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Our new

RAEME-SA BANNER



We can't wait for the 2025 Anzac March
(More details on page 4)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Once again, we find ourselves ever closer to the end of another year. I hope this newsletter finds you and those you care about in good health and high spirits. The lead up to the end of 2024 is busy as always with our Association AGM and celebration of our Corp Birthday.

We are planning a very successful AGM and Association Corps Birthday celebration at the West Adelaide Football Club. We all trust that the attendance at these will be strong with the venue once again proving to be very accommodating and eager to please us as guests.

As usual the AGM should go well. There will be good discussions on a few topics and office bearers and committee members to be once again elected. The full list of committee positions is on page 1 of the RAEME-SA Newsletters.

Of particular interest to the membership, during the AGM a motion was passed to purchase a new Association Banner. The new banner more accurately reflects our association because of our name change in 2021. A new design has enabled us to ensure the banner incorporates Corps colours, the correct Association name and importantly have our RAEME badge prominent and central to the layout. The new banner will always have pride of place in all activities that we will be involved in.

The recent Harry the Horse lunch was an appropriately informal and fun celebration recognising our Corps service and hard work as the premier Corp within the Australian Army.

This year we had a contingent from 106th Field Workshops who gathered in Adelaide for a small reunion (with partners) and all enjoyed some noisy banter with us locals. Thanks to everyone who played a part in making the luncheon a success.

The RAEME-SA membership has again been invited to the REME Christmas lunch. My thanks to REME SA Chapter Chairman, Alan Weeks for the standing invitation to each other's functions and the support that occurs.

SA REGION 82ND RAEME BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – 29 NOV 24

1st Armoured Regiment is hosting the SA RAEME Birthday for Army Units. This is planned to be a great day, strongly supported by the region. There are to be numerous trade displays, equipment on site and food and drinks available. Events included go- cart races, spanner toss, and tug of war to name a few. There will also be numerous displays from the Historical Military Vehicles Association. To top the day off the M88 (armoured recovery tank) will crush a car. Our association will again be well represented, and we plan to sell a huge amount of Corps merchandise.

Keep a look out for newsletters and event notices as we go through the year. Details of our scheduled events will be advertised. Full details will be provided as they are locked in.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at our functions throughout the year.

Arte et Marte
John Prince,
President RAEME-SA

RAEME ASSOCIATION of SA

"SOLDIERS OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

Each year the RAEME-SA presents awards to the most outstanding ARA and GRes soldiers in South Australia. The 2024 Awards to the best ARA and GRes "Soldier of the Year" will be presented at the **2024 RAEME-SA Corps Birthday Function on Saturday 30th November** or other suitable occasion.

The award is open to all RAEME personnel in South Australia up to and including the rank of Corporal. Supervisors in all units are responsible for nominating eligible members they think worthy. Nominees will be assessed on both trade skills and soldier skills.

Nominations to be forwarded to the President, John Prince john.prince@defence.gov.au or he can be contacted on 0417 156 467.

Each winner will receive a personalised Trophy and his or her name will be inscribed on the "Perpetual Plaque" for each category, which is hung in the Orderly Room at the winner's place of work.

Good luck to all serving RAEME Soldiers - Ed.



RAEME Association of SA **DIARY DATES 2024**



Activity/Function

Date

- 1 Armd Regt Corps Birthday Activity (Edinburgh)
- 2024 RAEME-SA Annual General Meeting (WAFC)
- 2024 RAEME-SA Corps Birthday Family Function (WAFC)

Friday 29th November
Saturday 30th November
Saturday 30th November

Allied Military Association Functions

- 16 Regt Open Day at Woodside Barracks (from 1000 – 1530hrs)
- REME-SA Christmas Meeting (Copers Ale House – Gepps Cross)

Saturday 19th October
Sunday 24th November

To view all functions happening around Australia by
the various **RAEME Associations**

[Click on this link](#)

VALE – Lest We Forget



No deaths advised in SA

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>

Our New BANNER

The September "Harry the Horse" Luncheon was the first official unveiling of our new Association Banner.



The Association has been talking about getting a new "Banner" for the past couple of years. After the Association's official name change in 2021 (removing the AEME part of our title) the members agreed we should purchase a new banner, but finding a manufacturer turned out to be harder than we expected.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our Secretary Don Harvy, we now have our new banner and it looks excellent. Based on the purchase of our corps flag, Don had assured us that it would be a simple matter of contacting the overseas supplier who supplied our Association flag with details of the banner, they would provide a quote and it would all be done. After many emails to overseas companies and no responses Don started looking closer to home and got similar responses within Australia. He finally found a local manufacturer (who we had been using for supply of other memorabilia) who made it for a very reasonable price. Don then converted the old poles and fittings to fit the new banner and the work was complete.

