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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome everyone to the first Newsletter for 2013. Here we are with March nearly upon us and it seems quite a long time ago when we celebrated our Corps 70th Birthday back in December.

Once again Australia has started the year impacted by floods, fires and storms and the subsequent damage that occurs. As usual the unique abilities of the ADF comes in to play for rescues and clean up operations in affected areas, so it goes without saying many RAEME members would have been involved in these tasks and performed admirably as usual. There is also a very high likelihood that some RAEME families were directly impacted by some of these tragedies so our thoughts are with them.

On a happier note the AGM and Corps Birthday BBQ held in December went very well and were well attended. Election of committee and office bearers resulted in only one change. Juris Jaudzems has been Vice President for many years and did not renominate for this position. As a result WO1 Tony Harriden was nominated and was subsequently elected as the Vice President, and also into the Assistant Treasurer role.

I would like to acknowledge Juris for his time as Vice President and although he claimed it was a simple role, the fact remains he was prepared to be there and take on responsibilities whenever required. Juris will remain on the committee as an ordinary member which is greatly appreciated.

My thanks goes to committee members for their efforts and dedication over the last 12 months. If there are any other association members who wish to assist with activities please do not hesitate to let us know and we will certainly welcome the offer and find you a task to assist with.

During the Corps Birthday celebration I presented Mr Alan Weeks of the SA REME Association with a plaque acknowledging our friendship and relationship with them. This was in response to a plaque we received from them in 2011. I believe these relationships are important as we need to consider the viability and direction of small associations such as ours as we move into the future.

On the national front Ray Norman, the President of the RNA has communicated with all regions on current progress of tasks and responsibilities along with the Corps history project. It seems the RNA is evolving as planned and is certainly very well supported by HOC. Our local RNA Committee Member Phil Coppin has been elected as Vice President, so congratulations to Phil on that appointment.

Thanks to 43rd Regional cadet Unit, in November we had the opportunity to conduct the fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings Woodville store. It turned out to be a great day for those who were able to attend and raised a very impressive \$1200 for the association. This is a great outcome and

actually represents 50% of our normal income so is a very worthwhile activity.

Full credit to all those who helped on the day and a huge thanks to LT Renee Groffen of 43RCU for passing on the opportunity to our Association. We have applied to Bunnings for a similar opportunity in 2013 so are hopeful we can do it all again. Watch this space.

Key activities for the year are in planning and dates are included in this Newsletter.

Please add the dates in your calendar ASAP.

I look forward to our meetings and functions and will hopefully catch up with many of you during the year.

Arte Et Marte
Richard Moyses
President

COLONEL COMMANDANT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone

December is always the time for announcing the winners of the various soldier awards and the SA winners of the Corps Awards in 2012 were:

CFN of the Year ARA (SA) No nomination

CFN of the Year GRes (SA) CFN Pearce from 9 CSSB

In relation to the AEME/RAEME Soldier of the Year (SOTY) awards, the winners were:

ARA - CFN Sean Cameron 16 AL Regt

GRes - CFN David Pearce 9 CSSB

Well done to the winners.

Since the last newsletter we have had a change of Head of Corps. BRIG David Creagh has completed his nominal 3 years as HOC and we were very fortunate to have him join us for a number of activities particularly the OFFRS, WO and SNCO Corps Dinners.

It was always a pleasure to meet him and he took a great interest in meeting the soldiers and talking about what they did, their likes and dislikes etc.

Thank you Sir, for your friendship and support.

The new HOC is BRIG Andrew Mathewson. For more details on our new HOC please see page 4.

There are a number of activities being conducted within the region this year and I hope to see lots of you at them.

The first is the RAEME ANZAC function at Warradale on Saturday 20th April (See Page 5). See you there.

Arte et Marte
COL Greg Rosser



AEME/RAEME Association of SA **DIARY DATES 2013**

Activity/Function

Date

- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 21 st February
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 5 th March
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 18 th April
- 2013 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion - Warradale	Saturday 20 th April
- 2013 ANZAC Day March	Thursday 25 th April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 th June
- 2013 Officer, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner	TBA
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 th August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 3 rd September
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 th October
- RAEME All Ranks Dinner (Mixed)	TBA
- Annual General Meeting (tentative)	Sunday 1 st December
- RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 1 st December

Allied Military Association Functions

- Defence Reserves Association of SA - AGM	Sunday 7 th April
- Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See April edition)	Wednesday 15 th May
- Salute to the ANZACs 10/27 RSAR Band (See Page 13)	TBA (<i>Lead up to Remembrance Day</i>)



