

ANZAC DAY 2023 IN-REVIEW



NEWSLETTER

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We have several great photographers within the Corps, and I would like to give them all a big THANK YOU for their ongoing efforts in supplying us with photos.

Our President decided that as we had all these great photos it would be an ideal opportunity to produce an "ANZAC DAY 2023 IN-REVIEW" Newsletter so we could all enjoy them and have a nice keepsake of 2023 ANZAC Day Activities.

Thanks for these ANZAC photos goes to

- WO2 John Prince
- WO2 Dave Buckland
- MAJ Richard Moyses
- and an occasional photo from the Editor



At the FUP for the March with WO2 Leeuwrik and the Banner Bearers ready to go.



President's Introduction



Dear Members, I hope everyone is well and adapting to the cooler weather as we enter the middle of the year. The last month or so has been reasonably busy with a particular focus on ANZAC Day and ANZAC related events.

I, along with all the committee were very pleased with the ANZAC Reunion luncheon that was held on 16 April. Having over 50 guests attend and everyone enjoying the function was excellent. Once again the West Adelaide Footy Club provided outstanding facilities and service.

As usual we had a good turnout from our REME friends, who despite best efforts did not win as many raffle prizes as they intended.

Thanks to all those involved in the organisation, conduct and attendance at the function. It was great to have so much support shown for the Association.

ANZAC Day itself was also an excellent day. The weather was very kind and was in fact on the warm side for those who were suited up. The march through the city went very well with minimal delays and thankfully no need to mark time or halt once we stepped off.

We also took the time to mention and reflect on the recent loss of WO2 Dusty Miller who passed away while trekking Kokoda in PNG. Numerous people at the march had worked with Dusty and it was appropriate to remember him along with other Corp members who although no longer with us, are never forgotten.

Thanks to WO2 (Retd) Lou Leeuwrik who willingly led our contingent on the day. Lou did a great job (as expected) and it looked like he was reliving his glory days as SSM in front of the troops.

An additional big thanks to WO2 Alan Macdonald, SGT Robey Miller and all the OJTs from ASEME for marching with our association.

Thanks also for providing members to carry the banners for the RAEME Vietnam Veterans contingent and the association. This support is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Please enjoy looking at the numerous photos in this newsletter of the reunion luncheon and ANZAC Day march.

Moving on to a completely different topic, I am sure many members watched the recent coronation of King Charles III. It certainly was a spectacle and for many of us the first time we witnessed such an occasion.

While on Royal matters, members would recall that Prince Philip was our RAEME Colonel in Chief for over 50 years. The Corp is still waiting on confirmation if Duchess of Wessex who was announced as REME Colonel in Chief, will also assume the role for RAEME.

The next few months will be relatively quiet for our association but please check out the diary dates in the newsletter for committee meetings, lunch (September) and the Annual Combined Log Services Dinner, also in September.

Stay safe and keep in touch with each other,

Arte et Marte
MAJ Richard Moyses
President



MAJ Richard Moyses at the start of the March with WO2 Leeuwrik and the Banner Bearers

RAEMESA ANZAC Day Function

Held at West Adelaide Football Club on Sunday 16th April 2023



(L to R) Pauline and Doug Pammenter, MAJ Richard Moyses and his wife Judy, Don Harvy and his wife Raylene and their family



Some more of our committee members and members



Part of the REME Group with Chairman Alan Weeks in the centre (wearing a light Blue shirt)



Front group only (L to R) Brian Holmes, John Howard, Dawn Matthew and Bob Matthew



Some of the ARes soldiers and families

Drawing the raffle



General view of "OUR" room at the West Adelaide FC

ANZAC Day March

Tuesday 25th April 2023



In the FUP area at the start of the March with WO2 Leeuwrik and WO2 John Prince (Front Right)



WO2 Leeuwrik (L) and our March Marshal Graham Tweeddale (also ex-RAEME) (R)



On the move with WO2 Leeuwrik and the Banner Bearers leading the way



Our first turn



Can you see anyone you know





Marching down King William Street
“ A fine body of men and women.”



The On-the-Job Trainees (OJT) from ASEME with SGT Robey Miller (L) and WO2 Alan Macdonald (R) in the centre.



WO2 Dave Buckland (L) and WO2 Leeuwrik (R) displaying our current Banner

RAEME Vietnam Group

Report from CAPT Trevor Parrott (Retd)

Firstly, I would like to thank the two “OJT Trainee Craftsmen” who carried the banner for us. I really appreciated the help, as although I could carry the weight, in my current state, I didn’t feel confident of battling the winds.

I don’t know what has become of our numbers. We were never a very cohesive group and I guess that a few are no longer with us. Remember that the youngest member possible would now be about 70.

We set off with six and then near the saluting dais, another bloke joined us, but I have no idea who he was. Unfortunately, I didn’t get the opportunity to ask him his name.



This picture is to prove they were definitely there
Unfortunately, we have no quality photos so we have had to use a snap from a video clip

And our REME Brethren were also there.



The REME Flag Bearers and marchers (their Chairman, Alan Weeks is at the rear, near side, wearing a Blue beret)

General Business Page

DIARY DATES 2023

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 21 st June
- RAEME Luncheon (location TBA)	Tuesday 5 th September
- Committee of Management Meeting	Wednesday 20 th September
- RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function	Friday 22 nd September
- 2023 Annual General Meeting	Saturday 2 nd December
- 2023 Corps Birthday Family Function	Saturday 2 nd December

CORPS UPDATE

We have a new RAEME Representative Colonel Commandant

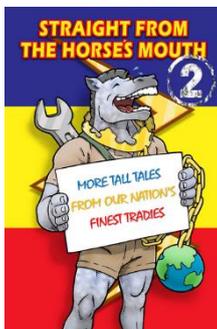
The Corps has recently announced that Brigadier Edward Smeaton, DSM has recently been appointed as the Representative Colonel Commandant for RAEME. *(Ed. More details in our next edition).*

From Brigadier Smeaton:

It's a great honour to be appointed as the Corps' Representative Colonel Commandant and I am very much looking forward to working with all members of the Corps, both past and present, in this capacity. We have a very proud history and our exceptionally experienced Colonel Commandants across the regions are an excellent connection to the traditions of the Corps. I hope to continue to build upon the strong networks across our Corps and our esprit de corps, bringing the experience of the past to assist with the challenges of the future.

Brigadier Smeaton's appointment in this role is more proof that our Corps remains in very good hands.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH - Call for more articles and pre-orders



Edition 2 of RAEME's official humour book, *Straight from the Horse's Mouth*, is being finalised now. It is likely to be in the mail in time for Christmas (subject to publisher and postage delays).

There is still time to get your funny stories considered for inclusion, but time is running out! Send whatever stories you have to us at FunnyStories@raeme.com. If you would rather have one of the team call you to hear your story, send us your contact details.

If you would like to pre-order a copy of Edition 2, please visit <https://FunnyRaemeStories.square.site/>

Congratulations to RACT - They are now 50 Years young

Because of this, the RACT in SA are holding an OPEN DAY to celebrate the event.

Details are as follows:

The Army Transport Open Day at Keswick Barracks, Adelaide

Saturday – 17th June 2023, 11.00am to 2.00pm

FREE ENTRY

Bookings are essential @ Eventbrite

See and touch some amazing vintage military transport vehicles, used from WW2 onwards along with some of the current transport fleet, all on display at Keswick Barracks Parade Ground.
