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Dear Members

Once again, I sincerely apologise for the lateness of this Newsletter. I just do not know where the time has gone! It only seems a short while ago that we were worrying about the "Millennium Bug" and now we are well into 2005.

The AGM in December saw some changes in the Committee of Management. Mike Culley stood down from the position of President after 10 years in the job (a job well done, Mike) and WO2 Grant Kuchel, who has been posted back into 107 Field Workshop as EME WO, has stepped into his position (welcome back to South Australia, Grant). Bob Killoran is now Vice President (congratulations, Bob, and thanks, Gary). Eddy Kaminski has retired from the Committee after 11 years (thanks, Eddy), and WO2 Shane Buckley has been posted to 16th Air Defence Regiment at Woodside Barracks (thanks, Shane). New faces on the Committee are Brian Holmes, Juris Jaudzems and Bob Matthews (congratulations, and thanks for "volunteering", gentlemen). The AGM unanimously (and with acclamation) voted to award Mike Culley Honorary Life Membership (congratulations, Mike).

MAJ Karel Dubsy is seeking photos with captions and/or short stories for a new Pictorial History of RAEME book (see article below).

Approval has been received from LTCOL Ian Kennedy, the new Commanding Officer 9th Combat Service Support Battalion Warradale Barracks, for the 2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC

Reunion to be held on **Saturday 23 April** in the combined Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. **Please make every effort to support this function.**

DIARY DATES 2005

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 February
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 8 March
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 2 April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 21 April
- 2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion	Saturday 23 April
- 2005 ANZAC Day March	Monday 25 April
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 16 June
- 2005 Officers, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner (tentative)	Saturday June
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 6 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 18 August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 13 September
- Fort Large Guns Restoration	Saturday 1 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 October
- 2005 RAEME Birthday Family Function (tentative)	Sunday 27 November
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 3 December
- 2005 Annual General Meeting (tentative)	Sunday 11 December

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management meeting for 2004 will be held on **Thursday 17 February** 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. **Please BYO drinks** as there may not be any Bar Service. **All members are very welcome.**

RAEME LUNCHEON

The next luncheon get-together will be held on **Tuesday 8 March** at the **Cremorne Hotel**, 207 Unley Road, Unley, at 12:00pm. An invitation is extended to all serving and ex-serving members of AEME or RAEME. **Please ring Fred Brown on (08) 8297 7408 or Max Adams on (08) 8296 6463 before Friday 4 March 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 bring them along.

2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion

LTCOL Ian Kennedy, Commanding Officer, 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, has given permission for our Association to conduct the 2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the **combined Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Messes** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner) on **Saturday 23 April** commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year, 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 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 know on (08) 8381 3644 if you can help in any way.** An Invitation with all the details will be attached to the March Newsletter. **Mark the date in your diary now!!!**

MESSAGE FROM THE (INCOMING) PRESIDENT

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you well and that you all had a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Well the gods smiled on Christine and me and in December we resettled back into our beloved home at Morphett Vale after being posted back to SA. I have also started work at Warradale Barracks, back to 107 Field Workshop 9 CSSB as the EMEWO. I am grateful to the Corps for giving us the opportunity to return to SA, enabling me to see out my service until retirement in 2007. (Crow eaters to the core and the Power-Premiers back to back).

Now with the election of the new committee for 2005 at our AGM on the 12 December 2004, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the outgoing committee for their dedication and commitment to the Association throughout 2004.

As you would also be aware Mike Culley stood down as President and I was honoured to be elected into the position for 2005. This gave me and the membership the opportunity to recognise Mike's service by tabling a motion to the members which simply stated the following:

"When Mike stands down as President he will have served the Association with distinction as President for 10 years. Under his leadership, the Association has gained a reputation and standing held in the highest regard by all, and it would be fitting for Mike to be recognised by the membership with (Honorary) Life Membership in recognition of his service". It was a fitting tribute to Mike that the motion was carried unanimously.

Honorary Life Membership of our Association is the only tangible way that service can be recognised and Mike truly deserves this recognition. *Well done, Mike*. Also I have been reliably informed that behind every good man there is a better woman and the Association sincerely thanks Margaret for the support she has given Mike and the Association during his tenure as President. It should be noted that Mike is staying on the committee in 2005 which confirms his continuing commitment to the Association.

