



RAEME ASSOCIATION – QUEENSLAND

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CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Welcome – it has been a busy six months since our last Spanner News. Over that time, the RAEME Association Queensland has undergone some changes, including gaining approval of our application to the Office of Fair Trading to become Incorporated (Inc). At the member level of the Association, you will see few changes; but at another level, it sees a change in legal identity for the RAEME Association Queensland Incorporated. The change brings many benefits overall, including an increased level of protection for our committee members and puts us on a more professional footing.

The Association's Annual General meeting (AGM) held on 24th August 2013, was an outstanding success. Amongst other things, we formerly acknowledged and thanked two long standing committee members who have stepped aside after many years of dedicated work within the Association. The first of these Leo Galligan, was our Web Master for many years, and carried on despite health concerns. Leo now takes a well deserved break – well done to you, Leo, and thank you for your dedication to the Association and technical assistance to our website. Also, I was able to present Raymond Norman, our Membership Coordinator for the past 12 months, and prior Chairman, a certificate of appreciation following his outstanding work to our membership for some 10 years. Ray has shifted his focus to the all-important work of developing the RAEME National Association, a position in which he has been President for over three years. Ray will also continue to be the coordinator of the Spanner Packs program. On behalf of the Association's Committee and our membership, thank you, Raymond, for your great work and dedication over many years.

At our recent AGM we were pleased to elect a number of new people to the Committee. I thank them their support and voluntary nominations to the positions shown below:

- Steve Howells – Membership Coordinator,
- Geraldine Polkinghorne - Assistant Secretary, and
- Shad Marsh - Functions Sub Committee Chairman (newly created position).

As you are aware, we are becoming increasingly dependant on information being transmitted electronically. Therefore the importance of our Web Site cannot be underestimated – to that end we in QLD have been working hand in hand with a small team of like minded volunteers Australia wide to develop our new website. The coordination of this important endeavour is being undertaken by the RAEME National Association (RNA) which includes all state associations. This will provide an updated platform for all associations to exploit and reduce time and expense in running our various websites. This project will take some time to complete, however in the mean time, Peter Matthews has offered to step in to manage our current Queensland website following the retirement of Leo. Thank you Peter, it is always pleasing to see another volunteer, particularly with your skills, join our ranks and assist us carry the work load.

This year celebrates the 71st Birthday of RAEME and we are holding our celebratory All Ranks Luncheon at the FIX Restaurant in the Port Office Hotel – may I encourage you all to put together a group and join us on Sunday 1st December.

As I review our activities over the last six months, I am reminded that we are meeting the tenants of our Association's charter, which if you have forgotten are summarized below:

- Promote the Corps identity and reputation in Queensland.
- Recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Corps in Queensland.
- Provide a focal point for Corps activities in Queensland.

Kind regards,

Jeff Maurice
Chairman
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RAYMOND NORMAN STEPS DOWN

It is with mixed feelings that I have finally extracted myself from the RAEME Association Committee. My time over the past ten years has been very rewarding, therapeutic, exciting and challenging, and if it did nothing else, ensured that my grey matter kept working.

Over this period I have served in several positions – Membership, Assistant ANZAC Day Coordinator, RAEME Birthday Luncheon Coordinator, Operation Spanner Packs Manager, several ad hoc Sub-Committees and most importantly, Chairman of our

vibrant wonderful Association. In the short term, I will continue to assist with ANZAC Day and manage the luncheon this year.

In all capacities I have been blessed with loyal, dedicated and very supportive other members of the committee, without which this association would not be in the great shape it is today – they have been and continue to be a great group of volunteers, mates and supportive colleagues, and set an example for the younger members of our Association.

When I joined the Association some thirteen years ago several folk stood out as the movers and shakers that drove this organisation forward. At the risk of missing some (always fraught with danger), I would like to mention a few: my friend, advisor and mentor Ross Grant; my loyal committee members, Gary Sargent, Andrew (Nico) Nicolson, John Parfitt, Ian (Ernie) Hartshorn, Max Bond, Joan Campbell, Ron McElwaine and many other great loyal RAEME members, including the current Chairman, Jeff Maurice and Treasurer Ian Leabeater. Without such folk, we would not have become the successful organisation we are today – thank you one and all.

