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Changes to Newsletter Editions in 2019

The editor is taking holidays during March and April this year which will mean there will be no April Edition of the Newsletter.

Items except those relating to the ANZAC March will be covered in a May Edition.

We have contacted the ANZAC March organisers and there are no changes this year from 2018 so March groupings and FUP have been included in this edition on page 7.

The Association ANZAC function is being held on Saturday 13th April and the flyer for this activity is being distributed with this newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2019. I think I started last year commenting on the recent hot weather which has once again been a feature of summer in South Australia. Despite the time of year there has been a bit going on with regard to association activity.

We had a successful AGM and Birthday celebration in December and are working on the next stages of the CFN Douglas Borlace Memorial and also commenced the organising of the Combined Logistics Corps Dinner.

This dinner is intended to have members of RAEME, RACT, RAAOC, and Medical Corps get together and generally have a good time. There will be more details provided in the next few months but for now put Friday 25 October in your diary so you don't forget.

On Friday Nov 30 last year Support Battery, 16 Air Land Regiment once again hosted the RAEME Birthday Celebration. It was a fantastic afternoon with vehicle displays, burnout competitions, lawn mower races (may have been a go kart in there too) heave beam competition and tug of war. The quality of competition was very high and the level of input by the units was excellent. More information and photos are within the newsletter.

Our AGM was held on Saturday 1 Dec and as always we opened up the committee positions for new nominations. The existing committee members had all volunteered to remain and as in recent years were all elected unopposed. We do have one additional committee member in Doug Pammenter. So welcome to Doug and thanks for the nomination as we are always happy to have more help.

During the AGM I was very pleased to advise that we now have an Association flag. The flag had been a topic of discussion of the committee for many months and thanks to Secretary Don Harvy we sourced an excellent supplier and are now the proud owners of a very impressive flag.

The original plan was to have the flag purchased using Association funds, however, Don and I discussed the situation and decided we would like to cover the cost and donate the flag to the Association. We do this happily and look forward to seeing it displayed at every suitable opportunity and whenever we can put RAEME on show.

We also sought donations for a flag stand from the members present and thanks to the generosity shown, nearly covered the full cost of the flag stand. Thank you to all those who contributed and special mention the REME Association who donated \$50.00

Following the AGM the annual Birthday function was held and despite being down on expected numbers a great time was had by all. During the evening we announced the 2018 recipients of the Association Soldier of the Year Award. LCPL David Pearce of 9 CSSB won the GRES award while CFN Krvavac of 1 CSSB won the ARA award. Colonel Commandant SA/TAS, Colonel Cocker had presented CFN Krvavac his award during the Corps Birthday celebrations at Woodside the previous day and LCPL Pearce received his the following week.

In regard to Colonel Cocker, his tenure as Colonel Commandant came to an end last year. During the years of his appointment in the role he was very committed to the cause and was initially responsible for not only South Australia but Northern Territory and Western Australia too. This was a huge task that he managed to do very well. Colonel Cocker, along with his wife Robyn, was actively involved in committee meetings, social functions and regularly attended to other duties during the year.

We presented Colonel Cocker a plaque in recognition of his commitment and dedication as Colonel Commandant and I am personally grateful for the support assistance he provided myself and the committee over the years.

I am sure we will still see him and Robyn at social activities when they are not away in their vintage caravan.

The incoming Colonel Commandant is Colonel Andrew Herbert who is currently posted to HQ 9 Brigade and resides in Hobart. I have worked with Colonel Herbert in recent years and look forward to him taking on this appointment. I know he is keen to be involved as much as possible despite not being permanently in South Australia.

In late December it was with great sadness I advised the membership of the passing of WO1 (retired) Frank Owen.

Frank was a past Vice President of the Association and an outstanding friend and mentor to many young soldiers over the years. Frank was very active within the SA RSL and in particular the Morphett Vale sub branch. Frank was instrumental in establishing the RAEME Vietnam contingent for ANZAC Day marches and in 2007 his service and dedication to RSL was recognised with being awarded an OAM.

Frank is sadly missed.

I look forward to another successful year for the Association and seeing you all along the way.

