



**2019 ANZAC ROUND  
SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL**



VS



**BRIGHTON RUFC  
BRIGHTON OVAL  
CNR HIGHET AVENUE & BRIGHTON ROAD  
HOVE**



# WELCOME FROM RUGBY UNION SA CHAIRMAN – JUSTIN COURTNEY

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

For the eighth year, 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. Michael currently holds the role of President of Rugby Union SA.

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.

## ANZAC DAY MEDAL WINNERS

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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)

# ANZAC MEMORIAL MATCH

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Welcome: Carl Jones

Acknowledgement of Country

**MC:** 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.

**ALL:** We will remember them

**Last Post:** WO2 Alwin Kidney

**One Minute Silence**

**Reveille**

**Michael Von Berg MC OAM:** Reads the Ode of Remembrance:

Lest We Forget

**ALL:** Lest We Forget

**MC:** Please remain standing for the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems

# MICHAEL von BERG, MC OAM

ANZAC DAY MEDAL

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Michael graduated from the Officer Cadet School, Portsea in 1965. He was posted to the 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment; “The Tiger Battalion” as a platoon commander which included active service in South Vietnam 1966/67, where he was tasked to establish the first Battalion Reconnaissance Platoon in the Australian Army. Captain Robert J. O’Neill, the Battalions Intelligence Officer and later Chichele Professor of the History of War at Oxford University wrote in his book “Vietnam Task” in 1968.

*“The Platoon was organized to operate as a number of small teams, each equipped with radio. Space precludes description of the large number of individual reconnaissance and ambushes the platoon undertook. Suffice it to say that the platoon was kept extremely busy, being lucky to have one night a month in base at Nui Dat. The platoon was very successful in its operations, killing many Viet Cong in swift encounters in the jungle and producing a great deal of intelligence information to assist my work.”*

The platoon’s further activities were recalled in the book “Crossfire” by Robert Kearney and Peter Haran where Michael is one of the central characters. On 17th October 1966 on Operation Quenbeyan in the Nui Thi Vai Mountains one of Michael’s section commanders was seriously wounded in an enemy action and under heavy enemy fire Michael and his platoon fought for three hours to retrieve the wounded soldier. Sadly the wounded soldier died as he was loaded on to a medical evacuation helicopter. An excerpt of Michael’s citation for the award of the Military Cross held at the Australian War Memorial states:-

*“At all times during the three and one quarter hours engagement, Second Lieutenant von Berg showed complete disregard for his own safety even when it became apparent that the enemy were concentrating their fire on leaders. The calm and competent manner of Second Lieutenant von Berg was a major factor in steadying his platoon under fire in a difficult situation. The success in clearing the Viet Cong ambush position was due in the main to the fine example of leadership and courage set by Second Lieutenant von Berg.”*

After his service in Vietnam, Michael enjoyed postings to the Special Air Service Regiment, Commandos, and his beloved “Tiger Battalion”. He resigned his commission in 1973 and lived and worked overseas for the next 12 years.

Michael played inter-service and combined services rugby every year during his time in the Army excluding his year in Vietnam and played for clubs in Sydney, NSW Country, Melbourne and Perth. During his time overseas he played and coached in England, Kenya, South Africa and Europe.

Upon his return to Australia he took up a senior management position in Adelaide and has been associated as a committee member and coach with three South Australian Clubs – Brighton, Old Collegians and Burnside. He was a Level 3 accredited premiership coach and also coached State Schoolboys, Under 21’s and the Black Falcons for some six years.

At State administrative level he was Chairman of the SARU for ten years, and State delegate to the ARU for twelve years. At National level he is the only South Australian to have served as a Director of the Australian Rugby Union and was a member of that bodies Governance and Policy Committee. He was very proud to hold the position of Vice President of the Burnside Rugby Club. In 2006, he was appointed as a Life Member of the South Australian Rugby Union and in 2007 a Hall of Fame inductee. In 2000, he was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for his services to rugby.

Michael is still very much indirectly involved with the military through his advocacy for veterans where he is Chairman of the Royal Australian Regiment Corporation and President of the Council, a member of the Federal Governments Ex-Service Organization Round Table and a member of The Prime Ministers Advisory Council on Veteran Mental Health and on a Strategic Governance Board of DVA.

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

Michael B. von Berg was honored with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) 8th June 2015 for his decades of service to rugby. The hours and hours of coaching at all levels, the mentoring of young players, the shouldering of the administrative duties, are all recognized.