For members who have access to the Internet our Association Web site has been upgraded and is a very worthwhile visit. WO1 Dean Ellis ASM Support Battery 16AD has done a tremendous job with the web site and his efforts should be applauded as it will certainly enhance the status of our Association with our Corps Brethren wherever they may be. Also we should not forget the contribution that Wayne Birch has made with the establishment and maintenance of our web site since its inception some years ago. Web sites are a work in progress and I am sure that if anyone has any suggestions or articles, submit them for consideration and possible inclusion. The web site can be accessed at www.raemesa.com.

In closing, our Corps Traditions and Heritage are dependant on an active and vibrant Association that will foster an Esprit -De- Corps amongst serving and retired members in SA. If you are not a member please give serious consideration to joining to support and ensure the continuing development of tradition through out the Corps in SA.

Arte et Marte

- *Grant Kuchel*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Sunday 12 December 2004 in the Workshop Building at Warradale Barracks. 22 members and partners enjoyed the "free" Sausage Sizzle lunch cooked by Mike Culley (thanks, Mike) prior to the meeting.

After the presentation of the usual reports, MAJ Karel Dubsky, RAEME Regional Representative, Central Region, chaired the meeting for the election of Office Bearers and updated the meeting on his observations on the 2004 RAEME Corps Seminar and it's conclusions (see article below).

Mike Culley retired from the position of President after 10 years and WO2 Grant Kuchel has taken over. Bob Killoran has taken over as Vice President from Gary Howell. Both Mike and Gary have stayed on as Committee members. Eddy Kaminski has retired from the Committee and WO2 Shane Buckley has moved to Support Battery 16AD. John Howard and Frank Owen have continued on as Committee members from last year. New Committee members are Brian Holmes, Juris Jaudzems and Bob Matthews.

Out going President, Mike Culley, presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to David Renshaw, who retired from the Committee last year after 12 years of service, and to Peter Reynolds, who retired from the Committee in 2001 after 10 years of service. He also presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Keith Tainsh in "recognition of his outstanding dedication and commitment to the aims and ideals of the Association and the promotion and fostering of activities".

Incoming President, WO2 Grant Kuchel, presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to WO2 Shane Buckley for his service to the Association and the Committee over the last 12 months, and to Eddy Kaminski for 11 years of service.

The AGM awarded Honorary Life Membership to Mike Culley, and presented a bouquet of flowers to his wife, Margaret, for her support to Mike.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM 12 DECEMBER 2004

It hardly seems ten years since I attended my first AGM of the AEME/RAEME Association of South Australia Inc. At the 1994 AGM Dutchy nominated me for the President's position, being a new recruit I had reservations about the position but everyone assured me the job was easy and I would have their help when needed. As it turns out I have enjoyed the position of being your President, it has been a great learning curve and a fantastic experience meeting so many people I would otherwise never have known. Sadly some of those are no longer with us but I often think about them, I am sure they would be happy to know their Association is still going along well.

To be going along well doesn't just happen, there is a lot of work put in by the Committee Members. I do thank all present and past Committee Members for their valuable contribution. On the subject of Committee Members the Executive Committee have been remiss and not noted the huge effort put in by some of our Committee Members. Before all positions are declared vacant there are some Certificates I wish to present.

The three main social functions the Association supports each year all happened for 2004 and because of a hard working co-operative committee all events turned out to be a success. It is most pleasing to see new faces and younger ones attending the events, I am sure the most pleasant surrounds of the venues play an important part in attracting members, their families and friends to our functions. Our thanks go to Warradale and Woodside Barracks for providing these wonderful facilities.

Keith Tainsh continues to oversee the Fort Largs Gun party in maintenance mode and next year will see us working on the old German gun here at 107 Field Workshop. When it is finished it will be returned to its home in the Copper Triangle.

The Executive Committee have seen fit to promote the Association via a new Web Site. WO1 Dean Ellis, ASM Support Battery 16AD has done the research and setting up required so we now have a Domain Name, Dean will maintain and modify the site as required. Thanks must go to Wayne Birch for his efforts in setting up our original Web Site.