Arte et Marte
Richard Moyses
President



Association Secretary Don Harvy and President MAJ Richard Moyses proudly displaying the RAEME flag they have donated to the Association.



Congratulations



2018 National Craftsman of the Year (Corps Award)

The results of the winners of the National and State Craftsman of the Year awards (ARA and GRes) have been announced and the winners are:

ARA Craftsman of the Year CFN Joshua Keir, 1 CSSB Darwin
ARes Craftsman of the Year CFN Anthony Smith, 13 CSSB Perth
SA ARA Craftsman CFN Adonis Krvavac, 1 CSST Adelaide
Congratulations. Ed.

2018 Soldiers of the Year (Association Award)

ARA - CFN Adonis Krvavac,
1 CSST, Edinburgh
GRES - LCPL David Pearce
Wksp Coy, 9 CSSB

*COL David Cocker presenting the
ARA SofY award to CFN Krvavac at the
ARA Corps Birthday Function at Woodside*



2018 Best Overall Cadet at 43 ACU (Association Award)

CDT SGT Ethan Black.

RAEME Association of SA DIARY DATES 2019

Activity/Function

Date

- RAEME Luncheon (Avoca Hotel)	Tuesday 5 th March
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 20 th March
- 2019 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion – Plympton/Glenelg RSL	Saturday 13 th April
- 2019 ANZAC Day March	Thursday 25 th April
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 19 th June
- 2019 RAEME Formal Dinner (Mixed and All Ranks)	TBA
- RAEME Luncheon (Avoca Hotel)	Tuesday 3 rd September
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 18 th September
- RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function	Friday 25 th October
- Annual General Meeting	Saturday 30 th November
- RAEME Birthday Family Function	Saturday 30 th November (evening)

Allied Military Association Functions

- Defence Reserves Association of SA - AGM	TBA
- Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See Museum Website)	Wednesday 22 nd May

VALE – Lest We Forget



W01 Frank Owen OAM

Vehicle Mechanic – 106 Fd Wksp
Passed away 20 Dec 2018
Long-standing Assn Committee Member



Online lists of recent RAEME members Deaths and Illnesses are always available at:

- <http://www.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-alt>
- <http://www.sa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-report>

W01 Frank Owen OAM



It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of 48552 WO1 Frank Owen OAM.

Frank was born in Streaky Bay SA. He joined the army as an Army Apprentice and was part of the 10th Intake (1957) as a Vehicle Mechanic. During the Vietnam War he was a CPL and served with 106 Fd Wksp and on his return to Australia he progressed to the rank of WO1.

Frank was an unashamedly proud “Spanner” and was a strong supporter of the Corps right up until his death. In the 1990s & 2000s he was heavily involved in the AEME/RAEME Association holding various positions on the committee. He was also a strong advocate for RAEME Vietnam Veterans marching in their own right and in conjunction with the association started the RAEME Vietnam Veterans section in the march (and organised their own special banner). They still consistently have 20-30 marching in that group.

Frank was also heavily involved with the RSL and was president of the Morphett Vale Sub-branch for many years. And also held the position of RSL State vice -president for a period and travelled widely to meet his commitments.

He will be sadly missed, and we would like to pass on our condolences to his wife Dierdre and their children and grandchildren.





Coming Activities

RAEME LUNCHEON

The RAEME Luncheon get-togethers are held twice a year on the first Tuesday in March and September. They are open to all serving



and ex-serving AEME and RAEME personnel and are now being held at the **Avoca Hotel**, 897 South Road Clarence Gardens, at 12:00pm. This Luncheon is organised by Bob Killoran.

Next Luncheon is on Wednesday 5th March

If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob by phone on 0412 060 315 by the Friday before the luncheon so they 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.

2019 RAEME ANZAC FUNCTION

The committee has decided this year's RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion will be held on **Saturday 13th April** commencing at 6:00pm. The venue will again be the **Plympton-Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Road, Plympton Park**. Remember while there is some parking on-site, street parking may be required.

The format will be the same as last year with a BBQ meal (at approximately 7.00pm) followed by a "Remembrance Ceremony" at 9:00pm.

This function is for all serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintance". A great evening was enjoyed by all last year and the committee is working very hard to make sure the new venue makes it an even better function.

