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Dear Members

Once again, I sincerely apologise for the lateness of this Newsletter. I took some long service leave in November and December to erect my shed. I had hoped to have the concrete floor in and the landscaping completed by now, however, it appears that I am a time optimist of the first order as I have only just completed the shed, hung the gutters and downpipes and connected these into the stormwater system. We are currently taking quotes for the concrete floor.

The AGM in December saw some changes in the Committee of Management. Keith Tainsh resigned from the Committee, for personal reasons (Keith has been involved with the Committee since he joined the Association in 1994 - he was Vice President from 1996 to 1999, and Treasurer from 1999 to 2005 - a job well done, Keith). The President, WO2 Grant Kuchel, was able to persuade Bob Killoran to stand as Treasurer at the AGM (thanks, Bob). MAJ Richard Moyses, who has been posted to HQ 9BDE, has agreed to continue his involvement with the Committee, despite an increased civilian work load (thanks, Sir). The AGM unanimously (and with acclamation) voted to award George Robinson Honorary Life Membership (congratulations, George). George has had an active involvement with the Committee since 1982 as an Auditor, and, with his wife Lorna, has attended most Association functions ever since I can remember.

Approval has been received from LTCOL Ian Kennedy, Commanding Officer 9th Combat Service Support Battalion Warradale Barracks, for the 2006 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion to be held on **Saturday 22 April** in the Warradale Area Other Ranks' Canteen.

Please mark the date in your diary now and make every effort to attend this function.

DIARY DATES 2006

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 23 February
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 14 March
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 1 April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 April
- 2006 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion	Saturday 22 April
- 2006 ANZAC Day March	Tuesday 25 April
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 3 June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 June
- 2006 Officer, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner (tentative)	Saturday June
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 5 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 12 September
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 7 October
- RAEME Corps Seminar	19-20 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 26 October
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 2 December
- Annual General Meeting (tentative)	Sunday 3 December
- RAEME Birthday Family Function (tentative)	Sunday 3 December

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The first Committee of Management Meeting for 2006 will be held on **Thursday 23 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.

All members are very welcome.

RAEME LUNCHEON

The next Luncheon get-together for all ex-serving AEME or RAEME personnel will be held on **Tuesday 14 March** at the **Cremorne Hotel**, 207 Unley Road, Unley, at 12:00pm. **Please ring Fred Brown on phone (08) 8297 7408 or Max Adams on phone (08) 8296 6463 before Friday 3 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 let them know or bring them along.

2006 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

LTCOL Ian Kennedy, Commanding Officer 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, has given his permission for our Association to conduct the 2006 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the combined **Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, on the south west corner) on **Friday 21 April** commencing at 7:00pm (unfortunately there is a major function at Warradale Barracks on the Saturday night). 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 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 phone (08) 8381 3644 (after hours) if you can assist in any way.

An Invitation with all the details will be attached to the March Newsletter.

Mark the date in your diary now and plan to be there!!!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The holiday season is well and truly over and I sincerely hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. This year is already proving to be another busy year ahead with expectations from all far exceeding ones ability to adequately fulfil.

Much of what I need to say is already in my report to the 2005 AGM which is included elsewhere in this Newsletter. There is a need however, to recognise outstanding service to our

Association and that was achieved at our 2005 AGM with the recognition of Honorary Life Membership to George Robinson.

Following the 2005 AGM we had a very successful Corps Birthday celebration. We were privileged to have LTCOL Andrew Adams, Deputy Director of the Corps attend, present our Soldier of the Year Awards to two very worthy recipients and then speak to the forum. I have no doubt that he was impressed with the celebrations, and that can only be attributed to the efforts of the committee and to the members, family and friends that attended. Lessons learnt from last year will be of great value in making sure that this year the Corps can fly the flag even higher.

The tranquillity of 107 Field Workshop only lasted for a week and Robin Maslen's WWI gun party were back making an obscene amount of noise in GE Platoon. I suspect that SGT Steve Maher, the new WKSP OPS SGT hopes that they will tire as the year moves on. Steve has already asked for a membership application and I impress on all ex and serving Corps members to join and support the Association.

