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AGM RESCHEDULED

NOW SATURDAY 27th March

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND - RSVP EARLY See Page 2

The AGM will be followed by a Lunch .

All members welcome.



Key Points

AGM Commences 12 midday Saturday 27 March 2021

Lunch commences immediately following closure of AGM

Meals to be ordered prior to AGM commencing

Numbers for lunch are limited so all attending must advise Secretary by 20 March in order to confirm our booking.

All attending will receive a subsidy of up to \$10 for meals or drinks

The Detail

The Avoca Hotel will be providing us private access to the Glasshouse section of the Hotel. This will enable us to conduct the AGM and enjoy lunch in an area set aside for us without access to the general public.

Having the private area does limit numbers to 45, so pre booking and confirmation of numbers is vital. Therefore we ask that **everyone attending advise the Secretary, Don Harvy of their attendance by 20 March.**

Don can be contacted by;

Email - harvy@adam.com.au or mobile 0412 021 411

We ask that everyone attending arrive in time to meet up, get a seat, check the menu and order lunch prior to commencement of the AGM. This is asked to be done in order to ensure group serving can be achieved.

Meal prices at the Avoca range between approximately \$20 to \$32 so averaging around \$25. Recent experience confirms the quality of meals is very good.

Queries

All queries can be directed to Don Harvy – <u>harvy@adam.com.au</u> or

Richard Moyses, rmoyses@adam.com.au

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2021 and I hope all the membership are well and settling into a new year that will hopefully be much better than 2020.

I think it is fair to say we have all learnt something from the past 12 months. For me, the biggest thing was how quickly situations can change how we as a society can be impacted. Despite the challenges we face in Australia they are very minor compared to other parts of the world and we must be grateful for that.

From the Association perspective you will all be aware we basically shut up shop for 2020. There was not much choice given the restrictions meant we could not meet in large numbers, and we also need to remember that according to COVID 19, most of our members are in, or close to the vulnerable age group.

The committee only met twice, March and October. Although there were minimal meetings the committee was still active in managing what needed to be done and trying to maintain the Association while basically on pause.

Despite a lot of things not occurring I am pleased to advise the Association Soldier of the Year Awards did go ahead. I was fortunate to be able to make presentations to both the fulltime and part time recipients.

The winners were LCPL Sebastien Beoutis (now CPL) of 1 CSSB, and LCPL David Webb of 9 CSSB. Both recipients were very worthy winners for 2020 and acknowledged the recognition by the Association. A couple of other key issues from 2020 were the cancellation of our Public Liability Insurance and deferral of the AGM. The insurance policy was essentially not renewed because there was no point when we were not holding functions or conducting any business. This saved the Association just over \$1000. The committee will reconsider activating the policy when necessary.

With regard to the 2020 AGM we will be conducting this on Saturday 27 March 2021 at the Avoca Hotel. A luncheon will be held immediately following the AGM and it will be great to have a good turnout to both. The Association will also be providing a subsidy of up to \$10 per person attending. Full details are on page 2.

The Avoca Hotel has been chosen because we are able to use the venue with no need for the Association to create a COVID Safe Plan and carry Public Liability Insurance. If we did hold the AGM at the RSL (as per previous years), we would need to have these items in order to be compliant.

Anyway, 2021 is another year and we hope to recommence with Association activities.

We are all waiting to hear what ANZAC day will consist of this year. There is a lot of talk about the March going ahead but with restrictions in place on marching contingents and members of the public viewing the march. As more information is confirmed we will update the membership.

The Combined Logistics and Medical Corps Associations Dinner will once again be held at the West Lakes Golf Club on Friday 29 October. The dinner last year was an excellent night with over 90 people attending and all having a great time. There will be more information on this over the coming few months.

I look forward to a more social year than last year and will hopefully see many of you at the AGM and Luncheon on 27 March.

Arte et Marte Richard Moyses President





2020 "Soldiers of the Year" Award (Association Award)

ARA – LCPL Sebastien Beoutis (now CPL) of 1 CSSB

MAJ Richard Moyses presenting the ARA SofY award to LCPL Beoutis at 1 CSSB Workshop - Edinburgh





MAJ Richard Moyses presenting the GRes SofY award to LCPL Webb at the unit 2020 Corps Birthday Activity.



Congratulations. Ed

2020 "Best Overall Cadet at 43 ACU" Award (Association Award)

We have been advised by the OC of 43 Army Cadet Unit, LT(AAC) Adam Doe that NO AWARDS were presented in 2020 due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

He also thanked the Association for its ongoing support and advised that our sponsorship signage is still displayed under the unit sign at the front of the unit.

