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2003 "RAEME Soldier of the Year" Awards, Central Region



MAJ Andrew Kelly presents the
ARA Award to
CPL Ruben Hannola



MAJ Richard Moyses presents the
GRES Award to
CFN Chris Rajahsingham

Dear Members

I sincerely apologise for the lateness of this newsletter. However, I have been away a lot with my civilian employment and been very busy on weekends with "working bees" at our local church. I am now also the Curator of the church cemetery. However, I hope this Newsletter finds you all well now that the weather is warming up.

Details of the most important function of the year have been finalised. The **2004 RAEME Corps Birthday** is being organised by MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding, 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB. It will be held in the **combined Officers' and Sergeants' Messes at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 28 November**.

This family function, which will commence at 11:00am, is for serving and ex-serving members, their families and friends. There will be displays of workshop equipment. A BBQ lunch will be available from 12:30pm (cost \$5 per head for adults, children 12 years and under FREE). Refreshments will be available from the Bar in the Sergeants' Mess. It is intended that the function will conclude at 3:00pm. The most senior and most junior serving RAEME persons present will cut the Birthday Cake. The 2004 "RAEME Soldier of the Year" Awards for Central Region, sponsored by our Association, will be presented at this function. **An Invitation is attached to this Newsletter.**

DIARY DATES 2004

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 21 October
- 2004 RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 28 November
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 December
- 2004 Annual General Meeting	Sunday 12 December

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management meeting for 2004 will be held on **Thursday 21 October** at 7:30pm in the **Warradale Area Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner). Entry to Warradale Barracks is through the Oaklands Road gate. **All members are very welcome.**

2004 RAEME CORPS BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding, 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, Warradale Barracks, is organising a family function to celebrate the RAEME Corps Birthday (we will be 62 years old). It will be held in the **combined Officers' and Sergeants' Messes at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 28 November** (enter via the Main Gate on Oaklands Road).

The function will commence at 11:00am. A BBQ lunch will be available from 12:30pm. Cost will be \$5 per head for adults (children 12 years and under FREE). Refreshments will be available from the Bar in the Sergeants' Mess. There will be a display of workshop equipment. The most senior and most junior serving RAEME persons present will cut the Birthday Cake. The 2004 "RAEME Soldier of the Year" Awards for Central Region, sponsored by our Association, will be presented at this function. It is intended that the function will conclude at 3:00pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members, their families and friends. It will also be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce.

An Invitation is attached to this Newsletter.

Please return the "tear off" slip to me, or ring me, after hours, on (08) 8381 3644, before Sunday 14 November at the latest so we know how many to cater for.

2004 RAEME "SOLDIER OF THE YEAR" CENTRAL REGION

The 2004 Awards to the best ARA and GRES "RAEME Soldier of the Year" in Central Region will be presented at the **2004 RAEME Corps Birthday function on Sunday 28 November**.

MAJ Karel Dubsky, Senior RAEME Representative Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop) 16AD, will select the winning ARA candidate.

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, will select the winning GRES candidate.

All RAEME personnel in Central Region up to and including the rank of Corporal are eligible. They will be assessed on both trade skills and soldier skills.

The Committee of Management has decided that each winner will receive a personalised Trophy. His or her name will also be inscribed on the "Perpetual Plaque" for each category.

Platoon Commanders are urged to submit nominations, with supporting evidence, by **Monday 25 October 2004** (good luck to all serving RAEME Soldiers - Ed).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the **Workshop at 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB, Warradale Barracks, on Sunday 12 December 2004**. There will be a free "Sausage Sizzle" from 1:00pm and the meeting will commence at 2:00pm sharp.

Please give serious consideration to giving some of your time by becoming a member of the Committee of Management. We meet bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Currently we have permission from LTCOL Andrew Gillespie, Commanding Officer, 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, Warradale Barracks, to meet in the Sergeants' Mess at Warradale Barracks. The meetings are of a relaxed, informal nature and include plenty of social chitchat. Please let me know if you are interested.

If you have any items for the Agenda, please let me have them, in writing, by Sunday 31 October 2004. The Committee of Management will then set the Agenda and post out the Notice of AGM so you receive it at least three weeks prior to the AGM, as per the "Statement of Purposes and Rules" of our Association.

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION

The northern Gun was cleaned with the high pressure water gun at the Work Party on Saturday 28 August. This highlighted problems with the storm water drains around the Fort and some time was spent clearing roots from one place in particular. The mechanisms of both Guns were also greased and exercised.

Due to other commitments only a small group was able to attend the Work Party on Saturday 2 October. Activity was limited to greasing and exercising all mechanisms of both Guns.

We have noticed that the regular greasing and exercising of the mechanisms has led to improvement in the ease of operation of some mechanisms over the last year. This has been especially noticeable with the traversing mechanism of the northern Gun.

The final Work Party for the year will be held on Saturday 4 December. The main activity will focus on greasing and exercising all mechanisms of both Guns. We then intend to knock off early and adjourn to a local Pub for a counter lunch.

- *Keith Tainsh*

MOVEMENT

MAJ Andrew Kelly, Battery Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop), 16AD, and Senior RAEME Representative Central Region, was posted to the USA in mid July. His replacement is MAJ Karel Dubsy, who was posted into 16AD in mid August (welcome to sunny South Australia, Sir - Ed).

BLONDE JOKE OF THE DAY!

A young redhead goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it.

"Impossible," says the doctor. "Show me".

She takes her finger and pushes her elbow and screams in agony. She pushes her knee and screams, pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream.

The doctor says, "You're not really a redhead are you?"

"No," she says, "I'm actually a blonde."

"I thought so," the doctor says. "Your finger is broken."

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2004*

GREETINGS FROM MEMBERS

Lionel Penley has asked that "greetings" be extended to all members. He will have his 88th birthday in November (congratulations, Lionel - Ed).

LETTER FROM A MEMBER

Rosetta Village
VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
16th June

Dear David

Just to say "Hello" and sending my Money Order for Subs, hope I'm still around for next M.O. - a big ask - but perhaps the Old Fellow up there will say just another one.

Please say "Hello" to all the Committee of Management and Ordinary Officers some of them might remember me - I hope all they are behaving themselves now Dutchy isn't there to keep them in line. Still enjoying holidays? Lucky people.

