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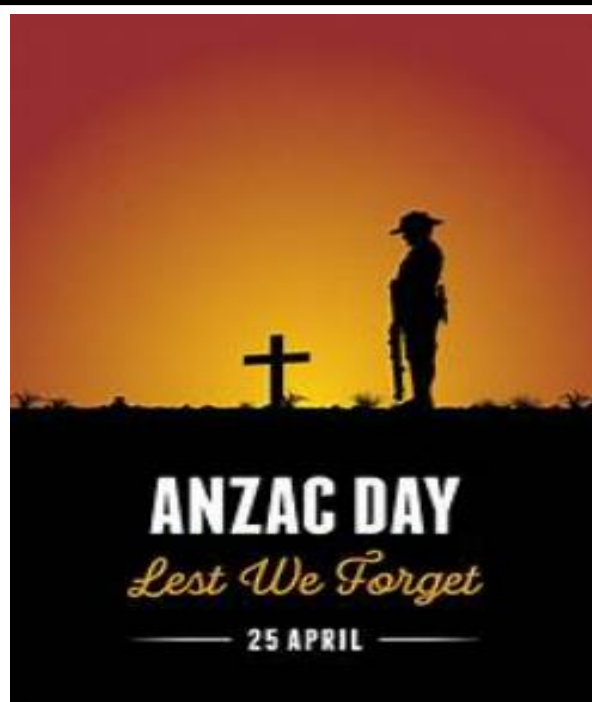
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members

Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of another year. I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and high spirits.

The lead up to the end of 2022 was busy as always with our Association AGM and celebration of our Corp 80th Birthday.

In late November we held a very successful AGM and Association Corps Birthday celebration at the West Adelaide Football Club. Attendance at these was quite good and the venue once again proved to be very accommodating and eager to please us as guests.

As usual the AGM went well. There were good discussions on a few topics and office bearers and committee members were once again elected unopposed. The full list of committee is on page 1 of this newsletter.

Of particular interest for the membership, during the AGM a motion was passed to investigate and potentially purchase a new Association Banner. I believe this is a positive initiative to pursue as our current banner no longer accurately reflects our association because of our name change in 2021. A new design will enable us to ensure the banner incorporates Corps colours, the correct Association name, and importantly have our RAEME badge prominent and central to the layout. I look forward to reporting on progress of this in future newsletters.

The Birthday lunch was an appropriately informal and fun celebration recognising our Corps 80th year of service and hard work as the premier Corp within the Australian Army. As always we had good support from our REME friends, who despite high hopes walked away with very few raffle prizes!! Thanks to everyone who played a part in making the luncheon a success.

The Association was also well represented at the REME Christmas lunch which was held the following day. My thanks to REME SA Chapter Chairman, Alan Weeks for the standing invitation to each other's functions and the support that occurs.

Thursday 1 Dec 22 saw Support Squadron 1st Armoured Regiment host the SA RAEME Birthday for Army Units.

This was a great day and exceptionally well ran. There were numerous trade displays, equipment on site and food and drinks available. Events included billy cart races, spanner toss, and tug of war to name a few. There was also firing of a 25 pounder gun and M3 Stuart Light Tank from the Historical Military Vehicles Association. To top the day off the M88 (armoured recovery tank) crushed a car much to the delight of the audience. Our association was again well represented and we managed to sell a reasonable amount of Corps merchandise.

On the day I was privileged to announce and congratulate CFN Jayke McNelle of 16 Regiment as the Corp SA Craftsman of the Year 2022. I also presented CPL Amandeep Singh of 1st Armoured Regt with the Association ARA Soldier of the Year Award.

Birthday celebrations did not end there, we also attended another party at 107 Fd Wksp 9 CSSB. Another great event, a few more cold drinks, some food and the opportunity to catch up with many of the Reserve members of our wonderful Corp. Again I was privileged to present the Association ARES Soldier Award. CFN Josh Hutchins of 107 Fd Wksp was recognised for his efforts within the workshop.

Congratulations to Jayke, Amandeep, and Josh on their dedication and hard work that resulted in being recognised with the 2022 RAEME awards.

Honorary Colonel Commandant SA/TAS, Colonel Andrew Herbert sends his regards to all RAEME brethren and wishes us all the best for 2023. Colonel Herbert is commencing his 5th year in this role and he once again hopes it may be possible to get to SA at some time.

Keep a look out for newsletters and event notices as we go through the year. Details of our scheduled events will be advertised. Full details will be provided as they are locked in.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at our functions throughout the year.