THANKS, DON.

We all look forward to seeing it being carried proudly in next year's ANZAC March.

RAEME 'HARRY THE HORSE' LUNCHEON

The second "HARRY THE HORSE" Luncheon for 2024 was held on Tuesday 3rd September at the West Adelaide Football Clubrooms, 57 Milner Road, Richmond. It was another great activity with almost 40 ex RAEME members and their families attending. For this Luncheon we welcomed a contingent of C Sqn 1 Armd Reg LAD and 106 Fd Wksp (68-69) members (and partners) from interstate who had individually decided to come visiting. and it resulted in friends seeing each other for the first time in 30+ years. That is definitely the positive side of being retired and able to travel.



Our Interstate Visitors. We were all introduced at the activity, but there are only two we can positively identify and they are Wendy and Milton Pearson (3rd & 4th from left). Our apologies to the others. Please excuse our memories and we would love to see you again in the future.

Names L-R Ian Harrison, Bob Killoran, Dean Lewis, Dave Buckland, Sue Buckland, WO1 Andrew Feige

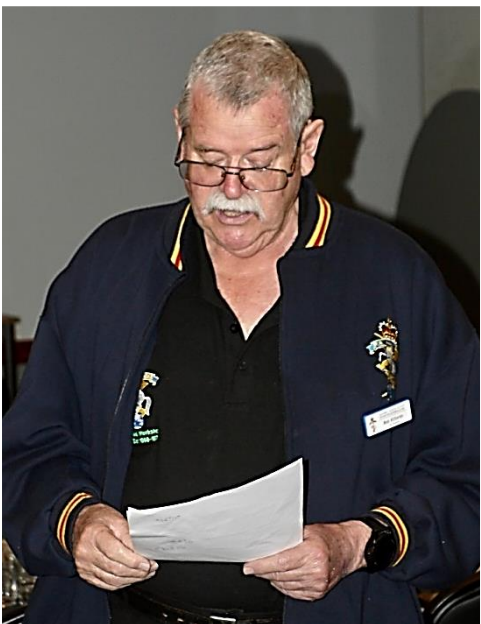


Mick Munn





Above The local RAEME crew L-R Helmut Bohn, Renee Groffen, Don Harvy, John Prince, Greg Rosser, Doug Pammenter, Lou Leeuwrick and John Black



Bob Killoran addressing the troops

Below Don Harvy's Weapon display



Pictures: thanks to Ian (Bandaid)Harrison and others

The next Luncheon will be on the first Tuesday in March (4th March 2025) at 12noon.
Put the date in your diary and we hope to see you there.

WHY NOT JOIN US AND BRING SOME FRIENDS

DON'T FORGET OUR AGM

RAEME Association of SA (RAEME-SA)



***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 30th November 2024

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.

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.

**JOIN US AND THEN STAY ON
FOR OUR CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
(See Page 8)**

NOTE:

**The Notice of an AGM, Agenda and 2023 AGM Minutes
will be forwarded to members in early November.**



**RAEME ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.**

c/- 10 Oliver Street
REYNELLA S.A.
Phone 0412 021 411

You are cordially invited to attend the
2024 RAEME CORPS BIRTHDAY

Help us CELEBRATE RAEME’s Birthday on
Saturday 30th November 2024 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 22nd November 2024

Please forward returns to:

Don Harvy

10 Oliver Street, REYNELLA SA 5161

Or phone

0412 021 411

email raeme.sa.association@gmail.com

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.

1 ARMoured REGIMENT

82nd CORPS BIRTHDAY ACTIVITY

EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

Extracts from the Admin Inst.

All South Australian past and present RAEME personnel are invited to attend the celebrations. Additionally, soldiers from other Corps, JLU's and other contractors who are associated with RAEME workshops are invited to attend.

The trade and display areas will be open from 0930-1500. Concurrent activities will be conducted throughout the day including:

- Spanner Toss
- M1A1 Road Wheel Roll
- Volleyball
- Tug of War
- Go-kart racing
- M88 Car Crush
- Medieval Display
- Paintball activity
- Raffle and final presentations



Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winner of each event with an additional trophy to be presented to the overall champion Unit. The RAEME Regional representatives are invited to present RAEME awards where appropriate.

Civilian organisations attending the 2024 RAEME Birthday Celebrations are permitted to sell products from their stands. Food and beverages are only permitted to be sold by the Rhino Café, Mick Rainey Club and specifically authorised vendors.