# WO1 BARRY FAWCETT

ANZAC ROUND

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Warrant Officer Class One Barry Fawcett enlisted in the Australian Army on 7th January 1992 and was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. At the completion of Initial Employment Training at the School of Infantry he was posted to 8th/9th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment. He has subsequently served in the 2nd/4th Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 4th Battalion of The Royal Australian Regiment and as an Instructor where he received a Chief Instructor Commendation. Promoted to Sgt he was posted to The Royal Military College, Duntroon as an Instructor. On promotion to Warrant Officer Class Two, numerous Regimental and senior instructional postings followed where on promotion to Warrant Officer Class One, he is now the Regimental Sargent Major (RSM) of the 7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, based here in Adelaide.

He has had operational war service in East Timor and two tours to Afghanistan. Warrant Officer Fawcett is married to Sarah and they have two daughters, Imogen (b2001) and Isla (b2011). Warrant Officer Fawcett enjoys cycling, both mountain bike and road, racing socially. He is also an avid Australian Rules supporter following the Carlton Football Club.

# WG CDR DARREN JONES

ANZAC ROUND

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Wing Commander Darren Jones is currently serving in the Royal Australian Air Force as the Commanding Officer of a Surveillance Unit at RAAF Base Edinburgh. Darren joined the Air Force in 1987 as an apprentice and has served in squadrons across Australia, in Asia and in the USA.

Darren has a bachelor of Electrical Engineering, a masters of Business and has specialised in the Cyber Warfare domain and now manages the sustainment of the Jindalee over the horizon Radar network that protects Australia's northern approaches.

# LTCOL ADAM GOWER

## ANZAC ROUND

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Lieutenant Colonel Gower grew up in regional South Australia and was commissioned in 2002 following the completion of training at both the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Royal Military College-Duntroon. His regimental postings include service in the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) as a Platoon Commander, 2nd Battalion RAR as a Company Commander and Operations Officer, and his current appointment as Commanding Officer 7th Battalion, RAR.

Lieutenant Colonel Gower has completed staff appointments at Headquarters 3rd Brigade in operations and planning roles and Army Headquarters in the Soldier Combat Systems Program. His Training appointments include the Land Warfare Centre – Victoria and the Royal Military College – Duntroon.

A graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College, Lieutenant Colonel Gower holds a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Information Systems), a Master of Business (Information Technology), and a Master of Military and Defence Studies.

Lieutenant Colonel Gower has deployed to East Timor on OPERATION CITADEL, to Iraq on OPERATION CATALYST, to Afghanistan on OPERATION SLIPPER, and assisted in planning Queensland's recovery from Tropical Cyclone Debbie on OPERATION QUEENSLAND RECOVERY.

Lieutenant Colonel Gower is married to Cheryl, a practicing midwife and together they have three young children; Riley, Matilda and Chloe. He is a keen marathon runner, a passionate Australian Rules football player and Adelaide Crows supporter. His other interests include playing sport with his children and landscaping.

# ANZAC MEMORIAL MATCH

## COOPERS PREMIER GRADE

### ROUND 1

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Jacob France	1	Jonathon Van Dissel
Logan Brown	2	Ciaran Sambrook
Donald Clune	3	Louis Fagan
Keegan Lassen	4	Alistair Langsford
Ryan France	5	Lachlan English
Mitchell Wench	6	Jacob Devlin
Samuel Williamson	7	Nichel Lam Sam
Rian Murphy	8	Blair Marshall ©
Hector Caron	9	Harrison Rahaley
Joel Plummer	10	Andrew Hamilton
Joe Lawaki	11	Tony Barker
Treymaine Butler	12	Matt Benger
Pita Bulewa	13	Isaac Allum-Henson
Robbie Ferguson	14	Fraser Green
Nathan Satala ©	15	Jevan Woodland
Kai Wilson	16	Chris Walton
Matt Trayner	17	Kiru Brown
Judd Barratt	18	Tupu-Jonty Maualaivao
Chad Bowker	19	Sid Spicer
Mark Masefield	20	Zac Ellis
Mark Elbourne	21	Leon Immelman
Tom Cooper	22	Nikolay Szecko
Maddie Whittington	23	
Richard Wasley	COACH	Wayne Vincent and Alasdair Hamilton
Marshall Wells	MANAGER	Pat Betham