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RAEME ALL RANKS DINNER 2009

Following on from the success of recent Mixed All Ranks Dinners, the AEME/RAEME Association will be holding a Mixed All Ranks Dinner again this year. It will be a great opportunity to mix with current and past RAEME members.

Details are as follows:

Location: Warradale Hotel
Date: 10th October 2009
Cost: \$40 per head
Time: 1830 for 1900 hrs
Meal 3 courses with choices
Dress: Neat casual
Drinks: Buy your own
Guests: Spouses /partners welcome



If you wish to attend please complete and return the Booking Slip to the Secretary.

**ALL RAEME SOLDIERS WELCOME
TO ATTEND. PLEASE LET
EVERYONE KNOW.**

**It promises to be a great night so send in
your acceptance ASAP.**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A very successful Annual Central Region RAEME OFFR/WO/SNCO Dinner was held on the 8 Aug at 16 AD Officers Mess and hosted by MAJ Matt Patching BC Spt Bty and Regional Senior Corps Rep. Special guests included the HOC, Brig Creagh who addressed the members. Many thanks to MAJ Patching and staff at 16 AD for an excellent evening.

It was also very pleasing that \$175.00 was raised in support of the Spanner Pack Project. Well done to the dinner attendees.

As I have stated before, the most tangible way in which our Association can readily support the Spanner Pack Project is by a donation and this year the Committee has decided to allocate \$325.00 towards the project. This has enabled us to send a total of \$500.00 to the Queensland Association.

Our members serving overseas have all, without doubt, confirmed that the initiative is a great boost to morale and exemplifies our “Esprit de Corps”.

All members are reminded, that on Sat evening 10 Oct 09 the Central Region All Ranks Mixed Dinner is being held at the Warradale Hotel. Bring your partner or don't bring your partner and have a great meal and a pleasant evening with friends from the past and present.

Finally the AGM and Corps Birthday is fast approaching and will be held at the Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen on Sun 6 Dec 09. Give some thought to serving on the Committee and I

hope to see you there to celebrate the Corps 67th birthday.

Arte et Marte

Grant Kuchel

COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

Your committee has been busy lately and apart from involvement in Corps functions etc, they have also acted on the following:

- Agreed on affiliation with Defence Reserves Association (DRA) who have a significant national voice on factors affecting the GRes. *(see report on page 4)*
- Conducted a full review of the Association's constitution and have made some amendments which will be discussion items at the AGM. *(full details will be include in the AGM information to be posted out prior to the AGM)*
- Donated \$325 to the Spanner Pack Fund. *(see report on page 11)*

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DIARY DATES 2009

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
** - RAEME All Ranks Dinner	Saturday 10th October
- RAEME Corps Seminar	15-16 th October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 22 nd October
** - Annual General Meeting	Sunday 6th December
** - RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 6th December

**** Denotes coming events detailed in this edition**



SGT Wilfred (Fred) Murray Brown

101 Fd Wksps and active member of
AEME/RAEME Association (Including Vice
President)
Passed away on 17 August 2009



WO1 Michael James Morero

ASM 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
Passed away 16 August.
Battled Parkinson's for many years

VALE – Lest We Forget

Sick Parade



WO1 Don Morgan has been ailing recently and his wife Audrey is in Flinders hospital.

All the best to both of you

DON'T FORGET

If you hear of one of our fellow members being sick let one of the committee know ASAP so they can organise someone to contact them. All of us need to participate.

AFFILIATION WITH DEFENCE RESERVES ASSOCIATION (DRA)

At the Committee meeting in June, the members were addressed by the new President of the DRA-SA, **Major-General Neil Wilson, AM, RFD (Retd)**, with regard to the role of the DRA.

The DRA is a national body, with branches in each State; in summary, its role is to make representations to the Government relating to improvements in the conditions of employment of current members of the Reserve Forces. The DRA has direct access to the heads of Defence, the Government, and the Opposition, and has been successful over recent years in making several successful recommendations.

