group Taji supporting Iraqi Army Brigades in readying for their attack on ISIS-held Mosul. In 2020-21 he deployed again to Iraq as Plans Chief in CJTF-OIR.

Lieutenant Colonel Lambert had two postings as a Captain which shape his approach to training – an Observer-Trainer at the Combat Training Centre and the Mechanised Officer Instructor at the School of Armour. Both experiences reinforced the importance of investing in Army's people to foster combined arms proficiency and the fundamentals behind difficult, realistic, and safe live-fire training.

Attending USMC Command & Staff College in 2017-18, Lieutenant Colonel Lambert completed a Master of Military Studies; he was awarded Distinguished Graduate status and the Hammett Prize. His published thesis examined case studies on armies transitioning from armoured personnel carriers to infantry fighting vehicles with resultant effects on force structures and training. The following year, he completed a Master of Operational Studies at the School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW) and was awarded the Krulak Prize. He is currently a PhD candidate at UNSW.

Lieutenant Colonel Lambert is married to Katherine, a serving Air Force officer. He has two children, Matilda (10), and Georgette (5); he enjoys spending time with his family and watching Rugby Union. He has completed the USMC Marathon in Washington DC.

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE

ALLAN ASHMAN

Warrant Officer Class One Allan Ashman was born in Semaphore, South Australia, in October 1973; however, spent the majority of his youth in Victoria.

Warrant Officer Ashman enlisted into the Australian Regular Army in July 1991. After initial recruit and employment training, he was allocated to The Royal Australian Infantry Corps as a rifleman and posted to the 5th/7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

In 1995, Warrant Officer Ashman was promoted to Lance Corporal and performed duties of a section second-in-command within Charlie Company; subsequently promoting to Corporal in 1996, as a section commander within Bravo Company. In 1998, Warrant Officer Ashman was posted to the School of Infantry as an instructor within Depot Company, The Royal Australian Regiment. In 2001, Warrant Officer Ashman returned to the 5th/7th Battalion, as a mechanised infantry section commander in Bravo Company. During this posting, Warrant Officer Ashman was promoted to Sergeant in 2004 and performed the role of Platoon Sergeant with Bravo and Support Company.

Warrant Officer Ashman's other postings include the 1st Combat Support Regiment, 25th/49th Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment, and School of Armour.

In December 2013, Warrant Officer Ashman was promoted to Warrant Officer Class Two and subsequently posted to the South Australian Wing of the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy as an instructor. In 2016, Warrant Officer Ashman was posted to 7th Battalion, as Company Sergeant Major in Bravo Company; as Company Sergeant Major Support Coy in 2017; and Mechanised Warrant Officer in 2018. In 2019, he was posted to the School of Armour as Warrant Officer Mechanised Instructor.

In December 2020, Warrant Officer Ashman was promoted to Warrant Officer Class One and appointed as the Regimental Sergeant Major of The 8th/7th Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment.

Warrant Officer Ashman's operational deployments include: Operation CITADEL (East Timor); CATALYST (Iraq); Operation ASTUTE (Timor Leste); Operation HIGHROAD (Afghanistan). Warrant Officer Ashman has also deployed to Rifle Company Butterworth (Malaysia) in 1993, 1995 and 2001.

In addition to his operational experience, Warrant Officer Ashman has been awarded a Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Warrant Officer Ashman is married to Jodi and has four children. His interests include most sports; however, he is extremely passionate about AFL (Collingwood) and enjoys social gatherings with family and friends.

Warrant Officer Ashman is currently appointed as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

BRETT SMITH

CHAIR, RUGBY UNION SA

Rugby Union SA is very proud to be able to participate in the RSL ANZAC Sporting Medal program.

The ANZAC Memorial Match is to be played between the Grand Finalists from the previous season, during the round closest to ANZAC Day as a tribute to those brave men and women who have served our Nation and the ANZAC spirit.

Today the player voted best on ground will be awarded the Michael von Berg MC OAM– RSL ANZAC Day Medal. On behalf of Rugby Union South Australia, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Michael, who has made an outstanding contribution to Rugby in South Australia across many roles over a number of decades.

I would like to thank the RSL for enabling Rugby Union South Australia this prestigious opportunity and for their continuous support. Also, I would like to thank the Government of South Australia for their donation of a perpetual trophy of the ANZAC Memorial Match.



2023 ANZAC Medal Winner, Rhys Fishwick (Brighton)

ANZAC MEMORIAL MATCH

ORDER OF SERVICE

Military Guests in attendance:

Lieutenant Colonel Levon (Von) Lambert, Commanding Officer, 7RAR.

