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IMPORTANT NOTICE



AUTOMATIC AUSTRALIA POST MAIL OUT OF NEWSLETTER HAS CEASED

We were very fortunate in the past that one of the unit commanders had allowed us to do our mail out photo copying on their unit photocopier. This coupled with bulk mail subsidies made the mail out affordable to the Association. Unfortunately due to changes within the unit this is no longer possible and to get the copying done we have to go to a printing service e.g. Officeworks to get them printed.

We have made every effort to get in touch with members who were on the "snail mail" distribution list to find out if we can email their Newsletters and we think we have been very successful in our efforts, but as with all changes some people "slip through the cracks" and we have received feedback about people not getting their Newsletters.

IF YOU HEAR SOMEONE SAYING THEY HAVEN'T GOT OR AREN'T GETTING THEIR NEWSLETTERS PLEASE GET THEM TO CONTACT THE EDITOR AT ANY OF THE ADDRESSES BELOW:

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This covers the 4 Newsletters a year and the AGM Notice

The newsletters are also available on our Association Website for reading or downloading.

See: <http://www.sa.raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletters>

ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. So they loaded up Jack's mini-van and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in terrible blizzard.

So they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night. "I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained. "I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house."

"Don't worry," Jack said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light."

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend. He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up North about 9 months ago?"

"Yes, I do." said Bob.

"Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Well, um, yes," Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out. "I have to admit that I did."

"And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?"

Bob's face turned bright red and he said, "Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?"

"She just died and left me everything."

AEME/RAEME Association of SA
DIARY DATES 2016

Activity/Function

Date

- Annual General Meeting
- RAEME Birthday Family Function

Sunday 4th December
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Please note a change to the Barracks Security Rating may dictate a change to some of these activities



Lest We Forget



Interstate deaths as Reported by Other Associations (with thanks Ed):

	<p>NONE REPORTED</p> <p>Lest we Forget</p>	
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 12 of this Newsletter and if the date shown is 2016 or earlier contact our Membership Coordinator - Bob Matthew on 8272 7472.

CHECK THE LIST NOW

IT'S OUR **74th** BIRTHDAY



2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Well its that time of year again, the 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held on the morning of Sunday 4th December in the Offrs and Sgt's Mess 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 6:00pm (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



2016 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION



The Association Committee, is organising a mixed all ranks family function to celebrate the 74th Anniversary of the creation of the Corps of RAEME (1st December 1942). The activity will be held in the Warradale Area Officers and Sergeant's Mess at Warradale Barracks on the afternoon of Sunday 4th 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 \$10 per head for adults (children 12 years and under are FREE). Refreshments will be available from the Bar at mess prices. The 2016 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 Friday 27th November so he can advise the Function Committee how many to cater for.





2016 Central Region All Ranks RAEME Corps Dinner



The RAEME Central Region Corps Dinner was held on Saturday 29th October 2016 in the Naval, Military and Air Force Club which is located in Hutt Street in the city.

This year the Corps Dinner was again hosted by 107 Workshops Company 9CSSB and was organised by CAPT Ian Stewart. Thanks for a job well done.

As for the past couple of years this year's dinner was a mixed "All Ranks" dinner to try to get more soldiers involved in Corps activities.

Attendance was below what we had hoped for but everyone had a great time and hopefully next year will see an improvement in numbers.

Our Honorary COLCOMDCOL David Cocker represented the Head of Corps and gave an update on local happenings in the Corps.

Pre-Dinner
Gathering





Association Banner
and Head Table

Dining President
MAJ Rogers
OC 107 Wksp Coy
9 CSSB



Some attendees you
may recognise



RAEME LUNCHEON

Note NEW LOCATION



"We had a great experience at the Avoca Hotel on the 6th September. We all enjoyed the \$12 lunch specials which everyone thought were great value. As a long serving RSL member it was good to support the RSL who are now running the Avoca Hotel."

Bob Killoran
Coordinator

Our Luncheon's are held twice a year on the first Tuesday in March and September and it is an opportunity for all ex-serving AEME or RAEME personnel to get together and enjoy each other's company. The next will be held on **Tuesday 7th March** at the RSL's **Avoca Hotel**, 893 South Road, Clarence Gardens, at 12:00 noon.

If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob Killoran on 0412 060 315 before Friday 7th March so he can let the hotel 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.