To be credible, however, the DRA 'needs the numbers', and is currently seeking the support of corps/unit associations by way of offering 'association membership', thus significantly swelling the size of the group being represented. In keeping with our Association's charter, a key aspect of which is to 'foster the interests of RAEME in SA', the Committee felt that our Association could better do so by adding weight to the DRA, and therefore accepted General Wilson's invitation to apply for Association Membership. Such arrangement entitles our Association to have 2 Delegates present at any General Meeting of the DRA-SA, with full voting rights, and one Delegate at any Committee meeting of the Executive, with observer status. In addition, we would receive multiple copies of the National bi-annual 'Australian Reservist' journal and the SA newsletter, together with invitations to attend DRA-SA functions.

The fee for associate membership is \$30pa, or a one-off payment of \$300, and the Committee opted for the latter.

More information will be provide later, but in the interim, for those interested, the DRA website is located at www.dra.org.au

Officers, WOs and SNCOs Formal Dinner Woodside

On Saturday 8th August, approximately 50 serving and ex-serving Officers, WOs and SNCOs (including a number of members from our Association) enjoyed a "Formal Dinner" in the Officer's Mess at Woodside Barracks.

The evening had a relaxed style and was enjoyed by all those who attended. The dinner was organised by Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16th Air Defence Regiment, who did an excellent job. Particular thanks must go to the BC MAJ Matt Patching who organised the dinner particularly as it was whilst he and a number of his workshop members away on deployment and was Dining President for the evening. Thanks.

It was great to have the Head of Corps, BRIG David Creagh and two of the Head of Corps cell officers join us for the evening. The



HOC spoke briefly about happenings in the Corps and the new force structure which will have a major effect on how the army operates in the future. As occurred last year a collection was taken and \$175 was donated towards future spanner packs (*see separate article on Spanner Packs-ed*)

On behalf of those Association members attending, I wish to sincerely thank the BC and his staff for inviting us to take part in the Dinner. We also thank him for organising the bus transport from Keswick Barracks.



2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Well its that time of year again, the 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held on the morning of Sunday 6th December at Warradale Barracks starting at 10:00am sharp! The meeting will finish in time for the Birthday Function BBQ Lunch

Details of the AGM will be confirmed in the Notice of AGM to be posted out shortly.

Attending the AGM does not mean that you will automatically find yourself on the committee. Most of the current committee members have indicated that they are willing to stand again, but new committee members are always welcome

Our President Grant Kuchel has advised that he will not be standing for president again this year so we are looking for a suitable replacement for President.

Last year the committee voted to split some of the secretarial tasks and allocate them to other committee members. This new system is working well and has reduced the workload for everyone.

Committee meetings are held bi-monthly at Warradale Barracks, currently on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm (the date/time is subject to the agreement of the Committee members who are elected). The meetings are of a relaxed, informal nature and quite enjoyable.

Remember, the committee represents YOU and the AGM is your opportunity to raise anything you would like to see the Association do or stop doing, the committee welcomes new ideas and we are always looking for ways to do things better.

President and Committee

2009 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

The Function Committee, is organising a mixed all ranks family function to celebrate the RAEME Corps Birthday (we will be 67 years young). It will be held in the Warradale Area Other Ranks' Canteen at Warradale Barracks on the afternoon of Sunday 6th December. Entry to Warradale Barracks is via the Main Gate on Oaklands Road.

The function will commence after the AEME / RAEME Association AGM and a BBQ Lunch will be available from 12:30pm. Cost will be \$7:50 per head for adults (children 12 years and under are FREE). Refreshments will be available from the Bar at mess prices. The 2009 Central Region "RAEME Soldier of the Year" Awards (sponsored by our Association) will be presented at this function. It is intended that the function will conclude at 4:00pm.

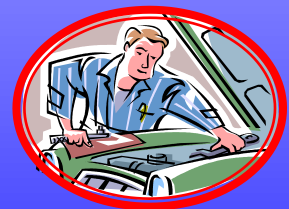
This activity is for all serving and ex-serving RAEME members, their family and friends. Please let any non Association RAEME personnel you know it is on and tell them we look forward to seeing them. It is a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce over a drink or two.

An Invitation is attached to this Newsletter.
Please return the "tear off" slip to our secretary Don Harvy or ring him before Sunday 29th November so he can advise the Function Committee how many to cater for.

