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**Did you know it is
the 100th
Anniversary of the
Battle for
Beersheba?**



The Army Museum is helping the LIGHTHORSEMEN celebrate by having a special lighthorsemen exhibition in 2017

YOU are welcome to attend the launch and a free morning tea on Wednesday 24th March at Keswick Barracks.

This will be followed by a the Annual History Lunch with a 2 course meal and guest speakers discussing the Lighthouse (cost \$25pp).

We are organising a RAEME table so we hope you can be there to help celebrate

For more details see page 9

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 2nd newsletter for the year and I trust you are all in good health.

Being March means we are close to ANZAC Day and our annual ANZAC function, once again being held at Warradale Barracks, this year on Saturday 22nd April.

Have a look for the notice with all the details in this newsletter, along with ANZAC Day parade details.

The committee has met once this year and I was pleased to welcome Major Dan Irwin as RAEME Representative Central Region. Dan is BC Support Battery 16 ALR and has taken over from Brendan Matthews who has moved on to his next posting.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 2017 is a significant year for our Corps as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary. No doubt there will be many different events held across the country and we intend to do our best to acknowledge this milestone. We have applied to Head of Corps Cell for a financial grant to assist with arranging a function and subsidising the costs for members to attend. Once we are aware of the application outcome we can start planning in earnest and communicate the information.

In recognising the 75th Anniversary, a few of the interstate associations have arranged anniversary merchandise in the form of hats, polo shirts, stubby holders and even specially produced bottles of Bourbon

and Spice Rum. Association merchandise member, Bob Killoran can arrange purchase of items if requested and if we get enough interest there is a possibility of securing a discount. Alternatively you can order direct from the Qld, Vic or WA Association websites. We will have a selection of items on display and for purchase at the ANZAC function so look out for Bob and his portable shop.

Another event we had mentioned was a dinner to be held in June which we planned as a combined dinner with some other Corps associations. Unfortunately the function in June is not going ahead as planned so we are looking at alternative dates and once again will keep you all informed via the newsletter.

The committee and a couple of volunteers have already raised a significant amount of money this year by once again conducting the BBQ at Bunnings, this time at the Marion store in January. These BBQ fundraisers are vital in ensuring the financial security of your association and we have been fortunate to be offered the opportunity a couple of times in the past 12 months. As always these days are hard work, but equally fun as we all have a good chat and importantly raise some money that goes back to the association which in turn lets us hold functions at very reasonable rates. We will advertise the dates of the BBQs as we know them and certainly welcome anyone that can spare a few hours on the day to assist. Many hands make light work !

So while the year is still relatively young there is a lot going on and it is only going to get busier. I look forward to seeing many of you at our function or on ANZAC Day.

Arte et Marte

Richard Moyses

President

From the Honorary **COLONEL COMMANDANT**

This year marks the Golden Jubilee (75th) Birthday of the Corps. The Corps Committee are taking action to contact the Colonel in Chief to obtain a letter of Commemoration and Commendation, which will be made available as a foreword in the recently produced Corps history book.

The Corps Committee has also approved the disbursement of additional Corps funds for specific Anniversary activities and the Association has sent a bid to Head of Corps cell seeking funding to support the Annual All Ranks Dinner.

Cheers
David

COL David Cocker
Hon. COLCOMDT

AEME/RAEME Association of SA **DIARY DATES 2017**

Activity/Function

Date

- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 th April
- 2017 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion - Warradale	Saturday 22 nd April
- 2017 ANZAC Day March	Tuesday 25 th April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 15 th June
- Logistic's Corps Combined Dinner	TBA
- 2017 RAEME Formal Dinner	TBA
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 17 th August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 5 th September
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 19 th October
- RAEME All Ranks Dinner (Mixed)	TBC
- Annual General Meeting	Sunday 3 rd December
- RAEME Birthday Family Function	Sunday 3 rd December

Allied Military Association Functions

- Defence Reserves Association of SA - AGM	TBA
- Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See page 9)	Wednesday 24 th May



25th April
We Will
Remember Them



Sadly we wish to advise the death of Pam Gaskin on
Wed 8 Mar 17. Pam was the wife of WO2 Pete
Gaskin (deceased) Ex C/Comd Wksp & AWC.

