



# Head of Regiment Order of the Day

By Brigadier DJ Hill AM

## RAA Gunner Race 2024

Fellow Gunners,

From 1 November until 4 December 2024, the RAA will hold the Inaugural Gunner Race. The race is designed to rejuvenate the Regimental (Gunnery) Fund and promote spirited competition between the units that comprise our wonderful Royal Regiment.

The race is simple. All you need to do is deposit funds into the Gunnery Fund and assign that money to your favourite Regiment (using the Reference field in internet banking). The Regiment that is assigned the most money by midday on Saint Barbara's Day will be announced "Best Regiment 2024" and will be awarded the Pagan Cup. The Pagan Cup is a repurposed trophy that was originally presented to 1st Field Regiment RAA in 1959 by Brigadier Sir John Pagan for the annual Saint Barbara's Day Gymkhana. It was repurposed by 1st Field Regiment RAA in 1994 as the 1st Divisional Artillery Rugby Competition Second Grade Trophy. The competition was played once, won by then 131st Divisional Locating Battery RAA and has been a resident at the now 20th Regiment RAA (and its forebears) since that time. The Pagan Trophy has a rich regimental provenance and its link to Saint Barbara's Day makes it worthy of reconstitution once again.

You can assign monies to any current or former unit (those with direct forebears will be linked to current unit). The Regiment will provide a weekly tally via social media, and the winning Regiment will be announced as soon as practicable after Saint Barbara's Day.

All funds raised will be distributed in 2025. The Regimental Committee will confirm the initiatives in mid-November. However, the following will be a focus:

Ubique Fund. This will be utilised to recognise all gunners who depart the Army. The fund will deliver a certificate and Gunner pin.

St Barbara's Medal. This will recognise service to the RAA from our wider Regimental family. Each Regiment will have one to award annually and Head of Regiment staff will hold a small number of medals for Gunner associations that wish to recognise their members and their family.

Representative Grant. This will be provided to support serving gunners who represent the Regiment, Army or ADF. The criteria will be developed by Head of Regiment Staff. It is intended that ten grants will be available annually.

Welfare Fund. This will be developed and established in 2025, and will be dependent upon the success of the 2024 Gunner Race.

The bank details are as follows: Title: RAA Regt Fund; BSB: 642-170; Acct No: 100026037.

I know there is a great deal of pride in Regimental service, now is your opportunity to establish bragging rights.

May the Best Regiment win!

Ubique,

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