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# NEWSLETTER



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## Apology

A few days before the All Ranks Dinner the committee were advised that due to sickness of catering staff, the Brighton RSL would be unable to cater for our Function.

The committee made every attempt to contact those who had advised they would be attending. They apologise for any inconvenience the unavoidable cancellation may have caused.

An alternative function is being considered.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

The committee has accepted an opportunity to run the Sausage Sizzle booth at Bunnings (Woodville) on **Sunday 25th November.**

This will be a major fund raiser for the AEME/RAEME Association and will assist with insurance, running functions and sponsorships.

**We need a few people for about 4 hours (times to suit your availability)** during the day to assist in cooking, selling and taking the money.

If you are available, or for more information please contact Richard Moyses on 0427 716 728 or Greg Rosser on 0423 715 464 ASAP.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and I trust that this finds you all in good health and hopefully thawing out as the weather warms up and the days get longer.

The last few months have been relatively quiet in regard to Association activity. There was of course the WOs, SNCOs, and Officers Dinner held in August and for the first time at the Edinburgh Mess. Congratulations to all those involved in the organising of the function. Unfortunately I was interstate and unable to attend but from all reports a great night was had (as usual) by all.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the planned All Ranks Dinner which was scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Due to a few issues that the Brighton RSL could not help, cancellation was the only option. I think we got in contact with most people who had indicated they were attending but if we missed someone I sincerely apologise.

An alternative date of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October is in planning but at the time of going to print this is still unconfirmed. We will get the message around as best as possible shortly.

On the national front the unfortunate news is that the Corps Conference has had to be cancelled due to a funding issue. I think that all current serving members, both full time and part time, are aware of the current financial restraints so it is now evident the cuts are affecting all aspects of Army and defence in general.

Fortunately in this day of technology we are still able to conduct business and communicate across the country without having to be in the same room; still it is not quite the same!

Our association has continued to support the Operation Spanner Pack via donations and in the

past few months the Queensland Association once again managed to get over 100 packs sent out to serving RAEME Soldiers and Officers deployed throughout current AOs.

Our wonderful Corps is fast approaching its 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday and no doubt there are many fine celebrations planned throughout Australia and countries where our men and women are currently serving.

The National Association has been tasked with the Corps History Project (CHP) which is intended to produce a pictorial history of RAEME based on input from past and present members. An information flyer and note from Brig Creagh explaining how to submit information are included in this newsletter.

Our AGM and Corps Birthday celebration will be conducted on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and more information is included in this newsletter.

Best wishes to everyone and I hope to see most of you in December.

**Arte et Marte**  
**Dick Moyses – President.**

## REGULAR ARMY ACTIVITY



## RAEME Corps Birthday Function

As part of the RAEME tradition 16 AD Regt have challenged the members of the other RAEME units to participate in a traditional RAEME Birthday activity to allow members to celebrate the Corps Birthday

**Date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012.**

**Timings from 0900 – 1545 hrs**

**Location : Woodside Barracks**

The race is designed to;

- Promote RAEME *Esprit de Corps*.
- Improve tradesman skills
- Develop teamwork
- Develop unit morale
- Develop tradesman support network within SA

The race involves 3 events including:

- Billycart Race
- Tug of War
- Good ideas competition

It promises to be a fun day and everyone is welcome

**Association members are  
welcome to attend as spectators.**

## AEME/RAEME Association of SA DIARY DATES 2012

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- RAEME Corps Seminar	CANCELLED
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
**Association Bunnings BBQ fundraiser (helpers required- see P1)	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
** ARA RAEME Birthday Function (Woodside)	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
** Annual General Meeting	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
** RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
** Denotes coming events detailed in this edition	



