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PRESIDENT'S **REPORT**

Dear Members, once again I will commence by saying I hope this newsletter finds everyone in the best possible health and generally keeping fit and well.

Our Association has come out of winter hibernation and been involved in a few recent activities that have assisted with promoting the association, our Corp and generally getting the members together in social settings.

Sadly we have farewelled some members who have passed on. Two long serving members, Nick Gogilis and Gary Howell passed away in recent months, more details are provided within this newsletter, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those we have lost.

In September our RAEME Luncheon was held at the Avoca Hotel. Thanks to Bob (Klackers) Killoran for once again organising the get together. Despite it being a small number in attendance the stories were as big and funny as ever. Interesting how the conversation with longer serving (read as older) members seems to float between current and recent health issues and good old war stories of days gone by.

But that is why we have these events, it is all part of keeping in touch and checking in on how everyone is going. It is very easy to not make a phone call or miss a lunch opportunity but maintaining the connections ensure we know how our mates are tracking and is all part of the welfare check that associations can play a part in.

Most recently the annual Logistics and Health Services Dinner was held at the West Lakes Golf Club. Once again this was a very successful night and well represented by RAEME.

The highlight of the dinner was the presentation of a Federation Star. It was my privilege to present on behalf of Chief of Army, the Federation Star to WO2 (Rtd) Lou Leeuwrik. Lou served between 1974 and 2015 within CMF, and Army Reserve with some stints of full time service in between. Most importantly Lou served all those years in RAEME as a Recovery Mechanic.

Despite his trade role, Lou's career involved many changes in jobs over the 40 plus years. More details are included in a feature article within this newsletter.

As a bit of background, this dinner was borne from discussions with myself and Presidents of RACT, RAAOC and Army Medical Corps Associations in SA. All associations have embraced the function and over the past 4 years the dinner has been a continuing success.

While being military themed, the formalities are minimal, and the evening includes a keynote speaker proving an address on their respective area of expertise. Importantly, the topics are not directly related to the military, although there are generally some similarities or certainly some relevant points that Defence can relate to and consider.

This year our guest Speaker was DR John Nairne PhD. John has vast experience in meteorology and oceanology and is Managing Director of Climate Extremes Consulting. John provided a very interesting talk on climate in general but focussed on the issues of global change in weather (yes it is real) and what impacts we will experience in our everyday lives. John is moving to Geneva this month to commence a 12 month role with the World Health Organisation Climate Services Office at the World Meteorological Organisation.

The next key dates for the year are our association AGM and Corp 80th Birthday Lunch on Saturday 26 November at the West Adelaide Football Club. All details of the day are included within this newsletter so please come along and join in as we celebrate our Corps 80th Birthday.

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.

We are also approaching the time of year when we send out reminders for expiring membership subscriptions. Annual fees remain very low at \$10/year and you can pay in advance up to 5 years, so please keep an eye out for the email. This year we have had a slight increase in membership, and we have continued with the review and "clean up" of our member database which has proven to be very worthwhile.

I look forward to catching up with people during the year, in the meantime, take care.

Arte et Marte
Richard Moyses, President

RAEME Association of SA
DIARY DATES 2022

Activity/Function

Date

- 2022 Annual General Meeting - West Adelaide FC 10.30am Saturday 26th November
- 2022 RAEME Birthday Family Function - West Adelaide FC 12noon Saturday 26th November

Allied Military Association Functions

- REME(SA) Christmas Lunch Coopers Ale House – Gepps Cross Sunday 27th November
ALL RAEME MEMBERS WELCOME (SEE PAGE 12)

VALE – Lest We Forget



SGT Nick GOGILIS
CMF/ARes 107 Fd Wksp
Passed away May 2022 aged 86

SGT Gary HOWELL
Served in ARA in Vietnam
Then CMF/ARes as a fitter with 13Fd Regt LAD
Passed away 13 August 2022 aged 78
(see Vale article on page 6)



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>

WE HAVE DONE IT AGAIN

Another S.A. RAEME Federation Star Recipient

At a surprise presentation, WO2 Lou Leeuwrik was awarded his Federation Star award at the Combined Logistics and Medical Corps Associations Dinner, on Friday 28th October by our Association President, Major Richard Moyses CSM.

The presentation was made in front of several his peers as well as several retired Senior Officers which was considered appropriate given the amount of time Lou spent in the service gaining his award.

Lou, (a member of our Association and part of the Committee of Management), joins our three other recent recipients, Grant Kuchel, Richard Moyses and Doug Pammenter as a worthy recipient of the Award.