Pam has remained an Associate Member of our
Association since Pete passed on.

VALE – Lest We Forget

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

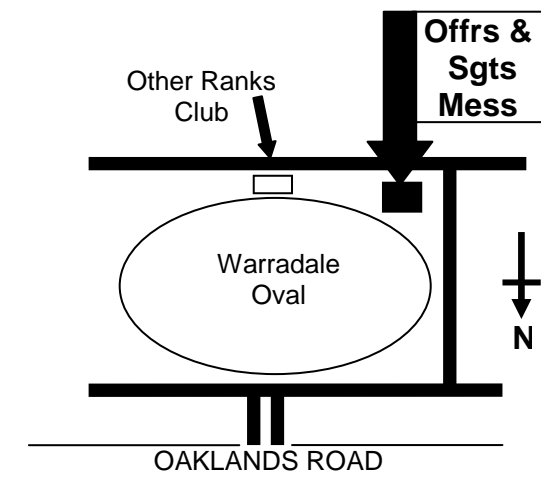
Has your membership expired or is it about to expire ??????

Check page 11 of this Newsletter and if so you need to contact our Membership Officer - Bob Matthew on 8272 7472

**Membership fees are \$10 per year and there is a maximum forward payment of
5 years (\$50).**

CHECK THE LIST NOW

2017 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION



Permission has been given for our Association to conduct the 2017 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the combined **Warradale Area Officers and Sergeants Mess** (southern side of the oval) on **Saturday 22nd April** commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year.

A BBQ meal will be available from approximately 7:15pm to 8:15pm. Cost is \$10.00 per head. Refreshments will be available from the Bar at mess prices.

A "Remembrance Ceremony" will be held at 9:00pm commencing with "Last Post". The function is expected to conclude at 11:30pm.

This function is not just for Association members but for all serving and ex-serving RAEME members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet soldiers recently posted to Edinburgh and Woodside and reminisce. An invitation with full details is attached to this Newsletter.

Some assistance will be required with Set Up, cooking the BBQ, collecting money at the door, selling Raffle Tickets, and Clean Up. Please let Don know if you can assist in any way.



Please contact our Secretary Don Harvy on (08) 7007 4470, mobile (0412 021 411) or email (harvy@adam.com.au) before Tuesday 18th April and let him know whether you will be attending and let him know the number and names of all guests who will be attending with you.

Note - : If the Security Level at Warradale Barracks increases, it may be necessary to either supply a list of names of those attending to the Security personnel on the gate, or advise those attending of a change of Venue.

SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS

FEDERATION STAR



Background

The Defence Long Service Medal is awarded to a member who has, on or after 14 February 1975, completed 15 years qualifying remunerated service in the Australian Defence Force. This includes efficient service in Permanent and Reserve Forces. Clasps are awarded for each further periods of five years efficient service.

The first four clasps to the medal are indicated by rosettes. After 40 years service the clasps are replaced by a single silver Federation Star instead of a fifth clasp. Additional Federation Star emblems are added for each subsequent 5 years of service.

In our last Newsletter we included an article about 3 of our members receiving their Federation Star Medals. The proud recipients were:

- **WO2 Doug Pammenter** - 3 Stars (50 years)
- **WO2 Grant Kuchel** - 2 Stars (45 years)
- **CAPT Wayne Birch** - 1 Star (40 years)

In the article I asked if there were any other members who had achieved this magnificent milestone and to my surprise I received a number of emails advising me of others who had also achieved this magnificent milestone.

The first one was from SGT Terry Monten who belongs to RAAOC but he served for a period of time with RAEME in our Tech Stores and is a proud member of our Association. He received his Federation Star the same time as our other 3 proud recipients (see picture below). Sorry Terry for omitting you from the first article.