In closing I wish our Association will continue to grow and do good works - and that may you all enjoy Good Health and Happiness, very important items.

Yours in Friendship

Betty Winstanley

P.S. Thank you for all my Newsletters, good reading good laughs.

CALL FOR RAEME HISTORICAL PHOTOS

Robin Maslen is looking for photos depicting RAEME activities and personnel so that a photographic history of the South Australian RAEME corps activities can be recorded and made into Power Point presentations and preserved for prosperity. One presentation has already been completed with 260 slides that have been shown at several RAEME functions. These photos have been scanned from slides and pictures from the mid 50's to mid 70's loaned by some of our members to Robin. Photos from the very early days of the Corps - particularly well known "characters" or events and vehicles, and more recent photos from the late 70's would be appreciated. A special selection of Vietnam and other overseas photos are also being collected. Photos will be returned promptly.

Robin doesn't need a lot from one person, just a small selection of good quality shots from lots of members that might bring back great memories or record significant or humorous events that

This picture tells its own story??



most could relate to.

Photos need to be identified somehow with a caption explaining the event, vehicles or equipment and with the names of any personnel. They should be clear enough to identify what was photographed although very early photos that record important early 107 scenes, pre 50's would be most valued.

Also needed are photos of some of the OC's of 107:

Major L.Campbell, Major G.Flecker, Major J.Drury, Major Keith Rodda; Captain Fred Allen; and all OC's after Major Kent Brown Dec 1992.

If you can help Robin with this task he can be contacted at either his home address:
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phone (08) 8296 2768, or
e-mail: rmaslen@ozemail.com.au

LORRIES, 3TON, BREAKDOWN, AUSTRALIA, No.3A, FORD

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you seeking information or some direction to obtaining information from somebody who may have worked on, operated, or had been involved with LORRIES, 3 TON, BREAKDOWN, AUSTRALIA, No.3A, FORD. I am currently restoring one of these vehicles and can find very little information on their service history. Any photographs or unit personnel who can add some enlightenment on these phantom trucks would be much appreciated. I believe they served in Bouganville but have no confirmation.

I am an ex-RAEME member who served in Vietnam as a Recovery Mechanic in 1968. Perhaps there is a Recovery Mechanic who can still remember the good or bad points of this type of vehicle?

Hope you can assist me with a lead as to likely Units which may have used this Breakdown Truck.

Regards

Dave McCallum

(If anyone can help Dave with information, please write to or phone him direct - Ed)

A KISS ON A TRAIN

FOUR strangers traveled together in the same compartment of a European train. Two men and two women faced each other. One woman was a very wealthy and sophisticated 75 year old lady who was decked out in the finest of furs and jewelry.

Next to her sat a beautiful young woman, nineteen years old, who looked like something right off the cover of a fashion magazine.

Across from the older lady was a man in his late-forties who was a highly decorated Sergeant Major in the Army. And next to the Sergeant Major sat a young private fresh out of boot camp.

As these four strangers traveled, they talked and chatted about trivial things until they entered an unlighted tunnel, and there they sat in complete darkness and total silence, until the sound of a distinct kiss broke the silence; following the kiss a loud slap could be heard throughout the cabin.

In the ensuing period of silence the four strangers sat quietly with their own thoughts.

The older lady was thinking, "Isn't it wonderful that even in this permissive day and age there are still young women who have a little self-respect and dignity?"

The young woman, shaking her head and greatly puzzled, asked herself, "Why in the world would any man in his right mind want to kiss an old fossil like that when I'm sitting here?"

The Sergeant Major, rubbing his sore face, was outraged that any woman could ever think that a man in his position would try to sneak a kiss in the dark.

And the private, grinning from ear to ear, was thinking, "What a crazy and mixed up world this is when a private can kiss the back of his hand and then smack a Sergeant Major in the face and get away with it

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

BETTER PROTECTION FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS

Defence Minister Robert Hill today announced two projects designed to significantly enhance the level of protection provided to Australian troops deployed in Australian Light Armoured Vehicles (ASLAV).

The first of these projects will strengthen the interior lining of ASLAVs due to be deployed to Iraq in August, providing increased protection against rocket-propelled grenades and ballistic

attack. 'Spall liners' made from a Kevlar-type material will be fitted to the vehicles at a cost of \$2.85 million.

"The spall liners increase protection provided to soldiers by minimising the internal damage to the vehicles if the armour is penetrated," Senator Hill said. The purpose-built spall liner uses world-leading technology to reduce the impact of shaped charges such as those attached to rocket-propelled grenades and will also provide the ASLAVs with enhanced ballistic protection."

The second project will fit Kongsberg's Remote Weapons Station to the Personnel Carrier variant of the ASLAV at a cost of \$8.9 million. This will provide extra protection to the crew commander.

"Remote weapons stations equipped with thermal imaging cameras enable the crew commander to operate the vehicle's 50 calibre machine gun around the clock and from within the vehicle, minimising their exposure to enemy fire," Senator Hill said. In addition, the remote weapons station can be fitted with a 40mm automatic grenade launcher and has the potential to incorporate the Javelin anti tank/bunker buster missile system."

Senator Hill said the Defence Materiel Organisation had worked closely with industry to rapidly acquire the two protective measures in response to capabilities required by soldiers on the ground in Iraq.

"The recent introduction of the latest generation of ASLAVs into the 2nd Cavalry Regiment earlier this year coupled with these current rapid acquisition projects will ensure the next rotation of Australian troops will have the best equipped and protected light armoured vehicles to continue their valuable contribution to the rehabilitation of Iraq," Senator Hill said.

There are currently about 240 personnel protected by the six ASLAVs which provide security for Australia's diplomats and deployed forces throughout Iraq. The next rotation of personnel is due in about September.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Wednesday 23 June 2004*

2ND CAVALRY REGIMENT COMPLETES PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT ROTATION TO IRAQ

Darwin-based Defence personnel have completed preparations for their deployment to Iraq next month as part of the security detachment for Australian military trainers, diplomats and contractors, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

Senator Hill made the announcement while visiting members of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment based at Robertson Barracks with the Member for Solomon, David Tollner. Senator Hill said the personnel would replace troops that have been deployed in Iraq since February. They will be deployed with six of the latest generation of Australian Light Armoured Vehicles that have been significantly upgraded to provide a greater level of protection to the troops.

