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Dear Members

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of one of our Honorary Life Members, Reginald Stanley John (Reg) Glass (Regimental No.42133). He passed away on 11 March 2003. He was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Association in 1991 for "his work as Corps Historian in SA". It was presented at the time by then Vice President COL C.V. (Vern) Claxton (Rtd).

MAJ A.N.MacLeod, then DADEME Central Command from August 1961 to November 1964, was nominated as officer responsible for compiling the "History of the Royal Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in South Australia" for the period to August 1965. Reg Glass, an amateur historian, was given approval to gain access to Commonwealth Archives and A.W.M. to extend his research on the History of RAEME in South Australia (Reference: 534/15/8 HQ 4MD 9 June 1983) and has updated the "History" to June 1978. He continued to collect information until he retired as Association Historian in 1999.

RAEME BIRTHDAY ADDRESS TO TROOPS

In BAGDAD IRAQ on Thursday 1st Dec 05 available RAEME personnel and others of SECDET (Security Detachment of the Aust Embassy) took time out to celebrate their Corps Birthday. A WO2 ASM and five are keeping the show on the road with their major role maintaining the house ASLAV fleet.

Major Malcolm Wells RAINF, OC SECDET saw it as a fitting gesture for those available to join the Bluebell People to celebrate their Corps Anniversary and he gave the following address.

The vital repair and maintenance of the Australian Army, and the Australian Security Detachment Baghdad, is entrusted to the soldiers of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME). We gather here today as an operational Combat Team, to celebrate the Corps birthday of RAEME.

Although the Corps is 'young' it has already developed proud traditions. Its fully combatant and Workshop Units and Corps members have served with distinction wherever and whenever Australian troops have been called upon to serve their country since its formation in the Second World War. The late Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, in giving high praise to the Corps said:

They exist to keep the punch in the Army's fist. They are a new Corps, born late in the war; they have done magnificently and have won their spurs in battle.

The official formation of RAEME, as a Corps, is dated to this day, the 1st December 1942, however the role of skilful and qualified tradesmen supporting the Australian Army in peace and war reaches far further into the annals of history. Originally grouped into the Ordnance Corps to provide armourers and artificers to maintain firearms cannon and mortars, the development of the technology of war over the years has seen a parallel development in the 'Craftsmen' needed to maintain the equipment of war. The name 'Craftsman' is a proud and noble designation from time immemorial, and is a rank exclusive to RAEME private soldiers.

As we look back over the course of Australian military history, it is easy to catalogue the rapid development of military technology in the last 100 years in particular. Our great grandfathers went to the battlefields of Gallipoli, the Western Front and the Holy Lands just to our north with bolt-action rifles with long bayonets, water cooled machine guns and on horse back. Much of warfare is enduring, but military technology is not.

Things changed for our grandfathers and fathers who soldiered in the Second World War and countless battlefields since. They saw the onset of complex technology to give them automatic weapons, tanks, long-range artillery and highly capable trucks and vehicles.

The men who kept this equipment running became highly trained and true specialists: they kept the weapons serviced, they changed armoured vehicle engines on the front line when they took a full day to take out and replace - even in the face of the enemy as they did at Fire Support Base Coral, they maintained the radios and communications systems, and every piece of equipment needed to achieve the mission.

We find ourselves today, in our current mission, mounted in the world's most technologically advanced armoured fighting vehicle, with drop in power packs, remote weapon stations, thermal sighting systems, complex optical sights, high powered automatic weapons and a raft of specialist equipment. With this technology comes a small group of soldiers with skills of similar sophistication to keep us able to fight.

As we know, this equipment is essential for us to achieve our mission. It breaks, it falters, it needs to be looked at. This burden falls to the soldiers of RAEME, the technical support section. I say burden, but that is not what it is to the Craftsman: it is his job, his proud responsibility, one accepted cheerfully and without complaint: working through the night if needed, in the heat of the Workshop behind me and the cold, to get the equipment ready on time to achieve the task. This is a task done behind the scenes, quietly, often unassumingly - well maybe not too unassumingly CFN Jean - and often not fully appreciated by the combat arms.