WO1 Ian McLeod
CMF 107 Fd Wksp

Frank Aldous
AEME WW2

Selwyn (Curly) Woolcock
RAEME Vietnam

Pam Pearson (Davis)
Wife of Don Davis (Ex OC 107 Fd Wksp)



Also reported from the Queensland Association:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reginald Sawtell passed away on Tuesday 9 Oct 12 • Robert "Blue" Etheridge, passed away peacefully, 21 Oct 12. • Paddy O'Leary died on 29 Oct 12 in Bowral, NSW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Fitzgerald AACC, formerly of RAEME, passed away 4 Nov 12 • Ken Chamberlain died on 11 Nov 12 from cancer • MAJ Peter Jackson (Rtd) (1st Intake) died suddenly 27 Nov 12. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rex 'Shorty' Walker (12th Intake) succumbed to a brain tumour on 29 Nov 12. • Val Burgess, wife of COL Mike Burgess (Retd) passed away on 22 Oct 12. |
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VALE – Lest We Forget

Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal??????

Fee payment can be made to Bob Matthew (8272 7472).

MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF CORPS - RAEME

BRIG Andrew Mathewson

A Message from BRIG Mathewson.

I am delighted to have been appointed Head of Corps RAEME by the Chief of Army and shall endeavour to continue the great work undertaken by BRIG Dave Creagh. As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Corps of RAEME, it is fair to say that the work done by the Corps has never been more important.

Support to operations in both the ground and air environments is delivering valuable lessons on what we are doing well (most things) and areas where we could offer even greater utility. One important area that has become evident is that we can do more to enhance our battle damage repair capabilities.

The introduction of new complex capabilities certainly presents some challenges to the way we do business and I see that we need to adapt our processes and become more agile in the way we support Army's materiel. Some excellent work is being done to review our logistic support to Army aviation capabilities through Plan Pelican.

As much as it is important to look forward, we also need to reflect on the important work that has been undertaken by RAEME over the past 70 years. The Corps History Project is making great progress in drawing together a range of valuable experiences complete with many pictures of RAEME people supporting Army. We plan to launch a highly professional depiction of the Corps history on our 71st Birthday next year.



**Newly Appointed Head of Corps
BRIG Andrew Mathewson**



BRIG Mathewson's Story.



Andrew was born in 1964 and hails from Mildura, Victoria. He joined the Army as an Apprentice Fitter and Turner and later received the Most Outstanding Apprentice award at the completion of trade training in 1983 and the Craftsman of the Year award in 1985. He entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1986, graduating into the Corps of RAEME in mid 1987 to 1 Base Workshop Battalion in Brisbane.

His early postings were predominately technical and included appointments at the Maintenance Engineering Agency, Materiel Division-Army, as well as full-time civil schooling. In 1995, Andrew undertook a Master of Science Degree at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, UK.

Following graduation from Army Command and Staff College, Andrew served as Staff Officer to COFS, Joint Logistics Command. During 2001-02 he was posted on exchange to HQ Land Command in Salisbury, UK, as SO2 Equipment Support. Whilst on exchange with the British Army he deployed twice – once to Kosovo with the 7th Arm'd Bde, and later, to Bosnia and worked in the Multinational Division HQ at Banja Luka.

On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 2003, Andrew undertook the role of Resident Team Leader – Australia and subsequently Acquisition Project Manager, in Project AIR87, procuring the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter. In 2006 he undertook the appointment of SO1 Science and Technology in Army Headquarters. Andrew returned to the UK, to undertake a military attaché role as Assistant Army Adviser within the Australian High Commission, London. In January 2008, he was promoted to Colonel and was selected to undertake the duties of Program Director AIR9000, Multi Role Helicopter Program.

On 1 Nov 2010, he was promoted to Brigadier and took up his current appointment as Director General Army Aviation Systems, responsible for the acquisition and support to Army's helicopter and unmanned aerial system fleets.

Andrew and his wife Tina have two daughters aged 15 and 18. Andrew's leisure interests outside of family life include bushwalking, reading, woodworking and painting.

COMING ACTIVITIES

2013 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

Approval is being requested for our Association to conduct the 2013 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the combined **Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen**. As normal it is proposed to hold the function on **Saturday 20th April** commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year with a BBQ meal followed by a "Remembrance Ceremony" at 9:00pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and tell more "TALL Stories". A great evening was enjoyed by all last year and the committee is working very hard to make sure the 2013 function is even better than previous ANZAC reunions.