My report would not be complete if I did not mention the help we get from within the system, your support certainly helps our Association to survive and keeps alive the Esprit de Corps. We welcome MAJ Karel Dubsky as the new Senior RAEME Rep Central Region and look forward to working with you for the duration of your posting to 16AD. Thanks also to MAJ Andrew Kelly for his support of our Association during his posting as Senior RAEME Rep Central Region, I wish you well with your studies in America and a safe return.

Once again Members it has been a privilege to hold the position as President of your Association and I look forward to still helping as a Committee Member. Good health to you all.

- Mike Culley

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION REPORT TO AGM

I would like to thank the regular Work Party members, Mike Culley, John Howard, Graham Janz, Lindsay Johnson, Robin Maslen, John Zander and Peter Schumann who is not an Association member. Particular thanks go to Mike Culley who was a founding member of the Work Party. We will see less of him next year because he has bought a caravan and intends to do a bit of touring.

This year we concentrated on maintaining the elevating and traversing mechanisms of both Guns by lubricating and exercising at each Work Party. We also finished repairing the Ammo Lift mechanism of the southern Gun. Robin Maslen has also started repairing the various doors in the concrete gun surrounds. The traversing mechanism of the northern Gun has become much freer over the year, although the handwheel will not move it by itself. We have also

repositioned the pinion that drives the main ring gear as it kept dropping down and fouling the brass scales.

Work Parties for 2005 are scheduled for 5 February, 2 April, 4 June, 6 August, 1 October and 3 December. Members are very welcome to visit (you don't need to bring your overalls) as we enjoy the chance to show people what we have achieved. I do ask that you contact me, on phone (08) 8326 2581, or a member of the Work Party, prior to the scheduled date to check that the Work Party has not been rescheduled.

- *Keith Tainsh*

ADDRESS BY RAEME REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CENTRAL REGION TO AGM

Before we begin the proceedings of the meeting I would like to give you an update on how RAEME is travelling as a Corps.

RAEME Corps Conference held at Army Logistic Training Centre 14-15 October 2004

This was yet again a very successful activity. For the second year running, over two hundred SNCOS, WO and Officers attended the Corps Conference. Over 100 attended the Officers' dinner and in excess of 160 members attended the WOs' and SNCOs' dinner.

- **Challenges.** Clearly there is a range of challenges confronting our Corps but I believe there is much to be optimistic about. There are some challenges that will be the focus of the HOC organisation and the broader Corps management team. These key issues are:
 - **Personnel Issues** OR and Officer Manning is at 70-80% for 05/06. However, critical trades i.e. Electronics and Fitter Armt continue to remain well below this figure. Part of this problem stems from recruiting shortfalls and hence training throughput of critical trades remains sub-optimal.
 - Clerk Production Manning vacancies and lack of training is having a significant negative impact on production and supervision at the JNCO level.
 - An overall ECN Snapshot:

- ECN 146	- Fitter Armament	- Short 83
- ECN 226	- Recovery Mechanic	- Short 37
- ECN 229	- Vehicle Mechanic	- Short 85
- ECN 235	- Metalsmith	- Short 11
- ECN 418	- Tech Elec	- Short 48
- ECN 419	- Tech Elec Radar	- Short 10
- ECN 420	- Tech Elec Telecom	- Short 30
- ECN 422	- Tech Elec Systems	- Short 20
 - ECN 419, 420 & 422 amalgamated to form ECN 421. Still not able to train sufficient tradesmen in this area.
 - **Training Issues** It was noted at the Corps Conference that EME Officers are not receiving sufficient production planning training on ROBC and LOIC.
 - The number of Qualified Engineers in RAEME is currently at 30% and for next year the Corps could not fill all the vacancies at ADFA for mature aged students.
 - **MIMS Maintenance Module Study (MMM)** There was a study into MMM implementation - results indicate little or no effective fleet management or modern production planning practiced in Army (Productivity of LHQ tradesmen low: 6hrs per week: LCAUST directs 16 hrs per week)
- **Some positive news**
 - **RAEME Ground Trade Pay Review** The Employment Category Review Committee (ECRC) has approved a proposal for a pay review for all RAEME trades. The review process will be conducted in 2005 and lead by RAEME trade management cell, ALTC.
 - **Corps Heritage Issues** Production of a Pictorial History of RAEME is planned for 2005/06. Call for photos in SA Region to continue until approximately 15 March 2005.
 - HOC RAEME attended the Colonel in Chief's 50th Anniversary Dinner on 22 March 2004 at Buckingham Palace. HOC presented a framed Corps Banner miniature to HRH the Duke.

