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NEW MEMBER

LT Lily Mclvor - 1CSSB

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING OUR ASSOCIATION?

You can join by applying on the website
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in the best possible health as we navigate our way through winter and the ongoing issues with the pandemic.

Our Association has remained strong throughout the past few years despite adopting a cautious approach to activities, meetings, and functions. We have had a slight increase in membership thanks to some new members, and the review and “clean up” of our member database has proven to be very worthwhile.

Sadly we have farewelled some members who have passed on. More details are provided within this newsletter, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those we have lost.

Our most recent newsletter was prior to Anzac Day, seems so long ago now! The day itself went well and importantly the March managed to avoid any rain. We had good attendance as an Association with nearly 50 members marching. Our numbers were certainly boosted by the men and women from ASEME, so a big thanks to all who joined the Association group. There was also a small RAEME Vietnam Veterans contingent who marched, great to see those guys out there too.

As for functions, I am pleased to advise we have locked in details for the annual Logistics and Health Services Dinner being held at the West Lakes Golf Club on Friday 28 October. Tickets are now available. Full details have been emailed out and are also included in this newsletter.

This year our guest speaker is Dr Sharon Mascall-Dare. Sharon is an Adjunct Associate Professor at UNISA and also a serving Major with Australian Army Public Affairs. Sharon has vast experience in journalism and broadcasting and operational experience in Iraq where she was the Public Relations Officer for Task Group Taji during 2016-2017. Her talk promises to be very interesting.

Other key dates for the year are our association AGM and Corp 80th Birthday Lunch on Saturday 26 November at the West Adelaide Football Club.

The following day we are all invited to join our REME friends at the Coopers Ale House Gepps Cross for their Christmas Lunch. It will be great to have a good number of our Association attend so we can win the raffle prizes!!

Once again, details of all events are in this newsletter. I look forward to catching up with people during the year, in the meantime, take care.

Arte et Marte
Richard Moyses
President

NOTE

LOTS OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THIS EDITION

All Corps Dinner Function

- **At West Lakes Golf Club**
- **Friday 28th October 2021**

Link to Booking Site:

[2022 Log and Health Services Dinner](#)

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Diary Dates

(Put them in your calendar NOW)

AGM and Corps Birthday Function

**At West Adelaide Football Club,
Richmond**

- **Saturday 26th Nov**
- **AGM 10.30am Start**
- **Birthday 12 Noon Start**

REME (SA) Christmas Lunch

- **Sunday 27th November**
- **Coopers Alehouse – Gepps Cross**

Army Museum @ Keswick Barracks OPEN DAY

- **Saturday 8th October**
- **10am to 4pm**

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RAEME Association of SA
DIARY DATES 2022

Activity/Function

Date

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| - RAEME (Harry the Horse) Luncheon (Avoca Hotel) | Tuesday 6 th September |
| - Committee of Management Meeting | Wednesday 21 st September |
| - RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function (see Pg 6) | Friday 28 th October |
| - 2022 Annual General Meeting - West Adelaide FC | 10.30am Saturday 26 th November |
| - 2022 RAEME Birthday Family Function - West Adelaide FC | 12noon Saturday 26 th November |

Allied Military Association Functions

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| - Keswick Museum Open Day (See Pg 7 or Museum Website) | Saturday 8 th October |
| - REME(SA) Christmas Lunch Coopers Ale House – Gepps Cross
(All RAEME Members welcome) | Sunday 27 th November |

SGT Sam Nowak

Ex ARA (20yrs) incl 106 Fd Wksp (Vietnam)
then ARes 107 Fd Wksp
Passed away 6 Jun 2022 aged 75
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MAJ John (JB) E. Beere

Ex Regular Army (Infantry/RAEME).
Trg Officer at 107 Fd Wksp & Adelaide Wksp Coy
Recently Deceased (retired in Hawaii)
See page 5



MAJ Trevor (Sqizzy) Taylor

SGT in 106 Fd Wksp (Vietnam)
Passed away 30 Jun 2022 aged 77

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>

Vale SGT Wladyslaw (Sam) NOWAK

Sam's funeral was held in the Harrison Funeral Parlour, Ridgehaven, SA and was attended by several of his Army friends who all wanted to say goodbye to a good, reliable friend. His family provided some of Sam's treasured military items for display and these were supplemented by more RAEME memorabilia provided by our Association Secretary, Don Harvy. All those in attendance were saddened by his passing.