"Defence has moved quickly to ensure these soldiers have the best equipped and protected vehicles to continue their valuable contribution to the rehabilitation of Iraq," Senator Hill said. "The ASLAVs have been fitted with state-of-the-art ARMATEC spall liners and the Kongsberg Remote Weapon Station in record time so that our soldiers do not have to unnecessarily expose themselves to danger and so they can operate by day and by night. The Defence Materiel Organisation worked closely with industry to rapidly acquire the two protective measures in response to capabilities required by soldiers on the ground in Iraq."

The spall liners provide a significantly higher level of protection to the crew through the ability to absorb the energy of projectiles that may penetrate the vehicle hull. This technology discretely enhances the ballistic levels of the vehicle and also mitigates against rocket attacks. The Remote Weapon Station, which has been integrated by the Defence Materiel Organisation in association with the Land Engineering Agency, enables the crew commander of the vehicle to provide accurate fire, by day and night and in reduced visibility from within the protection of the vehicle's hull. This system is the same as those used and proven in battle by the US Army Stryker vehicles already deployed in Iraq.

"Personnel from the 2nd Cavalry Regiment have just finished familiarisation and live fire qualification training on the Remote Weapon Station at the Mount Bundy Training Area and are ready for deployment," Senator Hill said.

Senator Hill will also take time to talk with members of the 5th/7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment who will be deploying as part of the security detachment in Iraq. The Australian Army security detachment in Iraq comprises 12 ASLAVs and about 120 personnel.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Saturday 14 August 2004*

BLONDE GUY JOKE

At last a male blonde joke.

There were two blonde guys working for the city council. One would dig a hole, the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked furiously all day without rest, one guy digging a hole, the other guy filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I appreciate the effort you are putting into your work, but what's the story? You dig a hole and your partner follows behind and fills it up again."

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, normally we are a three man team, but the guy who plants the trees is sick today."

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Winter 2004*

ARMY HISTORY UNIT - MUSEUM OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

In March 2004, WO1 Michelle Russell, Career Adviser RAEME Eastern Region (GRES), contacted me about a new posting as the Artificer at the Museum located within the School of Military Engineering (SME), Steel Barracks, Moorebank. Subsequently, I had a telephone interview with the Museum Manager and from that, the posting action commenced.

I was informed that WO2 John Busuttill would also be posting in as the WO2 Admin, but he would also be able to do some recovery related work, when the admin was up to date, because the Museum had it's own fleet of recovery vehicles and tilt bed trailers.

Upon march in, I became aware that the Army History Unit (AHU) is based in Canberra with a large number of museums spread throughout Australia, including Bandiana, Armoured Centre Puckapunyal, School of Artillery (North Fort) and SME. At each of these locations there is a small ARA/GRES component with most of the work being done by volunteers.

For those of you who may have visited the museum at SME, it is not only the building located near the Chapel, there is also a hangar-shaped building containing the vehicle display, a new hangar-shaped building that is awaiting funding for environmental air conditioning and security before displays can be installed and, down the back is the Museum Workshop Complex.

When you enter the Vehicle Display Hangar, known as the "CUST HUT", the first vehicle you see is an M816 Wrecker which is operational, as you walk around the building you will note a number of Fire Engines operated by the RAE, Mine Clearing Dozers from Vietnam, a two-wheeled Wiles Cooker (operational), a Blitz Fire Fighting truck, a Scammell transporter (requiring engine restoration), as well as many other engineer plant. When you get down the rear of the building, you will note a Twin Boom Wrecker, a second M816 Wrecker, as well as a two-wheeled trailer for Land Rover recovery. Armoured vehicles include a Saladin turreted M113 (ex-Vietnam), and M113 Mine Clearing Carrier (ex-Vietnam), as well as a Ferret Mk 1 (under restoration). The majority of these 40 odd items of equipment have been restored, and many can be driven out of the building for display. The pride of this display is a Bulldozer known as CR1, and this was the only Bulldozer built in Australia during World War II, and has been fully restored.

When I entered the Workshop Complex, it comprised several buildings including one (1) administration building transferred from 101 Field Workshops, Ingleburn. The main workshop building has several sections comprising:

- Carpenters bench saws, planers etc - equipment transferred from the Number 2 Stores Depot, Villawood, when the RAAF closed the unit,

- Welding equipment including Electric and MIG welders,
- The fitters have a Medium Workshop Shelter, inside the building, equipped with a combination 8 inch lathe and milling machine, as well as pedestal drills and a Sheraton lathe, and
- There are also repair parts and bulk storage areas within the building.

Some of the projects that are planned or in progress are:

- Restoring two (2) lighting trailers, used by Engineers in Vietnam,
- Repairing a tractor, to be used as a tow motor in the museum area,
- Fitting an innocuous 106mm Recoilless Rifle to a Series 1 Land Rover,
- Restoring an International Mk 3, to be fitted to deploy a roll of sand matting,
- Mk 2 Towed Bofor, and
- There are two (2) Mk 5 Centurion tanks also awaiting TLC. One tank is fully operational, and the second tank was swapped with the Lancer Museum for an operational Land Rover Series 2A Workshop vehicle.

Recently, five (5) of the volunteers travelled to Woomera and recovered a Cat 12 grader, another M816 Wrecker, an ex-RAAF International Mk 3 GS, and a towed 10 KVA petrol generator, plus many spare parts. All of this equipment was brought back to Sydney by 85 Transport Trailer Troop, 9FSB.

Some of our volunteers are also trained in the preservation of books, uniforms, weapons etc. These collections are held in temperature and humidity controlled rooms and includes a battle flag captured during the Boer War, as well as many documents from World War I and II, which have been donated to the Museum. The Museum is offered equipment from Defence, when the equipment is deemed ready for disposal, as well as the "old boy network", when specific equipment is identified. Members of the public often donate artefacts that they want preserved, and when the restoration program commences.