**None Reported  
From Central Region**



Interstate deaths as Reported by the Queensland Association (with thanks Ed):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leslie Hyde</b> passed away peacefully - 3 July 2012</li> <li>• <b>Vincent Paul Olivieri</b>, VM (14th) passed away peaceful - 14 July 2012 (161 Recce Flt Vietnam)</li> <li><b>Clyde Cook</b> passed away - 25 Jul 2012 aged 81</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Curtis</b>, (WA) passed away recently</li> <li>• <b>Ian McGrath</b> passed away in 28 Jul 2012</li> <li>• <b>Peter Burns</b>, 10th Intake passed away Aug 2012</li> <li>• <b>Colin Hill</b>, passed away 9 Aug 12</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bruce Williams</b> passed away peacefully - 15 Aug 2012</li> <li>• <b>Ted Spargo</b> passed way on 2 Sep 12</li> <li>• <b>David George Polwarth</b> TechElec (34th) passed away on 19 Sep 2012</li> <li><b>John (Chips) Shay</b> VM (20th intake) passed away 21 Sep 2012</li> </ul> |
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**VALE – Lest We Forget**

**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.

## **Membership Renewals Due Now**

**Has your membership expired !!!!!!!!!!! Check Page 15 of this Newsletter and if the date shown is 2012 or earlier contact our Membership Officer - Bob Matthew on 8272 7472.**

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# 2012 Central Region Officers, WOs and SNCOs

## Annual RAEME Corps Dinner

The RAEME Central Region Corps Dinner was held on 17 Aug 2012 in the Officer's Mess at RAAF Edinburgh.

Over recent years the dinners have been held at Woodside, but this year MAJ Matt Stigter, Company Commander, Admin Coy, 7th Battalion (Royal Australian Regiment) took the initiative and invited us all to join them in their new mess complex at Edinburgh. At the entrance to the mess we were greeted with a range of unit equipment and were able to talk to some of the operators who all seemed very keen to demonstrate and talk about their equipments.

The dinner was attended by approximately 50 current and retired RAEME members from ARA and ARES alike. As always, the night's focus is to bring the RAEME brethren together to enjoy an excellent meal and wine, all in the name of Corps.



The Head of Corps, BRIG David Creagh, was the guest of honour and he spoke about the Corps – where we are and where we are going. This allowed no-longer serving members the opportunity to keep abreast of the current status of REAME and promoted a great deal of discussion during the evening. Unfortunately, due to funding constraints, the Deputy Heads of Corp and members of the Head of Corp Cell were unable to join us this year

The evening concluded with further discussion in a more very relaxed atmosphere over coffee and cheese (or for the more brave hearted extra port/wine). I believe the evening was a great success and was an opportunity to relax, share some stories with other soldiers as well as catch up with other RAEME association members.

The night was a great success, and our thanks go to MAJ Stigter and his crew at 7 RAR for an excellent evening. Well done to all of you.. The attendance at this year's dinner was slightly down on last year and we hope more members can join us next year. It is proposed that 16 Air Land Regiment (new title for 16 AD Regt) will host the 2013 RAEME Central Region Corps Dinner so we all look forward to joining them next year.

Ed

*Hope as many of those who are eligible to attend can join us next year It was a always a great activity*

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## REME 70th Birthday Celebrations

Those members who attend the AEME/RAEME functions will know and appreciate that a number of the REME Association members in SA join us for most of our activities and that we all share a common EME bond.

On Sunday the 30 September the REME Association invited our COL COMDT and President to join them to help celebrate **THE REME 70th BIRTHDAY**.

Unfortunately our president was unable to attend so he was represented by Mike Culley( and his wife Marg). COL Rosser and his wife Bev also attended and he was asked, as the senior ranking member present, to propose the toast to our joint Commander in Chief (Prince Philip) and to cut their birthday cake.



The function was held in the Salisbury North Football Club function area and was attended by over 80 members and friends (including Arthur Hassey whose neighbour is a REME Assoc member)

We thank them for their kind invitation and look forward to seeing them at our Birthday Function on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.





# WANTED

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE MANUFACTURE OF COEHORN MORTAR REPLICAS



Coehorn Mortar Replica

We have been asked by the COLCOMD RAA if anyone can provide details of Adelaide Workshop Company's design and re-creation of the Coehorn Mortars, 2 of which are held by 16 Air Land Regt (previously known as 16 AD Regt).



The Regt has the 2 design drawings framed on the Mess wall, but the light has damaged them over the years & they are in-decipherable and now just look like dirty paper.

