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CERTA CITO 100

Our Centenary – Our Heritage – Our Future

The official launch of the Corps Centenary commenced on February 14th, 2025, with a Ceremonial Parade and Remembrance Service conducted at the Shrine of Remembrance in Victoria. If you didn't see the parade, you can view it on YouTube along with the Colonel in Chiefs personal message.

The ceremonial activities were followed with various celebrations conducted around Australia. It was imperative that all events acknowledged the contributions of former and current serving members as well as their families.



Cocktail parties were in favour to recognise the Centenary launch; with a Victorian event at the Watsonia RSL.

The Perth Signallers held a function at the Army Museum in Fremantle which coincided with the opening of some distinctive Corps displays.

1 CSR held a regimental cocktail party in the Officer Mess at Robertson Barracks in Darwin, while the Sydney crowd enjoyed an evening at the North Bondi RSL.



1 Sig Regt hosted a morning tea at the Jimmy's Club for all Signallers located at Gallipoli Barracks, the SE QLD Association and other veteran signallers in location or visiting Brisbane. This activity provided a live stream of the Melbourne ceremonies.

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7 Sig Regt held a family afternoon at Cabarlah and the ACT Communicators held a garden party at Duntroon House at RMC. 3 CSR held a cocktail party at the Townsville RSL.

144 Sig Sqn (SA) hosted a family afternoon including a sausage sizzle and equipment display. Tasmanian Signallers also held an event to commemorate the launch.



Group Photo from the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne 14 Feb 25

If you have any great photos that would be appropriate for the newsletter, please forward them to care@certacitofoundation.org.au

CENTENARY EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2025

Have you reserved your attendance for the Sydney or Brisbane events? Use these QR Codes to book your place in history.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF RA SIGS IN 2025

CORPS WEEK EVENTS

9-11 NOVEMBER 2025

**Celebrating 100 Years of the
Royal Australian Corps of Signals in 2025**

9 NOVEMBER 2025
CENTENARY PARADE & GARDEN PARTY
VICTORIA BARRACKS, SYDNEY
LATE MORNING TO LATE AFTERNOON
FIRM TIMINGS TBA



11 NOVEMBER 2025
CENTENARY SPORTS CARNIVAL
GALLIPOLI BARRACKS, BRISBANE
LATE MORNING TO LATE AFTERNOON
FIRM TIMINGS TBA



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and family members welcome**

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Please note that the Australian War Memorial will also host a Last Post Service on 10th November in honour of the Corps Centenary recognizing the service of Signaller Patrick McGill. Attendance is strongly encouraged or you can view the live stream via this [link](#). The live stream commences at 1630 AEDST.

NATIONAL REUNION

Bruce Long has created a fantastic National Reunion to be held down in Healesville, Victoria during the period 10 – 18 Nov 25. Bruce has coordinated a number of events including trips to Simpson Barracks, wineries and the National Reunion Dinner. Make sure you are following the Facebook page for the latest updates to schedules etc (@RASigs 100th Birthday National Reunion)

RASIGS RUGBY

Royal Signals Rugby Tour 2025

In honour of the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Signals (RA Sigs), the Corps—through the RA Sigs Rugby Club—hosted a visit from the Royal Corps of Signals (R Sigs) Rugby Union Football Club from 30 June to 10 July 2025. The tour united serving members, veterans, families, and emergency services through a series of matches across South-East Queensland, New South Wales, and the Australian Capital Territory. Fixtures included both men's and women's teams, marking the first time women's matches have been played in Australia as part of this tour.

Women's Rugby: Coyle-Nesmith Trophy Retained

On Monday, 30 June, the R Signals Women's team faced the RA Sigs Women's team in a best-of-three series. The RA Sigs squad secured victory in the first two matches, claiming the inaugural Coyle-Nesmith Trophy. This was a proud moment for the Corps and a strong start to the competitive fixtures.