The Craftsman also offers his skills in many other ways. In our current role and location we all know for example of the 'special projects' that make our life and environment a little bit more comfortable and functional.

So we gather here today as a Combat Team on operations to help the men of the SECDET Tech Support Section and other RAEME visitors celebrate their Corps birthday. In doing so we appreciate, acknowledge and recognise their proud history, their skills, the capabilities and their contribution to us as a Combat Team. Happy birthday - Arte et Marte.

- Courtesy "The Lightning Flash" February 2006 Issue 47

DIARY DATES 2006

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 1 April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 April
- 2006 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion	Friday 21 April
- 2006 ANZAC Day March	Tuesday 25 April
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 3 June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 June
- 2006 Officer, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner (tentative)	Saturday June
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 5 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 12 September
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 7 October
- RAEME Corps Seminar	19-20 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 26 October
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 2 December
- Annual General Meeting (tentative)	Sunday 3 December
- RAEME Birthday Family Function (tentative)	Sunday 3 December

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management Meeting will be held on **Thursday 20 April** 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.

2006 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

As mentioned in the January Newsletter, LTCOL Ian Kennedy, Commanding Officer 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, has given his permission for our Association to conduct the 2006 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the combined **Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Messes** (southern side of the oval, on the south west corner) on **Friday 21 April (note change of date)** commencing at 7:00pm (unfortunately there is a major function at Warradale Barracks on the Saturday night). Format will be similar to last year. A BBQ meal will be available from approximately 7:15pm to 8:15pm. Cost is \$7:50 per head, which includes entry in a Meal Ticket raffle. Refreshments will be available from the Bar in the Sergeants' Mess. A "Remembrance Ceremony" will be held at 9:00pm commencing with "Last Post". The function is expected to conclude at 11:30pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce. Assistance will be required with Set Up, cooking the BBQ, collecting money at the door, selling Raffle Tickets, and Clean Up. **Please let me, David Turner, know on phone (08) 8381 3644 (after hours) if you can assist in any way.** An Invitation with all the details is attached to this Newsletter.

Please ring me, David Turner, on phone (08) 8381 3644 (after hours) before Wednesday 12 April and let me know whether you will be attending and who your guests will be!!

If the Security Level at Warradale Barracks increases, it may be necessary to either supply a list of names of those attending to the Security personnel on the gate, or advise those attending of a change of Venue. In order to keep costs under control the Committee of Management has decided that **WE WILL ONLY CATER FOR THE NAMES NOTIFIED.** **Please make every effort to take part in this function to help build Esprit de Corps in the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.**

ANZAC DAY 2006

The ANZAC Commemorative March will be held on Tuesday 25 April commencing at 9:30am.

As agreed at the AGM in December 2005, AEME/RAEME contingent will be lead this year by our President, WO2 Grant Kuchel. Also as agreed at the AGM, the winners of the ARA and GRes 2005 "RAEME Soldier of the Year" awards in Central Region will carry the Association

Banner. The ARA winner was **CFN Neil Thompson**, a Recovery Mechanic from Support Battery (the workshop) at 16AD (thank you **MAJ Dubsy** for arranging this). The GRes winner was **CFN James Boulton**, a Vehicle Mechanic from 107 Field Workshop (thank you **WO2 Grant Kuchel** for arranging this). **Please make both of them feel welcome.**

Any ANZAC Day March queries should be directed to our Unit Guides, Dutchy Holland on phone (08) 8294 4401, John Howard on phone (08) 8447 7681 or Bob Killoran on phone (08) 8270 2222. Unit Leaders and Unit Guides are required to attend a briefing at ANZAC House, Torrens Training Depot, Victoria Drive, on Tuesday 11 April 2006 commencing at 6:00pm.