Sam was born in 1947 in Hanover, Germany, migrated to Australia and joined the army when he was 19.

After completing his recruit training, he was allotted to RAEME and spent the next 12 months at RAEME Training Centre (RTC) completing his Corps and trade training.

As a Radio Mechanic / Electronics Technician he was posted to 201 Field Workshop and then in 1968 he was off to Vietnam with 1 Armoured Squadron Workshop and 106 Field Workshop.

On return to Australia, he was posted to 111 Light Anti Aircraft Battery Light Aid Detachment (LAD) and then after a short time back in Australia he was posted to ANZUK Area Workshop in Singapore where he remained for 2 years.

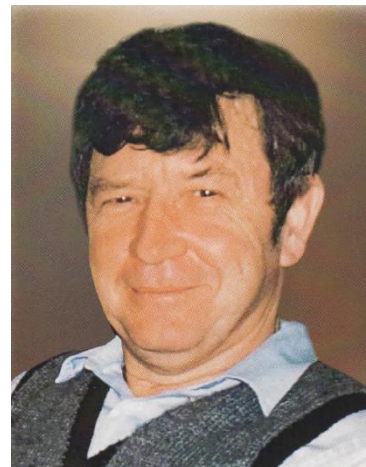
After this very enjoyable posting he returned to Australia and was posted to a variety of Workshops and LAD around Australia.

After 21 years in the regular army, he elected to transfer to the Emergency Reserve. He missed the camaraderie of the Army and after 12 months transferred to the Active Army Reserve and was posted to 107 Field Workshops. During the next 12 years he held a variety of postings at various units around Adelaide and achieved the rank of Sergeant.

He retired from the Army Reserve in 2011.

Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with cancer and although he fought a difficult battle valiantly the cancer finally beat him.

He will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace Sam.



Vale MAJ John (JB) E. BEERE

A potted history by MAJ John Schulz

From PRIVATE to MAJOR – RAInf to RAEME

JB, as he was known to everyone, chose the Military as a career and after the initial stint at Kapooka, was posted to 6 RAR. His vision of “seeing the world” was soon to commence as Pte JE Beere of 11Pl, D Coy 6RAR found himself in Vietnam in May 1966.

On the 16th August 1966, the daily grind of life as a Grunt was soon to take on a new meaning when D Coy went on patrol for OPERATION SMITHFIELD which later become known as The Battle of Long Tan. Being in 11 Pl, JB was right in the middle of this battle and ended up wounded and lay in the bush all night till they found him the next day. Of the 33 members of 11 Pl, 13 were KIA and 10 were wounded. It is only recently that I found this out –



Obviously, this was a turning point in JB’s life and having seen the light, he made the career move from RAInf to RAEME. Unfortunately, I did not run into JB until he was posted (Circa 1985) to 4 EME Svcs Unit (107 Fd Wksp) as the ARA Training Officer. At that time, he was a WO1 and shortly after he was promoted to Captain. After approx. 4 years with 4 EME, he was posted to Adelaide Workshop Coy as the Admin Officer where he spent another 4 years and was then, on promotion to Major, posted to RTC Bandiana.

I lost track of him after his posting to RTC and I am just not too sure when he pulled the pin however around 2004, out of the blue, he invited me to dinner for his 60th birthday. At that time, he was working for Kimberly Clark at Lonsdale as their Training Officer.

