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SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

Subs are due on 1st July.
Renewal notices due out shortly
NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY.
Subs are \$10 per year
contact our Treasurer/Membership Member
CPL Bob Matthew (m) 0409 962 208

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED
JOINING OUR ASSOCIATION?**
Contact CPL Bob Matthew (m) 0409 962 208

Full details on page 10

MAINTENANCE MATTERS UPDATE

I am very impressed with the Quality and Professionalism of our new National Publication 'Maintenance Matters'. I am sharing details of the latest Edition (05 - June 2026). Ed.

Our Secretary has been sending you all details of each edition as they are released via email from RAEMESA ASSOCIATION (raeme.sa.association@gmail.com)

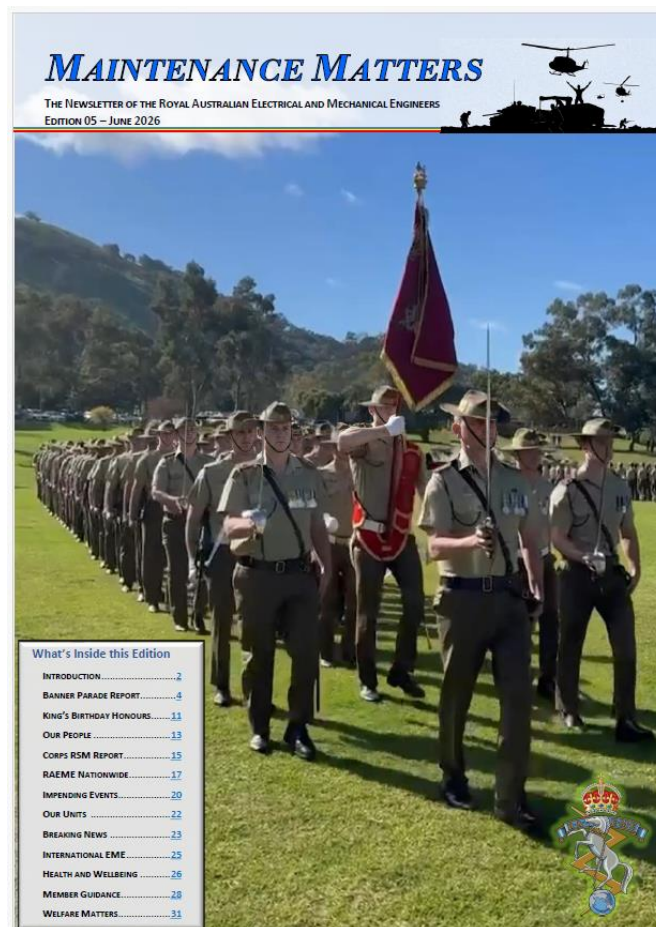
or Prince, John WO1 john.prince@defence.gov.au (if our Secretary is unavailable)

They are published about the second week of each month so look out for our email or go directly to the Nation Website on the links below.

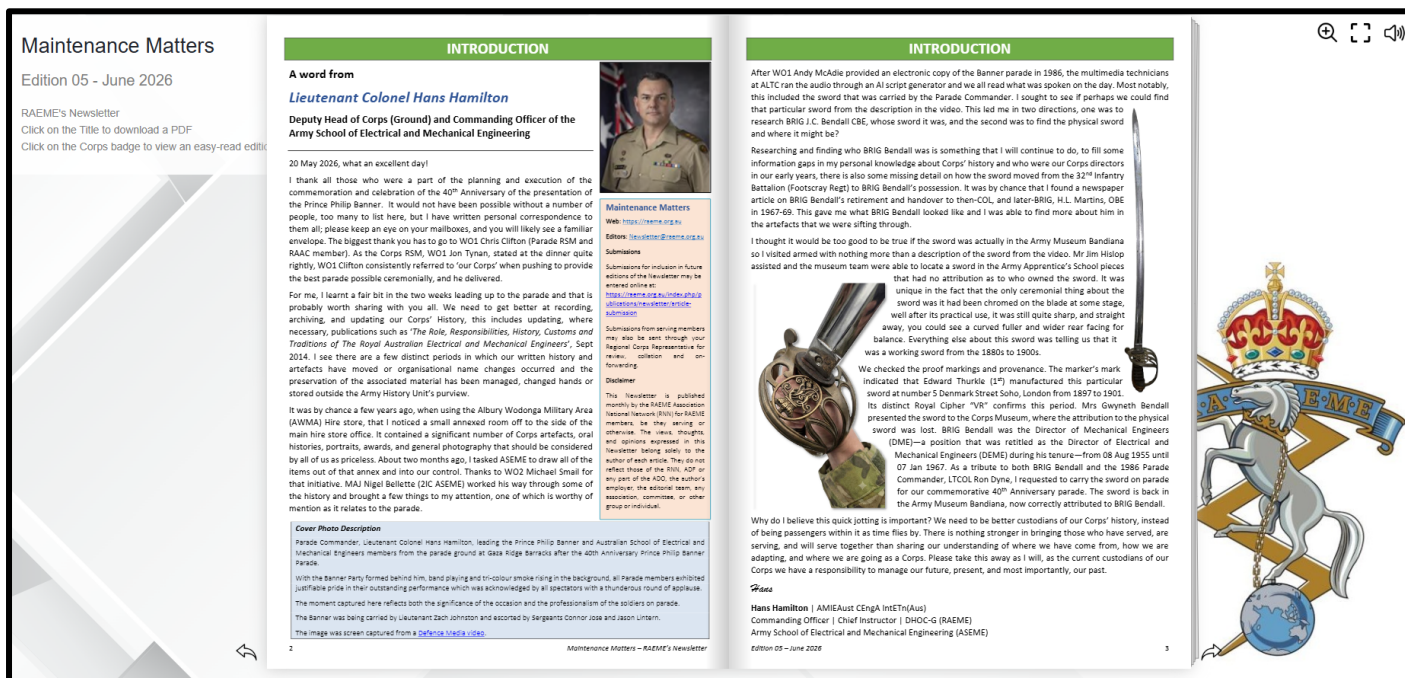
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- **PDF:** <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletter>
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RAEME Association of SA