RA Sigs Centenary Rugby Match

Wednesday, 2 July saw the tour's marquee event at Norths Rugby Club. The day was well-attended, featuring Her Excellency, the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young, Governor of Queensland, the RA Sigs Head of Corps Brigadier Deane Limmer, alongside representatives from the Certa Cito Foundation and from one of our sponsors, GME. Also represented were representatives from the UK, LTCOL Ally Biggs DCOMD 7 Signal Group and LTCOL Ed Vickers, CO 1 Sig Regt (UK).

The two matches were played in a spirit of fair play and mutual respect, showcasing high-level competition and camaraderie. The first match was between a joint AUS/UK Signals Women's team and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) women's team. This hard-fought match was won by the QPS team 36-10.

The second match saw the RA Signals men's team square off against the team from R Signals for the Ramalli-Lawrence Trophy. The R Signals team claimed a confident win, 38- Nil, avenging their loss in 2018 and taking home the trophy.

🏉 Subsequent events

In a first for the tour, Rugby League was added to the schedule. On 5 July, the R Signals played against the Sigs Spartans (a veterans-inclusive team) at North Devils Rugby League Club. It was a close match, with R Signals narrowly edging out a win—marking the first real challenge of their tour.

The R Signal team then headed to Canberra to play in an Old Boys union match hosted by ACT Veterans, before returning to Sydney for a union clash at the Western Districts Rugby Carnival against NSW Police. The team returned to Brisbane, with a final match against the Brisbane Jackals at Aspley Rugby Club, before attending British Army vs ADF Barbarians match, followed by the Wallabies vs British Lions at Suncorp Stadium.

🌐 A Tour to Remember

The UK R Signals team departed Australia with high praise for RA SIGS and the broader Defence community. For RA Sigs, the tour offered a valuable opportunity to strengthen bonds with teammates and international colleagues, while proudly showcasing the **spirit, camaraderie, and capability** of the Corps in its centenary year.

If you would like to know more about our Rugby Teams, then follow them on Facebook at Royal Australian Signals Rugby. The men and women compete at various competitions and always in support of veteran or first responder charity matches. The funds raised by these matches provide crucial support to a number of charities. Merchandise is available through their socials.



AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Did you know that if you are a financial member of the Corps Fund that your membership is recognised and entitles you to affiliate membership to the Foundation at no additional cost? Should your financial status with the Corps Fund change then affiliate membership will be discontinued unless you join the Foundation. It's an easy way to stay connected and be a part of the team looking after you and your fellow communicators.

SOCIALS

The Foundation has a number of active social media accounts on Facebook, INSTAGRAM and LinkedIn. Give us a follow, like a post or link us to your association or unit activities.

FOUNDATION SHOP

Get your CCF merchandise at our [online shop](#). It's simple and easy to make a purchase and the quality is fantastic. It's an easy way to support our Foundation and look great.

CHARITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Foundation is proudly establishing working relationships with the [Commando Welfare Trust](#), [Remount](#), [Kokoda Discovery Treks](#) and [Orijem Timor](#) (QuintaFET). The Foundation recently sponsored a position on the Orijem Timor program, and our participant kindly offered a Testimonial of her experience.

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Dear Certa Cito Foundation Committee and Members,

My name is Bridget and I was privileged to receive your sponsorship and support to attend the QuintaFET 2025 tour to Timor-Leste. I am incredibly grateful to the Certa Cito Foundation for this opportunity. The experience was both deeply educational and profoundly moving, offering firsthand insight into the country's history of conflict, Australia's involvement, and the resilience of the Timorese people.

Working alongside ADF veterans and local communities to rehabilitate coffee farms was a humbling experience. It highlighted not only the economic importance of the coffee industry to Timor-Leste but also the spirit of cooperation and recovery in a nation still healing from its past. Engaging with both Australian and Timor-Leste veterans provided a unique perspective on service, sacrifice, and the long-lasting impact of military operations.

This journey was more than just a tour—it was an opportunity to connect with history, contribute to meaningful work, and build relationships with people dedicated to positive change. The Certa Cito Foundation's commitment to supporting veterans and fostering cross-cultural engagement is truly commendable.

Thank you for making this experience possible. Your support enables important conversations, hands-on contributions, and enduring connections that leave a lasting impact on all involved. I feel privileged to have been a part of it.