I would also like to pay tribute to several Heads of Corps (HOC) BRIG McGahey, BRIG Welsh, BRIG Creagh and BRIG Mathewson, including their staff at the HOC Cell Bandiana. Without their leadership and support over recent years, for all RAEME Associations nationally, the associations collectively would not be where they are today.

On that note, I would simply like to say thank you to all for such an interesting and wonderful time.

My time and efforts will now be directed and concentrated on the development of the RAEME National Association.

Kind Regards

R. G. Norman OAM
Outgoing Chair Membership
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TREASURER'S REPORT

To keep all abreast of the important work of your treasurer, and to provide a measure of transparency, I will report regularly on the financial state of our Association.

In recent weeks, the Association has separated the National Funds from the Queensland Account, and as at 30 Jun 13, the balance stands at \$36,614.31; this includes both cash and stock. You should also be aware that a full financial report was port was tabled at the AGM.

At the last monthly meeting a donation of \$1000 was unanimously approved for the Corps History Project (CHP) Team to facilitate their important work. This still leaves the account with \$31,074.74 cash at hand, which includes an Investment Account of \$18651.91.

We would just like to reiterate that when members transfer funds to the RAEME Association – Queensland (RAQ) Account, you must provide your personal particulars to the treasurer, via email to Treasurer@gmail.com so that a receipt can be correctly processed in return.

Unfortunately at the AGM, we did not get any nominations for Assistant Treasurer. As you will appreciate, this is a very important position and is also critical for continuity as we move to appointing the next incumbent Treasurer. There is a pressing need for a younger member of the association to take on this position, in particular the responsibility of Assistant Treasurer. So if you have the skills, time and interest, please contact me, and I will ease you into the job gently.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Leabeater
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FROM THE COL COMDT QLD

Greetings again to one and all. I attended another successful Spanner Club hosted by 2/14 LHR in June. Well done to all who contributed to making the event so successful.

I find it inspiring, when I speak to many Corps members at these events, to find just how positive they view the Corps and their ability to add value in their many different workplaces. I have also observed the willingness of many others members of the Corps to adapt to the emerging new situation, for the Corps, post the operational environment. It is very encouraging to see our Corps members continually seeking to provide and enhance the excellent maintenance support that Commander's at all levels have grown accustomed to. I look forward to providing this positive perspective on the Corps in my report to the RAEME Corps Committee when it meets in Canberra next month.

While there are no significant matters on the upcoming Corps Committee agenda that are likely to affect all our Corps members, there will always be issues the Committee needs to addresses that are of interest to many. I will detail these in the next

newsletter. Of particular note, it appears that annual Corps Conferences, which have been a feature of our Corps' rich life since 1994, and which were discontinued two years ago, will recommence next year. I will also advise you of the location and dates after I return from the Corps Committee. These conferences have been and will continue to be an excellent opportunity for serving officers and senior ranks of the Corps to contribute to discussion about the Corps' future generally, and its framework, trade structure, doctrine and training focus specifically. It is also about fully understanding the Corps strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and shaping and influencing the Corps future vision and development. I am very supportive for this opportunity and encourage your attendance.

Back to this year, the 2013 RAEME Birthday will be upon us very soon and I invite all our serving and ex-serving Corps members to attend either or both events that mark our birthday in south east Queensland. Those events are of course the formal all ranks dinner at Oakey on Friday 29 Nov 13, and the RAQ Luncheon held in Brisbane on the 1 Dec 13 at the Port Office Hotel. While you might not have the chance to participate in the respective birthday events on the day, I have no doubt that our serving members would be very pleased to have the support and encouragement of our many ex-serving members should you have the opportunity to make the celebrations. The RAEME birthday lunch, hosted by the RAQ, is also a great afternoon, and an excellent chance to catch up with some Corps mates you may not have seen for a while. Please refer to the RAQ website for further details on how to purchase tickets. I look forward to seeing you there.

Arte et Marte,

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EVENT REPORTS

Spanner Club – Hosted by Technical Support Troop, 2/14 LHR (QMI). On 21 Jun 13, 2/14 LHR (QMI) hosted a Spanner Club inviting all RAEME personnel and workshop support staff within the SE-QLD region to attend.

The event was low key, focussing on catching up with old mates after a hectic series of overseas rotations and before we all headed off to Exercise Talisman Sabre. The day comprised of drinks, a BBQ, and topped off by a raffle with many prizes donated by local businesses, support agencies and

the RAEME Association. With approximately 130 attendees, the event was deemed a success.