The first committee meeting is nearly upon us and everyone is welcome to attend. There is an immediate matter regarding the future of our Web Site and also the planning for this years ANZAC Reunion.

In closing, the success of our Association is solely dependant on the support and efforts of our membership. Looking forward to your support at committee meetings and functions throughout the year.

Arte et Marte
Grant Kuchel

FACT OR FICTION

A recent scientific study found that women find different male faces attractive depending on where they are in their menstrual cycle. For example, when a woman is ovulating she will prefer a man with rugged, masculine features. And when she is menstruating she prefers a man doused in petrol and set on fire, with scissors stuck in his eye and a cricket stump up his arse.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

Due to a last minute change to the dates for Battalion activities at Warradale Barracks, the RAEME Birthday celebrations in Central Region had to be postponed from Sunday 27 November to Sunday 4 December 2005. As this date was only a week away from the planned date for the Association AGM on Sunday 11 December, MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop, suggested that we hold the AGM and the RAEME Birthday celebrations on the same day, with the AGM to be held in the morning followed by the Birthday celebrations in the afternoon (please let me know your thoughts regarding whether we should hold both events on the one day this year).

As the personnel from 107 Field Workshop were working on the day, MAJ Moyses allowed them to attend the AGM to see what the Association is all about. Total attendance was 31 members, plus 10 visitors.

Keith Tainsh resigned from the Committee for personal reasons, and Gary Howell did not re-nominate. Bob Killoran agreed to take on the Treasurer's job, and MAJ Richard Moyses, who has been posted out of 107 Field Workshop to Headquarters 9th Brigade, agreed to become a Committee Member. All other Committee members were re-elected.

The AGM awarded Honorary Life Membership to George Robinson for his commitment to the Association over many years (he has been an Auditor since 1982).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 2005 AGM

It is hard to believe that Christmas is nearly upon us, and this time last year Christine and I had just arrived back in South Australia, and were preparing to move back into our home at Morphett Vale. I attended the AGM a week later and was promptly given the responsibility of being your President for 2005, which I accepted with a great deal of pride. It has been a very busy year and today's activities are the culmination of the year for the Association, and I am sure that the Birthday celebrations to follow will be a success, as were the ANZAC function and

the Dinner at Woodside. I hope the membership continues to support these important events on our calendar and they continue to grow from that support.

The Fort Largs Guns team, ably led by Keith Tainsh, and the World War I Gun Restoration at 107 Field Workshop, ably led by Robin Maslen, have continued with great fervour. Mondays at the Workshop have never had the tranquillity disturbed so much in years. At least my office is upstairs and out of hearing range! Congratulations to both teams on their efforts so far.

This year the Association was confronted with the need to take out Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance to cover our functions and work parties. The decision to sell limited advertising at a modest cost in our Newsletters to help defray operating expenses such as insurance has meant that annual membership fees could remain static.

The Web Site is a work in progress and will be enhanced when the Web space issue is resolved. Thanks to our Webmaster, WO1 Dean Ellis, who is continuing to manage it from Townsville.

In May, I attended the RAEME National Association meeting held at Army Logistic Training Centre, Bandiana. A number of issues were discussed including a Member National Database, a National Charter, rationalising Corps merchandising and a National Web Site. As the objectives of the National Association and our input become clearer we will inform the membership of the outcomes.

My wife Christine and I had the opportunity to have a very enjoyable Sunday with the members of the Victorian RAEME Association and the REME Association of South Australia at Hahndorf during their Melbourne Cup long weekend trip to our state. It disappoints me that our Victorian brethren have participated with the South Australian REME Association in an activity in our state and that our Association was not formally involved. That should give us some food for thought.

As you are aware, the Association and Committee of Management is charged with the responsibility to promote the values and identity of the Corps in South Australia. It is also recognises and celebrates the achievements of members both past and present and provides a focal point for the Corps activities in South Australia. As President, I ask you to think about the direction that the Association is taking, and I call on members to take the opportunity at this AGM to discuss additional activities and sponsorship that the Association could undertake. This in no way detracts from the activities that we currently undertake but would further enhance the reputation of our Association and make membership more attractive, especially to serving members. New ideas and members on the Committee willing to pursue additional activities within the Association's charter would I am sure have the full support of the membership.