WO2 Leeuwrik
with his Federation Star



Federation Star Award

The Defence Long Service Medal may be awarded to a member who has 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. These are replaced by a single Federation Star for the fifth clasp. **This relates to 40 years of qualifying service.**

Additional Federation Star emblems are added for subsequent clasps.

Lou saw over 4 decades in the Australian Defence Force and maintains the best days of his service were “being a dirty, greasy Recovery Mechanic”.

After retiring from part time and fulltime soldiering, Lou reflects on a life of grand adventure as a member of the CMF and later the Army Reserve all spent in RAEME.

He counts reaching the rank of Warrant Officer as a great day, but up to his armpits in mud struggling with a huge recovery vehicle near Port August or outside Darwin were really enjoyable days.

Lou enlisted in 1974 and did his recruit course at Hampstead Barracks. He reached the rank of Sergeant at the same time the CMF became the ARes. He spent a lot of his service time in Darwin and rapidly progressed from a nuts-and-bolts RAEME craftsman to administrator and instructor.

There is a combination of both part time and full time service across the years and notably Lou spent time with the United Nations support mission to Timor Leste in the 1990s. “With the reserve, I got to go to places and see things I would never have had the chance to see otherwise” recalls Lou.



MAJ Moyses Announcing the Award



Lou displaying his Certificates

His taste for travel has never left him - he has travelled around the world (round the middle and top to bottom) several times - ON A MOTORBIKE.

His favourite comment is "I gave a lot to the Army and the Army gave a lot to me".

WELL DONE LOU



Lou's Table at the Log Corps Dinner (See page 10 for more details)

RAEME 'HARRY THE HORSE' LUNCHEON

Now back at the AVOCA Hotel

The last Luncheon, on Tuesday 6th September was enjoyed by all those who attended.



Bob Killoran (bottom Left) and rest of the RAEME crew



The next Luncheon will be on the first Tuesday in March (7th March) at 12noon. We hope to see you there, more details in the next edition.

WHY NOT JOIN US AND BRING SOME FRIENDS

Vale SGT Gary Howell

Gary was born in Adelaide on 7th June 1944 and died on 13th August 2022.

Gary's full military history is a bit hazy, but he served as a Craftsman with 102 Field Workshops in Vietnam and later joined the CMF and was part of 13 Fd Regt LAD.

In his earlier days Gary was a keen supporter of the Association. He was a regular attendee at functions and was a committee member for 12 years.

Some comments provided by Mike Culley (Committee Member):

I remember Gary Howell as a willing participant in the Fort Largs Gun Restoration project and he volunteered many hours during our regular Saturday work party days. Gary (and/or Ted Kaminski) always seemed to have contacts who could come up with the ideas or goods we needed for the project. With their contacts they were able to supply the work party with whatever logistics were required to help with the various parts of the restoration.

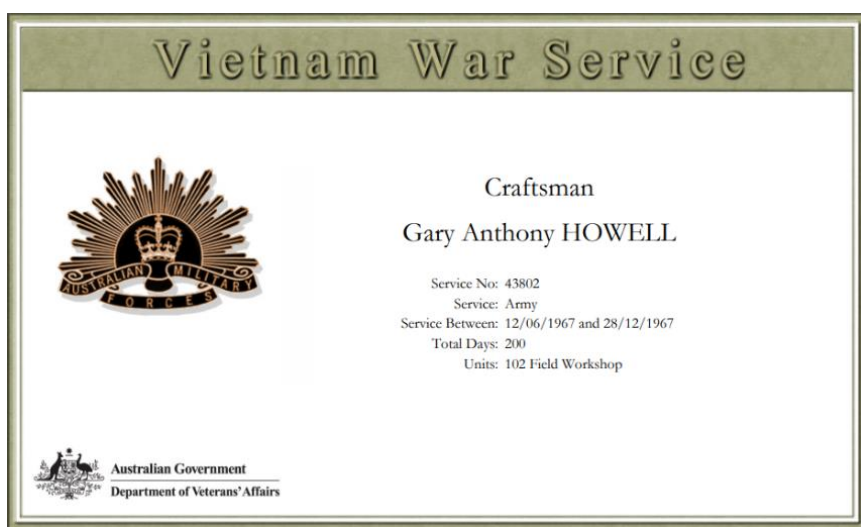
After many, many hours of work the team members managed to free the seized Fort Largs guns so that they could eventually be rotated, elevated and much of the breech mechanism could be operated. Bringing the guns back to life meant a lot to Gary and the other party members.

