

## 75<sup>th</sup> Corps Anniversary Celebrations

On 1st of December 1942 the order declaring the creation of "AEME" was raised. In 1948 the dedicated performance of the AEME tradesman during WW2 was recognised by His Majesty King George VI when he granted the Corps the title "The Royal Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers"



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The Corps turned out in style to celebrate our 75th Anniversary with a formal guard and banner parade at the Australian War Memorial. The threat of rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm or spirits of the participants and spectators. The guard was made up of soldiers from across RAEME including ASEME and Aviation elements.



The RAEME Corps Banner was proudly marched onto the parade in front of hundreds of men, women and families, past and present. The reviewing officer was Major General Rick Burr, DSC, AM, MVO Deputy Chief of Army.

On behalf of the Australian War Memorial Wing Commander (Ret'd) Sharon Bown provided a rousing welcome speech. I would highly recommend reading this speech and is available by [clicking on this link](#).



With the parade over, the AWM was host to our 75th Birthday Celebrations. Over 230 guests attended the evening, including a number of RAQ Members both serving and retired. The evening can only be described as a rare and once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate at a formal dinner in the Great Hall under the wings of our most famous World War II Bomber "G" for George.



MC for the evening was our very own RAQ Patron Brigadier Ross Grant (ret'd). Ross welcomed all guests including our new Head of Corps Brigadier Andrew Freeman, along with our official guest Lieutenant General Angus J. Campbell, AO, DSC Chief of Army. General Campbell provided a few insights into his role and his experience with RAEME throughout his career. He stayed on long after the official event allowing many soldiers and officers the opportunity to meet and talk to our Chief.

Our Representative Colonel Commandant Brigadier Dave McGahey CSC (ret'd) received a letter from our Colonel in Chief HRH The Duke Of Edinburgh Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. HRH letter was read out by our Head Of Corps Brigadier Andrew Freeman. It is available to view on the RAEME National site by [clicking on this link](#).

The night was the perfect end to what was an amazing day. What was abundantly clear is the Esprit de Corps is alive and well within our great Corps

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