An Invitation with all the details will be included in the April Newsletter.

Mark the 20th April in your diary now and plan to be there!!!



ANZAC DAY MARCH UPDATE

This year the march will be held on Thursday 25th April and the organisers are promising "good weather". Regardless of the weather we all share a great bond as we march and then enjoy a drink afterwards

It is anticipated our association members will be in Group 12(A) again this year (with all of the other Associations). We would like to see as many members as possible march this year as our ranks continue to grow thinner each year.

Members of our RAEME brethren who served in Vietnam will be marching separately again this

year. Frank Owen has advised that they have now obtained their own RAEME banner which will help identify them and the part they played in the Vietnam conflict. It is assumed the Vietnam group will be marching in Group 9(c) again this year.

The Association has provided relevant details to the RSL regarding our participation in the march, but details at this stage are still very sketchy and we will have to wait until full march details are issued before we can advise you of the final assembly point (assumed to be the same as last year). When finalised full details will be available on the RSL Website (www.rslsa.org.au) and in "The Signal" magazine.

Full details of the March will also be included in the April Newsletter.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Committee of Management Meetings are held at Warradale on 3rd Thursday of every second month. **All members are welcome to attend** Committee of Management Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October and December in the **Conference Room at JLU (S)**. Meetings commence at 7:30pm and entry is through the Oaklands Road gate.

The committee is always seeking your input.

RAEME LUNCHEON

The RAEME Luncheon get-togethers are held twice a year on the first Tuesday in March and then in September and are open to all serving and ex-serving AEME or RAEME personnel and are held at the **Cremorne Hotel**, 207 Unley Road, Unley, at 12:00pm. This Luncheon is now being organised by Bob Killoran.



If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob by phone on 0412 060 315 by the Friday before the luncheon so they can let the pub know how many to cater for. If you know of others who spent time with AEME or RAEME, please let them know or bring them along.

43 ARMY CADET UNIT (WARRADALE)



CDT CPL Sam Browne with Association President
MAJ Richard Moyes after the presentation of the award

Our Association is now providing an annual donation, to 43 Army Cadet Unit to help the unit run successfully and promote the corps amongst the cadets. As part of the donation, a perpetual "Best Overall Performance" trophy is presented to the best cadet within the unit.

The winner of the 'AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc' trophy for "Best Overall Performance" for 2012 was

CDT CPL Sam Browne

Sam plans to join the regular army in 2013. Because of our association with the cadet unit he has a strong desire to join RAEME.

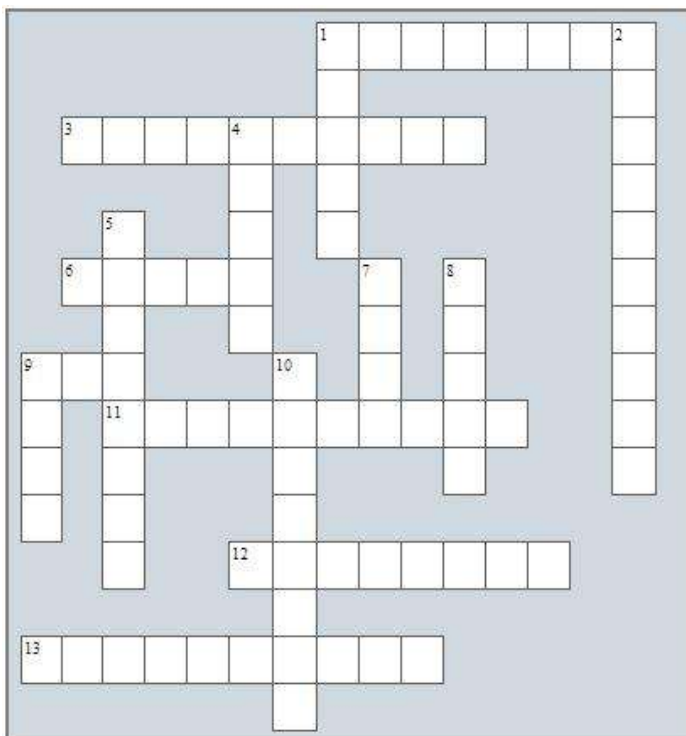
We wish Sam all the best for the future

43 Army Cadet Unit is one of many AAC units around Australia which provide young Australians with the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, teamwork, self discipline and provide skills training in military like activities, such as field craft and navigation.

ADF statistics (2009) show that 30% of all ADF members are ex cadets.