RAEME Association of SA DIARY DATES 2021

Activity/Function

- Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27th March

Sunday 25th April

Wednesday 16th June

Friday 29th October

TBA TBA

Tuesday 7th September Wednesday 15th September

Date

ANZAC Functions and Activities to be decide at the postponed 2020 AGM

- 2021 ANZAC Day March (Details to be confirmed)
- Committee of Management Meeting
- RAEME Luncheon (Avoca Hotel)
- Committee of Management Meeting
- RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function
- Annual General Meeting
- RAEME Birthday Family Function

Allied Military Association Functions

- Defence Reserves Association of SA AGM
- Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See Museum Website)

TBA Wednesday 19th May

VALE – Lest We Forget





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

Proud Day for WO2 John Prince

John is very supportive of the Association and our Newsletter and he regularly sends in photos and information about special RAEME "happenings".

In October he posted a note on Facebook

"A very proud day for me last Tuesday night. 36 Years passes so fast. (DOE 10 Oct 1984) 4th Clasp to the Defence Long Service Medal presented by BRIG Burgess (AG-A) at the Army Compliance and Assurance Unit (Keswick Bks Det.) Thanks to my loving family for your unwavering support of my career".

We would like to add our congratulations to the long list of people congratulating him on a great achievement.

John enlisted in the Army in October 1984 and after his recruit course at Kapooka he undertook the 1/85 Adult Trade Electronics Training Course. On completion he had a number of postings in QLD and NT then more in NSW and Bandiana before his final ARA Posting to Adelaide. In December 2011 he transferred to the ARes where he has held a number of different postings. He is currently posted to Directorate of Operations & Training Area Management (Adelaide).

John's operational service includes OP TANAGER and OP CATALYST (twice).



John being presented his 4th Clasp to the Defence Long Service Medal by BRIG Burgess (AG-A)

Well done Ed.







11.30am - Sunday 30th May 2021 Coopers Ale House - Gepps Cross

All RAEME Association of SA members are invited to attend.



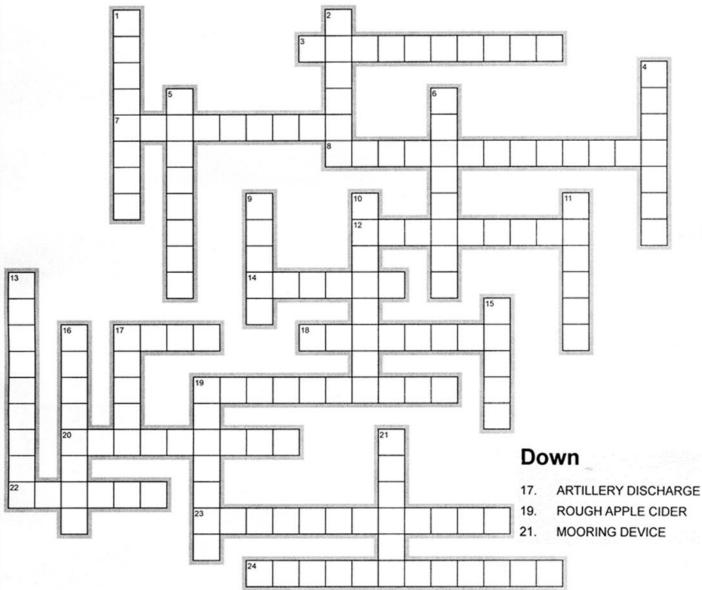
We encourage you to attend as the REME Association attend a number of our functions (as a group) and we would like to reciprocate. The cost of meals is approximately \$20 - 25 per head.

If you are planning to attend, please ensure you RSVP (to Mark Armstrong) and mention you are part of the RAEME Association of SA group and provide him with a contact phone number and/or email address.

Geoff Parker's Tribute RAEME CROSSWORD

How well can you do

Thanks to Geoff Parker (now deceased) for organising this and others in advance



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

- 3. LADIES RIDING STYLE
- 7. NAVAL GUNFIRE FROM ALL TURRETS
- 8. SOLDERING FLUID
- 12. MANAGEMENT GROUP
- 14. MAGNETIC DEMOLITION MINE
- 17. SMOKE POLLUTED AIR
- 18. LARGE ARBOREAL SNAKE
- 19. OUTLINE
- 20. WWII AUST BUILT FIGHTER
- 22. SLANG FOR TLC
- 23. EXPLOSIVES SUCH AS FIREWORKS
- 24. NEEDS

Down

- 1. SPINAL COLUMN
- ASTROLOGY THE FISH
- WARDROBE ASSISTANT
- 5. STRONG PAIN KILLER
- 6. ONE WHEELED PEDAL CYCLE
- PET NAME FOR A PARROT
- 10. REVERE
- 11. SPANISH CURRENCY
- 13. MEDICO PRO WORD
- 15. MOTHER OF PEARL
- NEW PRIME MINISTER (THIS HINT PREPARE A WHILE BACK!)

Probably the only 2020 Corps Birthday Cake in SA

If anyone else had a Corps Birthday cake in South Australia please send me a picture and some details



Cutting the Corps Birthday cake at 107 Fd Wksp Coy 9 CSSB on Tuesday 1st December 2020



Membership Renewal

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

Subs are due on 1st July in the year your membership expires. If the date on the list on page 12 shows 2020, (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.