Mark the 13th April in your diary now and plan to be there!!!

An Invitation with all the details and a map showing the location is included with this Newsletter.

2019 ANZAC DAY MARCH

This year the march will be held on Thursday 25th April



Full details of the March and FUPs are shown on page 7.

Full details will also be available on the RSL Website (www.rslsa.org.au) and in "The Advertiser".

There will be no April Newsletter detailing the ANZAC March details this year due to the absence of the editor (See Page 1).

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Meetings will now be held approximately Quarterly at the **Plympton-Glenelg RSL**, nominally on the 3rd Wednesday of the month commencing at 6.00pm. Meetings are held in March, June and September with the AGM in December. **See the Diary dates on Page 4**

All members are welcome to attend.

Please confirm location and timings if you are planning to attend as it sometimes changes.

The ANZAC Commemorative March

Thursday 25 April 2019

Commencing at 9:30am.

We have been in touch with the march organiser and the Order of March and FUPs are the same as last year. Our Vietnam Workshops veterans are in Group 8 and their FUP is in North Terrace. The AEME/RAEME Association group are in Group 13 and their FUP is adjacent to the RAA. See map below



Full March details will be available on the RSL Website (www.rslsa.org.au) and in "The Advertiser".

NOTE:

ANZAC March details will not be circulated in an April Newsletter this year due to the Editor being away on holidays.

ARA RAEME Birthday Celebrations

Woodside Barracks Friday 30 Nov 2018

The 2018 RAEME Birthday celebration was held at Woodside on Friday 30th November and what a great day it was. Nearly all SA based units with RAEME staff had some representation for the afternoon. There was plenty of activity going on and certainly some great entertainment with the amount of competition, fun and rivalry that was evident.

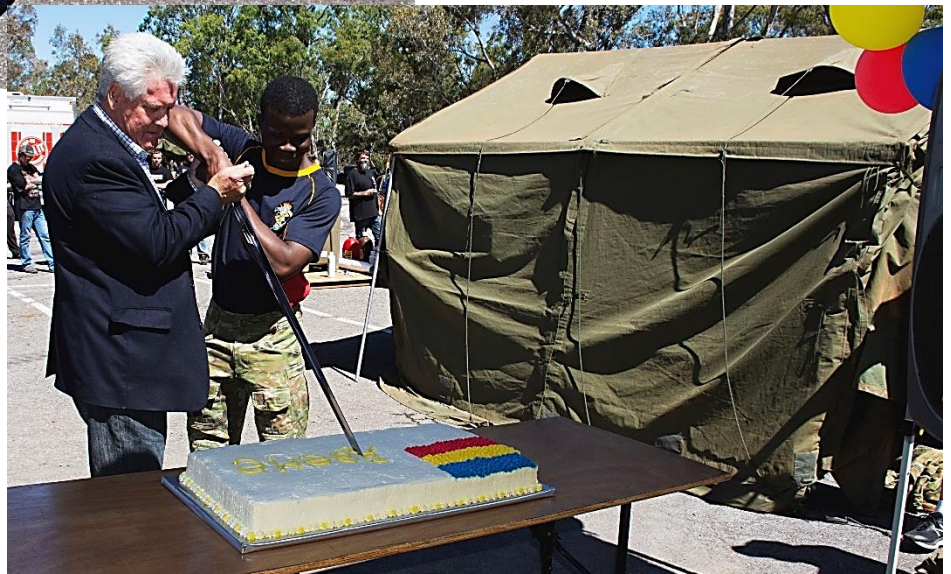


From lawn mower racing, tug of war and chin up competitions there was plenty to see and certainly some laughs. The major draw card for the crowd was without doubt the burnout comps. With lots of noise, coloured smoke, and destroyed tyres there was plenty of action to keep us entertained. The tyre manufacturers must love that sport!



The static vehicle display had hot rods, and classic muscle cars such as mustangs (both old and new), Toranas and Monaros. It was great to walk around these and talk to the owners who are passionate car lovers and happy to show off their toys.