- Corps Reunion was held in Brisbane on 25 April 2004. 600 people attended the event.
 - Change over of a number of Colonels Commandant including COL Jenny Watkins for Central Region.
 - BRIG Ross Grant is standing down as Representative Colonel Commandant. He is being replaced by COL Graham Smith who will be in the position (as well as COLCOMDT Southern / Tasmania) until 2006 when it is planned for BRIG Yacoub to step up. There are a number of other changes in the pipeline but yet to be confirmed.
 - **HOC Organisation** For the HOC organisation there are some changes in 2005 although BRIG Dave McGahey remains the HOC and WO1 Tibor Fekete will continue to serve as the Corps RSM.
 - Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Adams will assume the RAEME DHOC appointment and Major John Haley will assume the SO2 Corps position appointment in January 2005.
 - Major Graham Anderson transfers to the active reserve in December of this year however, will continue to serve in the HOC cell as the SO2 Corps Heritage.
- MAJ Karel Dubsky, RAEME Regional Representative, Central Region

PICTORIAL HISTORY

At the 2003 Corps Committee meetings BRIG R.L.G. Grant, the retiring Representative Colonel Commandant, put forward a proposal to produce a new Corps history in a "coffee table" style format featuring images and short stories of individuals undertaking their daily activities in the Corps. The committee supported the proposal and felt that the timing was right for a new Corps publication, particularly in light of recent operations and activities. The emphasis of this history would be preserving the Corps heritage in photographs and art works supported by short stories. At the recent 2004 Corps Committee meeting, BRIG Grant presented and outline proposal for the publication of a Corps pictorial history. This article describes the key elements of that proposal.

Working Title - *In Peace and War - A Pictorial Memoir of RAEME, the Corps of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.*

Technical Details - As a guide, it is suggested that the Corps Committee produce a 150 page book 22.5 cm x 30 cm in size in a quality gloss finish. This would result in a visual product of a type usually described as "coffee book" style.

Aim and Approach - This project is not a history of the Corps of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The rationale rather is to produce a book that is attractive and visual and that captures through images and linked text, the spirit and achievements of the Corps since its inception in 1942.

The selection of images is the key to the project and every attempt will be made to select images on the following criteria:

- They depict the many activities individuals or groups (teams or FRTs) of Corps members undertake on a daily basis in the Corps in Support of our customers.
- They have generally not appeared in other RAEME publications.
- They would be of interest to RAEME personnel and the general reader.
- They lend themselves to detailed captions and or to a linking narrative.

Structure - The images and copy of the book would follow a chronological sequence:

1. Introduction and a brief history of RAEME
2. Foundations and the Second World War 1942 - 1945
 - On the Home Front
 - The Middle East
 - The South West Pacific
3. The Occupation of Japan and the Korean War
4. Forward Defence: RAEME and South East Asia in the 1960s
 - Malayan Campaign
 - Borneo
 - Thailand

- New Guinea
5. Vietnam 1965 - 1972
 6. Post Vietnam Operation Services - Rhodesia, Namibia, Somalia, Cambodia, Iraq Wars 1 & 2, Bougainville, Rwanda, Timor, Afghanistan and peace keeping operations
 7. Serving the Nation
 - Workshop units at home, training - individual and collective, sporting achievements
 - Antarctica
 - Aid to the civil community: Cyclone Tracy, Tasman Bridge
 - Survey Operations
 - Support for other Defence Forces - Indonesia, PNG, Thai Defence Forces and Pacific Islands

Note: The portrayal of individuals includes regulars, reservists, civilian and all ranks.