Above: Six recipients with more than 250 years of combined service to the Army are presented with their Federation Stars by Commander 9 Bde Brig Mick Burgess in Adelaide. Pictured left to right are Brig Burgess, Capt Wayne Birch, WO2 Doug Pammenter, Sgt Terry Monten, Musn Zygmunt Staszyc, WO2 Grant Kuchel, Maj Martin Kies and RSM 9 Bde WO1 Trevor Logan.

FEDERATION STAR (Continued)

In addition to Terry I also received the following:

WO1 Chris Duffield

Ken's Federation Star was presented to him by LTGEN Ken Gillespie in 2008. He was medically discharged in August 2014 after 46 years but he never received the second Federation Star. He was not aware that extra stars were issued for additional periods of 5 years. During his service he was deployed to Singapore/Malaysia 1972 to 1974 during the Malaysian Second Emergency qualifying for the 1945 to 1975 Australian Service Medal. He also served in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2007 qualifying for the Iraq 2003 campaign medal and the clasp ICAT for Afghanistan. Strangely enough, although he enlisted voluntarily he won the National Service lottery so qualified for the National Service Medal for completing his national service obligation. Needless to say he also has the Australian Active Service Medal, Australian Defence Medal and the Long Service Medal. Chris's son Cody Duffield is a Lieutenant in RAEME currently serving at 1 CER in Darwin. Keeping it in the family!

WO2 Lou Leeuwrik

Lou has served in both the ARA and ARes in a variety of postings all over Australia. He is still serving and has served over 40 years, but has not received his Federation Star.

If anyone else has served for more than 40 years let us know and we will include you in future editions. Ed.

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BOB THE BUILDER

Bob the builder was going through a house he had just built with the woman who owned it. She was telling him what colour to paint each room.

They went into the first room and she said "I want this room to be painted a light blue." The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"

When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be bright red. The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"

When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be tan. The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"

When he came back, the lady was pretty curious, so she asked him "I keep telling you colours, but you go out the front and yell green side up; what is that for?"

The builder said, "Oh don't worry about that, I've got a couple of workers laying artificial lawn out front."

The ANZAC Commemorative March

Tuesday 25 April 2017

Commencing at 9:30am.



This year promises to be another great year so we want as many RAEME personnel as possible to join us. Feel free to march with the appropriate RAEME Section by going to their respective Forming Up Point (see Page 12).

Full details available at www.rslsa.org.au
(Including Next-of-Kin requirements)

The Order of March is basically the same as last year but our association FUP is now in Hindmarsh Square adjacent to the RAA. Our Vietnam Workshops veterans are still in Group 8. and the AEME/RAEME Association members are still in Group 13.

Assembly Areas

- Vietnam Workshops Veterans - Western Side of Pulteney Street between North Tce and the Mall
- Association- Western Side of Hindmarsh Square adjacent to the RAA Building.

(See map on page 12).

The Association ANZAC Day March co-ordinator will again be John Howard, look out for him and/or the Association Banner

The RAEME Vietnam Veteran's group march under their own banner and the group will be led by ADJ Lee again this year and they are looking for as many RAEME people as possible to march with them.

The route is the same as last year and Salutes (banners to be lowered on the "eyes right") are to be paid at the National War Memorial, the South African War Memorial on North Terrace and the Vice-Regal Saluting point on the Eastern side of King William Road near the Parade Ground at Torrens Training Depot.

Vehicles will be available for veterans who can no longer make the distance. **Please let Don Harvy know (08) 7007 4470, mobile (0412 021 411) or email (harvy@adam.com.au) if you require a seat.**

The vehicles will return passengers to Pulteney Street immediately after the marchers have been dismissed at the end of the March. **The RSL is providing the vehicle(s) and they will form a "Pod" of vehicles within each group.** This is to prevent marchers directly behind the veterans from being forced to breathe exhaust fumes. **Carers:** One carer or wheelchair pusher is permitted to assist a veteran within unit ranks. Wheelchairs to be in front row.