Coehorn mortar replicas were also given to the School of Artillery and Victoria Barracks.

Some of our SNCOs may remember them being "fired" as a tradition at dining-in nights held at the Regiment.

If anyone can help please contact :  
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# IT'S OUR 70th BIRTHDAY



## Help us Celebrate



### 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Well its that time of year again, the 2012 Annual General Meeting will be held on the morning of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 MAJ Richard Moyses has advised that he will be standing for president again.

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 better ways to do things.

**President and Committee**

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### 2012 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

The Function Committee, is organising a mixed all ranks family function to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the creation of the Corps of RAEME. The activity will be held in the Warradale Area Other Ranks' Canteen at Warradale Barracks on the afternoon of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2012 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 about 4:00pm.

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

**An Invitation is included with this Newsletter.**  
**Please return the "tear off" slip to our secretary Don Harvy or ring him before Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2012 Awards to the best ARA and GRes "Soldier of the Year" will be presented at the **2012 RAEME Corps Birthday Family Function on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 that will consist of Association President and executive committee, COLCOMD and as required:

- ARA - Senior ARA Representative and the Senior ASM, or
- GRes - OC and ASM 107 Fd Wkps Coy, 9CSSB.

Nominations to be forwarded to the President MAJ Richard Moyses

[richard.moyes@defence.gov.au](mailto:richard.moyes@defence.gov.au)

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or he can be contacted on 0427 716 728 .

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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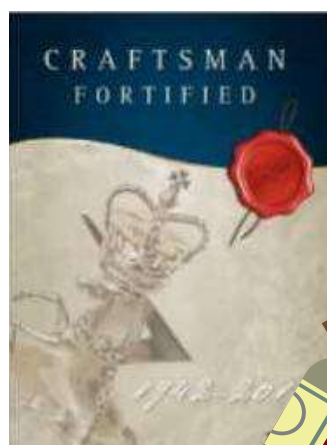
## **A NEW WORD**

Here is a new word to add to your vocabulary. It will be especially useful to senior folks!

# **Exhaustipated**

Just too tired to give a shit.

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## ***RAEME*** ***Craftsman*** ***Port*** ***2012***



The annual production of the RAEME Corps Port is a long standing tradition within the Corps, focused on promoting esprit de Corps.

Given the positive feedback received from last years port, it has been decided to again engage Stanton & Killeen Winery at Rutherglen, Victoria, to supply their renowned white port. The 2012 Corps Port label will feature the Corps Centerpiece and commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of RAEME.

The cut off date for unit/sub-unit orders is 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Delivery is planned to occur in November.

The nominated Regional Representative for SA is :

LT Todd Wiseman  
16 AIR LAND REGT  
Woodside Bks  
WOODSIDE, SA, 5244  
0438 017 748  
[todd.wiseman@defence.gov.au](mailto:todd.wiseman@defence.gov.au)

Units should contact Todd with quantities required and he will advise the appropriate method of payment and delivery details.

***This Port is ideal for collectors, but it is also ready to drink NOW.***

*The Association Merchandising Representative Bob Killoran will be purchasing a quantity of 2012 RAEME Craftsman Port for sale to Association members so contact him if you are interested in obtaining a bottle (or 2).*

*Great value at \$20 per bottle*

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# THE LAST M113 AS4 OFF THE PRODUCTION LINE

Vehicle Number 206717

Report by Frank Owen OAM

About mid July, I received a phone call from Ron Rule an ex-National Serviceman who was called up and served with 3 Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam as a driver. The reason for Ron's call was, he'd been invited to drive, symbolically, the last up-graded M113 vehicle from the BAE Systems Australia production line at Wingfield in South Australia and was looking for someone who had crew commanded an APC in Vietnam.

I explained that I had been NCO i/c of a Forward Repair Team at 106 Field Workshop in Vietnam and had crew commanded a Fitters Vehicle during my time in that unit. That satisfied him and he suggested I contact Justin Brown who was the Production Manager at BAE Systems at Wingfield.