Army Museum of SA and the SA National Military Vehicle Museum will be providing displays on the day including some "hands on" interaction with the vehicles and equipment on display.

There are no ATM facilities within the 2024 RAEME Birthday Celebration area. EFTPOS will be available to purchase food, drink and raffle tickets from the Rhino Café, Mick Rainey Club and some vendors

Dress for military personnel is Dress of the Day or Unit PT gear. Neat Civilian Attire is requested to be worn by civilian guests.

Alcohol will not be served prior to 1200 on the day of the event and will only be available from the Mick Rainey Club Bar. Alcohol is only to be consumed within the 1 ARMD REGT compound.

The Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers has a long and proud history and the 82nd RAEME Birthday Celebrations are an opportunity to recognise this achievement. This celebration also provides an excellent opportunity to gather all South Australian past and present RAEME members in an informal environment, to foster our strong esprit-de-corps and celebrate our affiliation with the premier Corps within Army

As mentioned all current and past RAEME members are welcome to attend.

If you would like to attend, please contact our secretary

Don Harvy, 0412 021 411 or raeme.sa.association@gmail.com.au

before 11th November so he can organise passes and escorts for you while are in the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

DOUG'S WRECKER

One of our Committee members, WO2 Doug Pammenter spent most of his military career in recovery in both operational and training roles. In his latter years he spent considerable time helping run courses at the RAEME Training Centre.

He recently visited Bandiana for a group get together to be told they had named one of the new Recovery Vehicles after him.

What an Honour

Doug in front of "HIS" wrecker



OUR PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Our President, John Prince, is leading the way by demonstrating his resolve to save lives. He is doing so through his participation in the National Breast Cancer Foundation's "Step up to Breast Cancer" Challenge.

Every day, 57 Australians are diagnosed with breast cancer, and 9 people lose their lives to this disease. Ongoing research is the only way we can improve our understanding of how breast cancer originates, grows and spreads, to develop tests, treatments and interventions to improve outcomes for people with the disease.

To learn more about the National Breast Cancer Foundation's work visit them at:

<https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/event/step-up/home>

The National Breast Cancer Foundation is asking Aussies to join Step Up to Breast Cancer; walk or run 57km throughout August to raise funds for vital breast cancer research to help save lives.

John originally planned to walk at least 57km this August and raise \$100 to do his part to help save lives, but with a bit of extra encouragement he walked 82.3km and raised \$885.

We are asking everyone to check out John's fundraising page and if possible, donate to support his challenge. It is not too late to help:

<https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/johnprince>

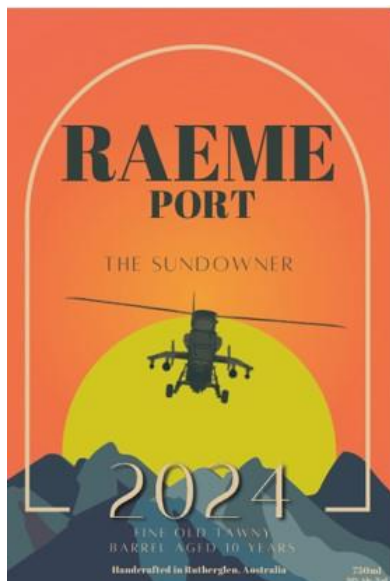
All donation (if over \$2) will be tax-deductible so you'll be provided with a receipt via email.

JOHN'S CHALLENGE



2024 RAEME Port and Whisky

1 AVN Regt - available to Pre-Order now



The 1st Aviation Regiment is proud to have the opportunity to present the 2024 RAEME Port, and, for the first time offer a 2024 RAEME Whisky.

The theme that they have chosen for the port this year is 'The Sundowner'. The Sundowner holds a special place in the hearts of the craftsman that serve amongst the Regiment and they find it fitting with the circumstances 1 AVN currently finds itself in. With 1 AVN beginning its move to Townsville next year the theme sits well, the Sundowner bar has followed the Regiment around Australia throughout its many relocations.

Buller Wines (Rutherglen, Vic) has kindly taken on the job to supply this year's port and is well up for the task as they've supplied the RAEME port many times over the previous years. We've chosen a beautiful Old Fine Tawny this year. 2024 RAEME Port is valued at \$30.

Ancient Wisdom Distillery (Pakenham, Vic) has offered a lovely Australian Whisky aged in Tawny Port barrels which is a captivating expression that marries the robust qualities of the whisky with the luxury of fortified wine casks. 2024 RAEME Whisky is valued at \$70.