DIARY DATES 2026



Activity/Function

Date

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| - RAEME Luncheon (West Adelaide FC) | Tuesday 1 st September |
| - Committee of Management Meeting (Plympton/Glenelg RSL) | Wednesday 2 nd September |
| - RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function | Friday 30 th October |
| - 2026 RAEME-SA Annual General Meeting (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 28 th Nov (10.30am) |
| - 2026 RAEME-SA Corps Birthday Family Function (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 28 th Nov (noon) |

Allied Military Association Functions

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| - SA REME Corps Birthday Activity | Sunday 27 th September |
| - SA REME Christmas Meeting | Sunday 29 th November |

To view all functions happening around Australia by
the various **RAEME Associations**
[Hold down the Control button and Click on this link](#)

VALE – Lest We Forget



CPL Brian HOLMES

11 Feb 1949 – 3 Jun 2026 (Age 77)
Life Member RAEME - SA
NS with RAA and RAAC LAD's

See Report on page 4

CFN Darryl (Jack) HORNER

14 Oct 1947 – 26 Sep 2025 (Age 78)
NS tradesman
Served in 106 Fd Wksp's Vietnam

See Report on page 9



**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 CFN Brian Holmes

In our last Bulletin we reported about Brian's fight with cancer and at that stage he was in Mary Potter Hospice and was not expected to live. It had been planned to make him a Life Member of our Association at the 2025 AGM so the committee agreed to bring the presentation forward and present the Certificate to Brian in hospital. Brian was absolutely thrilled and even had it permanently visible on a shelf in his room.

It must have done some good for him, as shortly afterwards the doctor advised him, he was well enough to go home. He only lasted another 6 months and wasn't well enough to attend any more meetings but at least he had been formally presented with his life membership and had time to appreciate the fact he had been made a life member.



Brian enlisted in the Citizen Military Forces (CMF) on 3 July 1968 and served with the 13th Field Regiment Light Aid Detachment (LAD) in Keswick Barracks, South Australia. He later transferred to the 3/9 South Australian Mounted Rifles LAD at Unley. Brian was promoted to Lance Corporal on 3 August 1970 and then to Corporal on 3 April 1971.

Brian was also registered for National Service on 31 March 1969. His records note that he undertook a substantial amount of additional CMF duty beyond his National Service obligatory parades, reflecting his commitment to the military and to the Corps.

Following his Army service, Brian remained a passionate supporter of RAEME and dedicated many years of service to the RAEME Association of South Australia as a Committee Member and Life Member. He was also an active member of the National Servicemen's Association, continuing his commitment to veterans and the wider ex-service community.



Brian's funeral service was held on Monday, 22 June.

Arte et Marte
Rest in Peace

Pictures from Brian's Funeral - Thanks to WO1 John Prince & Don Harvy



RAEME-SA ANZAC Function

There was another very good turnout for the ANZAC Day Function. The WAFC had seating for fifty (50) guests and all seats were taken on the day. Once again, the REME Association of SA supported our function, and they were all very happy as most of them won raffle prizes.