The Assembly Point for Group 6 is the same as last year, ie the eastern side of Pultney Street with head on Rundle Street and extending south to the Grenfell Street intersection (see map). The route is also the same as last year, north along Pultney Street, west along North Terrace, north along King William Road and right into Sir Edwin Smith Avenue to the dispersal area in Pennington Gardens.

Salutes (the Association Banner is to be lowered on the "eyes right") are to be paid at the National War Memorial and the South African War Memorial on North Terrace, and the Official Dais on the eastern side of King William Road near the Parade Ground at Torrens Training Depot.

As happened last year, MAJ Karel Dubsy has offered a vehicle from the workshop at 16AD to allow WWII veterans who can no longer make the distance the opportunity to participate (thanks, Sir). **Please contact me, David Turner, on phone (08) 8381 3644, after hours, to reserve a seat** (the vehicle will return passengers to Pultney Street immediately after Group 6 has been dismissed at the end of the March). **The RSL has allowed this vehicle to participate on the proviso that it forms up alongside AEME/RAEME but must drop back to travel in a "Pod" of vehicles behind Group 6 when they step off.** This is to prevent marchers directly behind AEME/RAEME from being forced to breathe exhaust fumes.

All persons who have:

1. Served in the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, British Commonwealth countries or any country which, at the time of such service, was an ally of Australia, or
 2. Been allotted for duty in the March,
- are eligible to march.

Children are not permitted to participate in the March other than those who are Next-of-Kin of a deceased veteran and are 13 years of age or over. Those participating are required to wear the medals of the deceased relative (**over the right breast**) and are required to march with the Next-of-Kin Group 12 (assembly Point on the southern side of Grenfell Street with head on Pultney Street and extending west towards King William Street) or if a Legacy Ward with Legacy Group 1 (assembly Point on the southern side of North Terrace 50 metres east of Kintore Avenue).

The participation of next-of-kin in the ANZAC Day March is a vexed issue. The RSL policy has been and remains, that next-of-kin marchers shall have reached their 13th birthday and march within Group 12. It is expected that one next-of-kin will march for a deceased family member unless, in extraordinary circumstances, a carer for the next-of-kin is required.

Next-of-kin marchers shall, wherever possible, wear the service medals of their deceased relative **on their right breast** and must always be dressed in a manner appropriate to a march of this nature.

Whilst policy is that next-of-kin will only march in Group 12, the RSL recognises that certain exceptional circumstances may exist within individual units, which may prompt units to invite selected next-of-kin to join them. Whilst not encouraging or condoning this practice, the RSL recognises the unit's right to decide upon and implement such exceptions if they so desire.

The recognition of these exceptions should not be viewed as any change in the RSL policy that has existed for many years.

Free car parking facilities will be provided upon display of Service Medals or RSL Badge at:

1. Gawler Place Car Park 1:00pm 24 April - 6:00pm 25 April (no entry/exit during March 9:00am - 11:00am)
2. Hungry Jack's Car Park 7:00am - 12:00 midnight 25 April (no entry/exit during March 9:00am-11:00am)
3. Harris Scarfe's Car Park 7:30am - 6:pm 25 April

Toilet facilities will be provided as follows:

1. Council toilets in Hindmarsh Square
2. Ground floor level Hungry Jack's Car Park
3. Austin Street corner Pultney Street (portaloo x 1)
4. North Terrace opposite Pultney Street intersection (portaloo x 1)
5. Kintore Avenue opposite State National War Memorial (portaloo x 2)
6. South eastern side of City Bridge for WWI veterans and VIPs
7. Rear of Adelaide University Oval and the Adelaide Oval
8. Portable toilets will be provided by the Adelaide City Council at the south eastern corner of Pennington Gardens.

As reported at the AGM in December 2005, **WO2 Bob Murch, EME WO at Headquarters 9th Brigade, Keswick Barracks, has obtained approval for Association members to meet in the Sergeants' Mess at Keswick Barracks for refreshments and a light luncheon (thanks, Sir) after the March.** Bob has advised that the Standard of Dress for inside the Mess is neat civilian attire with a collared shirt. Blue denim is acceptable provided there are no holes or patches, although runners are still not acceptable footwear.