*Yours sincerely,
Bridget*

REMOUNT

The Foundation participated in the [Remount](#) program which matches veterans with horsemanship during March this year. Remount is a veteran charity that operates from Bowning near Yass in NSW. It has operated since 2016 and has been assisting those who have served to 'get back in the saddle' and reconnect. By all accounts everyone had a fabulous time. If you are interested in attending a session, please look at the website for upcoming events.



OUR SPONSORS

SILVER SPONSOR



PentenAmio, a British-Australian leader in secure communications and defence technology, is proud to announce its sponsorship of the Certa Cito Foundation, the official charity of the Signals and Communications community, as part of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals' centenary celebrations in 2025.

As part of the sponsorship, PentenAmio is funding a commemorative centenary sculpture, which will be unveiled at a special event at Simpson Barracks in November 2025. The Sculpture will stand as a lasting tribute to 100 years of technical excellence, service and sacrifice. Uniquely, the sculpture is being built by the community it celebrates, with PentenAmio employees working side by side with veterans, serving members of the Corps and family representatives to design and construct the sculpture.

BRONZE SPONSOR



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HONOURING THE FALLEN SIGNALLERS OF SANDAKAN

On Anzac Day 2025, the CCF had the solemn honour of laying a wreath in remembrance of the Signallers who were interred and perished at Sandakan POW Camp. Their sacrifice stands as a deeply significant chapter in our military history.

Among those who endured the brutal conditions at Sandakan, Captain Lionel Matthews, GC, MC, remains an enduring symbol of courage. His unwavering leadership in Malaya, Sandakan, and his final days in Kuching Prison exemplifies heroism in the face of adversity. As part of the underground resistance, Matthews led a brave movement alongside Lieutenant Rod Wells, Lieutenant Russ Howlett, and Corporal Cyril Mills, whose ingenious efforts resulted in the construction of a secret radio receiver—a remarkable act of defiance that deserves recognition.

Equally important is the remembrance of the over 60 Signalmen of the 8th Division, dispatched from Singapore to Sandakan, British North Borneo. Initially assured humane treatment, they instead suffered forced labour, relentless brutality, and starvation. Tasked with constructing an airstrip to support the Japanese war effort, their suffering intensified following the arrest and removal of the underground leaders in mid-1943, leading to drastically worsening conditions.

By early 1944, rations were further reduced, and medical aid was withheld. In 1945, the notorious Death Marches began—260-kilometer treks through unforgiving jungle terrain, where malnourished and ill prisoners were forced to carry Japanese supplies. Many perished from exhaustion, execution, or disease, while others succumbed at the final camp in Ranau. By August 1945, as Japan surrendered, every remaining prisoner had either been executed or had died from starvation and disease. Of the 70 Signalmen sent to Sandakan, the only survivors were 14 of those who were transferred to other camps before the Death Marches commenced. The approximately 50 Signallers who remained at Sandakan or participated in the marches did not survive.

The tragic fate of the Sandakan prisoners, including the Signalmen of the 8th Division, continues to resonate today. We honoured their sacrifice as part of the RA Sigs Centenary, ensuring their legacy is never forgotten.



UPCOMING EVENTS

KOKODA TRACK

The Foundation is sponsoring two positions on the trek during the 13-23 October 25. Participants will walk the track that Signalmen Norm Ensor did in 1942 and be a part of the centenary history. The Foundation will conduct another activity in 2026 to coincide with ANZAC Day, stay tuned for further details. More information is available at www.discoverkokoda.com.au

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation will launch its Scholarship program during centenary events in November with the announcement of the first recipient. More information about how to apply for the scholarship will be available on the Foundation website shortly.

CORPS HISTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have an event, article or item of interest that you think would be of interest to the Foundation, please reach out to us via the [Foundation website](#) and a member of the team will be in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

CC100 CHALLENGE COINS

The Foundation has exhausted our stocks of the centenary challenge coins; you can continue to order yours through the [Corps Shop](#) @ \$20 per coin.