Later, he moved to Canada working for mining companies where, according to him, he spent most of his time drinking and fighting. Around 2010, he woke up to himself (his words) and he met a lady on-line who just happened to live in Hilo Hawaii (The Big Island). He packed his bags and flew to Hawaii to meet her. Unbeknown to him at that time, his new wife-to-be was a senior Minister in the Hawaii Church and her congregation was spread over all the Hawaiian Islands. The next time (2017) I ran into JB in Hilo, he was married to his lady, Billie, and I had never seen him so happy and relaxed. He had given up the booze, still smoked like a train, had doubled his weight and had become a very sought-after Tourist Guide on the Big Island. I was amazed at the amount of history and generic info he had picked up about Hawaii in general and he was also speaking the local lingo.

Since that time, we communicated regularly via email. I had not heard from him for some time and I eventually got onto his wife and she advised that JB had passed on and that in accordance with his wishes, his ashes had been spread at sea. *moe i ka maluhia* (Rest in peace mate)

RAEME ‘HARRY THE HORSE’ LUNCHEON

Back at the AVOCA Hotel



The next Luncheon get-together for all ex-serving AEME or RAEME personnel will be held on **Tuesday 6th September** and is back at the RSL's **Avoca Hotel**, 893 South Road, Clarence Gardens, commencing at 12:00 noon. This Luncheon is organised by Bob Killoran.

If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob Killoran on 0412 060 315 before Friday 2nd September 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.

WHY NOT JOIN US AND BRING SOME FRIENDS

You're Invited

The Logistics & Health Services Corps Associations of South Australia proudly announce

LOGISTICS & HEALTH SERVICES DINNER 2022

Current and former serving members and their partners are invited to enjoy this fine dining opportunity in a semi formal setting.

Date: Friday 28th October

Venue: West Lakes Golf Club, Lochside Drive, West Lakes

Time: 1830 for 1900

Tickets

\$70 per person, available via Eventbrite

Details

3 course meal provided
Drinks available at bar prices

Dress

Coat and Tie after five wear, with medals



Guest Speaker

DR Sharon Mascall-Dare
Associate Professor UNISA, and
Major with Australian Army Public
Relations



Bookings through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sa-logistics-and-health-services-associations-dinner-2022-tickets-399909739797> or [2022 Log and Health Services Dinner](#)



Last year's event

30th BIRTHDAY of the ARMY MUSEUM OF SA



ARMY MUSEUM @ KESWICK BARRACKS OPEN DAY

VINTAGE and CURRENT EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY

Armoured
Vehicles



Support
Vehicles

Weapons and
Lots More



Saturday 8th October 2022 10.00am to 4.00pm

FREE ENTRY

Current and Vintage vehicles and equipment on display to see and touch.

Limited parking available within the Barracks. Vehicle entry via Maple Avenue. Follow the signs from Anzac Highway. Pedestrian entry via Gate 4 from Anzac Highway.

Public transport using Bus, Train or Tram is readily available.

- Bus - Any bus up or down ANZAC Highway and get off at Bus Stop 2 (Keswick)
- Train – get off at Adelaide Showgrounds Station and follow the signs
- Tram – Get off at Stops 3, 4 or 5 and walk through to the barracks

Bookings are essential @ Eventbrite (<https://tinyurl.com/eventbrite-keswick-open-day>)

DON'T MISS THIS ONCE ONLY ACTIVITY – KIDS WELCOME

ANZAC DAY 2022

ANZAC MARCH REPORT

ANZAC Day 2022 proved to be a lovely day with spectators starting to return to support our veterans. Even though the numbers were lower than in pre-covid times there was lots of clapping and cheering. Especially encouraging was the number of young children rejoining the crowd.



Our Association Group with Don Harvey (our Secretary) leading

The Adelaide ANZAC DAY March is the highlight of the year for a number of our veterans and RAEME was very well represented this year with the addition of 30(+) trainees from ASEME who are posted to Edinburgh. Unfortunately, our RAEME Vietnam group numbers have been down for the last couple of marches so we hope this trend can be reversed.

We can always do with more people marching so if you didn't march this year, we would love to see you join either one of our Veteran Groups next year.