Civilian, ex-serving and retired members of any rank are more than welcome to attend as long as they are properly attired and do not display poor behaviour. However, current serving members who are not eligible for membership of a Sergeants' Mess are not invited to attend and should attend their rank respective Mess. **Mess protocol dictates that all personnel attending the Mess should introduce themselves as a member of the AEME/RAEME Association to the President of the Mess, WO1 Dean Chappell, or the senior Mess member present.**

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION PROJECT

John Howard has reported that the Work Party on Saturday 4 February used a high pressure water sprayer to clean down the No.2 Gun and they then greased and exercised both Guns.

The next Work Party will be held on Saturday 1 April. Members are very welcome to visit (you don't need to bring your overalls) as the Work Party enjoys the opportunity to show what they have achieved over the years. Please contact Keith Tainsh on phone 08 8326 2581 prior to the scheduled date to check that the Work Party has not been re-scheduled.

CAPTAIN BRAVADO

Long ago, there lived an officer of the Royal Navy named Captain Bravado. He was a manly man's man, who showed no fear when facing his enemies.

One day, while sailing the Seven Seas, his lookout spotted a pirate ship approaching, and the crew became frantic. Captain Bravado bellowed, "Bring me my red shirt!" The first mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt, and while wearing the brightly coloured frock, the Captain led his crew into battle and defeated the pirates.

That evening, all the men sat around on the deck recounting the day's triumph. One of them asked the Captain, "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before battle?"

The captain replied, "If I were to be wounded in the attack, the shirt would not show my blood. Thus, you men would continue to fight, unafraid." All of the men sat and marveled at the courage of such a manly man's man.

As dawn came the next morning, the lookout spotted not one, not two, but TEN pirate ships approaching. The crew stared in worshipful silence at the captain and waited for his usual orders. Captain Bravado gazed with steely eyes upon the vast armada arrayed against his ship, and without fear, turned and calmly shouted, "Get me my brown pants!"

WORLD WAR I GERMAN 105MM HOWITZER RESTORATION - UPDATE

The Monday work party of 7 volunteers continues with the task of restoring this WWI War Trophy. Having disassembled all the parts and getting most of them in working order the group have now arrived at the interesting stage of trying to put it all back together again.



New Trails have been manufactured by LT Craig Williams (107 Field Workshop) at his metal fabrication plant at Port Adelaide. The various assemblies can now be bolted in place prior to rivetting. The help of one of the Pichi Richi Train volunteers, a riveter by trade, has been enlisted to lend us the rivetting tools and to teach us how to go about this tricky and risky task. The wheelwright, Peter Foster, has started to search for the wood for the wheels and it is all systems go to reach the deadline for the "unveiling" at Moonta on 11 November 2006.

I have written to all the RSLs in South Australia seeking their help to locate an old wheel hub that might be available for a 77mm or 105mm German Howitzer, to replace one the wheels on this gun which is a different size. Hopefully we can locate one that might be lying around a Council depot somewhere (any help with this greatly appreciated). Other contacts have been made with the MAJ Bill Billet, Author of the Australian book "War Trophies", the Australian War Memorial, The Army Museum at Bandiana, the Artillery Museum at North Heads and the Gawler Council. No luck so far.

Over the last few months I have also been in touch with a LTCOL Herbert Jager from Cologne in Germany, an expert adviser on Artillery matters and the author of several books in English. One of these describes all the German Artillery of WWI. He has sent technical drawings and lots of helpful advice.

Bruce Watson tells me that the Moonta people are in full swing raising funds for this restoration work as well as the new building to house the gun for display. One fund raiser offers supporters the opportunity to have their name and details embedded in a brick paver for \$35 and these will be a feature of the building site.

