

ANZAC DAY 2025 IN-REVIEW



NEWSLETTER

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Our President decided that the last two year's "ANZAC DAY IN REVIEW" was so well received that he thought it would be good to do it again this year. I have received some great photos and thank all those who sent them in and hope it continues for all photographs taken at any of our activities.

Ed

Thanks for these ANZAC photos goes to

- WO1 John Prince
- Ray Ryan
- Don Harvy
- Snaps of TV coverage
- and an occasional photo from the Editor



At the FUP for the March with our President WO1 John Prince (left), the Banner and Banner Bearers CFN Brennan and CFN Thorne, Army Cadet Banner Bearer talking to Ex-WO2 Lou Leeuwrik and the group getting ready to go.

RAEMESA ANZAC Day Function

Held at Coopers Ale House - Gepps Cross on Saturday 12th April 2025

the ANZAC Reunion luncheon was held on Saturday 12th April at the Coopers Ale House - Gepps Cross. After having over 40 guests say they would be attending it was disappointing that illness (Covid and the Flu) laid a few attendees low and they were unable to attend. Those who attended all said they enjoyed the venue, food and the service was great. Thanks to the hotel for again providing 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 hoped for.

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.



Memorabilia Table



Coopers Ale House – Gepps Cross
(Below) Flag Display



Raffle Prizes Table





Attendees (L-R) Raelene Harvy, Don Harvy, Cicily Martin, Ken Sanders, Doug Pammenter, Bob Matthew, Dawn Mathew and Pauline Pammenter



Attendees (L-R) Terry (Bob's Partner), Bob Killoran, John Howard and Trevor Clarke



Attendees (L-R) Bob Matthew, Dawn Williams, Pauline Pammenter, Judy Moyes and Raelene Harvy,



(L-R) John McInnes, Greg and Bev Rosser, Sylvia Oakes



Sylvia and Troy Oakes, Mike and Marg Culley

ANZAC DAY MARCH ADELAIDE 2025

RAEME in VIETNAM



Front Row (L to R) Ray Ryan, Chris Heinrich, Don Fragnito, Peter Andrew, Kevin Kellier, Terry Buick, Tony Hinton

Back Row (L to R) Hanlee Coldwell, Jack Eastwood Navy. Trever Kelly. Sign Bearer unknown. (Don Fragnito is a medic who was with 106 Field Workshop and decided to march with us and he is showing off his 106 Field Workshop shirt).



The marchers are in the same order as listed above.



From the left Tony Schick, Darryl Horner and Paul Horner

The march this year doubled our numbers from last year, even though we had a couple of carers on hand, they were still counted. The march itself was much faster than last year I thought, unless I am getting older not so many stops. Ray Ryan took charge and told us when to Eyes Right/Eyes Front, he said you can take the Soldier out of the Army but you can't take the Army out of the Soldier. All in all, it was a good march and a good day.

Ray Ryan

Invitation to all Vietnam Veterans

The Yorke Peninsular Council, in conjunction with a number of locals and financially assisted by grants from the Federal Government "Saluting their Service" and the Veteran's SA Anzac Day Commemoration Fund have developed a Vietnam Veteran's Walk from Edithburgh to Coobowie.

The walk includes tributes along the way to the various Corps and Units involved in the conflict, as well as a number of military related specially designed seats strategically placed along the walk.

The Walk is being officially opened on Monday 18th August (Vietnam Veteran's Day) at 10.30am for 11.00am at the Edithburgh Golf Course. This opening activity will also include participation by a Huey helicopter flown in from Queensland especially for the event.

The opening will be followed by a luncheon at the Edithburgh Sports and Social Club.

The luncheon will be followed by a concert featuring John Schumann and the Vagabond Crew (ex-Redgum, I was only 19). Tickets are limited and bookings are essential. See the following page for more information.

VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL WALK

OFFICIAL OPENING INVITE

**EDITHBURGH
GOLF
COURSE**

(CORNER GILES TERRACE & O'HALLORAN PARADE)

MONDAY

18

AUGUST

10.30AM FOR

11AM

GET UP AND CLOSE WITH A HUEY HELICOPTER, PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED ON THE 18TH OF AUGUST 2025 – THE VIETNAM VETERANS DAY THAT MARKS 50 YEARS SINCE THE FINAL AUSSIE LEFT VIETNAM.

STICK AROUND FOR THE CONCERT EVENT JOHN SCHUMANN AND THE VAGABOND CREW (USE THE QR CODE TO BOOK).



THE OFFICIAL OPENING AND CONCERT ARE SUPPORTED BY A GRANT FROM VETERANS SA'S ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION FUND.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMEMORATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR FUNDING THE VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL WALK

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ANZAC Day March

Friday 25th April 2025

ANZAC Day was an excellent day. While generally overcast, the weather was kind and was pleasant for marching and more importantly there was no rain. The march through the city went very well with minimal delays, although there were a few mark-times while the groups ahead sorted themselves out.

Thanks to Ex-WO2 Lou Leeuwrik who willingly led our contingent again 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 Travis Hertweck for participating and bringing all the OJTs from ASEME to march with our association group.

We hope you all enjoy looking at the various grouped photos. Sorry we can't name everyone.







What it means to me to march on ANZAC Day

ANZAC day for me is always one of the most important days of the year as I remember and pay homage to all the family members I've lost, as all have been involved in service or war.

