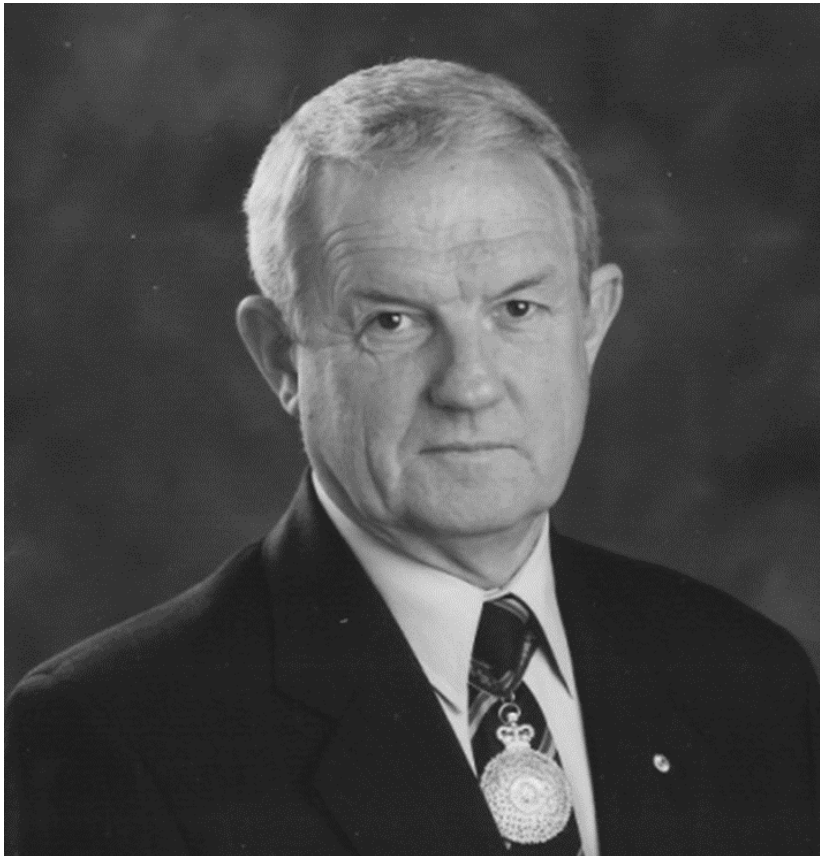




Major General D R LUTTRELL AO, RFD, ED



General Luttrell was President of the Club in 2004 - 05

Denis Raymond Luttrell was born in Roma, Queensland on 11 June 1942. He was the son of Grattan and Margaret Luttrell with sister Diana and brothers Brian and Trevor. ¹

He was educated at Sandgate State School and Banyo State High School. He completed a Bachelor of Science and Post Graduate Diploma in Education at the University of Queensland in 1963.

¹ Brigadier T. N. Luttrell, RFD, jssc – also a Queensland Army Reservist.

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Denis married (Hazel) Julie (née Smith) in Gladstone on the 23rd January 1965; and they had two sons and a daughter. Shortly after marrying they moved to Melbourne, before returning to Brisbane in 1971 and living at Bellbowrie.

General Luttrell served in the Citizen Military Forces and the Army Reserve for 40 years. His military career is outline below:

1960	Enlisted in the Queensland University Regiment
1963	Commissioned into Royal Australian Infantry Corps
1965	Melbourne University Regiment
1967	First Company Commander of newly raised Monash University Company (MonUR)
1971 - 78	various regimental / staff / instructional postings in SE Queensland.
1978	Promoted Lieutenant Colonel
1978 - 81	Commanding Officer Queensland University Regiment
1981	Instructor, Tactics Wing, Reserve Command & Staff College, 1 st Training Group
1983	Promoted Colonel
1983	Commander Reserve Command & Staff College, 1 st Training Group
1983	Promoted Brigadier
1983 - 86	Commander, 1 st Training Group
1986 - 89	Commander, 7 th Brigade
1990	Assistant Chief of Staff, Land Headquarters, Sydney
1991	Promoted Major General
1991 - 94	Assistant Chief of the General Staff (Reserves),
1994 - 98	Assistant Chief of the Defence Force (Reserves)

He was invested as an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1993 Australia Day Honours for his service to the Australian Army Reserve.

He was Honorary Colonel of the Queensland University Regiment from 1998 to 2005.

It is recalled that during his time as Commanding Officer QUR, he instigated the formation of the Regimental Band - with an initial seven members. Originally it was a brass band, but it expanded later to include woodwind instruments. The band participated in all regimental parades since 1983 including at the trooping the colour in July 1983. It became a prominent band in Brisbane and produced several recordings.

In civil life, Denis began as a teacher at the Beaudesert District State High School, but after a year was lured away to the computing world while some still believed that seven large computers would meet the world's computing requirements. His extensive career in that area included positions in information management in the aviation and insurance industries, in information policy and telecommunications. He was active in the Australian Computer Society, and he was a member of the Information Technology Board of Studies at the University of Queensland.

His principal appointments have been:

1965	Programmer, Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne
1971	Manager, SGIO Computer and Telecommunications Systems
1978	Chief Manager, Information Systems, SUNCORP Insurance
1992	Executive Director of the Information Policy Board
1995	Joint Communication Project Queensland Police and Emergency Services
1996	Director, Information Management Division, Queensland Police Service.

He retired from the QPS in 2011.

In his last role as the Chief Information Officer for the QPS, Denis was responsible for researching, planning, delivering and servicing the information systems and services, technologies, and future directions for an organisation for which information and its rapid access and dissemination is a critical pervasive operational requirement. The role involved state, national, and international interactions across government, law enforcement, and information and communications technology organisations. He directly supervised well in excess of 400 professional, technical and administrative officers in the direction and support it provided across the entire Service.

General Luttrell joined the Club in 1974. He joined the Committee in 2000; and was Vice-President 2003-04; President 2004-05, and Immediate Past President 2006-07.

In the early 1980s Denis provided significant expertise and support to the Club in the selection and introduction of its new computer system.

During his presidency, the Club made a successful effort to halt the steady decline in membership and achieved a turn-around in numbers with an expansion in the range of social activities, while wrestling with the same problem of Club premises futures which challenged his predecessors and many Presidents since.

General and Mrs Luttrell share life between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Sources included:

- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents
- Contribution from General Luttrell April 2020