What the Museum is lacking, are the skills and knowledge that only RAEME tradesmen possess. As I mentioned, this work is conducted by volunteers who come in every Thursday and the first (1st) Saturday of each month. The various projects would benefit from the skills available from our VMs, Fitters, Electrical Fitters, Metalsmiths and Recovery Mechanics. Even donations of surplus Whitworth spanners and sockets would be of assistance, for the work on older equipment.

If any Association members are interested in getting down an dirty, working on equipment from your own military era, or earlier, please give me a ring on (02) 9834 5445 (home) or 0419 494 029.

Regards, Wal Hausman, Artificer Ground

Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering

- *Courtesy RAEME Association NSW "Newsletter" Issue 108 September 2004*

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

A Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): Ground, what is our start clearance time?

Ground (in English): If you want an answer, you must speak in English.

Lufthansa (in English): I am a German, flying a German aeroplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?

Unknown voice from another plane (with British Accent): Because we won the bloody war.

- *Courtesy RAEME Association NSW "Newsletter" Issue 108 September 2004*

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL

The Australian Government has received notification of 'in principle' approval by the Queen for the establishment of the Australian Defence Medal for members of the ADF who have provided six years service in the Nation's defence.

The Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Mal Brough, said that the Government was on track to call for applications by eligible serving and ex-service men and women by the end of the year.

"We will be following the appropriate processes and protocols under the Australian Honours and Awards System and once that is complete we can call for applications and we hope to commence issuing medals by mid 2005," Mr. Brough said.

Mr. Brough said that he appreciated the comments of support from the Returned and Services League, a number of ex-service organisations, the New Medal group, who had been working for such recognition, as well as a considerable number of serving and ex-serving people who had called his office seeking details.

"A service Medal of this nature is a first for Nations with Honours and Awards based on the Imperial system. So it was important that we not only recognised service, but did so in a way that did not diminish the value of Medals, particularly those earned on operational service," Mr. Brough said.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Sunday 11 July 2004*

HOWARD GOVT RECOGNISES MILITARY SERVICE WITH MEDAL ENTITLEMENTS

Close to 900,000 new medal entitlements have been created since the Howard Government was elected in 1996, Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Fran Bailey, said today.

"The Howard Government has a proud record of achievement in recognising the contribution of those who have served in the Australian Defence Force," Fran Bailey said. "We have introduced 11 new medals and created close to 900,000 medal entitlements for service at home and abroad."

Most recently on 26 June 2004, the Government announced the establishment of the Australian Defence Medal for six years service in the Australia Defence Force since World War II. An estimated 400,000 personnel are eligible.

"The Australian Defence Force Medal recognises the significant commitment and contribution that our servicemen and women have made, and continue to make, to the defence of our nation," Fran Bailey said.

The Howard Government also has an ongoing commitment to recognise current members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who have served in operations around the globe.

"The ADF has performed magnificently during the high operational tempo of the past few years. To recognise this, medal entitlements have been created for service in Afghanistan, East Timor and Iraq," Fran Bailey said.

On ANZAC Day this year, the Prime Minister announced the creation of two campaign medals to recognise the outstanding service of our forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. The INTERFET Campaign Medal was established to recognise service in East Timor. Other medals established include the Defence Long Service Medal and the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal, which has so far been awarded to almost 120,000 former National Servicemen. Reviews of service anomalies, in particular in South East Asia and South Pacific, have resulted in additional awards for service during the period 1945-75.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Wednesday 11 August 2004*

NEW AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL

The following info was received from the Directorate of Honours and Awards reference the new ADM.

1. Detailed eligibility criteria is yet to be established, in essence, it is for six (6) years volunteer Regular/Reserve service.
2. It will be retrospective to the end of WW2.
3. The design will be developed along with regulations for the medal. These have to be approved by the Queen, and production will not begin before the approval is received.
4. The first of the medals are not expected to be issued before mid 2005.

5. The ADM is not to replace the DFSM or DLSM. These awards remain for the intention of recognising long service.
6. Applications are not being accepted now. A special application will be designed and made available after details of eligibility are established and approved. This will be the subject of a later media release.

Regards Jeff

Jeffrey Hansen

WO1

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The Medal Design

The Obverse of the medal is based on the WW II Volunteer Service Badge, awarded to all Armed Forces personnel who did not receive the Returned From Active Service Badge. It includes the Crown denoting the Sovereign, the Wings of the RAAF, overlaid by the Rising Sun, and then the RAN Anchor.

The Reverse side includes an Australian Wreath of Wattle with the Federation Star at the top centre. The words "FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE" appear in the centre of the device.

The Ribbon is a black and red colour of the Flanders Poppy representing the ANZAC Spirit of the Australian Armed Forces. The white stripes divide the red into three, denoting the three Services. The white stripes also denote peacetime service.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Spring 2004*

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The mailing address for all queries regarding medals is:

Directorate of Honours and Awards

Department of Defence

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COOMA NSW 2630

DEAD HORSES A CORPORATE METAPHOR

"... The tribal wisdom of the native American Lakota people, passed on from generation to generation, says "when you discover that you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount."

However, in government, education and the corporate world, more advanced strategies are often employed, such as:

1. Buying a bigger whip.
2. Changing riders.
3. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
4. Arranging to visit other countries to see how other cultures ride dead horses.
5. Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.
6. Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired.
7. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.
8. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed.
9. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase dead horse's performance.
10. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse's performance.
11. Declaring that as the dead horse does not have to be fed, it is less costly, carries lower overhead and therefore contributes substantially more to the bottom line of the economy than do some other horses.

12. Rewriting the expected performance requirements for all horses.

And of course my favourite...

13. Promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position."

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

BUSHMASTER PASSES FINAL RELIABILITY TEST

The Australian Army's new Bushmaster vehicles have successfully passed the final stage of reliability tests, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

Senator Hill said the achievement of this milestone meant there was only one step left before full rate production of the fleet could commence at ADI's Bendigo facility. The final acceptance test is due to be completed late next month.

"I am very pleased with this result," Senator Hill said. "ADI and the Defence Materiel Organisation have worked hard and consistently over two and a half years to turn this project around and successfully address the reliability concerns we had with the vehicle."

Senator Hill said the successful completion of reliability tests paved the way for ADI to promote Bushmaster on the international market.

"This latest result means ADI can now demonstrate an excellent capability with a high degree of export potential," Senator Hill said.