Warrant Officer Class One, Allan Ashman, Regimental Sergeant Major,
7RAR

Carl Jones: Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Carl Jones: Asks all to stand for the Observance of Remembrance

Michael Von Berg MC OAM:

Reads the Ode of Remembrance:

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 (Repeated by ALL)

Last Post

One Minute Silence

Rouse

ALL: Lest We Forget

Carl Jones: Please remain standing for the Australian and New Zealand
National Anthems

MICHAEL von BERG, MC OAM

ANZAC DAY MEDAL

Michael graduated from the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, in December 1965. He was posted to the 5th Battalion (The Tiger Battalion) of the Royal Australian Regiment as a Platoon Commander. In 1966 whilst serving with the Battalion in Vietnam he was tasked in establishing the first Reconnaissance Platoon in the Australian Army. The platoon's activities and



operational history have been recorded in the publications “Vietnam Task”, “Vietnam Vanguard”, “Crossfire” and the Ch 9 documentary “The Eyes of the Tiger”. For his leadership and courage under fire, Michael was awarded the Military Cross (MC) for a three-and-a-half-hour action in extracting one of his seriously wounded section commanders, who sadly died after being recovered.

Michael's subsequent military postings were The Special Air Service Regiment, Commandos, Special Operations, Ministerial Inquiries, Adjutant and Company Commander. Over this period, he completed numerous specialist courses with a strong bent for water borne operations. During his period of military service, he represented the Army and Services in five sports, which included rugby as the Army's blue-ribbon sport. He resigned his Commission in 1973 and lived and worked overseas in various countries for a twelve years period, where he also played and coached at senior level.

Upon his return to Australia, he took up a senior executive position in Adelaide and has been a committee member and coach of three South Australian clubs, Brighton, Old Collegians and Burnside. He was an accredited Level 3 Coach and has coached the State Schoolboys, Under 21's and the Black Falcons. At State administrative level he was Chair for 10 years, the ARU delegate for 12 years and at National level the only South Australian to have served as a Director of Australian Rugby. He is a Life Member and Hall of Fame Member of Rugby SA and in 2000 he was awarded The Australian Sports Medal and in 2015 The Medal of the Order of Australian (OAM) for his services to rugby.

Michael is still very much involved with the military and veterans. He is the Chair and National President of The Royal Australian Regiment Corporation; The Ex-Service Round Table of DVA in Canberra; The Strategic Governance Board of DVA, Advocacy, Training and Development Program and has recently completed his six-year term of The Prime Ministers Advisory Council on Veteran Mental Health. He is a regular guest presenter and speaker at Battalion, Corps and Specialist Courses level, both in Australia and overseas.

His speaks on leadership, jungle warfare, human intel and reconnaissance, morals, and ethics in warfare, with a strong emphasis on mental health, resilience, PTSD, peer to peer support, suicide and self-harm prevention.

Michael is retired and when not involved in rugby or veterans' matters, he spends time fishing, reading, writing, cooking, and appreciating a good red wine with his family and friends.

ANZAC DAY MEDAL WINNERS

2012 – Rory Shepard (Old Collegians)

2013 – James Brown (Brighton)

2014 – Gary Mann (Old Collegians)

2015 – Tom Hankey (Burnside)

2016 – Alex Rokobaro (Old Collegians)

2017 – Gary Mann (Old Collegians)

2018 – Nichel Lam Sam (Burnside)

2019 – Pita Nakarawara (Brighton)

2020 – Josetaki Tuilawaki (Brighton)

2021 – Nathan Satala (Brighton)

2022 – Nick Simpson (Brighton)

2023 – Rhys Fishwick (Brighton)

ANZAC MEMORIAL MATCH

PREMIER GRADE ROUND 4



1. Hasler Monda
2. Patrick Eteuati
3. Saul Lopa
4. Josh Eteuati
5. Lachlan English
6. Tony Barker
7. Nichel Lam Sam
8. Max Hodell
9. Angus Stockley
10. Freeman Eder (C)
11. Cameron Green
12. Edward Wilkes
13. Luke Sikalu
14. Kai Rahui
15. Fraser Green

RESERVES

16. Louis Fagan
17. Will Cardoso
18. Isaac Partington
19. Callan Barrell
20. Jon Mocomoko
21. Yu Kato
22. Ben Moffat
23. Jordan Cetta

1. Sam Tee
2. Jaden Phillips
3. Aidan Flynn
4. Brian Van Der Burgh
5. Jack Butler (C)
6. Motuliki Kailahil
7. Nicholas Simpson
8. Lee Hunter
9. Riley Byrne
10. Mickael Becat-Narbey
11. Piers Deignan
12. Cathal Evans
13. Max Priestly
14. Tyson Daszkowski
15. Pita Nakarawa

RESERVES

16. Rhys Fishwick
17. Jacob France
19. Estienne Strauss
20. Osea Rogica
21. Selwyn Nunu
22. Grant Murdoch
23. Noa Naivalu