The banner party consisted of OC 107 Fd Wksp Coy, 9 CSSB, MAJ Eugene Wasilenia, wearing a 2nd AIF officers' uniform and another Reenact SA member Grant Robinson, wearing a WW2 khaki general duties uniform and Lou Leeuwrik wearing circa 1960/70's battle dress with RAEME insignia. The RAEME Flag was marched-in and the last post was played. WO1 John Prince recited the Ode.

Again, we had our magnificent militaria display (RAEME oriented), many thanks to Don Harvy. Judy Moyses did her usual above and beyond effort in organising the raffle and the ticket sales.

Everybody in attendance had a great day.

Thanks to Don Harvy for the article Ed



Our President WO1 John Prince (above) and other attendees



WO2 Lou Leeuwrik and MAJ Richard Moyses

Adelaide Anzac Day March – 2026

This year's RAEME-SA March group was a lot smaller than normal as we usually have a number of OJT from ASEME. WO2 Travis Hertweck advised that there were none posted to SA this year.

The weather was kind to us again this year (a nice Adelaide spring day) and everyone enjoyed a pleasant march. Our group this year was approximately 30 Pax strong led by Lou Leeuwrik who was well supported by our Banner Bearers Angas Karger and Tony Hill.



A few familiar faces as the team assemble in the FUP



Our President WO1 John Prince and his Grandson Finley Houston



*RAEME Sign bearer
Army Cadet LCPL Subyta Ahammad
from 44 ACU, Hampstead Barracks*

Adelaide Anzac Day March – 2026 - Continued



Banner Bearers L-R Angus Karger and Tony Hill



*Getting ready for the March. L-R Low Lou Leeuwrik, WO1 Prince and Army Cadet LCPL Subyta Ahammad.
Thanks to John Prince for the photos. Ed*

Adelaide Anzac Day March – Vietnam Contingent

Thanks to Ray Ryan for the report and pictures

On a lovely day, we had 13 people in total that completed the march, 3 were late comers and the ladies were marching for their Husband or Grandfather, I never turn these people away, because their family members were RAEME.



Ray split the photo to enlarge it so people could really see their mates.



L-R Ray Ryan HQ 1 ATF, Don Fragnito 17 Construction Wksp, Maddy Forde for Darryl Horner, Tony Schick 1 Psych Unit, & Tess Forde for Darryl Horner,



L-R Tony Hinton 1 Fd Sq Wksp, Terry Buick 1 Fd Sqn Wksp, Enzo Iannuzzi 106 Fd Wksp, Friend for Andrew Builder, Scout RAEME Sign Bearer - name unknown.

We had 3 latecomers who weren't included in the photos and they were Chris Hienrenich 101 Fd Wksp, Dianne Rackliff and Richard Rackliff, RAEME Attached to 2 AOD.



VALE Darryl Horner (See page 3)

In our ANZAC Day 2025 In-Review the march picture included Darryl Horner (copy shown below) accompanied by his son Paul. He couldn't be in this year's March but was represented by his Grand Daughter's Maddie and Tessa (holding a framed photo of Darryl).

Death notice for

HORNER, Darryl Colin

14.10.1947 - 26.9.2025

Beloved husband of Lyn

Loving father and father-in-law of
Natalie & Tom,

Paul & Sarah,
Kimberley & Darren.

Much loved Papa to **Madeleine**,

Noah, **Tessa**, Finn, Sophie and Joshua



Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal????

Subs are due on 1st July in the year your membership expires.

Reminders will be sent out shortly.

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years eg \$50 for five years.

If in doubt please contact our Treasurer/Membership Member

CPL Bob Matthew (mobile) **0409 962 208**

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities are available.

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Account Name **RAEME ASSOCIATION of SA INC**

Please send an email to our Membership Member advising him of your payment.

robert.m1@bigpond.com

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING OUR ASSOCIATION?

You can join by applying on the website <https://sa.raeme.org.au/>

or contacting our Membership Member - Bob Matthew

Email: robert.m1@bigpond.com Mobile: 0409 962 208

Please Note: The committee will be reviewing the annual subscriptions and the possibility of a Lifetime Membership arrangement. Both items will be discussed and voted on at the 2026 AGM.

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Learn more about upcoming activities www.soldieron.org.au/events or contact activities@soldieron.org.au. Make sure you're subscribed to the correct **DMFS Area Office eNews** so you don't miss out on important local updates.

By staying connected, you'll receive information about **local activities, opportunities to connect, relevant advice, and programs** available in your new posting area.