RAEME CROSSWORD

How well can you do



Across

1. THEY STOPPED YOUR BOOTS AB FROM SLIPPING DOWN THE HILL
3. ONE OF THESE CAN FIX A TV FOR YOU
6. BRING YOUR.....
9. WHO IS THE ACE?
11. IN THE UK THEY CAN BUY THEIR BOOZE THERE
12. SNOOPY CHASED HIM BEFORE WE WERE BORN
13. WE NEVER HAD THESE BUT THE GERMANS DID

Down

1.THE HORSE
2. AFTER THESE WE GOT INTERS
4. FIXING
5. A GEM OF A WRECKER
7. TOP COLOUR IN OUR FLAG
8. FAVOURITE COLOUR FOR THE TANKIES
9. BEFORE 1948
10. IT'S IRISH BUT 107 LIVED THERE FOR A WHILE

Thanks to Geoff Parker for organising this, there will be another one next edition

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2012 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

The 70th RAEME Corps Birthday was celebrated by Central Region RAEME personnel at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 2nd December (following the AGM). This is always an excellent function which was again well attended. It was fantastic to see so many members and their families attend and enjoy the function.



The RAEME Birthday Cake was again the highlight of the function and the cake was cut by CFN Pearce and our COLCOMDT.



Thanks also to members of the REME Association who travelled to Warradale Barracks to attend the function. This year it was our turn to respond to their presentation last year with our President thanking them for their ongoing support and presenting them with a plaque in recognition of the great relationship that exists between the two Associations.

Everyone enjoyed a great BBQ lunch cooked by two of the committee members John Howard and Brian Holmes. They seemed to get as much enjoyment out of cooking the food as we did eating it.



It was great time to catch up with old friends and fellow soldiers. The raffles proved very popular with almost everyone winning a prize.

The AEME/RAEME Association of SA "Soldier of the Year" winners for 2012 were as follows:

- ARA "Soldier of the Year" award was CFN Sean Cameron who is with 16 Air Land Regt Workshops
- GRes "Soldier of the Year" award was CFN David Pearce who is with 107 Wksps Coy 9 CSSB

Our congratulations and thanks go to the organizers and the many helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the function such a success.



CFN Pearce being presented with his award by COLCOMDT and his OC



BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER



As reported by the President in his "Message" (see page 2), the Association ran the Sausage Sizzle at the Bunnings Woodville outlet on Sunday 25th November last year. While it proved to be financial success, it also gave the opportunity for Association members and their

wives/partners to share time together and get to know each other better. Twelve people, a combination of members and partners, came to help on the day and with mixed starting and finishing times it proved to be a pleasant day for all. The cooking, handling and selling requires a minimum of 5 people at any time and extra hands are a real bonus during the lunch period rush. With the number of people available we handled it like professionals and with minimal stress.



Members at work (from left) Marg Culley (bending) Raylene Harvy, Bob Matthew, Greg Rosser and Richard Moyses

The Association has bid for the opportunity to run a couple of Sausage Sizzles during 2013 and we will be looking for helpers on those days and all members are encouraged to offer a couple of hours (or more) if we get the opportunity again this year. We are sure you will find it to be a great day.



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Tour de France

Two Irishmen are sitting in a pub watching the Tour de France on TV.

Seamus shakes his head and asks, "Why the hell do they all do that?"

"Do what?" replies Mick.

"Go on them bikes for miles and miles, killing' themselves going up and down the hills, round the bends. Day after day, week after week.

No matter if it's icy, rainin', snowin', hailin' Why would they torture themselves like that?"

"It's all for the prestige and the money, don't ye know" says Mick. "You know the winner gets about a half a million Euros?"

"Sure I understand that." says Seamus, "But why do all the others do it?"

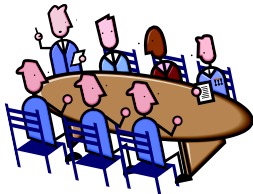


2012 AGM REPORT

The 2012 Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 2nd December in the ORs Canteen at Warradale Barracks

Election of Office Bearers

President: MAJ Richard Moyses
Vice President WO1 Tony Harriden
Treasurer: Ron Moran
Secretary Don Harvy
Ordinary Members:



SGT Troy Oakes
CPL Bob Mathew
Bob Killoran
Geoff Parker
John Howard
Juris Jaudzems
Michael Culley
Brian Holmes
Phil Coppin

