

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS

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A message from the Representative Colonel Commandant

The Head of Corps has highlighted the important contribution that our men and women in the Royal Australian Corps of Signals have made in 2023. I was fortunate to see a number of our Signals personnel on Exercise TALISMAN SABRE and I know you would be immensely proud of them. Our people manage highly complex and technical systems and are constantly innovating to deliver communications in support of the Army and the Australian Defence Force, often in challenging circumstances.

I'm also aware that Signals Associations across Australia continue to keep a connection with Signals families and friends in our States and local communities. Thank you for what you do and we hope that this connection will continue to grow as we approach the centenary of our Corps. We also hope that you are starting to think about how you will recognise and commemorate Certa Cito 100 in 2025. There will be the opportunity to participate in national events in Melbourne (February 2025) and Canberra (November 2025) if you are able to join us and we hope you will contribute to State and local level events. We have provided some initial information on our plans for 2025 and we will provide more detail in early 2024. We welcome your participation and we hope you will reach out to others in our Signals family and encourage them to mark 100 years of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals.

You may not be aware that this year Head of Corps and I have had the opportunity to congratulate and recognise a number of individuals who turned 100 or who have reached 90 or more years of age. These individuals have made a contribution to our nation and our Corps and it is our great privilege to mark our respects with letters of recognition and a Corps Medallion. If you know of people in our community who are close to turning 100 we would like to know so we can recognise the occasion. Please reach out to you Colonel Commandant or Signals Association or contact the Certa Cito Foundation with details so we can be in touch with the centenarian and their family.

On behalf of the Head of Corps I am delighted to announce that the Chief of Army, has made the following Colonel Commandant appointments in 2023:

- SA-Colonel Martin Faulkner
- ACT and NSW Colonel Kirk Johnstone, and
- North QLD and NT Colonel Daniel Bennett

I was also reappointed as the Representative Colonel Commandant for another three years.

These appointments complement the Colonels Commandant already appointed:

- WA-Colonel Michael Brennan
- VIC and TAS Colonel Christopher Rule
- South QLD Colonel James Roche

I was delighted to support Head of Corps in November at the Corps Conference where he acknowledged the contribution that Colonel Michael Brennan has made to RA Sigs and as Colonel Commandant by presenting him with a Commendation. I congratulate Michael for over fifty years of dedication and support to our RA Sigs community – I know he has made a difference to many individuals and organisations over the years.

Colonel Andrew Mackie has completed his term as Colonel Commandant for ACT/NSW and we appreciate his support in this role over the years. Thanks also to the Colonels Commandant for the support they provide to our Signals Community.

I particularly want to thank the volunteers in our community who support their State Signals Associations, Unit Associations and our veterans and their families across Australia. The work that our volunteers do is important and very much appreciated.

I wish you all the best for the rest of 2023 and hope to see you in 2024. Thank you for what you do to connect our Signals community.

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Alison Creagh AM, CSC Brigadier Representative Colonel Commandant

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