March Conduct and Paying of Compliments

Unit flags, banners and roundels are to be lowered for all salutes. Yellow unit identification signs are to remain upright and facing the front at the saluting points, except on approaching the Vice-Regal, where they are turned half-right for the salute on the order EYES-RIGHT and then returned to face the front on the order EYES-FRONT.

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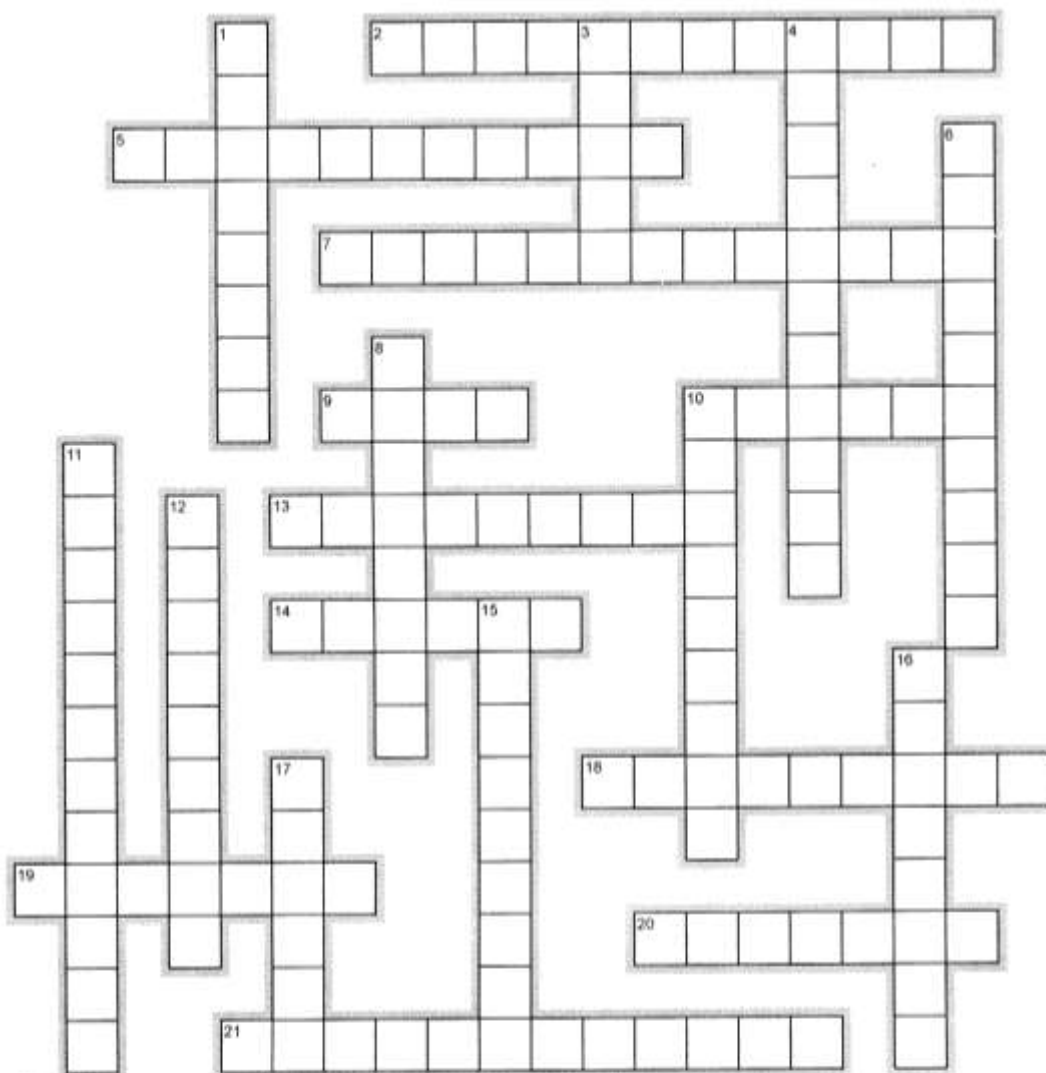
After the March:

Food, refreshments, Two Up and other entertainment will be available at Torrens Parade Ground.