Of note, the Colonel Commandant – QLD, LTCOL R. Kluckhohn and Chairman of the RAEME Association-QLD, Mr. Jeff Maurice, were in attendance. Both gentlemen assisted in drawing the raffle and were able to have a chat with the current crop of spanners who were present.

The turn out from across the region was substantial and the members from within the brigade were able to chat about their field 'warries' and the many late nights spent fixing vehicles. To all who attended, the TST was proud to have hosted the festivities and serve fellow spanners for a well earned afternoon of entertainment. To 106 Fd Wksp, cheers for supporting en mass and we look forward to taking you on in the RAEME Birthday challenges in November.

The day was highly enjoyable and we look forward to the next get together.

Sergeant Andrew Stark
EIR Sect SGT
2/14 QMI TST

RAEME RESERVE/CMF Reunion 2013. This year's Reunion was once again held at the Sherwood/Indooroopilly RSL Sub-Branch on 25th August. This time of year always seems to come with splendid weather and we were blessed again. Approximately 70 people attended, which is an increase of about 20 on last year. A number of new faces appeared and it was great to see the return of members who have not been able to attend for some time.

Once again the BBQ rissoles, which have been sourced by Glen Dixon, proved a tasty treat with many positive comments on their quality, complemented by excellent cooking undertaken by Peter Saxon and Glen Dixon. The cooks made good use of the recently completed outdoor BBQ area.

We had the support of a number of Sub-Branch members who manned the bar and gave assistance with the catering. The help of George Krishna, who once served at Bulimba Workshops (ex RAEME), Mick Rockett, a former 6 RAR member and three ladies from the ladies' auxiliary, was very much appreciated. Rosco Garry, who has assisted for a number of years, but is now experiencing some health issues, also attended – it was good to see him.

Max Bond presented a eulogy for Bob Martin, who passed away recently, which was followed by a minutes silence in respect of a staunch RAEME member and Association member.

Those attending had the opportunity to enjoy some entertainment on the TV. This consisted of a slideshow from last year's Reunion and various military videos.

Mention must also be made of the committee members and their partners for their efforts throughout the year and during this function.

The raffles were well supported with 15 prizes up for grabs. One member was lucky to win 4 prizes but as he spent \$20 on tickets it was probably more than luck. The much coveted RAEME Cane was won by the Secretary, who upon receiving it stated he had already won one, and then presented it to Bette Tomkins, whom he knew had been after one for many years. Unfortunately there is only one cane raffled each year, so if you haven't been successful try again next year.

We all look forward to next year's function, which will be held at around the same time. So if you could not make it this time, we hope to see you next year for a great day when you will be able to renew Army friendships.



Attendees Les Josiah, Trevor Smith, Kim Chang, Phil Gee, Ian Finch Enjoying the Reunion

OTHER HAPPENINGS

106 FIELD WORKSHOP – An Evolutionary Story. In December 2012, 7 Combat Service Support Battalion changed structure from the multiple Combat Service Support Teams of the past into Corps specific sub-units. This was a major organisational change for the Battalion, and it gave rise to the opportunity to re-raise an organisation with a brief but distinguished operational history, with a rich and ongoing legacy – 106 Field Workshop.

The original 106 Field Workshop unit was raised in October 1968 and disbanded in October 1971,

spending practically its entire history deployed to Vietnam. While the spirit of 106 Field Workshop has been kept alive over the last 20 years, in 7 Combat Service Support Battalion through the retention of customs and traditions and the naming of the Battalion recreational facility “the Borlace Club”, the re-raising of 106 Field Workshop has allowed an important element of RAEME history to be brought back to life. This article will go through some history of 106 Field Workshop and touch upon the current activities the revitalised 106 Field Workshop is involved in on behalf of 7 Combat Service Support Battalion in support of 7 Brigade.

106 Field Workshop was deployed to Vietnam on 15 November 1968 as reinforcement for the 1st Australian Task Force (ATF) whose primary Area of Operation was Phuoc Tuy Province. The stated mission of 106 Field Workshop was ‘to provide 2nd line EME services, recovery and repair support at the Task Force Base and throughout the Area of Operations with Forward Repair and Recovery detachments as ordered, and to provide all in-theatre support for Armoured, Cavalry and Artillery equipment.’ In addition, 106 Field Workshop was expected to act as a ‘combat service unit’ and be prepared to fight for its own protection, hold ground, secure its equipment and all equipment undergoing repair, contribute to base security and contribute to active defence from standing patrols to fighting patrols. 106 Field Workshop was held in such high regard by the forces it supported, that the self-appointed motto of ‘The Punch Behind the Task Force Fist’ was universally accepted by all members of the ATF.