Methodology - The plan is to establish a project team responsible for management and coordination. Sub committees will be formed to address key aspects such as editing, marketing, sponsorship, collection and process of material and facilitating access to Australian War Memorial archives, defence installations, unit records and other visual records of RAEME activities. The nominated project officer is MAJ Arthur Tsamis, who is currently the Chief Instructor of the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School, Oakey. MAJ Graham Anderson, SO2 Corps Heritage (WEF Jan 05) will perform coordination, liaison and secretariat function for the project team. The proposed committee structure is shown below. Members who are interested in working as part of the project team are invited to forward their details to the SO2 Corps (MAJ John Haley).

Author - The Corps committee is establishing a short list of potential authors. The proposal described in this article is a result from discussions between BRIG Grant and Mr. James Mason B.A. (Honours History), Dip. Ed., Grad Dip Ed Admin. Mr. Mason is a well published historian and has expressed an interest in producing the book.

Summary - It is now over 12 years since the last Corps commissioned publication of *Craftsmen of the Australian Army: The story of RAEME*. Copies are no longer available for purchase. There has been a range of significant events in the past 10-15 years with many RAEME stories to be told and it is believed a Corps "coffee book" style publication is a great way for those stories to be told. Stay tuned for more information and start collecting your photos and stories.

- Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.53 Summer 2004/5

This item was mentioned by MAJ Karel Dubsky during his address at our recent AGM (see article above). Robin Maslen has offered to be the point of contact for any submissions from Association members. If you have any photos with captions and/or short stories that you would like to submit for consideration you can contact Robin at either his home address:

**58 Hulbert St, HOVE SA 5048, or
phone: (08) 8296 2768, or
e-mail: rmaslen@ozemail.com.au)**

MAJ Dubsky intends to try to collect as much as possible by approximately 15 March.

COMPREHENDING ENGINEERS

There was an engineer who had an exceptional gift for fixing all things mechanical. After serving his company loyally for over 30 years, he happily retired. Several years later the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem they were having with one of their multi-million dollar machines.

They had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine fixed, but to no avail. In desperation, they called on the retired engineer who had solved so many of their problems in the past. The engineer reluctantly took the challenge. He spent a day studying the huge machine. At the end of the day, he marked a small "x" in chalk on a particular component of the machine and proudly stated, "This is where your problem is".

The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly again.

Technician, Electronics, Radar. He has been a member of Technical Support Troop, Support Battery, 16th Air Defence Regiment since September 2002.

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, presented the GRes Award to CPL Martin Potter. CPL Potter enlisted in the Army Reserve in November 1976, trained as a Recovery Mechanic and has been a member of 3/9 Light Horse (South Australia Mounted Rifles) since that time. He has a Reserve Force Medal with Clasp.

On behalf of the Association members, I congratulate the winners. I hope to include photos in the next Newsletter.

2004 CRAFTMAN'S PORT

The 2004 Craftman's Port is sponsored by Army Aviation Support Group Workshop and the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School. Cost is \$15 per bottle.

Contact Keith Tainsh on phone (08) 8326 2581 if you wish to purchase some. They will also be available for sale at the 2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion.

NEW WORDS?

The Washington Post's Style Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are this year's winners:

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis (n): Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

Karmageddon (n): It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Glibido (v): All talk and no action.

Dopeler effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come very quickly.

Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

And the pick of the literature:

Ignoranus (n): A person who's both stupid and an arsehole.

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

ARMY'S TIGER ARMED RECONNAISSANCE HELICOPTERS ARRIVE

The Army has taken delivery of the first of 22 state of the art Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters at a ceremony at Oakey in Queensland, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

"The delivery of the first two Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters (ARH) to the Australian Army represents a significant milestone in the development of the Army Aviation capability and to the Australian Defence Force," Senator Hill said. "The Tiger ARH is equipped with leading edge technology in its sensors, data links and communications and provide a major new capability for Army. Fitted with Hellfire missiles, 70mm rockets and cannons, the heavily armed Tiger ARH will significantly enhance the reconnaissance and firepower capabilities of the Army

combined arms team, which will also be augmented soon by the Abrams Main Battle Tank. The Tigers' flexibility, ability to deploy at short notice and to operate in diverse circumstances represents a revolution in the Australian Army's operational versatility. The Army will be able to conduct tactical reconnaissance and escort and protect our Black Hawk helicopters as they transport troops and supplies."