Justin arranged for Ron and me to attend a short driving course with the upgraded vehicle on Wednesday 25 July. The day was a great success but what a surprise to get into the driver's seat and find

so many changes. I even managed to climb up the side of the vehicle and enter the driving compartment from the top, ONCE.

For those who are not aware, BAE Systems Australia was awarded a contract to upgrade the M113 A1 fleet, which included:

- Stretching the hull by about 600 mm;
- Adding an extra pair of road wheels;
- Replacing the power pack with a V6 4 stroke diesel;
- Improving the steering and braking capability; and
- To the APC variant, installing a powered traverse and elevation/depression turret.

There are seven M113 AS4 variants in the fleet:

- Basic Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC);
- Fitters, replace the Hyab knuckle crane with a Hyab telescopic;
- Recovery; Installation of a winch
- Ambulance;
- Command, lowered profile;
- Mortar; and
- Support, cut off behind the driver/crew commander and platform to carry a specialist container.

To begin with, in the driver's compartment, gone were the lateral steering levers and pivot turn levers. In their place were;

- steering yoke;
- brake pedal;
- Increased gear range control with dedicated pivot turn position and two reverse gears. and

- The vehicle is no longer amphibious.



The engine is much quieter than the original V6 53 2 stroke Detroit diesel, the steering control differential function has been incorporated into the transmission, the braking and pivot steering systems are much more positive and efficient and 1.5 hours will see the power pack removed and placed on its stand for repair work and servicing with another 1.5 hours to re-installed it and have it running. The cooling system is integral with the power pack.

As to driving, the vehicle is much more responsive to steering and braking and it has a higher speed capability; all in all, much better to drive with a few new procedures which need to be followed during 'start up' and 'close down'.

The symbolic 'roll-out' of the last vehicle from the production line took place on Thursday, 2 August 2012, there were around 200 invited guests and staff, including members of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC) Association. Following a few short presentations which illustrated the work that had been undertaken and to introduce Ron and me. We were ready to 'mount up' and drive off in the mortar variant.

The requirement was: Ramp up and secure, driver advance (under guide), drive from the workshop, proceed approximately 50 metres along the concrete parking area, pivot turn to face the way we'd just come, return to the workshop, pivot turn, lower the ramp and close down.

This was followed by a light luncheon and chat to anyone who wanted to do so. One former RAAC (presumably ex 3 Cav. Regt) member was quite peeved that an ex- RAEME representative had been selected to act as crew commander. I did try not to be too smug while talking to him but I figure that you don't get offers like that very often and certainly didn't volunteer to change places with him. Ron assured me he had contacted a number of organisations, including the VVAA, all to no avail and decided to try the RSL. It seems I was the only person anyone could think of that was known to have been involved with the M113A1. Who am I to argue?

For the 'inconvenience' caused, Justin presented each of us with a .50 calibre machine gun round that had been reconfigured into a highly polished bottle opener and, prior to leaving a beautifully mounted 3D image of an APC M113 AS4 enclosed in a resin cube,

My thanks to Ron Rule for putting me in touch with Justin. Our thanks to Justin, Tim, Geoff and all other staff members who made it such a great experience, one that I will remember for many years.

# ARE YOU ONLINE YET?

(For the computer literate or those who  
have friends who are)

## 2012/13 Craftsman Magazine is now available Online!

Did you know you can now receive your copy of "Craftsman" magazine on line. Members are encouraged to view the current edition of the magazine via the web address below, or via the link that is located on the Intranet Corps Website. The link details have also been provided to each of the Regional RAEME Associations so the link should also appear on the Association's websites in the near future.

If you currently receive a printed version of the Craftsman Magazine and you would be equally happy to receive an electronic version instead, please contact the editor and elect to receive the electronic version. If you also provide your email address you will be advised via email each time a new edition is published and be provided with a link to view the online publication.

The editor and Head of Corps (HOC) team would welcome any feedback on this proposal.

HOC team advises that at this point of time there is no intention to cease the printed publication. We are just seeking to give readers a choice in how they receive and view the Corps Magazine.