RAEME VIETNAM VETERANS - GROUP 5

The Vietnam RAEME Group, which has been absent since the Covid pandemic hit, was a shadow of its former self.



*The Vietnam Group
(Photo supplied by Ray Ryan (far left) – thanks Ray)*

After the passing of Frank Owen no one seems to want to take responsibility for the group. If anyone is interested the Association is looking after the banner and would like someone to co-ordinate the RAEME veterans as they return to the March. Pre-Covid the RAEME Vietnam banner was a great rallying point for all RAEME soldiers who served in Vietnam and hopefully numbers will grow Post Covid.

We look forward each year to seeing the banner being carried with real pride.

AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION - GROUP 12

This year the numbers were very good with the addition of the army trainees. Our thanks go to ASEME staff for organizing their participation as it meant we had over 50 RAEME "soldiers" proudly marching behind our banner and a real sense of camaraderie prevailed during the march.

A lot of our marching group congregated at the Torrens Parade Ground after the March, and this has now become the unofficial post-march meeting place (a good place for a drink and chat after the March).



The association committee would like to thank everyone who attended and represented RAEME during the march as it is important that the Corps is seen to be alive and active during this type of activity.



Our RAEME Association group just after stepping off



The ASEME Trainees after the March

Membership Renewals

Due 1st July 2022

If YOUR membership needs to be renewed, you will receive a reminder email or letter. Please pay promptly (before you forget).

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The following letter was found on the body of a man who had committed suicide.

"I married a widow with a grownup daughter. My father visited our house very often, fell in love with my step-daughter and married her. Thus my father became my son in law, my step-daughter became my mother because she was my father's wife. Sometime later my wife had a son.

He was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle, for he was really the brother of my step-daughter who became my step-mother. Now my father's wife (my step-mother) had a son. He was of course, my brother, but at the same time my grandchild for he was the son of my daughter.

My wife, then, was my grand-mother because she was my mother's mother.

I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time. And since the husband of a person's grand-mother is his grand-father ! I was my own grand-father.

The strain was too much for me !!!!!".

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Don't Make Assumptions

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But officer," the man began, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say,"

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!" A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell.

"I'm the groom."

2022 RAEME ANZAC FUNCTION



Photos provided by MAJ Richard Moyses



The Committee table

The 2022 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Function was held on Saturday 23rd April at the West Adelaide Football Club Clubrooms at Richmond. This year it was a lunchtime event which seemed to please those attending.

The function was a great success and the new venue proved to be very functional with our own private room and plenty of seating. There was a good range of value for money food which covered all tastes and dietary requirements and bar prices were also good.

We were joined again by a number of the REME Association (SA Branch) members, a brethren group who we have shared a number of activities with over

the past few years. We would like to thank Alan Weeks and his committee for inviting us to join them for their activities and also supporting ours.



The REME Assn table

From the REME Assn Magazine Report

Our members were invited to attend the RAEME Anzac Function held on Saturday April 23rd 2022 and many of us took up the offer. We were made to feel most welcome and it was a most enjoyable lunch and there was, of course, the usual banter that occurs when our two factions come together. We also came away with several raffle prizes which were also accompanied with the usual ribald comments said and received with good humour. A most enjoyable day.

Once again Judy Moyses and team did a great job with the raffle prizes. A large number of tickets were sold and there were a lot of very happy winners.



The Raffle prizes table

The President and committee thanks everyone who attended and particularly those who helped setting up and during the event.



Lou Leeuwrick's table



Bob Killoran's table

Interested in ARMY HISTORY OR JUST WITH HELPING OUT

The Army Museum of South Australia (AMOSa) is this State's premier Army Museum with SA related displays going back to before the Boer War.

The Museum Foundation are currently looking for capable people to help as volunteers in a variety of roles within the museum and if you have a little spare time, we would love to speak to you about joining us.

If you think you might like to be involved, contact Greg Rosser and organise to come down and check us out.

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DON'T MISS OUR 30TH BIRTHDAY OPEN DAY – Sat 8th Oct 10am to 4pm (See page 7)