Gary was also instrumental in the Douglas Borlace Plaque and Memorial Service project at the Stirling Cemetery on the 19th July 2008. Gary knew Doug's sister Lyn and because of that contact the AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc. was able to arrange a fitting dedication and service. After the service we were invited back to the Aldgate RSL for drinks etc with a welcoming fire on a cold day. A few years later at one of our AGMs, Bob Killoran suggested the Borlace grave needed a refurbishment so the Association, with the help of Geoff Parker, arranged to place a new plaque on the grave. Once again Gary contacted the Borlace family to let them know what was planned and with their approval the upgrade went ahead.

In his civilian career Gary was a member of the Metropolitan Fire Service, serving with them for over 20 years. The respect they had for him was obvious with a number of SAMFS staff (in uniform) being present at his funeral. They also parked some of their fire appliances outside as part of a 'Guard of Honour'.

Like most veterans he had his highs and lows (particularly later in life) which affected those around him, but he had a loving family who accepted him for who he was.

At his time of his death, he was President of the Norwood R.S.L Sub Branch, who, in their obituary spoke of how "he will be sadly missed".





RAEME Association of SA



DON'T FORGET OUR AGM

**JOIN US AND THEN STAY ON
FOR OUR CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
(see page 8)**

***This is your chance to have a say about how
the association is run and
make suggestions of other things we can do***

**To be held at the West Adelaide Football Club
57 Milner Road, Richmond
*Plenty of onsite parking available***

DATE Saturday 26th November 2022

TIME 10.30am

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 Tri-monthly at Plympton Glenelg RSL, currently on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00pm (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.

NOTE:

**The Notice of an AGM, Agenda and 2021 AGM Minutes
will be forwarded to members shortly.**



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You are cordially invited to attend the
2022 RAEME CORPS BIRTHDAY

Help us CELEBRATE the 80th Birthday of RAEME on
Saturday 26th November 2022 at

West Adelaide Football Club

57 Milner Road, Richmond

Plenty of on-site parking available

After the AGM (approx. 12.00noon)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME

Neat casual attire

Meals: Extensive a la carte menu (including seniors)

Drinks: Available from the bar

Members, guests, friends, and family are all welcome

Vast array of raffle prizes to be won

Central Region "RAEME Soldier of the Year" Awards to be announced.

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RSVP by Friday 18th November 2022

Please forward returns to:

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I.....will/will not be attending the RAEME Birthday function

Total number of persons attending (including children).....

All Welcome

Invite any RAEME/REME Brethren and their family/friends

GEOFF PARKER Tribute - RAEME CROSSWORD

Geoff passed away peacefully in 2020, aged 69 years.

Geoff was a well loved and respected member of the Association and Committee of Management. **HE IS STILL SADLY MISSED.**

Having served in the CMF and Army Reserve for nearly 40 years he retired with the rank of Staff Sergeant after serving as a Rifleman, Driver and Recovery Mechanic.

One of Geoff's great attributes was his technical knowledge, which he was able to apply to almost any situation. His love of vehicles (the bigger the better) suited his role in recovery because of the variety of vehicles he had the opportunity to drive plus it also involved

a lot of theoretical calculations and gave him the opportunity to put it all into practice. His dream job!