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

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities are available.

Burglars !

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said,

'Jesus knows you're here.'

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze.

When he heard nothing more, he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard 'Jesus is watching you.'

Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice.

Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

'Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot.

'Yep', the parrot confessed, then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you that he is watching you.'

The burglar relaxed. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?'

'Moses,' replied the bird.

'Moses?' the burglar laughed. 'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?'

'The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus.'

Can't Tell a Lie

A distinguished young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the Priest beside her, 'Father, may I ask a favour?'

'Of course, child. What may I do for you?'

'Well, I bought an expensive woman's electronic hair dryer for my mother's birthday that is unopened and well over the Customs limits, and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?'

'I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie.'

'With your honest face, Father, no one will question you.'

When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her. The official asked, 'Father, do you have anything to declare?'

'From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare.'

The official thought this answer strange, so asked, 'And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?'

'I have a marvellous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused.' Roaring with laughter, the official said, 'Go ahead, Father. Next!'

Spanner Pack Update

From Ray Norman

The final Spanner Pack delivery for 2020 occurred in November. The team compiled 42 packs which will hopefully be in the hands of the troops in various parts of the Middle East before Christmas.

Thank you to the many folk who have generously donated to the RNN/RAQ Spanner Pack program – you should be aware how much the team appreciates your support, and we wish to reassure you that COVID restrictions did not get in the way of our work.

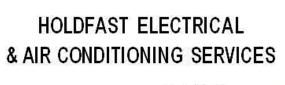
For readers, who may wish to assist, please note we do need your help, so if you can donate items, or money, please visit the shop on the RAEME Association Queensland (RAQ) Website at **www.qld.raeme.org.au** where you will find a "make a donation" tag.

Raymond Norman RNN Spanner Pack Coordinator



You can also contact the Operation Spanner Pack Coordinator at: rgnorman1944@gmail.com

Well Done to all. Ed

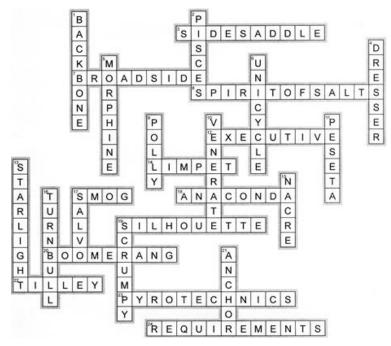


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- Installations •
- Refrigeration Ma
- Maintenance •
- Air Conditioning Repairs

DOUG PAMMENTER



Crossword Results



Hope you got them all correct. Thanks again Geoff

MEMBERSHIP

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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 (22 Sienna Ave, WARRADALE SA 5046 - mobile 0409 962 208). 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:

Honorary Life Members

Mike Culley, Bob Killoran, Grant Kuchel, David Turner, Greg Rosser, Richard Moyses, Don Harvy.

Current Members

Wally Ade (2025), Milton Ahrens (2023), Frank Aldous (Over 75), Graham Amos (2019), Kurt Andersen (2016), Heath Arblaster (2013), Graham Arthy (2014), Joe Barton (Over 75), Paul Berk (2022), Wayne Birch (2020), John Black (2021), James Boulton (2022), Helmut Bohn (2013), David Brand (2025), Warren Brazil (2020), Kent Brown (2024), Nick Bridgman (2022), David Buckland (2021), Ian Burgess (2022), Shane Buckley (2017), Robert Butler (2020), Robert Castle (2019), Trevor Clerke (2025), Geoff Coat (2018), Brian Cogan (2018), Don Collins (2020), George Cooke (2022), Phillip Coppin (2017), Ian Coulter (Over 75), Brian Cowell (2020), Peter Cox (2020), George Craig (2023), Bob Davis (2021), Joe Dennis (2023), Chris Duffield (2022), Nick Ebbs (2014), Len Edwards (2008), Mick Ellis (2014), Kym Everett (2043), Andew Ferguson (2021), Jim Fisher (2013), Scott Fishlock (2019), Brian Flavel (2024), Rodney Fletcher (2014), Jan Gancarz (2025), Charlie Gauci (2018), Nick Gogilis (Over 75), Steve Gough (2015), Bob Gourley (2021), Tony Gow (2015), Stephen Green (2018), Gary Green (2021), Robert Hansford (2013), Anthony Harriden (2021), Arthur Hasse (2013), Greg Hay (2015), Colin Haynes (2022), Tony Hinton (2022), Brian Holmes (2025), John Howard (Over 75), Gary Howell (2018), Rodney Hussey (2013), Graham Janz (2021), Juris Jaudzems (2024), Ian Jeisman (2020), Jeff Johns (2021), Lindsay Johnson (2013), Mark Johnson(2015), Kain Neale (2017), Eric Kelly (2021), Bob King (Over 75), Arron Kinleyside (2021), Geoff Kohler (2025), Colin Kuchel (2014), Warrick Lee

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