The first of the 299 Bushmaster vehicles are due to be delivered to the Army's 7th Brigade in Brisbane and the RAAF's Airfield Defence Guards from May next year. The vehicles are designed to transport troops to the battlefield, providing protection for troops against land mines, mortars and small arms ammunition. Each vehicle will be fitted with a weapon station capable of mounting the Army's family of light machine guns. The Bushmaster can maintain speeds in excess of 90 km/h on Australian roads with a range of 600km carrying nine infantry soldiers with sufficient supplies of food, water and ammunition to last three days.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Tuesday 22 June 2004*

WEAPONS SIMULATION SYSTEM FOR ARMY

Four state-of-the-art weapons training facilities will be constructed for the Australian Army to enhance marksmanship training and weapon handling, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

The new Weapons Training Simulation Systems will be located at Latchford Barracks, Bonegilla in Victoria, Irwin Barracks in Perth and subsequently at sites in South Australia and Queensland. The Army currently has nine facilities at Darwin, Townsville, Enoggera, Singleton, Duntroon, Holsworthy, Kapooka, Puckapunyal and Watsonia. The Royal Australian Air Force has two facilities at Williamstown and Amberley.

Senator Hill said the tender process would begin today with the release of the tender for the Bonegilla and Perth facilities. The project includes the acquisition of system hardware, software and modified weapons and installation at purpose built facilities. The total cost of the four new WTSS is estimated at \$15 million.

"The Weapons Training Simulation System is a state-of-the-art laser-based small arms simulation system that is used to train Australian Defence Force personnel in marksmanship and weapon handling," Senator Hill said. "The facilities allow personnel to practice shooting with a range of laser-fitted weapons at computer-generated targets and scenarios. Trainers are then able to play back the exercise to provide feedback on accuracy and technique. The introduction of this simulation system in 1999 has proven to be a highly effective and efficient means of training ADF personnel in the handling and application of small arms."

The facilities in Victoria and Western Australia will be completed later this year, the extra weapons types will be delivered to eight of the existing sites and two of the new sites next year. The final two facilities in South Australia and Queensland are due to be completed by mid-2007.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Wednesday 23 June 2004*

ARTILLERY ORIENTING SYSTEM FOR ARMY

Adelaide-based BAE Systems Australia has been selected to supply the Australian Army with 16 state-of-the-art Artillery Orienting Systems under a project worth \$10.5 million, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

Senator Hill said the orienting systems provided the Army with an upgraded capability, enabling ground troops to determine their orientation and position information in any weather condition.

"The systems are capable of surveying the battlefield and providing information on the exact location of Army personnel and their indirect fire weapons systems," Senator Hill said. "They can be mounted on vehicles or deployed with soldiers to provide a highly-accurate inertial-based surveying capability that is available for use in all conditions independently of the Global Positioning System. The capability will support safe, timely and efficient offensive support to the Land Army by providing more accurate target engagement. The systems will be located in Regular Army artillery units in Darwin, Brisbane, Townsville, Sydney and Puckapunyal."

The first of the orienting systems will enter service next year with the final system being delivered in 2006.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Tuesday 10 August 2004*

THE LITTLE AUSSIE BATTLER THAT WORKED AT HARRODS

A young Aussie lad moved to London and went to Harrods looking for a job.

The manager asked "Do you have any sales experience?"

The young man answered "Yeah, I was a salesman back home."

The manager liked the Aussie so he gave him the job.

His first day on the job was challenging and busy, but he got through it.

After the store was locked up, the manager came down and asked, "OK, so how many sales did you make today?"

The Aussie said "One."

The manager groaned and continued "Just one? Our sales people average 20 or 30 sales a day. How much was the sale for?"

"£101,237.64."

The manager choked and exclaimed "£101,237.64? What the hell did you sell him?"

"Well, first I sold him a small fish hook, then a medium fish hook, and then I sold him a new fishing rod. Then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down at the coast, so I told him he would need a boat, so we went down to the boat department and I sold him that twin-engined Power Cat. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to car sales and I sold him the 4 x 4 Suzuki".

The manager, incredulous, said "You mean to tell me a guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a boat and 4x4?"

"No no no. He came in here to buy a box of tampons for his lady friend and I said, 'Well, since your weekend's f***ed, you might as well go fishing.'"

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

60-TONNE TURNTABLE TO STUDY RADAR SIGNATURES

A turntable capable of holding and rotating a 60-tonne aircraft will be built in Adelaide to assist with electronic warfare research by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO). The turntable will enable DSTO scientists to analyse the radar 'signatures' of Australian military aircraft by turning the aircraft relative to DSTO's radar measurement equipment rather than moving the sensor equipment itself. No other precision turntable of such size exists in Australia.

Radars detect objects by sending out radiowaves and listening for echoes. This is the radar signature. If the radar is smart enough, it can also find out something about the nature of a target by examining the way in which the target has distorted the echo.

"Moving our radar equipment to gather this information is not only time-consuming but can introduce serious errors because the radar's immediate environment is changed and its orientation is affected," said DSTO scientist Dr Cheng Anderson.

The turntable will be built at RAAF Base Edinburgh, north of Adelaide, with funding from the Defence Materiel Organisation. It is expected to be constructed within nine months at a cost of about \$1million.

"The close proximity between DSTO and RAAF Base Edinburgh is very convenient because our scientists will be located next door to both the turntable and the military aircraft which will use it," Dr Anderson said.

The turntable will be able to handle a range of RAAF aircraft including C-130J Hercules, jet fighters, trainers, Blackhawk helicopters and other smaller platforms. The turntable will also enable radar signatures to be acquired from other military platforms such as the Australian Army's new Abrams tanks. A design brief also calls for investigations into the ability of the turntable to handle the RAAF's new Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft.

The Australian Defence Force uses radar signature information to identify and distinguish between friendly and adversary aircraft. DSTO also uses this information to modify the signature of Australian military aircraft for self protection. Tenders, called from industry to develop the turntable, closed this week. Defence's Corporate Services and Infrastructure Group will act as project manager.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Wednesday 11 August 2004*

NEW HELICOPTERS FOR ARMY

The Australian Army will be equipped with 12 new troop lift helicopters under a \$1 billion project approved by the Howard Government, Prime Minister John Howard and Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

Senator Hill said the Government had selected Australian Aerospace to supply the new MRH-90 aircraft to form an additional troop lift helicopter squadron, subject to satisfactory conclusion of negotiations. This will bolster Australia's counter-terrorism capabilities by releasing a Black Hawk squadron to provide dedicated support to our Special Forces on the east coast.

