Lance Corporal Andrew Gordon Jones Memorial Cup

Lance Corporal Andrew Gordon Jones was born in Melbourne, Victoria on the 22 Apr 1986 and joined the Army on the 6th April 2004. He completed his initial employment training as a cook and was posted to the Catering Platoon of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment and was then posted to the 9th Force Support Battalion in 2008.

LCPL Jones' first operational deployment was to East Timor from Jul 08 to 24 Oct 08. His second operational deployment was to Afghanistan from 28 Nov I0.

As part of his deployment to Afghanistan, LCPL Jones was employed as a cook in the Force Support Unit and was attached to the Mentoring Task Force Two. To enable the task force, the cooks were positioned within the Forward Operating Bases and LCPL Jones was assigned to a joint Australian (AS) and Afghanistan National Army (ANA) outpost, referred to as Company Outpost (COP) MASHAL, in the Baluchi Valley, Umzgan Province. This improved the hygiene at the outposts and provided a fresh meal per day, which LCPL Jones provided for the troops straight after a patrol.

On 30 May 11 at approximately 0819, LCPL Jones was shot by a rogue ANA soldier, while inside the confines and perceived security of COP MASHAL. Following the shooting, LCPL Jones' Australian colleagues provided immediate first aid to him while simultaneously calling for aero medical evacuation (AME) support. Through the efforts of his colleagues, LCPL Jones was sustained long enough to be successfully handed over to the AME medical team and flown to the Multi National Base - Tarin Kowt Role 2 Medical Facility where surgeons operated on LCPL Jones' significant injuries. Despite the best efforts of the medical team, at 1239 on 30 May 2011, LCPL Jones tragically lost his life from wounds received while serving his country.

Lance Corporal Jones was awarded the
Australian Active Service Medal with ICAT Clasp
NATO ISAF Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Australian Service Medal with clasp Timor-Leste,
Australian Defence Medal.