The afternoon wound up with Colonel Commandant SA/WA, Colonel Cocker making presentations to the competition winners and presentation of the Corps CFN of the Year Award and our Association Soldier of the Year Award. CFN Krvavac was the recipient of both these awards so well done to him.



The cutting of the cake was also a popular activity.



The afternoon was an excellent way to celebrate the Corps Birthday and congratulations must go to everyone involved in organising, running and participating in the activity and in particular to Support Battery 16 ALR for again hosting the event. The suggestion on the day was the next Birthday event could be held at Edinburgh; we will wait and see. Congratulations again to all involved.

Thanks to MAJ Moyses for providing this article and pictures

FAREWELL

Completion of Appointment of Honorary Colonel Colonel David Cocker

On 1 Feb 2019 I completed my term of appointment as Honorary Colonel RAEME for both Central and West Regions.

Over the past three years it has been both an honour and pleasure to represent the Corps in this role. Whilst it has been demanding in the context of travelling to Darwin and Perth, the satisfaction in meeting the young men and women of RAEME, and seeing their continuing dedication to their chosen profession has been exceptionally rewarding.

Memorable occasions include RAEME Birthdays, Spanner club functions and Dining In nights in all locations. Each and every one has been conducted in high spirit and with great camaraderie.

I would like to include a thank you to the REME Association members in SA, who have brought a wealth of experience and background to many of the gatherings. Albeit that they have an uncanny ability to win a more than fair share of the raffle prizes.

Thank you to all who serve on Association Committees and especially to Major Richard Moyses and his great team for providing ongoing support and keeping me abreast of information pertaining to the Corps.

My successor is COL Herbert and I wish him well in supporting the various units and associations throughout his tenure. Additional appointments are being made to assist in both Darwin and Perth.

May you all remain healthy and continue to support our great Corps,

*David Cocker
Arte et Marte*

I am sure we would all like to thank COL Cocker for the tireless effort he put in to serving us as members of RAEME here in South Australia.

Thank you Colonel Ed





REME Association (SA) Update

Alan Weeks, the Chairman of the REME Association, SA Branch was recently the proud recipient of the REME Association's President's Commendation. (see article below).

A well-deserved honour. Congratulations from all your RAEME friends.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENDATION

At our meeting held on Sunday January 27th our President, Mr Bill Atkins, had the pleasure of presenting the President's Commendation to Mr Alan Weeks, Chairman of the REME Association, SA Branch.

The President's Commendation is awarded for exceptional services and is awarded by Lieutenant General P W Jaques CBE, President of the REME Association based in Lyneham, England.

Mr Weeks was also presented with a bottle of Commemorative Port, Craftsman Fortified 1986 – 2011 by longtime friend and associate, Mr Duncan Chattin.



Alan, ably assisted by his Wife Beth, has worked tirelessly on behalf of our Association and all members present were unanimous in their praise and also extended their congratulations to a very well deserved recipient of this prestigious Award.

The REME Association also generously forwarded a \$50 donation towards the purchase of our new banner stand. (See AGM Minutes report on Page 13)

Many thanks from the RAEME Association of SA committee and members

Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal??????

Subs are due on 1st July in the year your membership expires.

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years
eg \$50 for five years.

Payment can be arranged through our Treasurer/Membership Member
CPL Bob Matthew (mobile) **0409 962 208**

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities are available.

Defence Archives – Can Help You

Information provided by WO1 Noel Thomas (Rtd)



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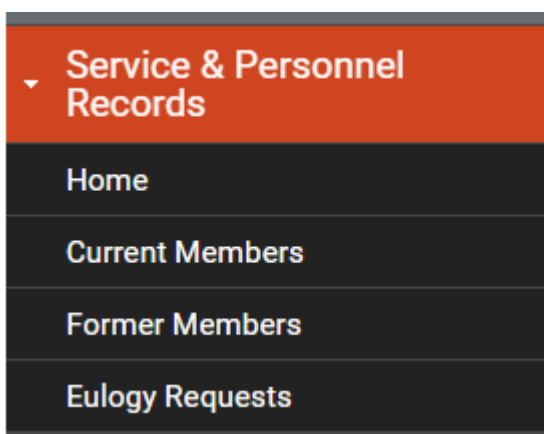
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Australia has a rich military service history spanning over 100 years. Australia has been a key player in major international military theatres and has made a tangible contribution to humanitarian aid missions, emergency exercises and peacetime activities. These achievements are a testament to the selfless service of ADF personnel. The service of military members has been recorded and carefully stored to ensure that the ADF legacy is maintained.