Arte et Marte
Richard Moyses,
President



Congratulations



2022 “Soldiers of the Year” Award (Association Award)

ARA – CPL Amandeep Singh of 1st Armoured Regt



MAJ Richard Moyses presenting the ARA SofY award to CPL Singh at 1 Armd Regt Workshops Corps Birthday Activity-Edinburgh Dec 2022

ARES – CFN Josh Hutchins of 107 Fd Wksp Coy, 9 CSSB

MAJ Richard Moyses presenting the ARes SofY award to CFN Hutchins at the unit 2022 Corps Birthday Activity.



2022 ARA CFN of the Year Award (SA) (Head of Corps Award)



MAJ Richard Moyses presenting the ARA Craftsman of the Year (SA) award to CFN McNelle of 16 Regiment at 1 Armd Regt Workshops Corps Birthday Activity-Edinburgh Dec 2022

Congratulations to All. Ed.

RAEME Association of SA

DIARY DATES 2023

Activity/Function

Date

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| - 2023 ANZAC Lunch (West Adelaide FC - see page 6) | Sunday 16 th April |
| - 2023 ANZAC Day March (Details to be confirmed) | Tuesday 25 th April |
| - Committee of Management Meeting | Wednesday 21 st June |
| - RAEME Luncheon (location TBA) | Tuesday 5 th September |
| - Committee of Management Meeting | Wednesday 20 th September |
| - RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function | Friday 22 nd September |
| - 2023 Annual General Meeting | Saturday 2 nd December |
| - 2023 Corps Birthday Family Function | Saturday 2 nd December |

Allied Military Association Functions

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| - REME Activities for 2023 (Various) | Details will be circulated when provided |
| - Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See Page 7)
(see also www.amosa.org.au) | Wednesday 10 th May |

VALE – Lest We Forget



***No Soldiers Advised in SA
Lest We Forget***



Joan Lorraine
Wife of SSGT Ken Lorraine
Was an Associate Member for many years,

Online lists of recent RAEME members Deaths and Illnesses are always available at:

- <http://www.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-alt>
- <http://www.sa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-report>

ANZAC MARCH 2023

The 2023 ANZAC Commemorative March Tuesday 25th April - Commencing at 9:30am.



This year's march will be similar to last year. We want to see as many RAEME personnel as possible join us for this year's March. Feel free to march with the appropriate RAEME Section by going to their respective Forming Up Point (FUP). See more details below.

FULL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE APRIL (ANZAC MARCH) EDITION.



More details available SOON at <https://www.rlsa.org.au/anzac-day/>

We have been advised that the Order of March has not changed from last year. This means our Vietnam Workshops veterans are still in Group 5 and their FUP is on the northern side of North Terrace. The RAEME Association of SA members are now in Group 12 with their FUP still on the northern side of Grenfell St fronting on to Pulteney Street.

Assembly Areas

- RAEME Vietnam Veterans - northern side of North Terrace roughly opposite Pulteney Street.
- RAEME Association Group - northern side of Grenfell Street adjacent to the RAA Building.

The Association ANZAC Day March co-ordinator will again be John Howard, look out for him and/or the Association Banner.

We are assuming there will be enough Vietnam veteran members to march under their own banner this year. Trevor Parrott has agreed to be the coordinator for this group, but recent health issues may prevent him from marching this year. If there are not enough to make it an acceptable sized group, we suggest those members attending join with the Association in Group 12 (with your Banner).

The route is the same as last year and salutes will occur at the National War Memorial, the South African War Memorial and the Vice-Regal Saluting Point on the eastern side of King William Road near the Parade Ground at Torrens Training Depot.

After the March:

We usually all meet at Torrens Parade Grounds for something to eat and drink. We have not been advised of any planned RAEME lunch activities on the day.

DON'T miss this ANZAC activity



RAEME ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



2023 ANZAC Function

To be held at the West Adelaide Football Club

57 Milner Road Richmond

Plenty of onsite parking available

Sunday 16th April 2023

From 1130hrs through until 1600hrs

Neat casual attire

Meals from extensive menu, (including seniors)

Drinks available from the bar

Members, guests, friends, and family are all welcome

Vast array of raffle prizes to be won on the day

Important

For catering purposes please confirm your attendance to
raeme.sa.association@gmail.com OR rmoyses@adam.com.au
or phone 0427 716 728 by Monday 10 April



Army Museum History Lunch

Wednesday 10th May from 12 noon



Defending Australia Are We Ready?



- *A two course meal, tea and coffee*
- *3 exciting speakers serving in operational SA Units*
- *Seating with friends*
- *Drinks available for purchase at the bar*
- *Door prize and raffle*
- *12 noon—2pm*
- *Visit the Museum after lunch*

Booking online to reserve your seat and table with friends

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/E12616393387377>

You can register from Wednesday 12 April 2023

Lunch in Building 34A at Keswick Barracks



Cost \$25.00pp (Drinks extra from the bar)



There will be a RAEME table so if you want to make your own group or be part of the RAEME table contact Greg Rosser on 0423 715 464 or email gregrosser@adam.com.au

2022 AGM - RAEME Association of SA

Held at West Adelaide Football Club, 57 Milner Road, Richmond on Saturday 26th November 2022

The following are details of the highlights and outcomes of the AGM.