In closing, I would impress upon all, that the Association and our Corps ideals will only survive if we have a vibrant and proactive membership. With that support, the reputation of our Association can be only be enhanced in the eyes of other kindred Associations. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the outgoing Committee for their dedication and commitment to the Association throughout 2005, and wish the membership a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

- *Grant Kuchel*

2005 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

The 63rd Birthday of the formation of the Corps was celebrated after the AGM. While personnel from 107 Field Workshop cooked a BBQ lunch, CAPT Adam Hogan, Officer Commanding, Technical Support Troop, 16th Air Defence Regiment, gave a presentation on the future direction of the Army and how that will affect RAEME. After the lunch, the LTCOL Andrew Adams, Deputy Head of Corps, gave a short and entertaining address, and then cut the Birthday Cake and presented the 2005 "RAEME Soldier of the Year" awards, sponsored by the Association.

Sincere thanks must go to the following persons who helped make the day a success.

LTCOL Ian Kennedy, Commanding Officer 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, who gave permission for the function to be held in the Other Ranks' Canteen in Warradale Barracks.

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding, and personnel from 107 Field Workshop, who organised the function, cooked the BBQ, and cleaned up.

PMC of the Other Ranks' Canteen for providing Bar Staff.

Grant and Christine Kuchel and Kathy Wilson, who ensured everyone had enough to eat and made the Birthday Cake (it was delicious!!).

Trevor Clerke, who provided his Trailer BBQ (although he was not able to attend due to a prior commitment playing Father Christmas elsewhere).

Bob Killoran, who collected money and issued Meal Tickets.

Everyone else who assisted in any way to make the day an enjoyable occasion to celebrate the Corps Birthday.

2005 RAEME "SOLDIER OF THE YEAR" CENTRAL REGION

This year's awards to the best ARA and GRes "RAEME Soldier of the Year" in Central Region were presented at the 2005 RAEME Birthday Family Function on Sunday 4 December.

LTCOL Andrew Adams, Deputy Head of Corps, and MAJ Karel Dubsy, RAEME Regional Representative, presented the ARA Award to CFN Neil Thompson, who enlisted in the Regular Army in 2002. His trade is Recovery Mechanic, and he has been a member of Technical Support Troop, Support Battery (the Workshop), 16th Air Defence Regiment, since 2003.

LTCOL Andrew Adams, Deputy Head of Corps, and MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, presented the GRes award to CFN James Boulton, who enlisted in the Reserves in 1997. His trade is Vehicle Mechanic and he has been a member of 107 Field Workshop since March 1998.

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

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION REPORT TO THE 2005 AGM

The team has worked throughout the year continuing the refurbishment of the Guns at Fort Largs and the last visit occurred on Saturday 3 December. The effort focussed on cleaning, greasing and exercising the various mechanisms. The AGM moved a Vote of Thanks to Keith Tainsh for his continued oversight of this project, and also to the core Work Party for their continued dedication.

- *Grant Kuchel*

WWI GERMAN FIELD GUN RESTORATION REPORT TO THE 2005 AGM

The Gun has had most components removed. Currently, the two major issues in this project are the restoration of the wheels (at a total cost estimated at \$4,000) and the construction of a new set of trails (the initial cost estimate was \$13,000). The Moota Heritage Trust has agreed to cost of the restoration of the wheels. Currently there is a party of eight persons working on the Gun every Monday in 107 Field Workshop - four Association members, CPL Scott Jenkins from 107 Field Workshop, and three other persons that we have recruited. The Moonta Heritage Trust hopes that the Gun will be installed in the new building at Moonta by Armistice Day, 11 November 2006. However, this will depend on the restoration of the wheels and the final outcome regarding the restoration of the trails.

- *Robin Maslen OAM*

ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN

As I reported in the last Newsletter in October, Eddy Kaminski has announced his retirement as Association Historian. He took over the job from Reg Glass in 1995. Over the years Eddy has meticulously catalogued all the photos that the Association has accumulated over the years and continues to accumulate, and they are now all in albums which are housed in a very convenient wheeled luggage case. The Association paper records are also housed in a similar sized wheeled luggage case.