Defence Archives are responsible for ensuring the service records of Army, Navy and Air Force members are managed and maintained.



Service records can be requested by:

- Former ADF members.
- Family of former ADF members are also able to request service records providing they are able to provide proof of identity and proof of the relationship.

Eulogy Information can also be provided:

- These contain detailed information on the service history including postings and key achievements along with any honours that were awarded.
- Defence Archives are able to provide eulogy information at short notice however the more notice the better.

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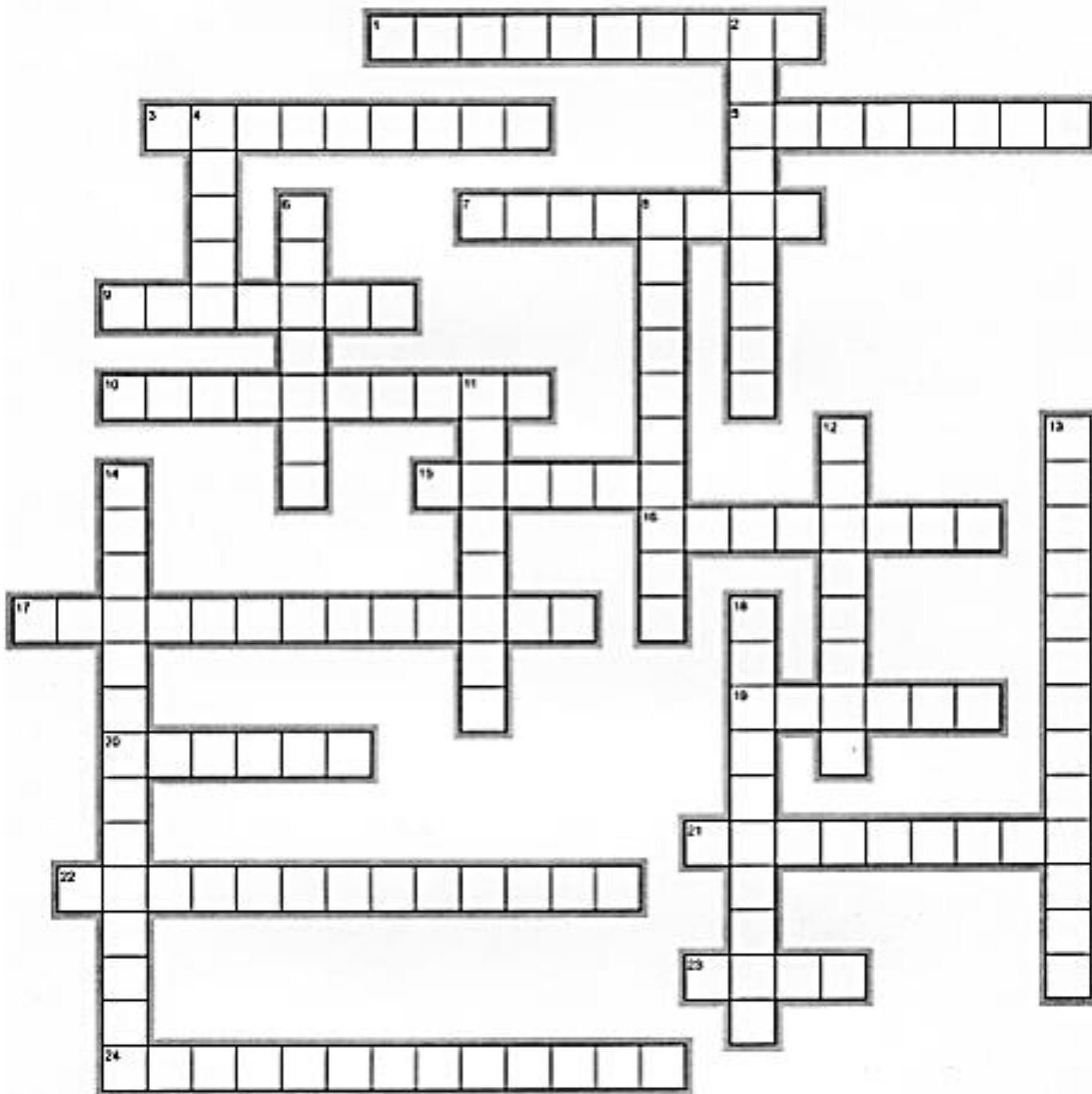
ALL THE REQUIRED FORMS AND DETAILED INFORMATION are available on the Defence Archives website at; www.defence.gov.au/Records/

