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### NEWSLETTER



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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope this newsletter finds you in good health and good spirits. However if you know anyone that does not fit into that category please let us know so we can send a card or visit the member. I am sure that everyone gets a lift when a friendly face visits or best wishes arrive in the post.

A reminder to attend, if possible, the ANZAC Re-union on Friday Evening, 18 Apr at the Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen where we can recognise the sacrifices that our predecessors made and also have a chance to catch up with friends and family. Please let us know if you are attending by the due date to assist with catering. This is one of our major functions during the year and I hope to see you there.

Lastly members from the HOC cell have accepted invitations to attend the Annual RAEME Offr/WO/SNCO Dinner on the 18 Jul at 16 AD SGT's Mess. Following, on Sat 19 Jul we are planning a 40th Anniversary Memorial Service for CFN Douglas Borlace the only RAEME soldier KIA on the 15 Jul1968 in SVN. More details will be released as they become available, however mark it in your diary as it an important tribute to a fallen comrade.

Arte et Marte Grant Kuchel

#### **VISITING THE WORKSHOPS**

Please note that ALL RAEME Association Members are required to sign in at the 9CSSB Orderly Room prior to visiting 107 Workshop Company.

#### **COLONEL COMMANDANT'S REPORT**

Hello Everyone

The Head of Corps, BRIG David Welch held the 2007 RAEME Corps Committee meeting in December 2007 which was attended by all RAEME Colonel Commandants and HOC staff. Key issues covered include:

- HOC Cell is organizing a Corps Intranet website which will also be used for the development of an electronic RAEME pictorial display for the Bandiana Army museum.
- RAEME Craftsman Port has proved very popular and this year 20 Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment (20 STA) have been selected to organize the 2008 bottling
- The HOC Cell thanked our association for our donation to the Corps Fund. The Corps Funds are used for the benefit of Corps members in a variety of ways
- The committee agreed that a review of the Corps Fund Charter should be undertaken The HOC highlighted the need for a review of the paragraph on the purpose of the fund and believed it should include a review of other corps funds such as the RAR fund. It was agreed that the recognition of service and other significant milestones should be incorporated in the corps fund charter.
- The committee thanked the RAEME Association of NSW for their efforts in providing Care Packages to RAEME soldiers serving overseas.
- The Committee has received a proposal from the RAEME Association of Queensland titled "Operation Spanner Pack". The Queensland association propose to take the lead on the next care package project for RAEME soldiers serving overseas on operation. The committee strongly supported the concept of providing care packages for RAEME soldiers serving overseas on operational service and agreed that the HOC organisation and corps funds should be used to assist where required. The smaller associations such as WA and SA have also expressed a desire to participate in the project however declared they do not have the capacity to do it on their own. It was felt that the smaller regional associations should not be excluded from participating in the initiative. MAJ Anderson will to liaise with the smaller associations to assist in creating the

- opportunity for all associations to be involved. It was agreed that any care package initiative must include all areas where RAEME soldiers are deployed on operational service. The HOC cell is to provide the necessary detail on soldier locations, numbers and relevant POCs for each area.
- The committee discussed the issue of having a representative from the RAEME Associations attend the corps committee meeting and the corps seminar. It was pointed out that the regions are already represented by the Colonel Commandant. It was also considered that the corps committee does not necessarily address regional association issues. The HOC stated that he is agreeable in principle for association representatives to attend the committee meeting and seminar.
- It was also directed that the HOC cell call for input to the corps seminar from the colonel commandants and regional associations.

**COL Greg Rosser** 







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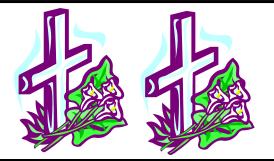
- Committee of Management Meeting
- 2008 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion
- 2008 ANZAC Day March
- Committee of Management Meeting
- 2008 Officer, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner
- Commemorative Service for CFN Borlace
- Committee of Management Meeting
- RAEME Luncheon
- -107 Fd Wksp 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
- RAEME Corps Seminar
- Committee of Management Meeting
- Annual General Meeting (tentative)
- RAEME Birthday Family Function (tentative)

#### Date

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December



#### **WO2 Brian Cox**

Died 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008 Served in the CMF with the Workshops for 20+ years