However, it is now time for someone else to continue the good work, and I once again invite any interested persons to contact me, David Turner on phone (08) 8381 3644, after hours. Eddy would be only too happy to explain to any willing applicant how his system works over one of his famous cups of coffee.

Please give this important job serious consideration.

COLLECTABLE RAEME ITEMS - RAEME MUSEUM DISPLAY

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
Head of Corps - Royal Australian Electrical
and Mechanical Engineers

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COLLECTABLE RAEME ITEMS - RAEME MUSEUM DISPLAY

1. Over the past two to three years the head of corps organisation and corps committee has undertaken a number of initiatives aimed at invigorating the corps of RAEME. One of those initiatives is to improve the RAEME historical collection. Our corps has a proud and honoured heritage and it is important that this history is recorded and displayed. The RAEME historical collection forms a part of and is on display at the Army Museum Bandiana. Currently the corps display is not up to standard. In order to address the situation I have appointed COL Terry Beaton (COLCOMDT VIC/TAS Region) as our official Corps Historian. Under the guidance of COL Beaton a project team has been established to develop and build ad display that truly captures and presents the history and achievement of our corps. Work has commenced on the display area and a review conducted of the items on display and of those items currently held in storage. The review has identified that we do not have a sufficient quantity of suitable items for display. Along with the older historical items it is equally important to have items that depict recent and current corps activities and achievements.

2. This minute is addressed specifically to unit and subunit commanders and key appointments to request that a search be conducted to assess if there are any items (incl' photos, equipment, specific unit items-logos, collectables, certificates, other items) that might be suitable, appropriate and available to be placed on display at the corps museum.

3. Be assured that where required, the necessary steps will be taken to maintain records of ownership and origin be it individual or unit.

4. Since 1948 (and prior under a different banner) RAEME soldiers have excelled in plying their trade across all conflicts across all continents and continues to do so. In order to ensure our historical collection is a complete reflection of our corps achievements both past and present it will require a proactive approach from across the corps.

5. The POC for all corps heritage issues is MAJ Graham Anderson, SO2 Heritage-RAEME, 02-6055 4308, graham.Anderson@defence.gov.au.

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HONEST TO A FAULT

An 80 year old woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she went before the judge he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied: a can of peaches.

The judge asked her why she had stolen them and she replied that she was hungry. The judge asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 6.

The judge then said, "I will give you 6 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, "What is it?"

The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

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

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

Below is an up-to-date list of RAEME Corps Items held by the Army Museum Bandiana and their costs. I have one of each of the RAEME items so that I can set up a display of most of the items listed below at our functions together with a supply of order forms (the items are not for sale as they belong to me, not the Association).

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

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

Army Museum Bandiana
PO Box 26
MILPO BANDIANA VIC 3694

HEARING

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

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

START OF \$3 BILLION INVESTMENT IN TRUCKS AND TRAILERS TO 'HARDEN' THE ARMY

The first major phase of a \$3 billion investment in Army's fleet of field vehicles has been released as a part of the Government's Hardening and Networking the Army strategy, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

Senator Hill said three separate Requests for Tender (RFT) have been released today to replace a vital fleet of Army trucks, four-wheel drives, trailers and modules for Army's high readiness units. The investment is part of Project Overlander - the largest land project in the Defence Capability Plan worth a total of \$3 billion. This current phase is worth up to \$600 million and includes replacing the existing high readiness fleet of about 1400 heavy and light vehicles, 1300 trailers and 1200 specialist modules. The next phase will replace the rest of Army's vehicles, trailers and modules across Australia.

Senator Hill said Project Overlander is a key part of the Government's Hardening and Networking the Army strategy that will be released in detail on Thursday in conjunction with the Defence Update 2005.

"As part of the initial project phase, a range of vehicles will be purchased for Army's high readiness units, such as 3 Brigade, 5 Aviation Regiment, 10 Force Support Battalion located in Townsville and Sydney as well as RAAF units at Amberley," Senator Hill said. "Field vehicles and trailers are the backbone of the ADF's land warfighting support, sustainment and deployment capability. The roles of this fleet are to transport personnel, combat supplies and, when necessary, evacuate casualties. These vehicles and trailers also serve as platforms and prime movers for weapons systems as well as command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, reconnaissance, surveillance and electronic warfare capabilities."