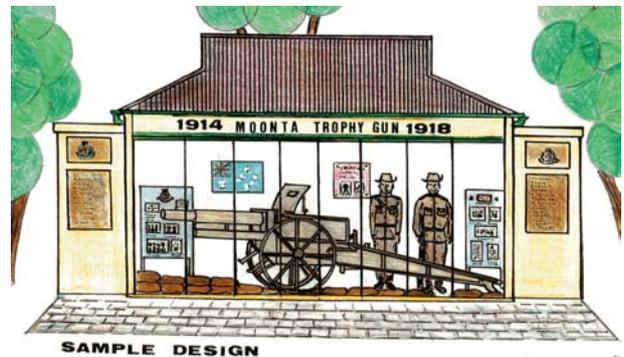
Another hunt is also on to find a shell casing that can have the "pointy end" manufactured to show the size of the ammunition used. A diagram of the many 105mm shells has been found to enable this to be done. So many more hours of banging, welding, drilling and cursing to keep the workshop personnel on their toes.

- Robin Maslen OAM

WAKE UP AND GROAN

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After carefully planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of fuel. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied: "Monsieur, I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh." (And you thought I lacked De Gaulle to print a story like this.)

- Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend



RED KANGAROO LEAVES ITS MARK IN IRAQ

The Army's Al Muthanna Task Group (AMTG) has given thousands of Iraqi people a further chance to improve their quality of life after completing three vital civil military cooperation projects.

Defence Minister Robert Hill said these three projects have involved connecting thousands of homes to electric power, restoring a bus station and renovating a community centre.

"A total of 14 projects in Al Muthanna Province are being funded by the Howard Government as part of a \$2.25 million program," Senator Hill said. "In addition to its principle role of training Iraqi security forces and providing protection for Japanese reconstruction efforts, the AMTG is also committed to improving the well-being of people in Al Muthanna Province. The civil-military cooperation program is managed by a small group within the AMTG to support community based projects in the province. All projects are selected in consultation with the Al Muthanna Provincial Council and use local contract labour to provide further employment within the local community. Together, these projects provide a significant impact on the day-to-day lives of many thousands of Iraqis by providing them with essential services."

The work of the AMTG has been growing in status in the region, with the familiar red kangaroo stencil clearly marking each project - similar to that displayed on AMTG vehicles. It is being widely recognised as a mark of Australia's positive role in the region.

* In the village of Al Ryawasha, on the outskirts of As Samawah, a \$31,000 project funded the repair of electricity feeder lines and upgraded the transformers to provide the villagers with a more stable power supply.

* In Ar Rumaythah, a \$37,000 project gives the community a public bus station with refurbished shelters, seats, shops, hard standing, and toilet facilities. The town is a regional transport hub servicing the needs of more than 70,000 people.

* At the Al Salman Community Centre the public have access to IT facilities including ten computers, printers, scanners, and cameras. The \$83,500 project provides internet and IT access to help with children's education and local business initiatives.

The successful completion of all these projects was marked with opening ceremonies attended by representatives of the local community, AMTG Commander Lieutenant Colonel Roger Noble, and senior provincial and Iraqi government officials.

Earlier reconstruction projects included establishing a mobile health clinic, water test kits, an ambulance station, and providing media communications equipment.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Friday 21 October 2005*

NEW TANKS FOR AUSTRALIAN ARMY ROLL OFF PRODUCTION LINE IN UNITED STATES

The first five of the Australian Army's new Abrams tanks have rolled off the production line in the United States today. Army has ordered 59 of the rebuilt tanks officially designated the Abrams M1A1, Abrams Integrated Management (AIM). A ceremony marking the occasion was held in Lima, Ohio, at the Joint Services Manufacturing Centre and was attended by Australian Defence Organisation representatives.

This is the first major delivery under Australia's Foreign Military Sales program with the United States. These tanks will now be transported to Fort Hood, Texas, in preparation for the training of Australian tank soldiers and maintainers as they convert to the new vehicle. The Abrams M1A1 AIM tanks will replace the current Leopard AS1 tank and will provide the Army with increased firepower, mobility and survivability for soldiers on the battlefield. This tank will form a key component of the 'Hardened and Networked' Army announced by the Government last year.

