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COMMANDO WELFARE TRUST



Chairman's Christmas Message 2024

Dear Supporters, Sponsors and Friends of the Commando Welfare Trust.

On behalf of the Trustees and the team at the Commando Welfare Trust, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout 2024. Your contributions have enabled us to continue providing critical assistance to SOCOMD families, veterans, and the service men and women of Special Operations Command.

This year, the Commando Welfare Trust has delivered over \$1,000,000 in support to SOCOMD families and individuals facing extraordinary challenges where assistance from other agencies was unavailable. These efforts have included:

- Covering school fees for children of fallen or injured members.
- Supporting the families of those tragically lost in recent training incidents.
- Funding complex medical expenses for family members.
- Providing emergency accommodation for serving members in urgent need.
- Arranging flights for families to be by the side of current serving members.
- Covering mortgage payments for critically injured members, and
- Providing additional sensitive and essential support on a case-by-case basis.

We have continued to collaborate closely with key partners such as Wandering Warriors, delivering transition training through the Krait Foundation and support to SOCOMD members transitioning from Defence. We have also worked alongside the Commando Associations, Special Operations Engineer Association, and other Ex-Service Organizations (ESOs) to ensure comprehensive care for our community is provided in a timely manner.

To all our supporters—thank you for your generosity, advocacy, and commitment. I would also like to personally acknowledge the support of my fellow Trustees, Patrons, and Ambassadors, whose tireless efforts have been instrumental in advancing our mission this year.

As we reflect on the impact made in 2024, we recognise there is still much to accomplish. Together, we will continue to ensure that the Special Operations family is supported in every possible way in 2025.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, peaceful, and joyful holiday season. I look forward to working with you all in 2025.

Merry Christmas,