"The MRH-90 is the new generation of multi-role helicopters, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, a rear ramp that can be used to load small vehicles, a flexible cabin configuration, a full fly-by-wire flight control system and digital cockpit," Senator Hill said. "The helicopter can carry up to 18 troops plus four crew or 4000kg of underslung cargo, cruises at up to 300kph and has a maximum range of over 900km. It is a fully marinised helicopter that is able to operate from the Royal Australian Navy's current and future amphibious ships. It is purpose-built for amphibious operations and includes extra corrosion protection, folding rotor blades and other enhancements to allow shipboard operations. This will give the Army an enhanced ability to move more soldiers further and faster from our amphibious lift ships, HMAS Kanimbla and Manoora, and their replacements. The aircraft is certified for ditching and is designed to modern safety standards, including crashworthiness and tolerance to structural and system damage - offering excellent protection for our troops that will be conducting sea and land operations."

Senator Hill said the first helicopter for the new squadron at Townsville would be delivered in 2007, with all 12 aircraft expected to be delivered by 2008.

"The new squadron will increase Army's troop lift capability by more than half," Senator Hill said. This will allow the relocation of a squadron of Black Hawk helicopters to the Sydney area to support the ADF's Special Forces, further strengthening the Howard Government's commitment to fighting terrorism. The Black Hawk squadron will be located near our Special Forces soldiers that are based at Holsworthy and will enhance mobility and training effectiveness for this critical capability. The Howard Government has committed more than \$1.3 billion to the Australian Defence Force to fight the war against terrorism since

11 September 2001. This project will mean our Special Forces are better equipped to respond swiftly to any terrorist threat or incident."

Senator Hill said the project would also provide a substantial boost for Australian industry.

"The purchase of these new helicopters will include a support contract that may last for up to 20 years, and the overall Australian industry component of this project is expected to exceed \$300 million," Senator Hill said. "Benefits are expected to build on Australian Aerospace's industry commitment developed as part of project AIR 87 and the delivery of the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter, the Eurocopter Tiger. Opportunities for Australian industry are anticipated in helicopter assembly, common and similar aircraft systems, avionics equipment, structural and engine technologies and training systems."

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Tuesday 31 August 2004*

FAMOUS CRICKETING SLEDGES

1. Trueman and Aussie batsman. In an England v Australia Test during early 1960's Trueman was fielding close to the gate from the pavilion. As a new batsman came out he turned to shut the gate. Trueman said "Don't bother son, you won't be out there long enough."
2. Rod Marsh and Ian Botham. When Botham took guard in an Ashes match, Marsh welcomed him to the wicket with the immortal words: "So how's your wife and my kids?"
3. Daryll Cullinan and Shane Warne. As Cullinan was on his way to the wicket, Warne told him he had been waiting 2 years for another chance to humiliate him. "Looks like you spent it eating," Cullinan retorted.
4. Adam Parore and Daryll Cullinan. Because Cullinan is well known for being Warne's bunny, New Zealand keeper Parore greeted the South African, carefully playing the first ball from Kiwi Chris Harris, with a cry of: "Bowled Warnie!"
5. Glenn McGrath and Eddo Brandes. After Brandes played and missed at a McGrath delivery, the Aussie bowler politely enquired: "Oi, Brandes, why are you so fat?" "Cos every time I f*** your wife she gives me a biscuit," Brandes replied.
6. Robin Smith and Merv Hughes. During 1989 Lords Test Hughes said to Smith after he played and missed: "You can't f***ing bat". Smith to Hughes after he smacked him to the boundary: "Hey Merv, we make a fine pair. I can't f***ing bat and you can't f***ing bowl."
7. Merv Hughes and Javed Miandad. During 1991 Adelaide Test, Javed called Merv a fat bus conductor. A few balls latter Merv dismissed Javed: "Tickets please", Merv called out as he ran past the departing batsman.
8. Merv Hughes and Viv Richards. During a test match in the West Indies Hughes didn't say a word to Viv, but continued to stare at him after deliveries. "This is my island, my culture. Don't you be staring at me. In my culture we just bowl." Merv didn't reply, but after he dismissed him he announced to the batsman: "In my culture we just say f*** off."
9. Ricky Ponting and Shaun Pollock. After going past the outside edge with a couple of deliveries, Pollock told Ponting: "It's red, round and weighs about five ounces." Unfortunately for Pollock, the next ball was hammered out of the ground. Ponting to Pollock: "you know what it looks like, now go find it."
10. And of course you can't forget Ian Healy's legendary comment which was picked up by the Channel 9 microphones when Arjuna Ranatunga called for a runner on a particularly hot night during a one dayer in Sydney... "You don't get a runner for being an overweight, unfit, fat c***!!!"
11. In one of the tour matches in South Africa, Australia played Hansie Cronje's province. Cronje was at the non strikers end, there was a short chubby batsman on strike. Ian Healy yelled to Warne, (I think) "Bowl a Mars Bar half way down...We'll get him stumped" The Aussies and Cronje were all in hysterics. The batsman's retort: "Nah, Boonie fielding at short leg will be onto it before I can move."

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

NINETY YEARS ON: THE INVASION OF RABAU IN 1914

On the eve of the 90th anniversary of Australia's first combat casualties of World War I, the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Chris Ritchie, AO, RAN, has paid tribute to the men who landed on the island of New Britain (now part of Papua New Guinea) to seize the German wireless stations at Bitapaka.

The wireless stations were part of a network capable of providing intelligence to Vice Admiral Von Spee's East Asiatic Squadron of the Imperial German Navy. To ensure the security of Imperial shipping and colonies in the Pacific it was essential that these stations be neutralised.

Naval troops from the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force landed at dawn on 11 September 1914 and began to make their way inland toward Bitapaka, quickly encountering German resistance. Additional reinforcements landed progressively during the day and joined the fight. By the end of the day the Australian forces had captured the stations.