The tender for the medium and heavy vehicles and modules has been released to a shortlist of nine companies announced in March and an open tender has been released for the light range of vehicles and modules. Favourable consideration will be given to those companies who will assemble the vehicles in Australia. The request for tender for the trailer segment will be restricted to Australian-based manufacturers, plus those vehicle suppliers capable of supplying a proprietary trailer. The request for tender is tailored to encourage the production of trailers in Australia.

"Our current fleet is ageing and is becoming more costly to maintain and upgrade. The vehicles will range from lightweight four-wheel drives to heavy trucks and prime movers with interchangeable modules to increase operational flexibility. This will be a significant opportunity for Australian industry to generate and sustain critical industry skills and infrastructure. Project Overlander is fulfilling a key commitment in the Government's 2000 Defence White Paper and will ensure our soldiers are properly protected and well equipped to do their job," Senator Hill said.

The RFT for all three fleet segments will close in May 2006 with detailed proposals presented to Government in 2007. The target date for delivery of the first of the vehicles is December 2009. Each RFT will also require offers to be made on support of the fleet, and will seek an agreement to guarantee the whole of life acquisition and logistic support of the new fleet, potentially for the next 30 years.

- *Courtesy Minister for Defence Media Release, Tuesday 13 December 2005*

ARMY BATTALION TO RELOCATE TO ADELAIDE

Army's 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), will relocate from Sydney to Adelaide as part of the Hardened and Networked Army strategy, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today.

"The Government has agreed in principle to relocate 3 RAR from its current base at Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney to the Edinburgh Defence precinct in Adelaide," Senator Hill said. "Approximately 1200 personnel from 3 RAR and supporting elements will be relocated to form a new Mechanised Battlegroup. Whilst 3 RAR will form the core of the Battlegroup, 'A' Field Battery in Sydney and some personnel from 1 Combat Engineer Regiment and 1 Combat Service Support Battalion in Darwin will also be relocated. There will be no net loss in the numbers of personnel in Darwin as other units will expand as part of the Hardened and Networked Army strategy. The Adelaide Mechanised Battlegroup will be established from 2011 with personnel relocating in that year once the construction of the necessary facilities has been completed."

The decision to relocate to Adelaide follows an examination of basing options undertaken by Defence. It determined that on the basis of the capability benefits of access to transport, training facilities and deep maintenance support, Adelaide was the best option. It also provided respite postings and an attractive location for Defence personnel and their families.

Senator Hill said Adelaide has good access to the Cultana Training Area and other training areas in the Centre and North of Australia via the new Darwin to Adelaide rail link. Importantly,

this training can be easily combined with other mechanised elements from the 1st Brigade in Darwin, further lifting the Army's capability.

"Having mechanised battalions in both Northern and Southern Australia will allow rotations from tropical conditions during a soldier's service. It will also allow a greater range of locations for soldiers to be posted to around Australia. The movement of personnel to Adelaide will be undertaken as part of the normal cycle of postings so as to provide minimal disruption to soldiers and their families."

As part of the Hardened and Networked Army strategy 3 RAR will also be re-roled from a parachute battalion to generate a second mechanised battlegroup. The battalion will receive M113 Armoured Personnel Carriers and Bushmaster Infantry Mobility vehicles, and will be structured identical to 5/7 RAR in Darwin which has performed with distinction in Baghdad and Al Muthanna province in Iraq. The Army's parachute capability will then be maintained by the 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Commando), which has an integral parachute capability.

- *Courtesy Minister for Defence Media Release, Thursday 15 December 2005*

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The mailing address for all queries regarding medals is:

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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

Bruce Amor, Heath Arblaster, Ron Coxon OAM, Bill Harding, Buzz Meakes, Sam Nowak, and Paul Weir (belated),

and also welcome the following new Associate Member:

Edna Brown.

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, George Robinson, David Turner

Ordinary Members

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