106 Field Workshop was raised as a response to a noted major deficiency in the ability of the originally deployed 1st Independent Armoured Squadron Workshop to maintain and improve battle worthiness and equipment recovery for the ATF's equipment, most notably the armoured vehicles. Initially under the command Major W. Hicks-Hall, 106 Field Workshop was based in Nui Dat where it deployed forward repair and recovery teams with, and in close support of, the fighting echelons wherever required. The unit expanded significantly during its time in Vietnam and at its peak was held at a battalion (-) strength, with 535 members serving in total (enlisted, reservists and conscripted).

While undertaking repairs to armoured vehicles, it was quickly identified that rocket propelled grenades and anti-tank mines were causing significant damages and injuries to Australian forces. As early as Mar 1969, 106 Field Workshop began providing technical advice leading to the development and fitment of armour kits. These armour kits proved so effective they were installed as a universal modification to Australian APCs throughout the force, and were credited with saving many lives. On

a lighter note, during the unit's tenure at Nui Dat, 106 Field Workshop adopted a unit mascot, LCPL Charlie Goloski. Charlie was by all accounts a very inquisitive and mischievous monkey. He spent the majority of his days in familiar company at the recovery platoon area, and would often go on recovery missions. Sadly, he passed away and was replaced with another monkey, Suzie, who remained with the unit until its redeployment to Australia in 1971.

106 Field Workshop was withdrawn from Vietnam to Wodonga, Australia in Oct 1971 where it was disbanded. The majority of its documentation and files were destroyed or misplaced, and only limited official evidence of their core functions and operational reporting remain. However, the commander's journals are telling in their pride and attitude towards the work the unit conducted. In the final commander's report for the unit prior to disbanding, the OC Major John Sinclair made the following comments:

"It would have been appropriate to have included in this last report a short history of 106 Fd Wksp...and some comment on what the unit achieved. This has however not been possible. I think it is beyond question that this unit has been very successful throughout the almost three years of its existence. This is the measure of the men who have served with it. It is with some degree of regret that this final report is concluded."

Perhaps the most recognisable piece of 106 Field Workshop history is the Corps painting 'AFV Repair in the Light Green', which is a representation of a 106 Field Workshops Forward Repair Team (FRT) in South Vietnam.

106 Field Workshop was re-formed in the early-1980s at Coopers Plains, and in 1993 moved to Enoggera as part of 6 Brigade Administrative Support Battalion. In Mar 1993, with F88 Austeyr's issued to the unit for the first time, a parade was held to officially disband the unit for the second time. Of note, the current Artificer Sergeant Major of 106 Field Workshop was present at that parade.

Throughout the period 1993 until 2012, the 106 designation has been intermittently maintained throughout the tumultuous times surrounding the disbanding of 6 Brigade and the integration of 6 and 7 Brigade Administrative Support Battalion to generate a legacy for the workshop. During this period, the workshop which formed an integral part of the combat service support battalions, has tried to maintain the links and lineage of the original 106 Field Workshop, using amongst other things, the unit motto, mascot and tactical sign in our correspondence and on sub-unit PT uniforms.

Although as a sub-unit the newly raised 106 Field Workshop is less capable than its battalion sized predecessor, it has demonstrated from the beginning that it can punch well above its weight, in spite of a manning state far below the standard for a Brigade workshop. With 7 Brigade in the RESET Phase of the Force generation cycle (FGC), 106 Field Workshop provided the main effort tasked with remediating all Brigade equipment to fully functional in preparation for transition to the READYING Phase. 106 Field Workshop is continuing to complete this task while concurrently raising a Forward Repair Group and Combat Service Support Team Headquarters to support the opposing force on Exercise Talisman Sabre 2013. The recovery element has been heavily tasked, but is performing admirably, providing a full section to the Forward Repair Group while maintaining responsibility for the national recovery plan for South East Queensland and support to the rest of the Brigade. Despite the heavy workload, both retention and recruitment are excellent, with members withdrawing discharge and the workshop expanding as a disproportionate number of new craftsmen request their first posting be with 106 Field Workshop.