Please use the following link to secure yourself a 2024 RAEME Port and/or Whisky;

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUCVK>

The sales event will close on 19 Oct 24, to allow for delivery by RAEME Birthday.

Email Event Organiser CAPT Chris Burnell (christopher.burnell@defence.gov.au) with any queries.

Select your RAEME Regional Rep where you want your Port/Whisky delivered. The price includes delivery to your nominated RAEME Regional Rep. Bulk deliveries to garrison cities are encouraged.

To have the 2024 RAEME Port/Whisky delivered to a Private address:

Select 'Private Address' and notify event organiser via email, screenshot a copy of your order. Deliveries to private addresses will incur an extra fee dependant on location.

RAEME-SA still have Bottles of 2023 Corps Port for sale and will not be directly purchasing any Port or Whiskey in 2024 and members wanting to obtain some should purchase them directly through the www.trybooking.com/CUCVK website.

RAEME HUMOUR BOOK

The third editions of RAEME's humour book, Straight from the Horse's Mouth is currently being drafted. There is clearly a lot of funny stuff that happens in RAEME service but the editors need more stories!! This is your chance to share any funny stories you have from your service.

If you have any stories to share, new or old, factual or enhanced, please send them to the book editors at FunnyStories@raeme.com. Even if you have heard someone else's story or made it up, we want it! Stories don't have to be true, just believable!

The editors understand that not everyone has the time or talent to write something funny so they will accept stories over the phone. All you need to do is to email your contact details to them at the above email address. Include your preferred days or times to receive a call from the editors and take it from there.

As a special incentive for this edition, the editors will be awarding a free edition to the member(s) who submits the funniest story for this edition. Depending on how many stories are received, this may be expanded to a series of prizes for funniest story in each category, eg service vs retired, barracks vs field, appy vs thick and so on. The editors will work that out based on the number of submissions they receive.

Whilst all story contributors will be named in the book, this will be in the back and not listed against any particular story. This is to ensure your anonymity. Re anonymity, the editors will change all names provided to ensure the guilty are unidentifiable. Those who were there at the time will know the truth, but they don't plan on embarrassing individuals (too much). Likewise, any current unit name will also be changed as the purpose of this book is to have a laugh, not to embarrass the ADF.

If you didn't get your order in for Edition 1 or Edition 2, it is not too late. Our Head of Corps Cell was gifted several hundred copies for sale from the Corps shop with all funds raised to be made available to support serving and retired members of our Corps.

The Head of Corps Cell shop is up and running online (at <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/shop>) but at time of writing, they haven't as yet uploaded their books for sale. When they do, we will let you know but in the interim, requests for books can be sent to Head of Corps Cell at RAEME.HOCCell@defence.gov.au.

Send your funny story or contact details today! FunnyStories@raeme.org.



RAEME Recovery Mechanics Memorial

Dotswood, North Queensland

In previous Newsletters we have included articles about the RAEME Recovery Mechanics Memorial and some of us donated towards the cost of the memorial. It is now three years since the tragic passing of WO2 Ryan Leslie and Craftsman Brendon Payne. We remember two superb soldiers who died while serving their country on a military exercise at the Townsville Field Training Area on 30 August 2021.

Ryan and Brendon were cherished by their families, friends, and military comrades. Their loss has been deeply felt across the RAEME community and beyond. Commemorations held at the accident site on the first anniversary of their passing highlighted the importance of having a place to remember them—a place to reflect on their lives and honour their memory. The RAEME Recovery Mechanics Memorial was formally unveiled by the families of Ryan and Brendon on Wednesday, 30 August 2023



A fitting tribute to not only Ryan and Brendon, but in memory of all past Recovery Mechanics.



PUBLIC EVENT - FREE ENTRY

16 Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery invites you to the



OPEN DAY

at
Woodside Barracks
Saturday 19 October 2024
10:00am - 3:30pm



Gold Coin Donation for Family-friendly Activities:

- Military equipment displays
- Vehicle rides
- Simulator tours
- Kids adventure course
- Face painting
- Local food vendors

For more information, follow us on Facebook
 16 Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery



Event entry via
RIVERVIEW ROAD



Supported by:

- 10th/27th Battalion, Royal South Australia Regiment
- Australian Army Band – Adelaide
- Australian Army Cadets – South Australia
- Army Museum of South Australia – Keswick
- ADF Careers
- APOD
- Woodside Defence Families Association
- Crowded Table Catering
- Maxine's Baked Potatoes
- **OMG! Decadent Donuts**