Funding for these tanks has been provided as part of the Government's commitment to spending \$28 1/2 billion on defence capability over the 10-year period to 2010. This funding builds on the 2000 White Paper commitment to increase Defence funding by three per cent annually until 2010/11.

The Abrams ensures that if we have to deploy our forces on close combat operations they will have the combat weight they need to achieve their mission without undue risk. All tanks

procured under this project have been rebuilt under the Abrams Integrated Management program. The AIM program applies modifications and technology improvements to the M1A1 tank to ensure that it will serve to 2020 and beyond. The comprehensive rebuild process means the tanks have embedded diagnostics and digitalisation plus a range of armour, firepower, automotive and engine improvements. The modification process for the Australian tanks began in June 2005 when the 59 Australian-selected M1A1 tanks were transferred to the Anniston Army Depot, Alabama, where they were stripped to their component parts. The upgrade and technology enhancement process takes place at the Joint Services Manufacturing Centre, Lima, Ohio.

The delivery of these new capabilities is proceeding to schedule and demonstrates the close cooperation occurring between Defence Materiel Organisation and Army. The Abrams will be introduced into Army training schools in Australia in late 2006. It will be fielded in Darwin by mid-2007.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Friday, 17 February 2006*

DEFENCE SUPPORT TO QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT - POST CYCLONE LARRY UPDATE FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2006

"Operation Larry Assist," the Australian Defence Forces' (ADF) contribution to the disaster recovery effort in North Queensland, is now being felt over most of the cyclone-affected region.

Using a mix of aircraft and vehicles, troops from the Townsville-based 3rd Brigade and the Cairns-based 51st Far North Queensland Regiment have been providing relief supplies-including tarpaulins, water, generators and food-to outlying communities in the Greater Johnstone Shire since Tuesday.

Air resupply, particularly from the Royal Australian Air Force's C-130 Hercules and DHC4-Caribou aircraft and Army and Navy helicopters, have played a vital role in moving large quantities of relief supplies from Sydney, Brisbane and Townsville. Some of these lifts have been dedicated to moving stores and supplies donated by the broader Australian community. Airlift forward from Townsville has carried some 75,000 Litres of bottled water and 15.5 tonnes of tarpaulins. In one spectacular airlift, a Chinook helicopter from Townsville's 5th Aviation Regiment helped Ergon Energy to repair Innisfail's electricity substation by moving a 32m-high transmission tower from Townsville.

ADF teams have also been involved in repairing some vital infrastructure, including communications restored to local radio station 4KZ, bridge repair, and clearing a local school of debris. The Royal Australian Navy has also been helping on land and at sea. This involvement has seen teams from HMAS Cairns provide assistance to the Mareeba community, while heavy landing craft have been used to move equipment at times when roads have been cut by flooding. These craft will also be used to move supplies and equipment between Townsville and Innisfail to minimise traffic impact on the Bruce Highway, which has been subject to heavy flooding.

The ADF's assistance operation will continue to focus on moving much-needed supplies, such as bottled water, and helping with debris removal in the many communities that have been affected by Cyclone Larry. The ADF remains proud to be making a meaningful initial contribution to the Emergency Management Australia led national response to this natural disaster.

- *Courtesy Minister For Defence Media Release, Friday, 24 March 2006*

TOO TRUE

"Well, Ted, you're certainly coming up in the world. What's the idea of playing golf with not one, but two caddies!"

"Oh, it was my wife's idea."

"Your wife?"

"Yeah," answers Ted, "She thought I should spend more time with the kids."

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

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 of the RAEME items 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).