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AEME/RAEME ASSOC of SA **"SOLDIERS OF THE YEAR"** **CENTRAL REGION**

Each year the AEME/RAEME Association presents awards to the most outstanding ARA and GRes soldiers in Central Region. The 2009 Awards to the best ARA and GRes "Soldier of the Year" will be presented at the **2009 RAEME Corps Birthday Family Function on Sunday 6th December.**

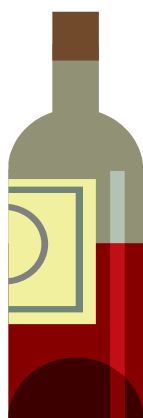
The award is open to all RAEME personnel in Central Region up to and including the rank of Corporal. Supervisors in all units are responsible for nominating eligible members they think worthy. Nominees will be assessed on both trade skills and soldier skills. All nominations are reviewed by a selection panel, normally consisting of the COLCOMD, and (for the ARA) BC and ASM Combat Service Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16AD Regiment, Woodside Barracks or (for the GRes) OC and ASM 107 Fd Wkps Coy, 9CSSB.

Nominations should be submitted to:

ARA - Maj M Patching (16 AD Regt)
GRes - Maj R Butler 107 Fd Wkps Coy)

Each winner will receive a personalised Trophy, and his or her name will be inscribed on the "Perpetual Plaque" for each category, which is hung in the Orderly Room at the winner's place of work.

Good luck to all serving RAEME Soldiers - Ed.



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KIDS ARE SMART

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

Get a Haircut!!!!

A guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, 'About 2 hours' The guy left.

A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'. The barber looked around at the shop and said, 'About 3 hours.' The guy left.

A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?' The barber looked around the shop and said, 'About an hour and a half'. The guy left.

The barber turned to his friend and said, 'Hey, Bob, do me a favour. Follow that guy and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but then he doesn't ever come back.'

A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically.

The barber asked, 'So, where does that guy go when he leaves?'

Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said,

'Your house!'

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- 1: Tri-weekly
- 2: Try weekly
- 3: Try weakly
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- 5: Try anything
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The Chief nodded in agreement.

The official continued, 'Considering all these events, in your opinion, where did the white man go wrong?'

The Chief stared at the government official for over a minute and then calmly replied. 'When white man find land, Indians running it, no taxes, no debt, plenty buffalo, plenty beaver, clean water. Women did all the work, Medicine man free. Indian man spend all day hunting and fishing; all night having sex.'

Then the chief leaned back and smiled. 'Only white man dumb enough to think he could improve system like that.'

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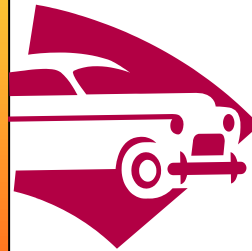
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RESERVE FORCES DAY **2009**

This year has been the 70th Anniversary of the commencement of World War 2, in which so many of the Navy, Army and Air Force Reservists served.

To celebrate this important milestone the 2009 Reserve Forces Day was a Family Day, held at Keswick Barracks on Sunday 5 July 2009 with the aim of recognising former and serving Reservists and to thank their partners and employers for their support.

A number of our AEME/RAEME Association members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon looking at all the Unit /Association displays erected in and around the area, listening to the service bands displaying their talents and particularly enjoying the free BBQ.

This was the first time that families have been specifically targeted and recognised on Reserve Forces Day (in the past they have always been welcome to attend) and based on the large number of people who attended and toured the museum it was a great success.

Keith Payne VC accepted an invitation to attend the function and he mingled freely amongst the reservists and their families, chatting and telling stories. He also signed copies of his recently released book.



The organisers said they fed nearly 600 people and the museum had one its busiest days ever with approx 500 people participating in the conducted tours of the museum

Well done to all the organisers

We look forward to an even better activity next year.