President's Report

- Have not renewed our insurance saving us over \$2000. To be reconsider in early 2023.
- 2022 functions were well attended including the Combined Logistics Function. Thanks to all.
- Thanks to Bob "Klackers" Killoran for organising the bi-annual lunches and the merchandising.
- We have made excellent headway in improving our membership database. Thanks to Lou and Don we have an effective email system that enables better two-way communication.
- Proud of our relationship with the REME Assoc, SA Chapter. Great mutual support.
- RAEME National Network continues to play its role in conjunction with the state associations. BRIG (Retd) Ross Grant is the President and attended the Corps Conference
- Our COLCOMDT, Colonel Andrew Herbert sends his regards and best wishes to all

Secretary's Report

- The Plympton/Glenelg RSL is a good venue for the Committee of Management meetings.
- The West Adelaide FC is convenient for members and will continue to be used for functions.
- OC 43 Army Cadet Unit is keen for our sponsorship to continue including continuing the perpetual Trophy

Treasurer's Report

Total Income \$ 3,477.09
Total Expenditure \$ 4,657.37 (including return to 7 RAR of \$1,107 from their held funds)
TOTAL Net Position \$ 14,238.11 (Incl monies in term deposit and Merchandise on Hand)

Election of Office Bearers

No new nominations were received, and all current committee members agreed to continue in 2023.

Support to 43 Army Cadet Unit

Sponsorship to the amount of \$200 to be given to 43 Army Cadet Unit for 2023 and the Award for the RAEMESA Best Overall Cadet at 43 ACU will continue to be presented in 2023.

Association Banner

The President raised discussion on purchasing a new banner for the association. The current banner has served us well however since our name change it no longer reflects the correct name of the association. President explained he believes we should look at a completely new design that is contemporary and has our Corp badge and colours and association name prominent for all to see. (see picture of current banner below)

The proposal was approved and a sum of up to \$2,000 was allocated to procure a new banner and accessories.

Donation to Plympton Glenelg RSL

President proposed the association donate \$200 to the P-GRSL in recognition of the association being able to use the RSL Hall for committee meetings free of charge.

Activities and Functions

The committee is planning to run the usual range of activities in 2023. (ANZAC Function, ANZAC March, Bi-annual Luncheons, Corps Birthday, Combined Logistics Function etc)



Current Banner

2022 RAEMESA CORPS BIRTHDAY

The 2022 RAEME Corps Birthday function was held at the West Adelaide Football Club, on Saturday 26th November 2022

This was a new venue for our AGM and Corps Birthday activities and proved very popular as we had our own separate room, but could order our food from the club's standard menu (including a senior's menu) and order our drinks at the bar. The best part was that we didn't have to pay a room hire fee or specify a number attending and pay for that number even if they didn't attend. Finding a non-hotel venue that didn't have these limitations was a real problem for the committee. Thanks to the West Adelaide Football Club for their support. The onsite parking was a bonus.



Our Secretary Don Harvy and family



Alan Weeks (L) at REME Table



We were joined again by the REME Assn of SA. We have always invited each other to most of our respective activities and have always had a great time so it worked well.

The combined raffle was a monstrous event and most people ended up winning a prize.

A great afternoon was enjoyed by all.



*Above:
(Left) Our President MAJ Richard
Moyses and wife Judy.
(Right) Brian Touhy and wife Brenda*

*Left:
The range of Raffle Prizes*

ARA Corps Birthday Activity Held at 1 Armoured Regiment - Edinburgh

(Sorry no names were provided so enjoy looking for your picture)

Photos Courtesy of John Prince and others. Many thanks to all.