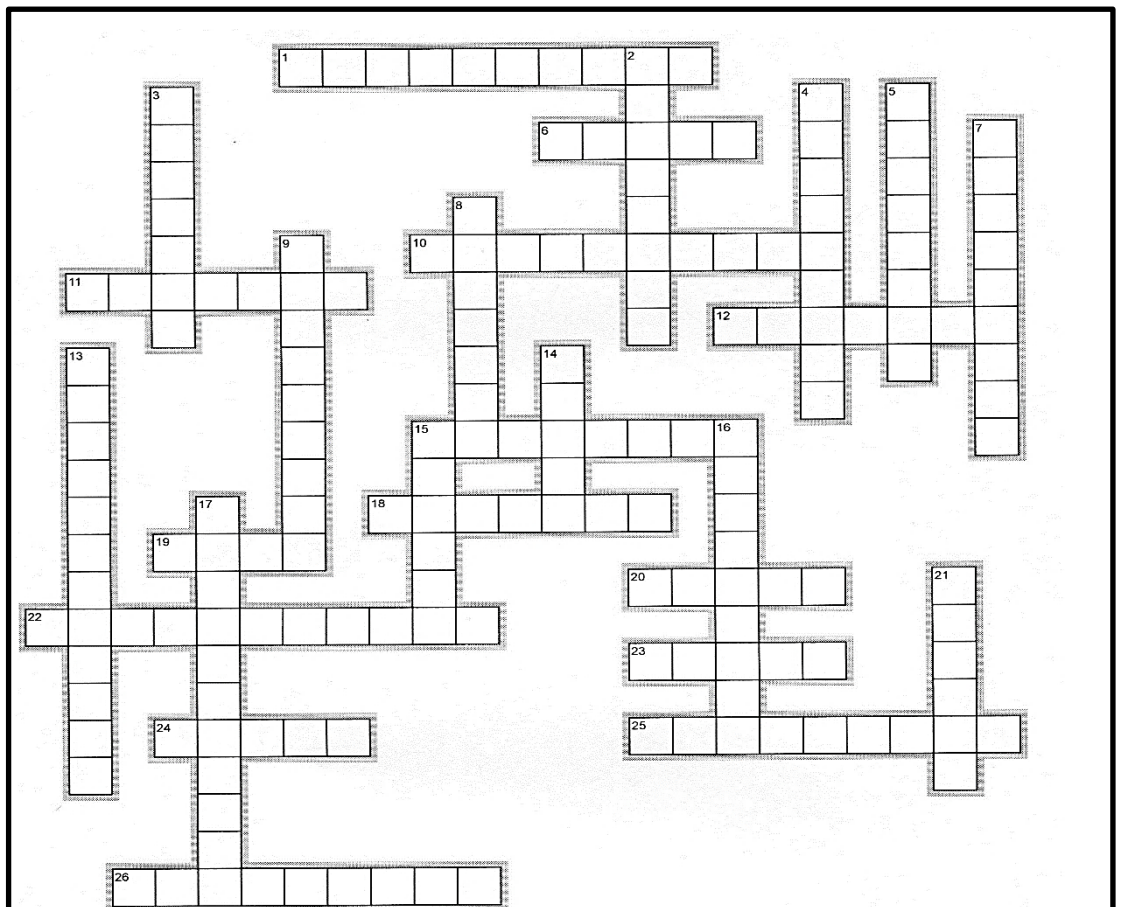
Geoff was often described as a 'Diamond in the Rough' as he had a tremendous ability to make people laugh with his stories and jokes and he could mix with people of all backgrounds. He was a real 'larrikin' in every sense of the word

He had always said we should have a RAEME Crossword in the Newsletter and we challenged him to do it, so for a number of years he continued to produce the Crossword for each edition.

As a tribute to Geoff we have included this crossword for everyone's enjoyment (it is one of his early ones).

How well can you do

See Page 12 for Answers



Across

1. OF UNKNOWN CAUSE
6. BISHOP'S HEAD DRESS
10. "B" IN B.S.A.
11. VACATION
12. AUSTRALIAN ARMS FACTORY
15. MONUMENT
18. NEPTUNE'S SPEAR
19. FAMOUS RACE DAY
20. TRIVIAL
22. WW2 LIFE RAFT
23. SELF CONTAINED UNDERWATER BREATHING APPARATUS
24. RSL HOTEL
25. DISTILLERY IN QUEENSLAND
26. CHINESE 4 WD

Down

2. WORLD WIDE WEB
3. DELICATE
4. AIR OPERATED
5. DEBRIS
7. INVENTED THE STEAM ENGINE
8. BROWN COAL
9. WITH EVIL INTENT
13. PROCESS TO MAKE ALCOHOL
14. CANADIAN ELK LOOK A LIKE
15. BOAT BERTHING AREA
16. THIS COMPANY MADE THE "ZETA"
17. PROTECTIVE DEVICE ON BOILER
21. BLOOD VESSEL

LOGISTICS & HEALTH SERVICES DINNER 2022

On Friday 28th October 2022 a group of RAEME SA Members attended the combined Logistics and Health Services Dinner at the West Lakes Golf Club. All the corps present tried to outdo each other with Corps memorabilia, flags, banners and table centre pieces. An ensemble from the Army band- Adelaide provided excellent background music during the night.

The guest speaker was Dr John Nairne, a world renown weather expert specialising in heatwaves and climate extremes. His talk was fascinating giving us all an understanding of what we can expect from the weather in the coming years.