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If you would like to learn more about these groups, or if you would appreciate support in getting connected, please reach out to our Family Liaison Officer:

P: 08 8305 6231 | E: dmfs.southaustralia@defence.gov.au

RAEME GATHERING – 16 May 2026

A gathering of the RAEME Old boys (and girls) was held on Saturday 16th May 2026 at 'The Guardsman' Restaurant (the historic 1928 Overland Dining Hall) in the Adelaide Railway Station. The 1400hrs start on a Saturday seemed to suit everyone so it is a good timing opportunity for future similar activities.

The “gathering” was a get-together for All Ranks and Trades from RAEME in SA.



General comments received

- It was a very good day at a very good venue
- Hope to see you all at the next one.
- Great activity and an enjoyable outing with old friends
- Please share details of future group activities across all RAEME Groups



2026 CRAFTSMAN PORT & SINGLE MALT WHISKY

This year's RAEME Craftsman Port (Tawny) has now been officially launched.

In recognition of significant milestones within the Army and the Corps, AHQ proudly sponsor this year's release and, in collaboration with Chief's Son Distillery, is offering both a Port (Tawny) and a Single Malt Whisky.

To place an order, please scan the QR code on the attached flyer. All orders will be delivered directly to your door.

PLEASE NOTE – Max purchase of 6 bottles per order, in any combination.

It would be appreciated if you could assist the Corps in promoting this further and in distributing the attached flyer through your respective channels.

The same information will be available in all the Corps newsletters and updates.

**2026 CRAFTSMAN PORT
& SINGLE MALT WHISKY**

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CHIEF'S SON DISTILLERY

PROUD AUSTRALIAN VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS

Delivery in batches throughout 2026

LAST ORDERS: 30 Sep 26

Bottle, 700ml, Port: \$60.00

Bottle, 700ml, Whisky: \$87.00

Postage: \$19*

***Up to 6 Bottles**



OVEL 2026 Rocket League Tournament – Registrations Now Open

We're excited to officially launch the OVEL 2026 Rocket League Tournament, proudly delivered in partnership with Invictus Australia and Veteran Gaming Australia.

The tournament is open to the Australian Defence community, including all current and former serving members and their families.

Tournament Overview:

- 3v3 Rocket League
- Australia-wide online competition
- Solo players welcome (team placement assistance available)
- Top 8 Finals streamed live

Key Dates:

- 12 July 2026 - Team Registration Cut-Off **NOTE CUT-OFF DATE**
- 1st and/or 9th August 2026 (Weekends) - Qualifying / Seeding Rounds
- 29 August OR 5 September 2026 - Top 8 Finals

Format and scheduling will depend on final team numbers Final schedules and timings will be confirmed after registrations close.

This flexible approach allows us to build the best possible competition structure based on participation numbers across Australia.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/qtyPAyQBgg1ktfBfA>

Discord: <https://discord.gg/U88aaDFHrQ>

This year's tournament continues building momentum around the growth of esports within the veteran community and the inclusion of esports in the Invictus Games Birmingham 2027.

We'd greatly appreciate you sharing this through your communities, units and networks.

We're looking forward to another fantastic year of community connection through esports.

Please find attached a flyer for the event and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Kind Regards,
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For our REME Friends – King's Birthday Parade



On Saturday 13th June 2026, the Trooping the Colour ceremony took place in the presence of King Charles III, marking the Sovereign's official birthday. The King's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards trooped their Colour, with over 1,350 soldiers from the Household Division and King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery taking part, including 300+ musicians and 250 personnel lining The Mall.

The tradition dates back to the reign of Charles II (1660–1685), was formally adopted as the Sovereign's official birthday parade in 1748 and has been an annual event since George III's reign from 1760. The King's actual birthday is 14th November.

For the Association History buffs

Email From: MAJ Nige Bellette - 2IC ASEME to RNN

G'day, ASEME has just uncovered a staggering amount of Corps related memorabilia in the form of photos, trophies, records, doctrinal publications and certificate. These date as far back as WW2. After they are sorted into categories I will contact the Association to try to get help with the identification and significance of some of these items. For example I have a book with the education certificates of the second and third class Army Apprentices. Please contact me for further details.

Response

Thank you for the advice on the material you have uncovered - it doesn't surprise me that you have uncovered such a trove of important material. RTC and ASEME-A have both been repositories for RAEME units and sub-units as they were restructured, disestablished, or reconstituted over the last 60 or 70 years on a regular basis. I wouldn't be surprised that you also find a large amount of documentation archived from successive versions of the Corps histories and material produced by many generations of students who attended courses at RTC/ASEME.

R.L.G.GRANT AM
BRIG (RTD)
(Previous HOC)