SHORT, SHARP AND FUNNY

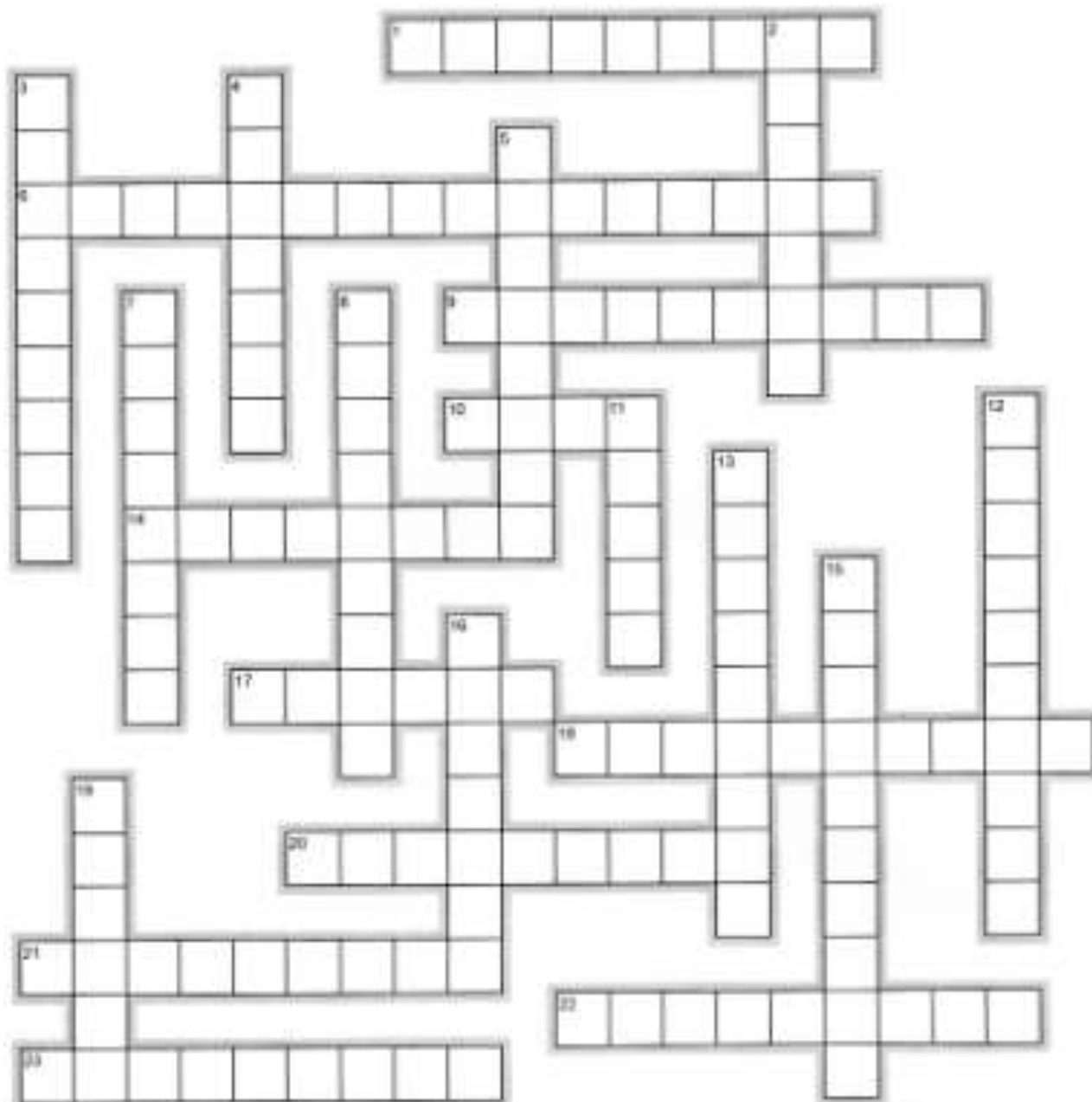
A man meets a genie. The genie tells him he can ask for whatever he wants, but his mother-in-law gets double of what he gets. The man thinks for a moment and says, "Okay, give me a million dollars and beat me till I'm half dead."

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

My girlfriend told me I should be more affectionate. So I got myself two girlfriends.