The Army Museum will be open from 7.00am to 3.00pm for visitors. A great way to finish the march and rediscover South Australia's military history.

RAEME CROSSWORD

How well can you do



Across

2. LEGLESS FLYING ACE
5. EXCEPTIONAL
7. 3 CYLINDERS AND 6 PISTONS
9. CARDINAL POINT OF COMPASS
10. SEASON
13. DRIVEN BY OIL PRESSURE
14. PRESSURE LANTERN
18. DIRECTION
19. "WASH HOUSE" IN THE OLD DAYS
20. PARTS OF A DEGREE
21. FIREWORKS

Down

1. BURIED
3. 28 DAYS A "....." MONTH
4. GROUP WITH COMMON INTEREST
6. OIL BASED PAINT ADDITIVE
8. SWINGS IN TIME
10. FOREBEARS
11. QUESTIONNED
12. WWII FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
15. WROTE 'AND THE BAND PLAYED WALTZIN' MATILDA'
16. ABROAD
17. " " LIFE FLOAT IN WWII

Thanks to Geoff Parker for organising this, there will be another one next edition
Answers on page 10

ARMY MUSEUM OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA UPDATE

Commemorating 100 years Anniversary of the Battle for Beersheba

OUR LIGHTHORSEMEN

Many of us spent time with Lighthorse units therefore you may be interested in attending this SPECIAL DAY.



Launch of the NEW Lighthorsemen exhibition will occur at 10.30am on Wednesday 24th May 2017 in the Main Gallery of the Museum (located in Keswick Barracks) and the opening will be followed by a morning tea in an adjacent area.

Interested RAEME members are welcome to attend this free activity and morning tea

Register your interest in attending by emailing amosafuctions@gmail.com



And there is more

This activity will be followed by the Museum's Annual History Lunch which will be held in Building 34A at Keswick Barracks (adjacent to the museum).

Lighthorsemen History Lunch



When: Wednesday 24th May 12 noon - 2pm

Featuring: * 2 course meal * table prizes raffle * great company * ABC Broadcaster Peter Goers as host to 3 special Lighthorsemen related Guests.

Cost: \$25 per person

See the AMOSA website for full details - WWW.AMOSA.ORG.AU



There will be a RAEME table so if you want to make your own group or be part of the general table contact CAPT Wayne Birch on 0409 990 937 or email wbirch49@gmail.com

HOT AIR

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She reduced altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted, "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 man 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 an engineer," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the man, "How did you know?"

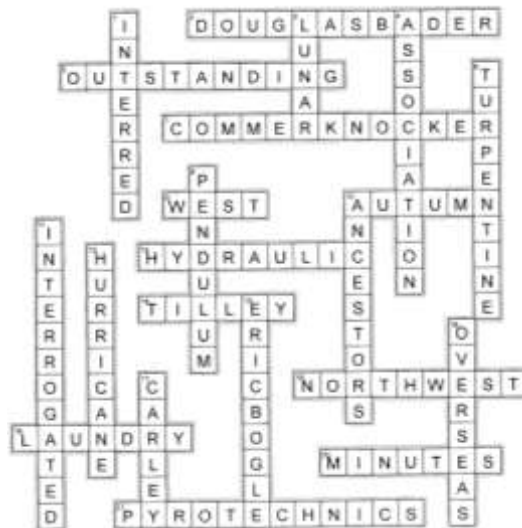
"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

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

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

"Well," said the man, "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."

Crossword Results



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

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

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 your 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, Bob Matthew (40 Ashbourne Ave KINGSWOOD SA 5062). Please provide 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, Eddy Kaminski, Bob Killoran, Grant Kuchel, David Turner, Greg Rosser.

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

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