However, it was during this fighting that Australia suffered its first casualties of the war. Four sailors and an Army medical officer were killed and four naval personnel were wounded. Able Seaman C.V. Williams was the first Australian wounded in action in World War I - he subsequently died that afternoon.

The following day Rabaul was secured, the remaining German forces surrendered, and within a few weeks most of the German territories had been occupied without opposition. The success of the operation was marred by the unexplained disappearance of the submarine HMAS AE1 with all 35 crew on 14 September 1914.

More information on Australia's 1914 campaign in the South West Pacific and Indian Ocean, including this action and the battle between HMAS Sydney (I) and the German cruiser SMS Emden, can be found in Semaphore Issue 10, September 2004, accessible from the Sea Power Centre - Australia website at www.navy.gov.au/spc/semaphore/semaphore1.htm
- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Friday 10 September 2004*

RAEME CORPS PORT 2003

The 2003 Port is named the "Directors Tawny" and the label on the back of the bottle lists the RAEME Corps Directors from the time the Corps was formed in 1942 to the present day. Cost is \$15 per bottle, which includes a 95 ml collectors miniature, as per last year.

Contact Keith Tainsh on phone (08) 8326 2581 if you wish to purchase some. They will also be available for sale at the 2004 RAEME Corps Birthday function and at the AGM.

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

RAEME Corps Web Site:	www.defence.gov.au/armyweb/sites/raeme
AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc:	www.ausmil.com/users/raasa
AEME/RAEME Association - ACT:	www.members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme
RAEME Association NSW Inc.	www.raemensw.com
The RAEME Association (Vic) Inc:	www.nex.net.au/users/vraeme (under construction)
The RAEME Association of WA Inc:	www.redbackwebs.com.au/raemewa
106 Field Workshop	www.106fdwksp.com
The RAEME Association of QLD:	www.raemeqld.org
National Service Association:	www.nasho.asn.au
Vietnam Veterans Federation:	www.webmaster.net.au/vvf
Department of Defence:	www.defence.gov.au
World War II personnel details:	www.ww2roll.gov.au
Australian/Commonwealth Honours:	www.itsanhonour.gov.au

If there are other Web Sites that you know of that may be of interest to other members, please let me know. If any of the Web Sites listed are not working please let me know.

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

Below is an up-to-date list of RAEME Corps Items held by the Army Museum Bandiana and their costs. I have one of each item so that I can set up a display of most of the items listed

below at our functions together with a supply of order forms (the items are not for sale as they belong to me, not the Association).

Folio 9	RAEME Prince Philip Banner Parade print (unframed)	\$5
Folio 19	RAEME Coasters (Pewter - 2 per pack)	\$8
Folio 30	RAEME Stubby Holder	\$7
Folio 31	RAEME Corps Plaque (3 styles)	\$40
Folio 39	RAEME Coffee Cup	\$7
Folio 40	RAEME Mouse Mat	\$6
Folio 57	RAEME Thermal Mug	\$15
Folio 60	RAEME Book "Craftsmen of the Australian Army"	\$45
Folio 61	RAEME Tie	\$25
Folio 70	RAEME Statue "Craftsman"	\$85
Folio 101	RAEME Key Ring (Australian Map)	\$5
Folio 102	RAEME Fridge Magnet (Australian Map)	\$3
Folio 115	RAEME Tie Bar	\$8
Folio 116	RAEME Tie Tack	\$7
Folio 125	RAEME Mug Khaki	\$12

If you are interested in purchasing any items, phone *Army Museum Bandiana* on (02) 6055 2525, Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm on fax them on (02) 6055 2886. The prices include GST, they do not include postage and handling, however they will tell you how much your order will cost when you ring to enquire. They will accept all normal forms of payment including Money Order, Cheque, Bankcard, Visa and Mastercard. The Museum display is not bad either, so if you are over that way drop in and have a look around.

LIFE ACCORDING TO PERRY

Here is the latest offering from our own home spun Philosopher, Perry

Basic Guide to Aussie Life

1. The bigger the hat, the smaller the farm.
2. The shorter the nickname, the more they like you.
3. Whether it's the opening of Parliament, or the launch of a new art gallery, there is no Australian event that cannot be improved by a "Sausage Sizzle".
4. If the guy next to you is swearing like a wharfie, he's probably a media billionaire. On the other hand, he may be a wharfie.
5. There is no food that cannot be improved by the application of tomato sauce.
6. On the beach, all Australians hide their keys and wallets by placing them inside their sandshoes. No thief has ever worked this out.
7. Industrial design knows of no article more useful than the plastic milk crate.
8. All our best heroes are losers.
9. The alpha male in any group is he who takes the barbecue tongs from hands of the host and blithely begins turning the snags.
10. It's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to hold.
11. A thong is not a piece of scanty swimwear, as in America, but a fine example of Australian footwear. A group of sheilas wearing black rubber thongs may not be as exciting as you had hoped.
12. It is proper to refer to your best friend as "a total bastard". By contrast, your worst enemy is "a bit of a bastard".
13. Historians believe the widespread use of the word "mate" can be traced to the harsh conditions on the Australian frontier in the 1890s, and the development of a code of mutual aid, or "mateship". Alternatively, Australians may just be really hopeless with names.
14. The wise man chooses a partner who is attractive not only to himself, but also to the mosquitoes.
15. If it can't be fixed with pantyhose and fencing wire, it's not worth fixing.
16. The most popular and widely praised family in any street is the one that has the swimming pool.

17. It's considered better to be down on your luck than up yourself.
 18. The phrase "we've got a great lifestyle" means everyone in the family drinks too much.
 19. If invited to a party, you should take cheap red wine and then spend all night drinking the host's beer (don't worry, he'll have catered for it).
 20. If there's any sort of free event or party within a hundred kilometres, you'd be a mug not to go.
 21. The phrase "a simple picnic" is not known. You should take everything you own. If you don't need to make three trips back to the car, you're not trying.
 22. Unless ethnic or a Pom, you are not permitted to sit down in your front yard, or on your porch. Pottering about, gardening or leaning on the fence is acceptable. Just don't sit. That's what backyards are for.
 23. The tarred road always ends just after the house of the local mayor.
 24. On picnics, the Esky is always too small, creating a food versus grog battle that can only ever be solved by leaving the food behind.
- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Spring 2004*

NAPISAN

Dear Napisan

I'm writing to you to say what an excellent product you have! I've used it since the beginning of my married life, when my Mum told me it was the best. Now that I am older and going through menopause, I find it even better! In fact, about a month ago, I spilled some red wine on my new white blouse.