Today's ceremony was attended by the Industry Minister and Member for Groom, Ian Macfarlane, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Teresa Gambaro.

Senator Hill praised the work of the Defence Materiel Organisation and Australian Aerospace for their outstanding work in delivering the helicopters to the Army.

"The contract schedule was very demanding, culminating in the successful delivery of the first two Tigers today, on schedule and on budget," Senator Hill said. Australian Aerospace and the Commonwealth have worked cooperatively to meet this demanding schedule, in a manner that establishes the benchmark for successful Defence Materiel business standards in the future. The new Chief Executive Officer of the Defence Materiel Organisation, Dr Stephen Gumley, and his counterpart at Australian Aerospace, Mr Joseph Saporito, should be congratulated. Project success would not have been possible without the assistance of the French and German Governments. The ARH is following after the Tiger variants of both nations. French and German armament and certification agencies extended considerable resources and effort to Australia in order for the project to succeed by today."

The first four ARH are being assembled at Eurocopter in France. Additionally, Thales in France is assembling the ARH Aircrew simulators. The remaining 18 ARH are being assembled at the Australian Aerospace production facility at Brisbane.

- *Courtesy Minister for Defence Media Release, Wednesday 15 December 2004*

ARMY UNLEASHES ITS STREET MACHINE

The Australian Army officially launched its latest recruitment and training initiative - a specially prepared Kenworth truck and trailer and a concept demonstrator of a street machine at Summernats 18 in Canberra, the Chief of Army Lieutenant General Peter Leahy announced today.

"Construction and operation of an Army Street Machine provides an opportunity for trainees to gain experience in a technical project that complements their formal Army training," LTGEN Leahy said. "The trainees will be part of a project to construct a uniquely Army modified vehicle as a "Street Machine". The vehicle is based on a 6x6 Land Rover with extensive high performance modification to the engine and drive train. The cabin has been modified and painted in a distinctive pattern while the tray is entirely custom built by Initial Trade Trainees. The Street Machine will travel around the country later this year and appear at major community events to highlight the variety of trades and apprenticeships that are available as careers in the Australian Army. The Army is widely recognised as providing excellent skills, training and nationally recognised qualifications across a broad range of careers. I believe this project will raise the profile of some of the technical trades available as well as promoting the Army as a varied and interesting career to a key target market - young people," LTGEN Leahy said.

Its easy to find information on a career in the Army - either visit the www.defencejobs.gov.au web site or contact 13 19 01.

In its original form, the street machine is an Army six wheel Land Rover but it will be heavily modified to significantly improve its performance. When fully modified the street machine will include:

- Custom differential and axle assemblies. All drive shafts will be to V8 Supercar specification.
- Iron block, LS1 5.7 litre V8 engine bored and stroked to a capacity of 7 litres.
- Forced induction provided by use of a supercharger and water to air intercooler.
- Custom mapped electronic engine management system.
- An upgraded two speed powerglide automatic transmission.
- Braking is by racing standard six wheel disc brakes. A brake isolation system will allow for different braking configurations.

- Courtesy Minister for Defence Media Release, Friday 7 January 2005

OUCH!

The General is visiting the Infirmary one day and comes across a ward of 3 young men.

"And what is your problem son?" he asks.

"Tinea, Sir"

"The Treatment?"

"Stiff Bristle Brush in the morning, Sir!"

"Your aspiration?"

"To Return to my Unit ASAP, Sir!"

"Good Man".

Then to the next young one, "And what is your problem son?" he asks.

"Haemorrhoids, Sir"

"The Treatment?"

"Stiff Bristle Brush in the morning, Sir!"

"Your aspiration?"

"To Return to my Unit ASAP, Sir!"

"Good Man".

And as he turns to the last young fellow to ask his question, the answer comes back,

"Strep Throat, Sir!"

"The Treatment?"

"Stiff Bristle Brush in the morning, Sir!"

"Your aspiration?"

"To be first in the morning with the Stiff Bristle Brush, Sir!!!!!"

- Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The mailing address for all queries regarding medals is:

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WEB SITE ADDRESSES

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

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

PERSPECTIVE

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

- *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 item so that I can set up a display of most of the items listed below at our functions together with a supply of order forms (the items are not for sale as they belong to me, not the Association).