Major Richard Moyses and CFN Adam Moxey cutting the Corps Birthday cake



The Official Photographer WO2 John Prince in action



The Association Merchandising Team
L-R WO2 Prince, Bob Matthew, MAJ Moyses, Greg Rosser & Bob Killoran



THERE WERE LOTS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AS WELL



Start your engines

STUART LIGHT TANKS M3A1 AND M3A3	
The following data includes the general information and engine characteristics which are frequently required for reference:	
Make and type.....	Continental, single-row, static-radial, air-cooled
Model and series.....	W670 Series 9A
Over-all diameter.....	42 3/8 in.
Weight, with accessories.....	1,107lb
Horsepower.....	250 hp at 2,400 rpm
Maximum allowable rpm.....	2,400
Number of cylinders.....	7
Bore.....	5 1/8 in.
Stroke.....	4 5/8 in.
Piston displacement.....	.667.86 cu in.
Compression ratio.....	.6.1 to 1



The old and the new

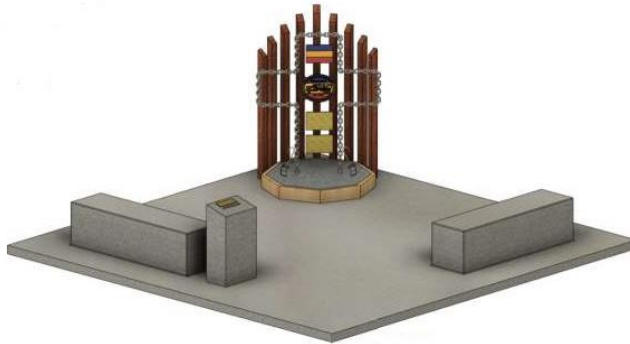
AND THERE WAS MORE



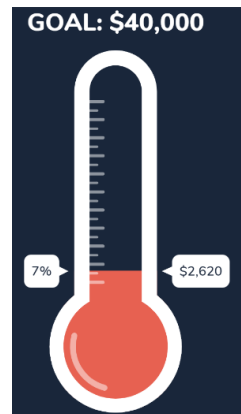
A fun time was had by all

From our Queensland RAEME Bretheren

Recovery Mechanics Memorial - Dotswood NQ



Pictured above: Proposed Design of Memorial for WO2 Ryan Leslie and Craftsman Brendon Payne



WO2 Ryan Leslie and Craftsman Brendon Payne, two superb soldiers tragically died while serving their country on a military exercise in the Townsville Field Training Area on 30 August 2021.

Ryan and Brendon were very well-loved by both their families, friends and their military comrades.

Commemorations held at the accident site on the first anniversary of their passing have shown us just how important it is that we have a place to remember them: to reflect on their lives, and who they were.

The plan is to build a permanent memorial rest-stop at the accident site, set off to the side of the Dotswood / Mingela Road in a safe location to allow people to stop and reflect. The memorial will consist of a bespoke designed wooden memorial facade, designed and built by RAEME personnel, carrying plaques for Ryan and Brendon. This will be placed into a concrete foundation. A hard-wearing, concrete seat will then be provided for people to sit on when they visit, and a weather-proof box will be included for people to leave notes and messages for the soldiers and their families.

The designs have been developed in very close conjunction with Ryan and Brendon's wives, and with their close family. Both the concept and the design come with their strong support.

In terms of cost, we are seeking quotes from Townsville-based construction companies for the work. We estimate the construction will cost in

the region of \$40,000, given the remote location of the site. In terms of time, we are hoping to have the work done in the dry season of 2023, to have the memorial constructed and opened by the second anniversary of Ryan and Brendon's passing on 30 August 2023.

The next step now is fundraising. I am therefore reaching out far and wide to both a serving military, veteran and Veteran Association audience to seek efforts and contributions to raise the funds of \$40,000 for the memorial construction to take place. We are looking for individuals and units to organise fundraising events in the next four months (January to April 2023), or to provide donations from standing or Association funds. In conjunction with the RAEME Associations, we are also seeking donations from major veterans' organisations like the DVA and Legacy.

So, if you would like to help please let me know via email.

Tom McDermott

Former CO 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (QMI),
2020 - 2021

thomas.mcdermott@defence.gov.au

Details for donating to the Memorial are:

Defence Bank

BSB: 833205

Account Number: **20682037**

Account Name: **RAEME Association Queensland**

Please ensure you add '**Memorial Donation**' to any deposit description

Membership Renewal

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

Subs are due on 1st July in the year your membership expires. Reminders have been sent out so if you have forgotten to pay **NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT.**

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years eg \$50 for five years.

If in doubt please contact our Treasurer/Membership Member

CPL Bob Matthew (mobile) **0409 962 208**

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities are available.

BSB **065-127**

Account No. **00900324**

Account Name **RAEME ASSOCIATION of SA INC**

Please send an email to our Membership Member advising him of the payment.

robert.m1@bigpond.com

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING OUR ASSOCIATION?

You can join by applying on the website <https://sa.raeme.org.au/>

or contacting our Membership Member - Bob Matthew

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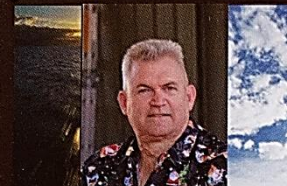
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**The adult version of
"head, shoulders,
knees and toes" is
"wallet, glasses,
keys and phone."**