Our Latest Crossword

Many thanks to Geoff Parker for preparing these crosswords



Across

1. CEASE FIRE
6. SPITFIRE ENGINE
9. EARLY DUTCH EXPLORER
10. PRODUCT OF BARLEY
14. OF THE SEA
17. LADIES HAT
18. PAYMENT
20. BASIC PAINT FINISH
21. FAMOUS BOMBER
22. OZ WORD FOR FENDER
23. PAR AVION

Down

2. BORE SIZE
3. AIRFIELD
4. REPOSITORY FOR OLD BONES
5. PAUSE
7. CHEMIST SHOP
8. OFFICE CODE
11. HERE WE CALL IT THE BOOT
12. EYEGLASSES
13. TWO WEEKS
15. WHISKEY FACTORY
16. MEMBER OF THE UPPER HOUSE
19. IN THE UNIVERSE

See Page 11 for Answers

Port Vincent Holiday House



- 200km and just 2 hours away from Adelaide is a four bedroom holiday house
- It accommodates 8 persons in 4 bedrooms
- 2 double beds & 4 single beds
- All you need to take is your linen, food & whatever you drink
- The town has a Hotel, IGA, Butcher, Ice Cream Parlour, Hardware, Sports Store & General Store
- 2 Petrol Stations & auto-gas is available
- The Marina is available for boat mooring, launching & retrieval
- For further information call Trevor or Lyn on (08) 8853 7191, 0428 851 139 or 0422 162 204

LAWYER vs INSURANCE COMPANY

A Charlotte, NC, lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued...and won!

In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire, and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

NOW FOR THE BEST PART...

After the lawyer cashed the cheque, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

This is a true story and was the 1st place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

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ARMY MUSEUM OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

New Vietnam Display Opening

On Wednesday 12 October a new interactive – Vietnam display: Aeromedical Evacuation - was officially launched in Gallery Three of the Australian Army Museum of South Australia based at Keswick Barracks, and is perhaps the most inventive to date, representing the artistic and computer skills of their volunteers.

After introductions by Brigadier Nick Williams representing the AMOSA board, the official opening was performed by Colonel Peter Scott DSO (former Commanding Officer of 3RAR).

The display consists of a mural of a helicopter painted high on a back wall, the skilled work of South Australian artist, art teacher and theatre set designer Brian Budgen. It represents a familiar M.A.S.H. like scene in both wars in Korea and Vietnam, when injured military personnel were airlifted by being strapped into a flat rescue basket and hoisted by crane into the helicopter.



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In his speech, Colonel Scott reminded us that aeromedical evacuation with a helicopter using the now familiar 'Stokes' litter (named after its inventor Charles Francis Stokes, retired Surgeon General of the US navy) is commonplace in both war and peacetime but it was first used in Korea 65 years ago. Two Vietnam Veterans Edward Czerwinski and Trevor Sharland were then asked to recount their memories of being rescued in this manner, with dramatic stories of swinging perilously beneath the helicopter narrowly missing flying bullets.

The formalities were complete when Colonel Scott pressed the appropriate button on the interactive and the litter containing the wounded 'mannequin' was hoisted realistically up towards the metal arm projected from the painted helicopter, to the sound of whirring rotary blades. The re-enactment was met with much enthusiasm by the gathered crowd and many spent time examining the display, which includes a diorama of the Battle of Long Tan as well as trying out the other buttons on the interactive control panel. The photos and film clips caused much discussion and reminiscence which continued during the special morning tea that followed the opening.

Vietnam : Aeromedical Evacuation is another in a series of interactive tableaux at the museum including Watson's Pier during the WW1 Gallipoli campaign, the WW1 trenches of Amiens on the Western Front, and the desert sands of El Alamein during WW2.

The Army Museum is located at Keswick Barracks and is just inside Gate 4 off Anzac Highway and is open every Sunday from 12 noon - 4 pm or by appointment Mondays and Wednesdays.



The 2017 Museum focus will be on Light Horse Operations in World War 1

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 2016 Awards to the best ARA and GRes "Soldier of the Year" will be presented at the **2016 RAEME Corps Birthday Family Function on Sunday 4th 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 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

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and rmoyeses@adam.com.au

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.

RAEME Facebook page

Have you checked it out yet



RAEME National Association

<https://www.facebook.com/RAEMEAssociation>

Growing Up!!!!

According to a news report, a private school recently was faced with a unique problem.

A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done.

She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the maintenance man who had to clean the mirrors every night.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers, and then there are educators



Hope you got them all correct. *Thanks again Geoff*

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 2016, (or before) then you subs are due NOW

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 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:

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Mike Culley, Eddy Kaminski, Bob Killoran, Grant Kuchel, David Turner, Greg Rosser.

Current Members

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Marg Culley (2018), Pam Gaskin (2016), Anne-Michelle Howell (2021), Christine Kuchel (2017), Joan Lorraine (Over 75).

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