Thanks to WO1 Thomas for this information. Ed

RAEME CROSSWORD

How well can you do

Thanks to Geoff Parker for organising this, there will be another one next edition



Across

1. MANUFACTURER OF THE ZERO AIRCRAFT
3. HIGH TEMPERATURE GAUGE
5. RECORD OFF THE INTERNET
7. ACT OF REVENGE
9. TRY
10. POL: PETROL, OIL,?
15. VOTE
16. ARTILLERY PIECE
17. VERY EARLY BICYCLE
19. SECONF LANGUAGE OF UN
20. FISHERMAN
21. OMD: OIL, MINERAL,.....?
22. FORMED AFTER WWII

23. ILLICIT DRUG TRANSPORTER
24. REDUNDANT ARMY RANK

Down

2. POWERED BY OIL PRESSURE
4. SAILING VESSEL
6. COMMON .22 CARTRIGE
8. OF UNKNOWN CAUSE
11. MENTORING
12. WORLD WIDE WEB
13. ENQUIRY
14. COLOUR SLIDES
18. PLEBISCITE

2018 AGM REPORT

The 2018 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 1st December at the Plympton- Glenelg RSL

Election of Office Bearers

<u>President:</u>	MAJ Richard Moyses
<u>Vice President</u>	Geoff Parker
<u>Treasurer & Membership</u>	Bob Matthew
<u>Secretary</u>	Don Harvy
<u>Assistant Secretary:</u>	Judy Moyses
<u>Asst Treasurer and Editor:</u>	LTCOL Greg Rosser (Retd)
<u>Ordinary Members:</u>	Bob Killoran Merchandising
	John Howard Historian
	Michael Culley
	Brian Holmes
	Doug Pammenter
<u>Auditor</u>	No Nomination
<u>Hon COLCOMDT:</u>	COL Andrew Herbert



Our Secretary Don Harvy and our President MAJ Richard Moyses

Financial Statement

An audited statement was provided. Summary is as follows:

Bank Account	\$7,035 (Does not include 7 RAR Corps Fund monies)
Investment Account	\$3,460
Merchandise	\$2,991

Major items covered include:

- A proposal to amend the Association Rules to include a "short title" for the name of the association was approved. The short title is to be "*RAEME Association of South Australia*".
- The newsletter distribution will continue to be sent via email and only those who pay for delivery of the newsletter will be distributed by post. If you hear of any members who are not receiving a copy, ask them to email the editor.
- It was agreed that we continue to financially support 43 Army Cadet Unit for the sum of \$200 for 2019.
- The AEME/RAEME Assoc. Perpetual 43 Army Cadet Unit "Best Cadet" Trophy winner for 2017 is CDT SGT Ethan Back

Other item included:

- The President informed the meeting that the committee had been looking into the possibility of purchasing a suitably made RAEME flag the association could use at events and functions. A suitable flag has been designed and purchased and will be donated to the Association by the President and Secretary.
- The President advised that we also needed to purchase a suitable Flag Stand and it was approved to spend up to \$200 on a suitable stand. The President suggested members might like to make a donation towards the cost of the stand to reduce the cost to the Association and a collection was taken.
- Geoff Parker reported progress with the upgrading of CFN Borlace's plaques and gravesite (Jul 2018 celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his death). The Association has been successful in seeking a grant of over \$700 to pay the costs for an interpretive sign and restore the original plaque that was provided by the Association in early 2000s. The President thanked Geoff for his good work and also thanked Mike Culley for his efforts in contacting and getting approvals from the family. It is planned to have an appropriate ceremony when the work is completed. We will also be providing information to DVA, local press and HOC regarding the ceremony.
- As Gary Nicolescu has now retired and was not available to audit the Assn books this year it was approved that Dawn Williams (Treasurers wife), supported by Grant Kuchel, conduct future audits.