As with our legacy unit, success in these undertakings is not a result of the equipment or organisation, but instead is a measure of the men currently serving in the unit. Their drive and professionalism lives up to the legacy which they are now part of, and allows them to perform above and beyond the expectations placed on them. 106 Field Workshop is an exciting organisation to be part of and as it grows in the future can only become an even more desired place to be.

By Lieutenant Lambert with assistance from Lance Corporal Rosman

Corps History Project (CHP). This article provides a summary of the outcomes from a recent CHP Planning Workshop held on 7 Sep 13, at 20 STA Regt Conference Room, Brisbane. It is provided for the information of all RNA members.

As the Chair of the meeting, I want to thank the CHP Team members for giving up their valuable weekend time, contributing fully to the discussion and accepting a range of new tasks. I very much appreciate the spirit of 'voluntarism' that was abroad in the conference room and the commitment of all attendees, as well as the messages of encouragement and support, from those who were not able to attend, namely the Deputy PD, Mr Chris Mead; and one of the editors, Mr Frank Benfield.

The aim of the planning day was twofold:

- take stock of CHP progress to date, and
- plan the next series of tasks leading to publication.

Taking Stock. The three authors/editors (Mr Max Carmichael, Mr Frank Benfield and MAJ Keirin Joyce) have made substantial progress and the Lead Author, Mr Max Carmichael, provided a progress report of the 19 chapters current underway. In summary:

- Chapters at “review completed” stage – 9;
- Chapters at first draft stage – 6;
- Chapters yet to be addressed – 4;
- Review/Editing – Mr Frank Benfield has joined the team recently and is providing an excellent review and editing service in support of the other two authors/editors. This has enabled the writing and review process to speed up and proceed more effectively although the project remains slightly behind schedule;
- Bibliography - being addressed progressively as the chapters are drafted – all contributors are being acknowledged; and
- Finally, Mr Carmichael is pleased with the quantity and quality of contributions now available to him and with some further research of the Corps archives at the Army Logistic Museum, will be “fleshing out” those chapters where there is a paucity of detail. He has also been provided with access to all back issues of the “Craftsman” magazine from which other stories may be drawn.

In team discussion, it was agreed that the size of the book may be growing too large, and that the book’s size should stay roughly within the parameters of the project brief, around 300 pages. The author was directed to undertake some “heavy editing” of the early chapters, a reduction in the Defence Cooperation Project (DCP) chapter, look carefully the size of each chapter to obtain a better balance of stories and discuss with the PD the desire to have an recently retired RAEME officer, draft the ‘Forward’ and a ‘Lead in Passage’ for the last Chapter ‘The Spirit of RAEME’.

Issues raised by the Lead Author. Mr Carmichael raised several issues that were resolved as follows:

- **Photographs.** To date the team has not received enough specific photographs, which support the stories provided. The Team decided to cast a wider net for suitable

photographs, consider the balance between narrative and available photographs and obtain better quality photographs, where possible, which can be used creatively in the book.

- **Schedule.** The original production schedule has slipped due to the initially slow response from contributors to the book, and the desire to include a few more stories, which have been promised. It was agreed that a ‘final’ cut-off date would be 1 Dec 13. Contributions received after that date would be kept in the CHP Repository in perpetuity.
- **Publishing.** There is a pressing need to approach a publisher and establish criteria for the book’s layout, format, publishing methodology and costs. The team agreed to commence this work in the next few months.

Discussion Points. A number of important topics were considered by the CHP Team.

- **CHP Repository.** WO1 Paul Gibbs. Paul, the manager of the CHP repository, provided the team with an update on the progress of the development and management of the CHP Repository. It now contains a comprehensive archive of all the stories provided to date, including those being placed in the book and those that have not been used. His aim has been to preserve the material in a secure electronic format; ensure it properly catalogued and can be easily accessed by the authors; and that in time it could be used in other ways by members of the Corps in perpetuity.
- Paul also tabled a proposal to the RAEME National Association, from the Victoria Barracks Chapter, of the RAEME Association–Victoria, to develop a facility that ‘coordinates and collates the presentation of the online electronic Corps History Repository’, which can be accessed by all members of the Corps – past and present – allows the RAEME National Association to ‘gather, edit and present stories and information’ and ‘incorporate (all material) into a nationally managed and supported website’. This facility will also promote the ‘ethos and values of the Corps as required by the RAEME National Association Charter’. In addition the proposal also amalgamates www.raeme.info site, a privately owned website, which retired WO1 Bob Thompson, has sponsored, developed and maintained over many years.
- **Sponsorship and Fundraising.** COL COMDT-QLD, COL Richard Kluckhohn,