RAEME Tie	\$35:00
RAEME Tie Pin	\$7:00
RAEME Pewter Coaster (2 per pack)	\$8:00
RAEME Thermal Mug	\$15:00
RAEME Print - Presentation of the Prince Philip Banner (unframed)	\$5:00
RAEME Statue "The Craftsman"	\$85:00
RAEME Thermal Mug Khaki	\$12:00
RAEME Coffee Cup	\$7:00
RAEME Mouse Mat	\$6:00
RAEME / Artificer Cuff Links	\$15:00
RAEME / Artificer Tie Bar	\$8:00
RAEME / Artificer Tie Tack	\$7:00
Stubby Holder (RAEME, Blue Bell & Artificer)	\$7:00
Plaques (RAEME, Artificer, Balcombe & Latchford)	\$40:00
Army Apprentice Hat & Collar Badges	\$5:00
Apprentice Mouse mats	\$6:00
Field Message Note Book	\$10:00
Field Message Note Book Refills	\$2:50
Note Book Cover DPCU	\$15:00
40 Page Vuee Tuee	\$15:00

If you are interested in purchasing any items, contact **Army Museum Bandiana** on phone (02) 6055 2525 or fax (02) 6055 2886, Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm, or via e-mail bandiana.museum@defence.gov.au. The prices include GST, but not postage and handling. However, they will tell you how much your order will cost when you ring to enquire. Note that prices are also subject to change (please check prior to ordering). Payment can be made by Cheque or Postal Note. Credit Card facilities are available only on the premises. The postal address is:

Army Museum Bandiana
PO Box 26
MILPO BANDIANA VIC 3694

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The mailing address for all queries regarding medals is:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
 Department of Defence
 Locked Bag 2003
 COOMA NSW 2630

CLEVER!!!!

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned ... couldn't concentrate. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax. After that I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was exhausting. Next was a job in a shoe factory; I tried but I just didn't fit in. I became a professional fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income. I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining. So then I got a job in a health club, but they said I wasn't fit for the job. I finally got a job as a historian until I realized there was no future in it. So I retired, and I found I am a perfect fit for the job!

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

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

RAEME Associations of Australia	www.raeme.org.au
AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc:	www.raemesa.com
AEME/RAEME Association - ACT:	members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme
RAEME Association NSW Inc.	www.raemensw.com
The RAEME Association of QLD:	www.raemeqld.org
RAEME Association of WA (Inc.)	www.raeme.org.au/wa
Army Apprentices:	www.armyappies.no-ip.org www.armyappy.com
National Service Association:	www.nashos.org.au
Vietnam Veterans Federation:	www.vvfagranville.org.au
Department of Defence:	www.defence.gov.au
World War II personnel details:	www.ww2roll.gov.au
Australian/Commonwealth Honours:	www.itsanhonour.gov.au
Army Museum Bandiana	www.defence.gov.au/army/AWMA_MUS/default.htm

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.

HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR

Once upon a time there was a young man who wanted to become a great writer. "I want to write things the whole world will read," he declared. "Stuff that will elicit strong emotions from people in every walk of life. I want my writing to make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger."

He now lives in Redmond, Washington, writing error messages for Microsoft.

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

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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

Steve Maher

Subs are still \$5 for one year or any multiple thereof eg \$20 for four years. Subs are due at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to".