2019 Functions

- **ANZAC Function** - will be held on Saturday 13th April at the Plympton-Glenelg RSL.
- **RAEME Corps Dinner All Ranks** –to be run again in 2019. Similar venue recommended.
- **RAEME Birthday All Ranks Family Function** - similar format to the 2018 function. Date to be Saturday 30th November (77th Birthday).

Full copy of the minutes, financial statement and other attachments available on request from the Secretary.



RAEME ASSOCIATION of SA



RAEME BIRTHDAY FUNCTION

The 76th RAEME Corps Birthday was celebrated by Central Region RAEME personnel at the Plympton – Glenelg RSL on Saturday 1st December (following the AGM). As always this was an excellent function which was very well attended. It was fantastic to see so many RAEME and REME members and their families attend and enjoy the function.

A number of members of the REME Association of SA travelled to join us for our Birthday function again last year. We certainly appreciate the great relationship that exists between the two groups.

The AEME/RAEME Association of SA “Soldier of the Year” winners for 2018 were announced and are as follows:

- **ARA - CFN Adonis Krvavac**,
1 CSST Edinburgh
- **GRES – LCPL David Pearce**,
Wksp Coy, 9 CSSB

CFN Krvavac was presented with his award by COL COCKER at the ARA Birthday function at Woodside (see page 4) and LCPL Pearce was presented his award the following week.

As always, a special cake was prepared for the function and it was enjoyed by all.

As announced at the AGM our Hon. COLCOMDT COL David Cocker has completed his appointment and will hand over the reins to COL Andrew Herbert as of early 2019.

In appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the Association it was agreed that it was appropriate to present COL Cocker with a framed miniature replica of the Corps Banner which was presented to Col Cocker by our President

Col Cocker and his wife Robyn have been regular attendees at our various Association functions and we all thank them for their support and hope to see them at future functions.



Special presentation to COL David Cocker by MAJ Richard Moyses on the completion of his appointment as Hon. COLCOMDT

As always, it was a great activity to catch up with old RAEME friends and fellow soldiers. As usual the raffles proved very popular with what seemed like almost prizes for everyone.

Our congratulations and thanks go to the organizers and the many helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the function such a success.

Cutting of the Corps Birthday Cake by COL Cocker and Alan Weeks, Chairman of the REME Assn SA Branch

Spanner Pack Update

From Ray Norman

In an attempt to keep everyone updated on the Spanner Pack program, may I advise that a further sixty "Spanner Packs" were dispatched to our men and women on operations in October.

We know that our colleagues, family and friends on operations really value this program, which is fast approaching 9000 kg mark, for packages dispatched over the life of Operation Spanner Pack program managed by the RAQ on behalf of the RAEME National Network (RNN).

For all readers, please note we need your help to make the packages useful and meaningful, so if you can donate items or money, please visit the shop on the RAEME Association Queensland (RAQ) Website at www.qld.raeme.org.au where you will find a "make a donation" tag.

Our next dispatch will be in February 2019.

Raymond Norman
RNN Spanner Pack Coordinator



You can also contact the Operation Spanner Pack Coordinator at:

rgnorman1944@gmail.com

SPANNER PACK THANKS

Ray Norman - Spanner Pack Coordinator, received these emails of appreciation:

OPERATION SPANNER PACK

Once again, Ray has received several letters of thanks in the last three months, but the following letter from Captain Samuel Wassef, HQJTF633 J4 Maintenance, illustrates just how much our deployed troops value the packs and the support of the RNN:

*"Dear Ray,
HEADQUARTERS JOINT TASK FORCE 633
I am very much enjoying the contents of my parcel that was provided as part of "Operation Spanner Pack"!
From me personally, it is an absolute delight to finally receive this as a deployed RAEME member overseas. I joined in 2006 and this is my first operational deployment – long awaited, and I'm so glad to finally get this experience.*

It is a great milestone for me in my career and a massive highlight to fulfil the role of J4 Maintenance, having overall responsibility for maintenance of land materiel in the Middle East Region. Sounds a bit weird saying that! But it goes without saying that I'm working closely with WO1 Aaron Writer here in HQJTF633 and am well supported by a great bunch of men and women across all the Task Groups.