RAEME to the fore



CAPT Lee Francis thanking our Guest Speaker Dr John Nairne

During the evening our own WO2 Lou Leeuwrik was presented with his Federation Star (see pages 4 & 5)



Another RAEME Table



Our Banner and Flags



Our President MAJ Moyses welcoming Guests



The Ensemble from Army Band - Adelaide

30th Birthday - Army Museum of SA

The Army Museum of South Australia Foundation (one of our affiliated Associations) in conjunction with the Australian Army History Unit (AAHU) celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the creation of the Army Museum of SA on Saturday 8th October 2022.

WOW - WHAT A DAY

Over 3,500 people attended an OPEN DAY at Keswick Barracks to celebrate the occasion.

While the museum has many display items of its own, they were joined on the day by several regular and reserve units who came to show their current range of equipment which was displayed on and around the Keswick Barracks Parade Ground.

This was complemented by a range of food and coffee vans, all located adjacent to an area set up with tables and chairs to form a food court. Everyone enjoyed a wide range of music provided by the 10/27 RSAR Band and an ensemble from the Army Band – Adelaide

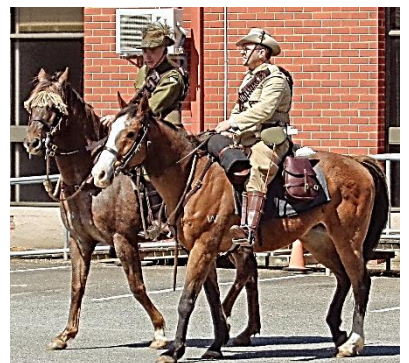
The formal part of the day included speeches by Tim Gellel, Head of Australian Army History Unit and local member of parliament Jayne Stinson MP plus a special cake cutting ceremony.



L-R Adrian PEDERICK MP, Malcolm SIMMS, Jayne STINSON MP, Verity ROSSER, Rui JIANG prior to the cutting of the cake



Gnr Hau and Winkler



PLMHG Glenn Fowler and Bradley Theakstone



PLMHG Carmen Thompson



Food Court and Food Trucks

The event was enhanced by two special groups who joined in to make the day such a success. The first was the 'Port Lincoln Military History Group' of re-enactment actors who wandered around the parade ground area in a variety of historical military uniforms. The group also provided two horses with riders attired in typical 'Mounted Rifles' uniforms and a typical 'Military Working Dog' and handler.

The second group was the National Military Vehicle Museum's display of several historic vehicles which were very popular with the children.



10/27 RSAR Band



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DON'T FORGET

We have ALL been invited to the REME Christmas function at the Coopers Ale House, Gepps Cross on Sunday 27th November at 12noon.

If you are planning on attending, please let our Secretary Don Harvy (0412 021 411) know so he can inform the REME committee of number attending.

ALERT THREATS

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Russia and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

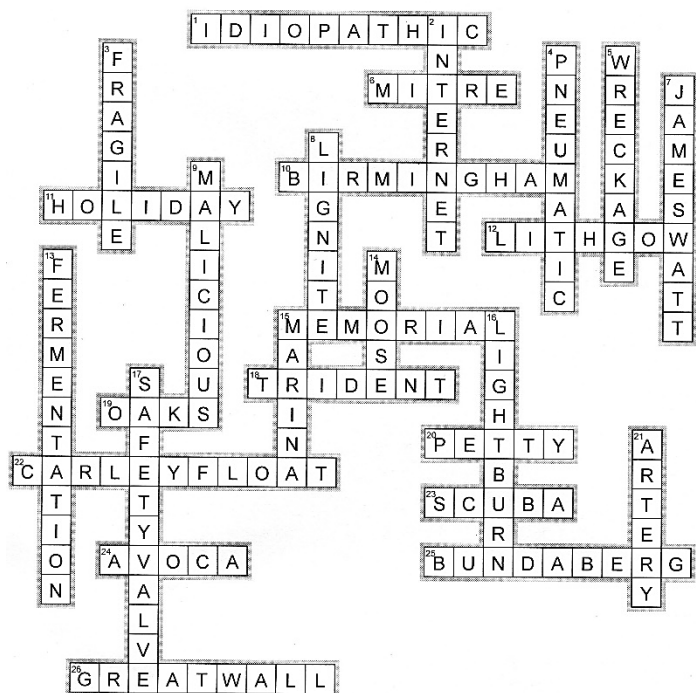
Allegedly written by John Cleese

EARLY WARNING

We have been advised that 1 Armd Regt are planning on holding a RAEME Corps Birthday function at Edinburgh on Thursday 1st Dec.

More details to follow.

Crossword Answers



Hope you got them all correct. Thanks Geoff

John Prince - Photographics



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