reported that fundraising was going well and he was pleased with fundraising results to date and that he and LTCOL Chris Mead would continue to pursue opportunities. In summary, the financial support has allowed the project team to move the author to various sites to obtain stories, photographs and conduct interviews with key contributors. This support will become increasingly important when the book commences its detailed editing process and the team explores the options for publication in detail.

- **RAEME National Association.** The Chair, Mr Ray Norman, confirmed the commitment of the RAEME National Association to the project, its enthusiasm to assist where possible in publicizing the project, the RNA's longer term plans to use the developing RAEME National website as a vehicles for publicizing and marketing the book, and their desire to assist in distribution if necessary. He also emphasised the RAEME National Association's desire to facilitate the Victoria Barracks Chapter's plans for the repository development mentioned above. To this end he outlined the crucial work being undertaken nationally by a very loyal band of technically oriented band of volunteers in all states to keep that work going.
- **HOC Representative.** MAJ Graham Anderson, representing the SO2 Corps Heritage, MAJ John Halstead, and HOC Cell, re-iterated the HOC's commitment to the goals of the CHP plan and acknowledged the good work being done by the volunteer team and the authors. In his own right Graham has volunteered to conduct a raffle to raise further funds for the project and advised that the prizes were now shaping up as: An original version of the previous Corps history 'Craftsmen of the Australian Army' (currently worth about \$400 on eBay); Corps miniatures and a some donated prints of the Corps Banner Presentation ceremony parade, kindly donated by Mr Frank Benfield. Graham will advise further detail on the method of conducting the raffle shortly.

Moving Forward. Outcomes from the meeting to assist the team move to the next stage include the following:

- **Style, Format and Tone of the Book.** As mentioned the team, agreed that the pictorial style of the book should be modified a little to accommodate the lack of specific photographs supporting contributors' stories

and the final product will be more of a "history book with pictures" obtained from a variety of sources than a pictorial history.

- **Publication and Distribution of the Book.** Further research and work needs to commence immediately to identify the best course of action for printing, publishing, ordering and distributing the finished book.
- **Book Launch Planning.** The consensus of the team was for a launch in 2014 on the RAEME Corps Birthday (around 1 Dec 14), subject to the planning to be undertaken for publishing, and the editing process being completed satisfactorily.
- **Raffle.** HOC Cell take will responsibility for the conduct of the above mentioned raffle on a date to be advised.
- **Photograph and Story Competition.** Nick Rees will take the lead in formalising and finalising the conduct of the photograph and story competition with Paul Gibbs' assistance and using the CHP repository.
- **Pre-ordering and ongoing ordering Process.** Paul Gibbs undertook to consider ways of establishing and implementing an ordering process to gauge initially the level of interest and then put in place an enduring ordering process for the long term.

Conclusion. There is much to be proud of with the work being done by the CHP Team. I am grateful for their support and commitment, but also the support from current and former HOC, the HOC Cell, Commanders and Commanding officers, Officers Commanding RAEME Regional representatives, the RAEME National Association and state and unit based associations and chapters; but most of all I am delighted with the work of the many contributors – we have a book and it is coming together well. Well done to all involved – it is a big team effort!

Kind regards,

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COMING EVENTS

RAEME Birthday Luncheon 1 Dec 13. Our very successful and popular a-la-carte RAEME Birthday Luncheon will be held as usual at the Port Office Hotel, Brisbane, on RAEME Birthday, Sunday 1st December 2013. We will provide great food, wine and company. You, your partners and guests are cordially invited.

Many of you have already indicated that you, your partner and friends wish to attend the luncheon this year on the actual RAEME Birthday, 1st December 2013. Those who have indicated previously their intention of attending have now secured seats.

Attached is the Flyer with all the detail for payment, timings, dress etc. **All payments must be paid to the Treasurer by 1st November 2013, see attached flyer.** Remember there are only 130 seats available for this very popular luncheon.