Membership
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Historian



Support Team

Advertising WO2 Grant Kuchel
Auditor Gary Nicolescu

Financial Statement

Opening Balance	\$1,628.06
Closing Balance	\$3,125.55

Major items covered include:

- The Annual fee increase (to \$10 per annum) has been successfully introduced with little comment or negative feedback. Fees already paid stand at \$5 until the time for renewal. All "payments in advance" are capped to 5 years (\$50) - Thanks to all
- The committee reported it had agreed to financially support 43 Army Cadet Unit for the sum of \$300 for 2013. Continuation of support and the amount to be donated for 2014 will be reviewed late in 2013.
- The AEME/RAEME Assoc. Perpetual 43 Army Cadet Unit " Best Cadet" Trophy for 2012 went to CDT CPL Sam Browne who is intending to enlist in RAEME in the regular Army during 2013
- It was reported that the fundraising BBQ activity at Bunnings Woodville on 25 Nov was a great success with a profit of over \$1200 being achieved. Thanks to OC 43 Army Cadet Unit for their support in this endeavour.
- The President reported the ex RAEME Vietnam veterans group marching in the Vietnam section of the march worked well and he supported the initiative for all future marches.

Other item discussed:

- The National RAEME Association is progressing well and activities have been allocated to various state associations. The SA Assoc. representative is Phil Coppin and he is investigating national insurance cover.
- The President talked about the success of the spanner pack programme which was the envy of other Corps. The Association plan to make a larger donation and to continue collecting donations at functions in 2013.
- It was reported by Geoff Parker that there were numerous problems with the current website and it had been infected with a virus. Dean Ellis our Webmaster is sorting out the problems and will make suggestions of a future direction for website management and operation in conjunction with the National Assoc Website
- It was reported that the Association Soldier of Year Awards for 2012 went to:
 - ARA - CFN Sean Cameron - 16 Air Land Regt (previously 16 AD Regt)
 - GRes - CFN David Pearce - 107 Fd Wksp Coy 9 CSSB
- Grant Kuchel reported that the advertising in the Newsletter had dropped off due to a general downturn in the business sector, but he had continued to include all recent advertisers in the last newsletter as a token of thanks for their support in the past.

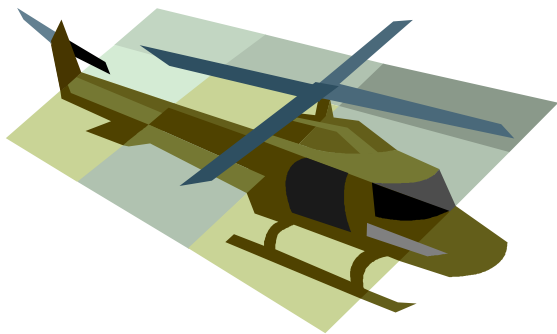
2013 Functions

- **ANZAC Function** - will be held on Saturday 20th April in the Warradale Other Ranks Canteen.
- **All Ranks Dinner Function** – postponed in 2012 but to be run again in 2013. Similar venue recommended.
- **RAEME Birthday All Ranks Family Function** - similar format to the 2012 function. Date to be Sunday 1st December which is the actual Corps Birthday (71 years).

Full copy of the minutes and attachments available on request from the Secretary.

OPERATION "SPANNER PACK"

The aim of the operation is to provide RAEME soldiers serving overseas with a pack(s) of goodies which makes their time overseas a little more comfortable.



This letter was received from Ray Norman recently:

Hello Ladies and Gents,

On 31st October 2012 an individual Christmas Spanner Pack was dispatched to every RAEME member on operations including their support staff.

We can report that 2784 Spanner Packs have been dispatched on your behalf reaching well in excess of 4500 of our Corps members over the period of Operation Spanner pack which was commenced in 2009.

Additionally some 300 hundred comfort packs were dispatch by the RAEME Association NSW in 2008/9 to all areas of operations.

Recently the RAEME Association Victoria also dispatch several Spanner Packs (numbers not known).

You can be certain that your support, sponsorship and assistance is very much appreciated by the solders on operations and by the coordinators of Operation Spanner Pack.

We intend to continue this enjoyable task into the future as long as there is a RAEME member on operations.

Please report the above in your newsletters, websites, meetings and conferences.

Ray

Our thanks go to Ray Norman and the QLD branch for their ongoing management of the Spanner Pack operation and our thank also go to all the sponsors and regional associations who continue to support the project

Letters from our RAEME soldiers on operations."

"Raymond

I just wanted to drop you a quick line as I was, yesterday, in receipt of a RAEME Association Spanner Pack.