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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

Bluey Roberts, SGT Gavin Bellis, George Cooke, Damien van de Velde

I would like to sincerely thank all members who have responded to my green "reminder slip" in the July and October Newsletters and paid their Subs. 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, Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2006), Milton Ahrens (2005), Frank Aldous, (2006), Jeff Allen (2008), Ernest Atkinson (2007), Peter Badcock (2005), Joe Barton (2005), Richard Beare (2005), SGT Gavin Bellis (2006), Paul Berk (2008), John Black (2006), Helmut Bohn (2008), David Brand (2007), Bob Brown (2005), Dennis Brown (2005), Fred Brown (2007), WO2 Shane Buckley (2008), Roger Burzacott (2005), Nicholas Cashman (2008), Trevor Clerke (2005), Geoff Coat (2007), Brian Cogan (2006), Don Collins (2008), George Cooke (2011), John Corkran (2007), Peter Cox (2007), George Craig (2005), Bob Davis (2007), Gavin D'Cruz (2008), Graham de la Rue (2005), Chris Duffield (2007), Robert Duffield (2006), Nick Ebbs (2006), Len Edwards (2008), Bluey Etheridge (2007), Kym Everett (2013), Andrew Ferguson (2007), Jim Fisher (2005), Brian Flavel (2006), Jan Gancarz (2005), Pete Gaskin (2006), Bob Gell (2008), Nick Gogilis (2005), Steve Gough (2006), Steve Gould (2007), Tony Gow (2008), Robert Hansford (2007), Jock Hart (2008), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2005), Tracy Hatch (2006), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2008), Colin Haynes (2006), Tony Hinton (2005), Andrew Hobson (2006), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), John Howard (2005), Gary Howell (2008), Tony Ivens (2007), Graham Janz (2007), Juris Jaudzems (2006), Jeff Johns (2007), Lindsay Johnson (2005), Eddy Kaminski (2006), Eric Kelly (2008), Bob Killoran (2007), Bob King (2006), Geoff Kohler (2007), Les Kovacs (2005), WO2 Grant Kuchel (2007), Alf Lee (2006), Lou Leeuwrik (2011), Ken Lorraine (2005), Greg Lowe (2007), Chris Macintosh (2010), A.D.Marks (2007), Trevor Martin (2007), Robin Maslen OAM (2005), Bob Matthew (2006), Bob Matthews (2007), Alan McGregor (2006), Fred McInerney (2006), Philip McKelliff (2008), Pete McKenzie (2007), Gordon Mead (2005), Reg Mead (2006), Don Morgan OAM (2007), Richard Moyses (2006), Barry Naulty (2005), Timothy Newall (2005), Ian Nicholls (2006), Murray Nitschke (2005), Jim Nurse (2005), Troy Oakes (2005), Dave O'Brien (2005), Alex Oschmanns (2013), Frank Owen (2005), John Owen (2008), Dick Pailthorpe (2007), Doug Pammenter (2009), Nick Papanikolaou (2006), Geoff Parker (2007), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), Lionel Penley (2007), John Raftery (2006), Hank Ramm (2008), Lionel Renfrey (2007), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), Bluey Roberts (2005), George Robinson (2006), Bill Roch (2005), Greg Rosser (2007), Ray Ryan (2007), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2009), Barra Schmidtke (2007), Glendon Shaw (2007), Dave Shelly (2009), Harold Shipp (2005), Robert Silcock (2006), Craig Smith (2005), Victor Sobotnik (2006), Walter Soroka (2006), Max Sparrow (2008), Debbie Spicer (2005), Ian Starick (2006), Murray Stock (2008), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2007), Ian Taylor (2007), Paul Teague (2005), Howard Terry (2008), Jim Thomas (2006), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2009), Danny Trewick (2005), Joe Tuckwell (2007), Damien van de Velde (2011), Mark Van Oostveen (2008), Eugene Wasilenia (2006), Bruce Watson (2007), Alan Webb (2006), Graham West OAM (2006), 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

Marg Culley (2005), Anne-Michelle Howell (2006), Joan Lorraine (2006), Judy Turner (2008).

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