Come along, you will not be disappointed, bring your partner, friends and other RAEME mates. Make up a table. Normal table sizes eight to ten. We have secured the attendance of the Head of CORPS BRIG Andrew Mathewson, also many Spanner Pack Sponsors other sponsors of the association and luncheon.

Regards,

Raymond Norman
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VALE

It is with regret that we advise of the following:

- **Adrian BAKER**, RAAOC, passed away on 27 Jun 13. He graduated from OCS in the June 1973 Class. Adrian was an 21st Intake VM apprentice.
- **Arthur BRENNAN** passed away in his sleep on 15 July 2013 with cancer. Arthur was a 9th Intake VM apprentice.
- **Colin CAMPBELL** 32463 Rank LTCOL, passed away on 25 August 2013 after suffering liver cancer. The funeral was held at St Joseph Catholic Church on Friday 30 Aug 13.
- **Mervyn Donald COTTER** 216388 served in Vietnam with 102 Fd Wksp and C Sqn, 1 Armd Regt passed away 10 Aug 13. His funeral service was held at Forest Lawn Crematorium, Camden Valley Way, Leppington on Thursday 15 Aug 13.
- **Dave CRITCHLEY** passed away 25 Jun 13. Dave was a 9th Intake apprentice and a long serving member of the Corps. He served with 102 Field Workshop in Vietnam in 1969/70.
- **James Joseph HILL** 243117 13th VM apprentice, who graduated from OCS in the Dec 1963 Class. Joey Hill passed away on 5 Aug 13 in hospital in Newcastle and was surrounded by his family and friends,

including David Brandie, John Ross and Laurie Dawson.

- **Robert (BOB) MARTIN** MBE passed away 22 Jul 13. Bob's wishes were that there was to be no funeral and he was privately cremated.
- **Mal WILSON** passed away 7 Jul 13. Mal was a 27th Intake VM who succumbed to asbestos poisoning.
- **Ross Garry JP**, RSL Life Member, funeral was conducted at Centenary Gardens Wacol on 25 Sep 13.
- **Ken LECKENBY**, aged 74 years, 11th F&T apprentice, late of Birkdale, Redlands, passed away in Vietnam on Saturday, 14 Sep 13 after a tragic road accident, while on a trip down memory lane with old army friends. A memorial service was held at the Redlands RSL in Cleveland on Friday, 27 Sep 13.

SICK LIST

The following members are in hospital or recovering from illness:

- **Rocky Hoare**, currently in ISU in the PA Hospital recovering from some extensive surgery and skin grafts for cancer in the tongue.
- **Ray Eacott** has been in hospital in Caboolture suffering illness caused by prescription tablets

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BRISBANE CENTRAL

AWARDS

Brigadier David Anthony Creagh AM CSC. Former HOC RAEME, BRIG Creagh was recently awarded the CSC for outstanding achievement as the Director General Logistics Assurance, Joint Logistics Command. His citation reads: "*Brigadier Creagh has successfully implemented significant reform programs to improve Defence logistics compliance and inventory accounting substantially.*"

This has significantly enhanced the assurance reputation of Defence.”



BRIG Creagh's Proud Wife Pat, and Son, at his Investiture

We congratulate Brigadier Creagh on the recent award.

DFWA COMMUNICATIONS

DFWA activities have increased in our fight for better indexation. Rallies and seminars were held in various suburbs of Brisbane and Ipswich over the last couple of weeks of the election campaign. However it is clear that there won't be any change to the recently announced Labor and Coalition DFRDB, MSBS and disability pension policies before the election. Frustrating though it may be, we must continue to put our case forward although it is difficult when the media are fixated on many other things at this time. At least, for the first time, both major parties have recognised the need for a wage based indexation which is a start, but there is a long way to go.

In summary the situation prior to the election is as follows:

- **Labor's policy** is aimed at the over 65 age group, and based on the PBLCI and/or the CPI but not the MTAW so there will be very little benefit for the 40% of veterans who will be affected. There is no change for either MSBS or the disability pension.
- **The Coalition's policy** will restore full indexation using the same indexation as the age pension. The MTAW, the PBLCI and/or the CPI whichever is the higher. Unfortunately it is only for the over 55s. This will stop the erosion for 90% of DFRDB and DFRB, so a start has been

made. There is no change for either MSBS or the disability pension.