<http://walshmedia.realviewtechnologies.com/?xml=Craftsman&iid=41943>

**ARMY Newspaper.** Don't forget the Army Newspaper can also be accessed via the following link:

[http://digital.realviewtechnologies.com/default.aspx?xml=defencenews\\_army.xml](http://digital.realviewtechnologies.com/default.aspx?xml=defencenews_army.xml)

**DVA Wellbeing Toolkit.** This is a DVA initiative designed to improve veterans and retired members well being. Please have a look at the following website for this and other DVA information:

[http://www.dva.gov.au/health\\_and\\_wellbeing/vhw/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.dva.gov.au/health_and_wellbeing/vhw/Pages/index.aspx)

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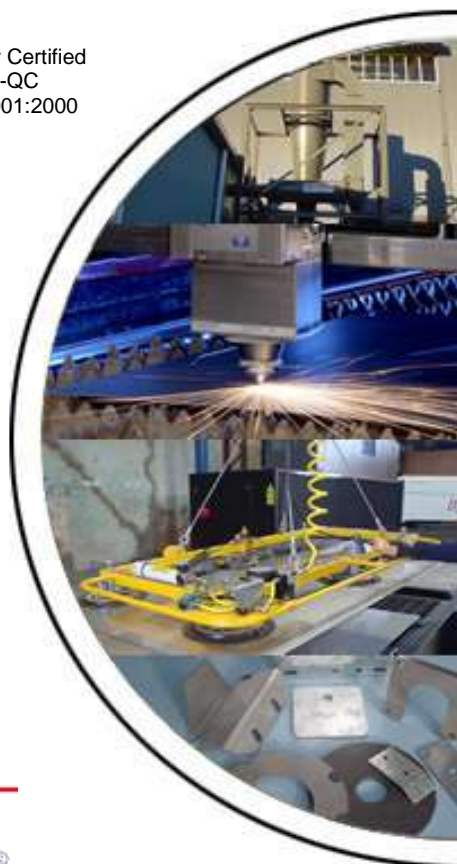
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## Defence Reserve Association National Conference

Keswick Barracks - 28 July 2012

*As advised at our AGM and through this Newsletter your association has, along with a number of other corps and unit associations, become an associate member of Defence Reserve Association of South Australia (DRASA). This gives our association and its members a forum to voice their thoughts and issues (where relevant) to the senior members of the Australian Defence Force. The COLCOMDT represented the Association at the Conference.*

Because of the success of the 2011 conference Adelaide was again selected as the location of the Defence Reserves Association 2012 National Conference which was held on Saturday 28 July at Keswick Barracks and the theme of the conference was: **ADF Reserves - Maintaining Momentum in Testing times**

While the Association was originally established to represent the defence reserves, because of the quality of its membership (includes a number of senior ranking ex regular defence force and reserve officers and civilians) its views are widely respected and listened to. Because of this the conference attracts a number of parliamentarians and senior defence force speakers and other guests who present the latest proposals and possible future ideas for consideration by the committee.

Some recent major outcomes for DRA are their objections to the force/unit reductions proposed in the Army Future Force project. This project has been shelved and key aspects have now been incorporated into Projects BEERSHEBA and SUAKIN.

The 2012 Conference was addressed by a panel of distinguished speakers:

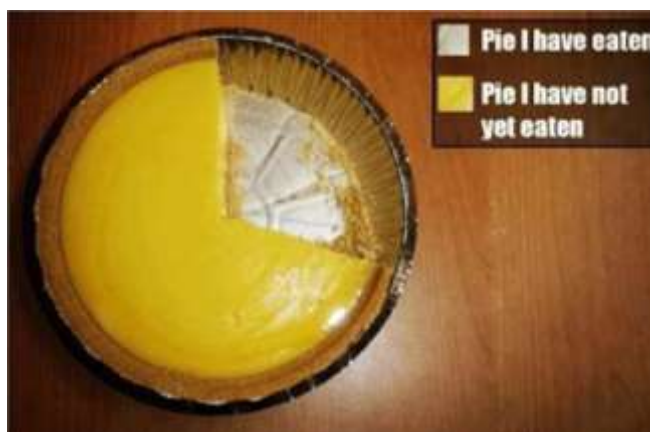
- Senator David Feeney, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence who gave an overview of the Government's position on defence
- Stuart Robert MP - Shadow Minister for Defence who presented the Oppositions position
- BRIG Bill Sowry, Dep Head CRES, along with his staff, presented Situation Reports
  - CDRE Richard Phillips - DG Res Navy
  - BRIG Iain Spence - DG Res Army
  - AIRCDRE Terry Delahunty - DG Res Air Force
  - AIRCDRE Hugh Bartholomeusz - Defence Health Services
- MAJGEN Jeff Sengelman - Head Modernisation & Strategic Plans, provided an update on progress with Project Beersheba - the Army Force modernisation Review
- Mr. Jerome Reid - Director Reserve Planning Stream, SRP, provided an update on Project Suakin
- MAJGEN Greg Mellick presented a report on plans for the 1915 Centenary activities
- The CAF Planning Group gave a presentation on the RAAF Reserves - "Beyond Integration"

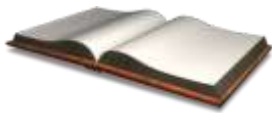
In the evening a formal Dinner was conducted at which the guest speaker was MAJGEN Jeff Sengelman.

*Well done to all involved Ed*

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## WORLD'S MOST ACCURATE PIE CHART





# Corps History Project (CHP).



The Corps History Project (CHP) has made significant progress in the last three months culminating in a meeting of the project teams from Victoria and Queensland on Saturday 15 Sep 12 at Enoggera's Blamey Barracks, courtesy of 20 STA Regt, and MAJ Keirin Joyce, to discuss progress and re-align our work effort as a team.

While the intent of the project still remains to celebrate the achievements of individuals, sub-units and units of RAEME Corps during warlike, non-warlike operations and peacetime training activities, a number of changes have been made to our approach to gathering articles and photographs for the book.

As you know, the project team have been encouraging members of the Corps, both past and present, to write articles and contribute photographs.

However because many are reticent, the decision has been taken to assist some contributors, simplify the submission process and ramp up the publicity. The CHP Book will also be officially launched at the 70th Anniversary Luncheon on 1 Dec 12, in Brisbane; and at the Corps Dinner at the RAEME Aircraft Maintenance School, on 30 Nov 12. In addition, the meeting will recommend to the HOC, the use of additional resources to undertake targeted interviews of individuals as part of an oral history initiative.

Given the other important aspect of the project is to capture and record stories that have underpinned and enhanced the reputation of RAEME over the past 70 years, and ensure they are recorded in perpetuity, it was also decided to facilitate the following initiatives:

- Continue to support the current development of a RAEME National Association website with the help of two members of the Corps providing the grunt and expertise. In time, this more complete website will link all other "RAEME" websites including the RAEME Face Book. This will be a major step forward, but in the interim, go to [www.raeme.org.au](http://www.raeme.org.au) and click on the Facebook banner for details of how to get your stories to the project team.
- Continue to support the CHP face book site, in particular for the younger members of the Corps, and enhance the promotional work with more simple messages. Remember the email address for contributions is [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com).
- Focus the author in the early stages of the project on writing the opening chapter about the history of the Corps up to the Vietnam campaign, while concurrently editing individual contributions as they are submitted.
- Continue evolving the "straw man" tabled at the meeting, which is based on the "Army in Profile" publication. The meeting were delighted with the

format proposed and believe it is a very sound way to develop the final "coffee table" book.