I just want to say Thank You to the Association via yourself, the biscuits are particularly welcome and the 'star item' appears to be the Stubby Cooler (even though beer to fill it is in very short supply.....!).

Cheers,

Regards,

Mick (RAEME)

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Major R.G.Norman, OAM (Retd)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the RAEME Corps Association very

much for the Christmas parcels recently received by members of the Technical Support Troop

(TST), including myself, on 10 November 20 12.

TST support the Black Hawk helicopters within Timor Leste Aviation Group (TLAG) 18.

At this time of our deployment, your kind thoughts and actions are appreciated, as we are not at home with our loved ones and families.

As for the content of the packs, it was a nice change from the repeated mess menu, especially the red frogs which did not last long!

All the members of the TLAG 18 TST wish you all a Merry Christmas.

J.A.R. Hegedus

Craftsman

Technical Support Troop

Timor Leste Aviation Group 18

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Your Association committee plans to make another donation to the Spanner Pack Fund this year.

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Corps History Project Story & Photo Competition

The CHP is collecting the stories, anecdotes and photos of the Corps for the new Corps History Book....

... And now we are happy to announce two \$500 prizes for the best entries in the story and photograph categories.

Prize One - \$500 for the best story judged by a panel from the Corps committee.

Prize Two - \$500 for the best photo that best captures a dynamic, multi-role activity.

For details: **www.facebook.com/RAEMEAssociation**



The intent behind the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (RAEME) Corps Pictorial History Book Project is to produce a pictorial memoir that celebrates the achievements of individuals, sub-units and units of the Corps during times of peace and war.

The Corps History Project Team (CHPT) is now seeking contributions of stories and photographs, from former and present members of the Corps.

Editorial submissions should outline the situation leading to the context, offer a description of the event, including a portrayal of those individuals involved and provide an understanding of the equipment and/or RAEME aspect of the situation. These should all lead to a logical conclusion that leaves the reader satisfied with the content, description and overall understanding of the narrative.

Photographs/sketches/drawings should relate, in some manner, to the story being represented. The CHPT would encourage photos that are dynamic, of high quality and in a JPG format.

Front page cover Additionally the CHPT is also seeking a suitable photograph, sketch or drawing to be considered for the book's cover. To be considered the photo, sketch or drawing would be a dynamic, multi-role activity conducted during the last 10-15 years (preferably with an operational focus).

CHPT encourages all present and past members of the Corps to get behind this wonderful venture and

contribute. To encourage maximum participation the Corps committee, via the Head of Corps, has donated a prize of \$500.00 for the story judged to be the best. Additionally, a \$500.00 prize has also been announced for the photo that will be used as the front cover to the book.

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NOTE from the Editor

This competition is open to everyone and you are all encouraged to enter. Closing date is 1st April 2013 so the book can be released on the Corps 71st Birthday.

They are particularly interested in your recent operational experiences, but also other non-operational experiences, involvement in training programs and exercises, technical stories of RAEME innovation on or off the battlefield, or even anecdotes of humorous incidents

The project team have engaged the services of an editor to assist in delivering articles with polished style and professional presentation, so don't be too concerned about the grammar and punctuation.

If you wish to get some feeling for what the book will look like, try the following link on the Army website – <http://www.army.gov.au/Our-history/Army-in-Profile> .

If I haven't provided enough background, to the requirement, please feel free to get in touch with the CHP Project Director, retired BRIG Grant, on ross.grant140@bigpond.com

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THE BLONDE AND THE LORD

A blonde wanted to go ice fishing. She'd seen many books on the subject, and finally getting all the necessary tools together, she made for the ice.

After positioning her comfy camping stool, she started to make a circular cut in the ice.

Suddenly, from the sky, a voice boomed,
"THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

Startled, the blonde moved further down the ice, poured a cup of cappuccino from her thermos, and began to cut yet another hole.

Again from the heavens the voice bellowed,
"THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

The blonde, now worried, moved away, clear down to the opposite end of the ice. She set up her stool once more and tried again to cut her hole.

The voice came once more,
"THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

She stopped, looked skyward! and said,
"IS THAT YOU LORD?"

The voice replied,
"NO, THIS IS THE MANAGER OF THE SKATING RINK!"

Crossword answers



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All subs are to be forwarded to the Membership Member CPL Bob Matthew (40 Ashbourne Ave KINGSWOOD SA 5062). Please provide details of your date of birth if you wish to claim the free "over 75 year rule" membership.

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