From me as the J4 Maintenance, I am delighted to know that you and the team at the RAEME Associations provide for all RAEME personnel deployed to the Middle East. I remember when I was a subbie, and you came to Enoggera and explained this as part of your job in the RAEME Association. It's crazy to see it from the other end and be a recipient some 10 or so years later. The morale boost it brings to the team over here is great. Aaron and I personally took the packs down to the ASM of the FSE workshop here in AMAB and they were all very appreciative. You'll be pleased to know that the tri-colour and RAEME badge is plastered right across the Middle East and the boys and girls are proudly flying the flag everywhere!

Please find enclosed some photos of RAEME personnel based in the Middle East. We hope this can be added to your collection and shown to the people that put these care packages together. We also hope that this can show how appreciative we all are!

Once again, thanks for all your support from the RAEME Association, and on behalf of all RAEME personnel currently deployed to the Middle East Region, please pass on my thanks to all involved."



CAPT Wassef and WO1 Writer



Task Group Taji VII
Workshops
May - November 18



Here are some other more personal letters:

Op ACCORDION - FSE9
 APO12
 AOF
 Sydney NSW 2890

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to receive your care package from the RAEME Association of AId. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you. By way of introduction, my name is Warrant Officer Christopher Laid. I am currently serving as the Force Support Element ASEM, as part of Middle East and North Africa Region (MENAR).

Christmas is a challenging time away from family & friends & I think you for your Association's contribution to supporting deployed Forces RAEME elements. We have been keeping up tradition and we're envious of many as well as attracting attention for our efforts. The turtle brand is continuing very well & the lads have painted the building end wall which very quickly gained attention. Hopefully you will see their efforts in the next Christmas magazine.

Thank you



Christopher Laid
 Warrant Officer Class Two
 FSE Support Element Nine
 Middle East & North Africa Region

Dear RAEME ASSOCIATION

I am writing to you to thank you for the spanner pack. I work as an armourer in AMAB the spanner pack served me well during my time working in the armoury. I followed your instructions and offered some to the store members. They were impressed that the RAEME Association sent some care packs to RAEME members.

Thank you once again I really appreciate it.

Regards,

Mark.



Well Done to all. Ed

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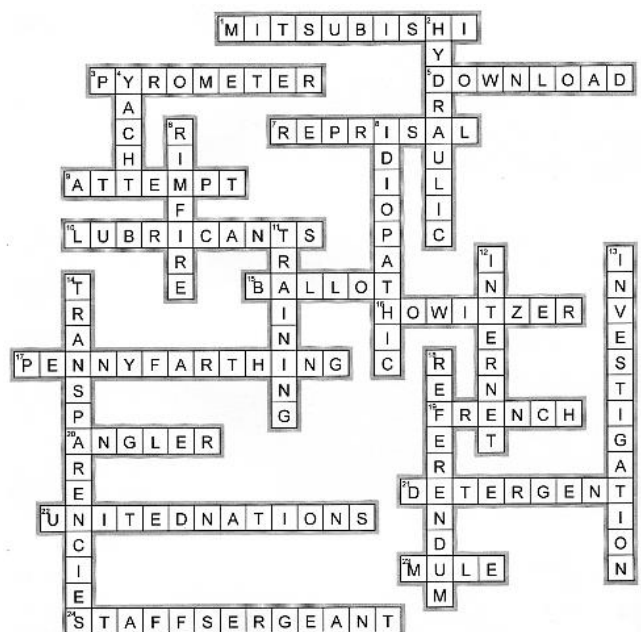
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Hope you got them all correct. Thanks again Geoff



MEMBERSHIP

Subs are due on 1 July in the year your membership is current until. If the date on the list below shows 2018, (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 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.

Contact Bob Matthew for details if you want to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

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

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