- Finalise a production and publishing schedule for the book, which sees the official launch being on or around the various RAEME Birthdays events across Australia, with a deadline for all individual articles and photographs being 1 Apr 13. It is our intention to publish the book to coincide with RAEME Birthday celebration 1 Dec 13.
- Undertake a "self-publishing" exercise and manage the distribution along the same lines as the Annual Corps Port program coordinated by the RAEME HOC Cell and using the RAEME
- Regional representatives to get the book to those who purchased a copy.
- Undertake an exercise to obtain funding from private and corporate donors to offset the costs of writing and publishing the book and keep the cost of the book down. It is hoped that the RAEME National Association may assist in this regard.
- Increase the promotional activities over the next six months including a feature article about the CHP in the next issue of the "Craftsman" magazine to tie in with the 20th Anniversary of the publication of the "Craftsman" and the HOC writing to all RAEME Regional Reps seeking their support for contributions.
- Investigate the ability to undertake the collection of oral histories, and converting these histories into stories for the book, by seeking funding from the AWM and Dept of VA.
- Seek suitable photographs or artwork that could be used on the front cover of the book – it was agreed that ideally a new contemporary scene of RAEME in action like the Vietnam era operational scene, would be a good selling point.
- Action is underway via the CHP Promotions Team to elicit suitable photos from Corps members who have been on operations – see more below.
- Finally, the team will target some members of the Corps who have been involved in particular operations or activities which have built the reputation of the Corps in Recent years and seek their contributions.

A number of other initiatives were agreed to but critically we ask our readers to remember you all have a stake in this book and we want your stories and photos – any stories. If you have a story, with good supporting photos, then send them to [raemeprojectbook@hotmail.com](mailto:raemeprojectbook@hotmail.com). Hard copy can also be sent to:

**HOC Cell – RAEME**

**Latchford Barracks, BANDIANA, Vic, 3694**

**See the flyer on the back page of this edition of the Newsletter for more detail. Ed**

## CARING GRANDFATHER

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 year-old grandson.

It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and pop in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . Easy, boy."

Another outburst, and she hears the granddad calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy"

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Granddad says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William . . . The little bastard's name is Kevin."

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## iPads

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

'This is the 21st century, Dad,' my son said.

'We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad.'

**I can tell you, that bloody fly never knew what hit it**

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## **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 2012, (or before) then you subs are due NOW

Subs increased to \$10 per year on 1 Jul 12. Max forward payment is 5 years eg \$50 for five 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 if you wish to claim the free "over 75 year rule" membership.

*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:

### **Honorary Life Members**

Mike Culley, Dutchy Holland, Eddy Kaminski, Bob Killoran, Grant Kuchel, George Robinson, David Turner

### **Current Members**

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## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please inform the Secretary, CPL Bob Matthew, or a member of the Committee of Management of any change of postal address or email address. Please note the changes in the Committee – including contact details changes.

### **Disclaimer**

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# RAEME NEEDS



## **To all past and present members of RAEME,**

You may not be aware but RAEME has entered its seventieth year of service to the ADF. To celebrate this achievement, I have asked the newly established RAEME National Association to take the lead in developing a new pictorial history of the Corps. This publication will build upon and complement the original history, “Craftsmen of the Australian Army-The Story of RAEME”, published in 1992.

The key difference this time is the RAEME story will be told from your perspective in a pictorial form.

We want you to help us tell the RAEME story by submitting your photos and stories. I have heard many amazing stories from past and present members of the Corps and it is time we used them to tell the world about our contribution to the ADF. What makes RAEME unique is the skill, resourcefulness and innovation of its members and who better to tell that story than you. We want you to share your stories and photos from your experiences at home and aboard both past and current, operational and non-operational.

Clearly the success of the book is highly dependent on the quality of photos and stories submitted. I encourage you to ensure they depict an interesting story, or specific activity, in which members of the Corps participated or more importantly led. Equally important is the written account that underpins the photo. The written component of your submission should focus on telling the story of the human element depicted in the photographed event. I am confident readers are interested in what you have to say, so don't hide your stories under a bushel.

Try and keep your submission to around 1500 words , but please ensure your submission covers the who, what, where and why of the event/activity pictured. The photo you submit also needs to be of sufficient quality for publication.

Closing date for submissions is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 but please start writing now! Submissions can be sent to HOC-RAEME Cell directly at [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com) in an editable electronic form (.rtf, .doc, .txt), but they can also be provided in “hard copy” form. More information is available on RAEME Facebook and the RAEME National Association website at [www.raeme.org.au](http://www.raeme.org.au)

The success of this new RAEME history rests with you so get writing!

BRIG David Creagh, AM