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

Mike Culley, Dutchy Holland, George Robinson, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2006), Milton Ahrens (2009), Frank Aldous, (2006), Jeff Allen (2008), Bruce Amor (2007), Heath Arblaster (2009), Ernest Atkinson (2007), Peter Badcock (2006), Joe Barton (2007), Richard Beare (2009), Gavin Bellis (2006), Marco Benazic (2007), Paul Berk (2008), John Black (2006), Helmut Bohn (2008), David Brand (2007), Dennis Brown (2009), Fred Brown (2008), Shane Buckley (2008), Roger Burzacott (2009), Nicholas Cashman (2008), Dave Cawthorne (2007), Trevor Clerke (2015), Geoff Coat (2007), Brian Cogan (2006), Don Collins (2008), George Cooke (2011), John Corkran (2007), Peter Cox (2007), Ron Coxon OAM (2007), George Craig (2009), Bob Davis (2007), Gavin D'Cruz (2008), Graham de la Rue (2009), Chris Duffield (2007), Robert Duffield (2006), Nick Ebbs (2006), Len Edwards (2008), Bluey Etheridge (2007), Kym Everett (2013), Andrew Ferguson (2007), Jim Fisher (2009), Brian Flavel (2006), Jan Gancarz (2009), Pete Gaskin (2006), Charlie Gauci (2006), Bob Gell (2008), Nick Gogillis (2009), Steve Gough (2006), Steve Gould (2007), Tony Gow (2008), Robert Hansford (2007), Bill Harding (2007), Jock Hart (2008), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2009), Tracy Hatch (2006), Greg Hay (2010), Norm Hay (2008), Colin Haynes (2006), Tony Hinton (2007), Andrew Hobson (2006), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), Col Howard (2007), John Howard (2009), Gary Howell (2008), Rod Hussey (2009), Tony Ivens (2007), Graham Janz (2007), Juris Jaudzems (2006), Jeff Johns (2007),

Lindsay Johnson (2006), Eddy Kaminski (2011), Eric Kelly (2008), Bob Killoran (2009), Bob King (2006), Geoff Kohler (2007), Les Kovacs (2007), Grant Kuchel (2007), Alf Lee (2006), Lou Leeuwrik (2011), Ken Lorraine (2009), Greg Lowe (2007), Chris Macintosh (2010), Steve Maher (2008), A.D.Marks (2007), Trevor Martin (2007), Robin Maslen OAM (2009), Bob Matthew (2006), Bob Matthews (2007), Penny Mayman (2007), Alan McGregor (2006), Fred McInerney (2006), Philip McKelliff (2008), Pete McKenzie (2007), Reg Mead (2006), Buzz Meakes (2010), Don Morgan OAM (2007), Richard Moyses (2006), Bob Murch (2007), Barry Naulty (2009), Ian Nicholls (2006), Gary Nicolescu (2009), Sam Nowak (2007), Jim Nurse (2010), Troy Oakes (2009), Dave O'Brien (2009), Alex Oschmanns (2013), Frank Owen (2006), John Owen (2008), Dick Pailthorpe (2007), Doug Pammenter (2009), Nick Papanikolaou (2010), Geoff Parker (2007), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), Lionel Penley (2007), Rex Perry (2007), John Raftery (2006), Chris Rajasingham (2009), Hank Ramm (2008), Tammy Rebbeck (2006), Mick Reeve (2007), Lionel Renfrey (2007), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), Greg Robinson (2006), Bill Roch (2007), Greg Rosser (2007), Ray Ryan (2007), Perry Sangster (2010), Brian Sayers (2009), Barra Schmidtke (2007), Glendon Shaw (2007), Dave Shelly (2009), Harold Shipp (2009), Robert Silcock (2006), Craig Smith (2008), Victor Sobotnik (2006), Walter Soroka (2010), Max Sparrow (2008), Ian Starick (2006), Murray Stock (2008), Donald Sutherland (2013), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2007), Ian Taylor (2007), Paul Teague (2010), Howard Terry (2008), Jim Thomas (2006), Noel Thomas (2009), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2009), Joe Tuckwell (2007), Damien van de Velde (2011), Mark Van Oostveen (2008), Eugene Wasilenia (2006), Bruce Watson (2007), Alan Webb (2006), Paul Weir (2006), Graham West OAM (2006), Brett Wilkeson (2008), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2008), John Wilson (2007), Betty Winstanley (2008), Curly Woolcock (2007), Pat Wright (2008), Brian Yelds (2007), John Zander (2008), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

Edna Brown (2007), Marg Culley (2006), Anne-Michelle Howell (2006), Joan Lorraine (2006), Judy Turner (2006).

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42133 - Reginald Stanley John (Reg) GLASS (Honorary Life Member) died 11 March 2006

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(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner

Hon. Secretary