#### **Brendan Downs**

Died 21 March 2008 Left the ARA in Jul 1999 after 21 years service

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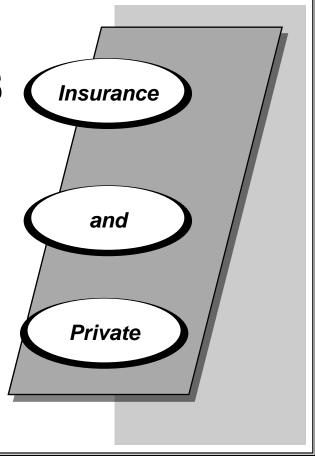
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#### 2007 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

As mentioned in the February Newsletter, permission has given for our Association to conduct the 2008 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the combined Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen (southern side of the oval) on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7:00pm. 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. 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 <u>Penny Stone know on her mobile (0409 141 205) if you can assist in any way</u>. An invitation with full details is attached to this Newsletter.

<u>Please ring Penny Stone (mobile 0409 141 205) before Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and let her know whether you will be attending and the number and names of all guests who will be attending with you.</u>

(Note -: 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.)

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# The ANZAC Commemorative March Friday 25 April commencing at 9:30am.

The AEME/RAEME contingent will be lead this year by our President WO2 Grant Kuchel. There has been a major reshuffle of starting points for units this year. Our unit is one of the few units who are not affected by the reshuffle, but our starting point has been moved forward by a few metres.

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.

The Assembly Point for Group 6 is almost the same as last year, ie the eastern side of Pultney Street but with the head between North Terrace and Rundle Street (see map on page 14).

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.

Vehicles will be available for WWII veterans who can no longer make the distance.

Please let Penny Stone know (mobile 0409 141 205) if you require 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:

- 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 in Grenfell Street and on the Western side of Pultney 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).

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:

- Gawler Place Car Park
   4.00 am- 6.00 pm
   April (no entry/exit available possible between 8:00am 11:00am)
- 2. Hungry Jack's Car Park 7:00am 12:00 midnight 25 April (no entry/exit available possible between 8:00am 11:00am)

3. Harris Scarfe's Car Park 7:30am - 6:pm 25 April

Toilet facilities will be provided as follows:

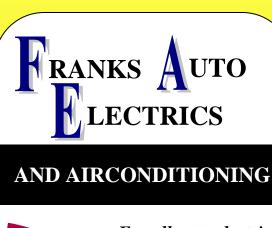
- 1. Council toilets in Hindmarsh Square
- 2. Ground floor level Hungry Jack's Car Park
- 3. Austin Street corner Pultney Street (portaloo  $\times$  1)
- Kintore Avenue opposite State National War Memorial (portaloo x 2)
- 5. South eastern side of City Bridge for WWI veterans and VIPs
- 6. Rear of Adelaide University Oval and the Adelaide Oval

Approval has been obtained for Association members to meet in the Sergeants' Mess at Keswick Barracks for refreshments and a light luncheon after the March. Please be 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, but runners are 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 introduce should attendina the Mess themselves member of the as α AEME/RAEME Association to the President of the Mess or the senior Mess member present.

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#### 2008 CENTRAL REGION RAEME OFFICERS, WOS & SNCOS FORMAL DINNER

Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16<sup>th</sup> Air Defence Regiment (16AD) Woodside Barracks, is organising the annual Formal Dinner for serving and ex-serving RAEME ARA and GRes Officers, WOs and SNCOs and members of the Association.

The Dinner will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the 16 AD Regiment Sergeants' Mess at Woodside Barracks. Bus transport will be provided from Keswick Barracks Sergeants' Mess for Adelaide Plains dwellers.

The Head of Corps, BRIG David Welch has indicated he and some of the HOC staff will be attending this year.

A personal invitation will be posted to all eligible Association members when the details have been finalised.

Mark the date in your Diary now! Please make every effort to take part in this function to help promote Esprit de Corps in the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.

#### **REMINDERS**

If you have a computer and are connected to the internet you can receive your newsletter by email.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email or try it and see how it works send an email to *gregrosser@adam.com.au* and say if it is a trial or you would like to receive it by email permanently.

If you hear of any Association members who are sick or in hospital please let one of the committee members know so they can arrange a card or visit.

The committee needs your help with this.