A rally was held outside Kevin Rudd's office on Friday 30 Aug 13. Only 6-8 people attended but we waved placards at passing motorists and spoke to locals, so perhaps we had some effect. During this rally, Mr Bill Glasson, who stood against Kevin Rudd, turned up for a while. We had fruitful discussions so he at least is now in the picture as to what we ultimately require.

The result, as they say, is now history.

Regards,

Peter Snowdon
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Annual General Meetings (AGM) can be boring affairs and rather procedurally driven. I am happy to report that our Association's recent AGM displayed many other traits of which we can all be proud – sound attendance, complete engagement by all attendees, volunteers coming to the fore when required and everyone enjoying each others company.

I also witnessed the same spirit of generosity at the recent CHP Team meeting at Enoggera, where members took on jobs well outside their comfort zones, with enthusiasm, and a willingness to have a go!

Most recently, at the 20 Sep 13 Spanner Club hosted by 20 STA Regt, I saw the same levels of commitment to ensuring everyone had a good time. In this event, I also saw a level of sponsorship not seen for many a day from trade houses, local businesses and companies and the Enoggera based units, which bodes well for the future of our Corps, the Association in Queensland and our desire to celebrate the Corps and include others.

For my part, all I see across the Corps in Queensland are positive signs and a Corps and its people, which are in good health. Clearly both are going from strength to strength.

The desire to stay involved and celebrate our Corps achievements, is not only quintessentially Australian, and exudes the "Spirit of RAEME", but is very important when we are experiencing changes with our reduced operational commitments, Army

re-inventing itself in a number of areas and RAEME adjusting to meet the challenges of such initiatives.

Well done to all who volunteer, join teams and make a contribution – your blood is worth bottling!

Regards,

Ross Grant
Chairman the Comms Committee
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCT-DEC 13**

October

- 1st Monthly General meeting- Vic Barracks
- 13th Spanner packing Buderim
- 15th RAEME Corps Committee Meeting Canberra

November

- 12th Monthly General Meeting- Vic Barracks
- 27th RAEME Birthday- Enoggera TBC
- 29th RAEME Birthday- Oakey

December

- 1st RAEME Birthday-Nationally
- 1st RAEME 71st Birthday All Ranks Luncheon-Port Office Fix Restaurant



**RAEME Corps Committee and
Corps Fund**

Second Run open 29th September 2013



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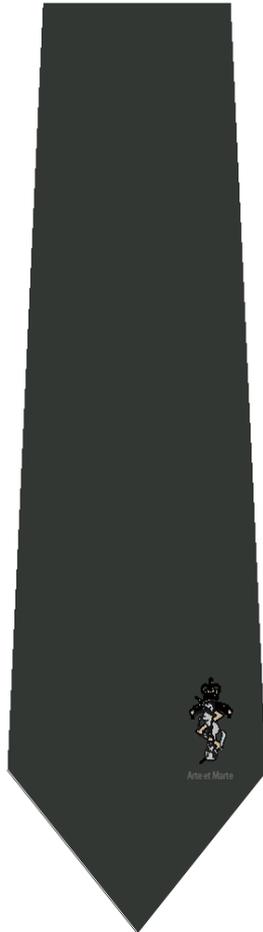
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**Queries to Raymond Norman, President
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Sunday 1st December 2013

- Venue:** FIX Restaurant, Brisbane CBD (Port Office Hotel)
 Corner Edward and Margaret Street.
- Timings:** 1130 hrs for 1200 hrs pre luncheon gathering.
- Cost:** **\$65pp Financial Association Members and partners, uniformed members and partners.** \$75pp all other guests and partners.

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- Meal:** Four courses, silver service, à la carte.
- Dress:** Neat Casual: Gents Tie please.
- RSVP:** 1st November - Payment must accompany reservation to secure booking.

Make up a table of RAEME friends and guests. Tables of eight to ten available or part thereof.

Payment methods and Details:

- **EFT: Defence Bank, BSB 803-205 Account Number 20682037, Member Number 82731 (For Defence Bank members), Account Name: RAEME Association Queensland**
- **Add your surname and initials and the word “Luncheon” in the reference box.**
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- **Post: Cheque/Money Order to The Treasurer, RAEME Association QLD, PO Box 167 Mt Ommaney, QLD, 4074. Please ensure you post the tear off section below to the above address with your payment and contact details.**

I will be attending the RAEME Birthday All Ranks Luncheon on 1st December 2013.
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