My unfeeling and uncaring husband started to berate me about how clumsy I was and generally started becoming a pain in the neck. One thing led to another and I ended up with a lot of his blood on my white blouse. I tried to get the stain out using a bargain detergent, but it just wouldn't come out.

After a quick trip to the supermarket, I stopped and got a tub of Napisan OxyAction with bleach alternative, and to my surprise and satisfaction, all of the stains came out! In fact, the stains came out so well, that some detectives who came by yesterday told me that the DNA tests were negative and then my lawyer said that I would no longer be considered a suspect! I thank you, once again, for having such a great product.

Well, gotta go, have to write a letter to Glad Wrap people.

Yours sincerely

Relieved Menopausal Wife

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Spring 2004*

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

On behalf of the Association, I would like to welcome the following new Members:

Frank Aldous, Len Edwards, Tracy Hatch, Reg Mead, Troy Oakes, Jim Thomas

Subs are due as at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to" ie if the date on your Membership Card is 2004, your Subs are now due. I would like to sincerely thank all members who have responded to my green "reminder slip" in the June Newsletter. Subs are still \$5 for one year or any multiple thereof eg \$20 for four years. You will need to be financial to vote at the AGM, which will be held in December.

According to my records, the following persons are financial members of the Association. The number in brackets is the year your membership is "current to".

Honorary Life Members

Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2006), Milton Ahrens (2005), Frank Aldous, (2006), Jeff Allen (2008), Ernest Atkinson (2007), Peter Badcock (2005), Joe Barton (2005), Richard Beare (2005), Paul Berk (2008), Wayne Birch (2004), John Black (2006), Helmut Bohn (2008),

David Brand (2007), Bob Brown (2005), Dennis Brown (2005), Fred Brown (2007), Shane Buckley (2008), Roger Burzacott (2005), Nicholas Cashman (2004), Trevor Clerke (2005), Geoff Coat (2007), Brian Cogan (2006), Don Collins (2008), John Corkran (2007), Peter Cox (2007), George Craig (2005), Mike Culley (2007), Bob Davis (2007), Gavin D'Cruz (2004), Graham de la Rue (2005), Chris Duffield (2007), Robert Duffield (2006), Nick Ebbs (2006), Len Edwards (2008), Bluey Etheridge (2007), Kym Everett (2004), Andrew Ferguson (2007), Jim Fisher (2005), Brian Flavel (2006), Jan Gancarz (2005), Pete Gaskin (2006), Bob Gell (2004), Nick Gogilis (2005), Steve Gough (2006), Steve Gould (2007), Tony Gow (2008), Robert Hansford (2007), Jock Hart (2004), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2005), Tracy Hatch (2006), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2004), Colin Haynes (2006), Tony Hinton (2005), Andrew Hobson (2006), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), John Howard (2005), Gary Howell (2008), Tony Ivens (2007), Graham Janz (2007), Juris Jaudzems (2006), Jeff Johns (2007), Lindsay Johnson (2005), Eddy Kaminski (2006), Eric Kelly (2008), Bob Killoran (2007), Bob King (2006), Geoff Kohler (2007), Les Kovacs (2005), Grant Kuchel (2007), Alf Lee (2006), Lou Leeuwrik (2011), Ken Lorraine (2005), Greg Lowe (2007), Chris Macintosh (2010), A.D.Marks (2007), Trevor Martin (2007), Robin Maslen OAM (2004), Bob Matthews (2007), Alan McGregor (2006), Fred McInerney (2006), Philip McKelliff (2008), Pete McKenzie (2007), Gordon Mead (2005), Reg Mead (2006), Jake Meaney (2004), Don Morgan OAM (2007), Richard Moyses (2006), Barry Naulty (2005), Timothy Newall (2005), Ian Nicholls (2006), Murray Nitschke (2005), Jim Nurse (2005), Troy Oakes (2005), Dave O'Brien (2005), Alex Oschmanns (2013), Mick O'Toole (2004), Frank Owen (2005), John Owen (2004), Dick Pailthorpe (2007), Doug Pammenter (2004), Nick Papanikolaou (2006), Geoff Parker (2007), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), Lionel Penley (2007), Jason Polgreen (2004), John Raftery (2006), Harry Ralph (2007), Hank Ramm (2008), Ben Renfrey (2004), Lionel Renfrey (2007), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), George Robinson (2006), Bill Roch (2005), Greg Rosser (2007), Ray Ryan (2007), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2009), Barra Schmidtke (2007), Glendon Shaw (2007), Dave Shelly (2009), Harold Shipp (2005), Robert Silcock (2006), Craig Smith (2005), Victor Sobotnik (2006), Walter Soroka (2006), Max Sparrow (2004), Debbie Spicer (2005), Ian Starick (2006), Murray Stock (2008), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2007), Ian Taylor (2007), Paul Teague (2005), Howard Terry (2008), Jim Thomas (2006), Noel Thomas (2004), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2009), Danny Trewick (2005), Joe Tuckwell (2007), Mark Van Oostveen (2004), Eugene Wasilenia (2006), Bruce Watson (2007), Alan Webb (2006), Graham West OAM (2006), Brett Wilkeson (2004), Craig Williams (2004), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2004), John Wilson (2007), Betty Winstanley (2008), Curly Woolcock (2007), Pat Wright (2008), Brian Yelds (2007), John Zander (2008), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

Marg Culley (2005), Anne-Michelle Howell (2006), Joan Lorraine (2006), Judy Turner (2004).

VALE - LEST WE FORGET

John SELF - 8 May 2004

Ron CLIFFORD (Secretary RAEME Association (VIC) Inc) - 2 July 2004

Maurice (Ray) COUSINS - 22 June 2004

COL Peter ROBINSON MBE (Rtd) - 24 July 2004

Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" Issue 42 August 2004

ARTE et MARTE

(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner

Hon. Secretary