This is why marching on ANZAC day means a lot to me in different ways. It fills me with a sense of accomplishment and pride, to be walking the same steps on the day as both my father and grandfather have done, to be representing the greatest corps in the Army, feeling the solidarity of purpose with our veterans, thankful for the opportunity it has given me to complete the trade I long had desired and the lifelong friends I have made along the way.

Marching on ANZAC day also fills me with a great sense of sadness, not just for my family, but for all who made the ultimate commitment and sacrifice and their families and friends, who are forever affected. Along with the sadness came determination, marching along the street to the applause of the crowds, reflecting on those who were lost, gave me a strong feeling of determination, to do my best in everything I do, to always stand with my mates, to do my best for the Army and the country.



CFN Strachan
(On the Job Trainee - Edinburgh Defence Precinct)



FRONT ROW:

Ex-WO2 Lou Leeuwrik, Ryan Hertweck, CFN Ferry, CFN Li, CFN Strachan, CFN Rosales, CFN Van Der Walt and WO1 John Prince.

WHAT MARCHING ON ANZAC DAY MEANS TO ME

Marching on Anzac Day is a meaningful way to honour the courage and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand service members and women. It recognises those who served and died in wars, especially at Gallipoli during the First World War, where the Anzac was born. The march is more than a tradition, it is a powerful act of remembrance.

It connects generations, allowing younger Australians to learn about the past and understand the values of mateship, bravery, and resilience. For veterans, marching is a moment of reflection, pride, and unity. It acknowledges their service and keeps their stories alive.

The Anzac Day march also brings communities together and reminds everyone of the cost of war. It ensures the sacrifices made are never forgotten. By marching, Australians continue to honour the Anzac spirit, showing that its legacy still shapes the nation's identity, values, and commitment to peace and remembrance.

CFN Rosales
(On the Job Trainee - Edinburgh Defence Precinct)



ANZAC Day Report

from our roving reporter
Ex-WO2 Doug Pammenter

This Year, due to an injury to my leg, I marched in the back of a 110 L/R on ANZAC Day.

I want to let you know what is irritating me at the moment. ANZAC Day to me has become a day for pubs and clubs to rip us off. Soldiers should be able to have an ale and enjoy themselves on **THEIR** day. Let me explain.

Last year we first had an ale at Torrens Parade Ground, the prices were quite good, however later when we decided to go to the Union in Waymouth St (the Union has been the in-place for quite a few years and was always good for catchups with a large number of serving and ex serving members). At the Union we were confronted with beer at \$12 a plastic cup and spirits at about \$20 each.

We considered this price to be a bit rich and decided to move on. We visited 3 or 4 pubs and found the prices not a great deal different. Barra (Ex-SGT Schmidtke) and I ended up at the Strathmore Hotel on North Tce and the prices were reasonable.

This year we started off at Torrens again where the prices were reasonable however there was no light beer available only heavy and mid strength. I enquired why and the woman serving did not know why and said they only had what they were given.

We then decided to give the Union a go to see if it was any better however when we got a drink it had increased to \$14 a cup.

So we only had one there.

We, after a phone call from Bob Matthew (our Association Treasurer), proceeded to the Hilton only to find it completely empty except for Bob and his wife Dawn . We purchased an ale there and were charged \$16 for a stubbie of Hahn premium light. So after one beer we hopped on a tram and went to the Strathmore on North Tce. We noticed the prices were still quite reasonable so Barra, Charly, and I stayed for quite a while.

I spoke to the manager Ben for quite sometime and relayed him the story. He agreed it was a bit of a rip off as well. So the outcome was that perhaps we should look at making the Strathmore our meeting place next year, what do you all think?

I am aware, after some investigating last year, that the Union say the prices are up because they donate money to Legacy. I do not know how much, but myself along with quite a few others agree it's a bit much.

The Strathmore also has an upstairs room we could book if we wanted to, but of course we would have to have the numbers.

Anyhow that's my winge for the day and hopefully I can report back again next year.

Regards Doug



Doug In the 110 L/R



Doug after the March

VALE

Reported by committee member John Howard

SGT Tony GEE

Recovery Mechanic - 107 Fd Wksp



**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 – Lest We Forget

General Business

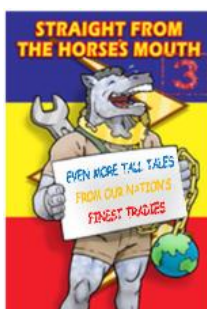
DIARY DATES 2025

Activity/Function

Date

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| - Committee of Management Meeting | Wednesday 4 th June |
| - RAEME Luncheon (West Adelaide FC) | Tuesday 2 nd September |
| - Committee of Management Meeting | Wednesday 3 rd September |
| - RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function (TBC) | Friday 31 st October |
| - 2025 Annual General Meeting (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 29 th November (10.30am) |
| - 2025 Corps Birthday Family Function (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 29 th November (noon) |

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH - Call for more articles for Edition 3



Due to the huge success of Editions 1 and 2, Edition 3 of RAEME's official humour book, *Straight from the Horse's Mouth*, is being drafted now, but the editors need more stories.

If you have any funny stories to share, new or old factual or enhanced, please send them to FunnyStories@raeme.com. If you would rather have one of the team call you to hear your story, send them your contact details.

Remember Stories don't have to be true, just believable.

Copies of Edition 1 and 2, will be available shortly from the Corps Shop.