#### FREE SEX

A petrol station in country QLD was trying to increase its sales, so the owner put up a sign saying, 'Free Sex with Fill-Up.' Soon a local pulled in, filled his tank, and then asked for his free sex. The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10. If he guessed correctly, he would get his free sex.

The bloke then guessed 8, and the proprietor said, 'You were close. The number was 7. Sorry, no sex this time.'

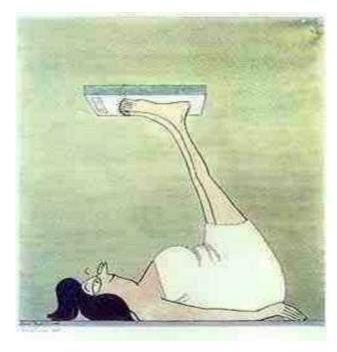
A week later, the same bloke come along, with his mate, Bluey, pulled in for a fill-up. Again he asked for his free sex. The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number.

The bloke guessed 2 this time. Again the proprietor said, 'Sorry, it was 4. You were close, but no free sex this time.'

As they were driving away, the bloke said to his mate, 'I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away free sex.'

Blue replied, 'No, it ain't, Bill. It ain't rigged -- my Missus won twice last week.'

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The Army Museum at Keswick has a small group of ex RAEME soldiers who work on restoring old Army vehicles every Wednesday. The Mk1 ferret is fully roadworthy and is being used for Army and other displays. A 1948 Land Rover is nearly finished. A Mk2 Ferret is currently being completely stripped to see if it worth making a mobile or a static display.

Recently we came across a stack of Bren Carriers in Rockhampton, going pretty cheap and needing lots of work. (see photo) This is the sort of restoration project we would like to get into at the museum. However the transport costs to Adelaide will be prohibitive.

So if anyone out there knows where an old wreck might be lying around a cocky's paddock would love to hear about it.



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Robin Maslen

#### **CHANGES TO EME IN 9 BDE**

9 Brigade underwent a significant restructure in the second half of 2007, which is now bedding in well in 2008. This restructure, which has been part of Project Focus, set about brigading the majority of 9 Brigade's logistic functions. This saw the closure of Technical Support Troops (TSTs) and associated workshops in other units, and all EME personnel coming under the command of 107 Workshop Company, 9 Combat Service Support Battalion. The aim of this has been to reduce Corporate Governance related to Technical Regulatory Compliance at Unit Level, and to establish 107 Workshop Company as the centre for EME personnel within the Brigade.

The 107 Workshop Company is now responsible for the provision of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line EME support to South Australian based 9 Brigade units. This requires the use, management and deployment of Forward Repair Teams (FRTs) to conduct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line EME tasks for these units. This also means a more efficient approach to Corporate Governance with a reduction in duplications in the smaller organic unit workshops.

Changes have also meant extra positions in the Brigade for ARA tradesmen, starting the beginning of this year. This should assist with the supervision of ARTAP apprentices, which will hopefully be expanded in 2008/2009.

Another change that has occurred has been the establishment of a Technical Regulatory Framework (TRF) Compliance Cell at Brigade HQ. This Cell has been charged with conducting audits and ensuring that 107 Workshop Company is able to focus on the core business of providing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line EME support to the units of 9 Brigade.

#### STARTING A SECOND CAREER

Jack retired in his early 50's and started a second career. However, even though he loved his new job, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day, he was 5, 10, sometimes 15 minutes late.

But he was a good worker and really sharp, so his boss was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, one day, his boss called him into the office for a talk.

"Jack, I must tell you, I truly like your work ethic; you do a bang-up job. But your being late for work nearly every day is quite annoying to me as well as to your fellow workers."

"Yes, sir," Jack replied, "I know. I'm truly sorry, and I am working on it."

"That's what I like to hear," his boss said. "However, the fact that you consistently come to work late does puzzle me, because I understand that you retired from the Army, and they have some pretty rigid rules about tardiness. Isn't that correct?"

"Yes, sir, I did retire from the Army, and I'm very proud of it," said Jack.

"Well, what did they say when you came in late?" asked his boss.

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The Wembley contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well", he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Subiaco contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Nedlands contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the Government House official and whispers, "\$2,700"

The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

The Nedlands contractor whispers back, "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Subiaco to fix the fence."

"Done!", replies the government official. And that friends, is how it all works!!!

#### **JOBS**

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#### **Honorary Life Members**

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