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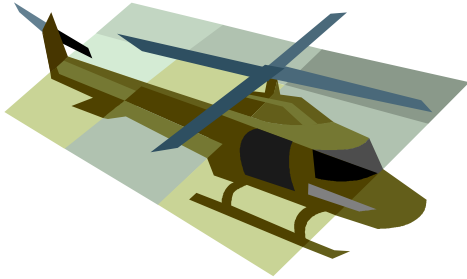


Operation Spanner Pack

September 2009 Update

See June 2008 Newsletter for original information

Operation Spanner Pack is a significant achievement for the RAEME Association(s).



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

Our committee is pleased to advise you that a cheque for \$500 has been sent to the Queensland branch to support future Spanner Packs. The cheque is the combined amounts of \$325 donated by our Association and \$175 in donations from the Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs dinner held in August this year.

A great effort by all – ed

Personal donations are also welcome and they can be sent as follows:

Post: Cheque/Money order to The Treasurer, (please mark "OPERATION SPANNER PACK" on the reverse side)

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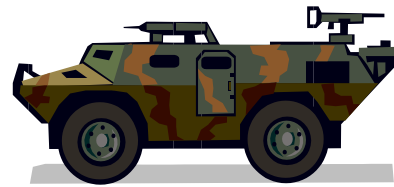
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PO Box 11 CANNON
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Or EFT to DEFCREDIT: BSB 803-205

Account Number: 82731 Add your "surname and initials" to the reference box.

If you use the direct deposit method please email the Treasurer (treasurer@raemeqld.org) to advise that you have deposited the money for "Operation Spanner Pack", or call 07 33323704.

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Typical Letter of Appreciation

Hello Sir,

On behalf of the MRTF 1 Workshop I would like to thank you and the RAEME Association Queensland for all your support during our deployment. The Spanner Packs have been well received (and devoured quickly) by all RAEME pers deployed here in the AO. Your support is a constant reminder of our Esprit De Corps and the solidarity unique to only our Corps. Thank you for your kind thoughts for this ANZAC day and we hope that you all have a wonderful day.

052 - MAS and MRTF 1

0012 - PM visit

MRTF 1

Kind Regards,

SGT Leah Kite

Workshops

MRTF 1



Reprint of flyer from RAEME Association Queensland. They are welcoming people to attend the dedication and /or providing a financial donation (Corps Funds are paying half)

RAEME Bulimba Memorial

This memorial will be dedicated to all RAEME soldiers, both Regular and Reserve who have served within the RAEME Units stationed at Bulimba Barracks Queensland since 1945.

- Location Tugalawa Park- Apollo Road Bulimba- Adjacent to the entrance of Bulimba Barracks
- Dedication Date 1000hrs Saturday 28th November 2009



Computer generated design

- Open invitation to the RAEME Family.
- RSVP's are requested
- Further information to be released closer to the date

Point of contact is the Secretary, RAEME Association Queensland
PO Box 11 Cannon Hill QLD 4170, secretary@raemeqld.org

For more information, or those wishing to attend this historic event it is important to let them know (for both Barracks security and catering purposes).

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IT vs. Management

A man in a hot air balloon, realizing he was lost, reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended further and shouted to the lady "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am"

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon, hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude."

"You must be in IT," said the balloonist.

"Actually I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you have told me is technically correct but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be in Management."

"I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's **MY** fault..."

CHINESE SICK LEAVE: I NOT COME WORK TODAY!!!

Hung Chow calls in to work and says, "Hey, boss I not come work today, I really sick. I got headache, stomach ache and my legs hurt. I not come to work."

The boss says, "You know, Hung Chow, I really need you today. When I feel like this I go to my wife and tell her give me sex. That makes everything better and I go work. You try that."

Two hours later Hung Chow calls again: "Boss, I do what you say and I feel great. I be at work soon."

You got nice house."...

MEMBERSHIP

Subs are due on 1 July in the year your membership is current until. If the date on your membership card (and the list below) shows 2009, then you subs are now due

Subs are still \$5 for one year or any multiple thereof eg \$20 for four years.

All subs are to be forwarded to the Membership Member CPL Bob Matthew (40 Ashbourne Ave KINGSWOOD SA 5062). Please include details of your date of birth as we need it to apply the "over 75 year rule".

Remember not to send cash through the post as we have cases of this going missing with Australia Post.

According to the records, the following persons are financial members of the Association:

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