



**RAEME ASSOCIATION –  
QUEENSLAND**

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**CHAIRMAN'S DESK**

This is my first contribution to the SPANNER NEWS as Chairman. I am very pleased to say the RAEME Association Queensland has seen 2013 kick-off with enthusiasm with our dedicated committee already planning our major events for the year. In January the executive group held its planning meeting and presented our plans and objectives.

I am pleased to say that one of our key objectives, the complex tasks of gaining incorporation for our Association, is underway with a lot of good work being done by the sub-committee responsible for this transition. From my perspective, the task is on track to meet the proposed submission date. Another important objective is to increase the membership numbers for our Association from current serving RAEME officers and soldiers, as well as encouraging our many non-financial members to seek full membership. We also wish to encourage all our new members to be involved in the Association's many activities including its management.

Our annual All Ranks Luncheon in December last year was once again a fabulous success, with over 110 members and guests in attendance. We were very fortunate to have HOC, Brigadier Andrew Mathewson, join us on the day and learn about his pride in the Corps and his focus on its future. Enjoy the photographs taken on the day in this edition.

As ANZAC Day draws close, I encourage all to remember those who have served and celebrate their contribution to the nation and their sacrifices. On behalf of the Association, I invite you to march with our members and join us at the Port Office Hotel for our ANZAC Day post-parade gathering.

Finally, I like to say a big thank you to Ray Norman for a smooth transfer of power to me and I look forward to serving the Association members as freely and enthusiastically as Ray.

Kind regards,

**Jeff Maurice**  
**Chairman**  
**07 5476 6254**  
[chairman@gmail.com](mailto:chairman@gmail.com)



**Smooth Transfer of Power from Ray Norman to  
Jeff Maurice Completed Dec 12**

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT.**

I am pleased to report that our membership continues to grow. This is great for the future of the Association and we welcome all new members and invite you to become involved in the Association's activities. Importantly, you are invited to become a member of the Association's Committee. We have several vacancies and it is always great to have some new ideas and be beneficiaries of your experience and talent.

All members and others that are not currently financial have well and truly missed the cut-off date of 3 Mar 13, for payment of annual membership fees, and will need to reapply. Please go to [www.raemeqld.org](http://www.raemeqld.org) where you will find the membership form and method of payment. Annual membership is only \$10 and Life subscription \$100.

We wish to maintain our contact with you and remember that by remaining, or becoming, financial you will:

- continue to receive this newsletter and other important Association information;
- receive discounts at most association functions and events you attend;
- receive discounts on merchandise; and
- most importantly, you will become a member of a useful and well connected association of like minded people.

If you do not wish to be on the mailing list database, please notify me by email at the address below, or contact me on the following phone number.

Regards,

**R. G. Norman OAM**  
**Chair Membership Committee**  
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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The November 2012 AGM resulted in major changes to the Association's Executive Committee – a committee that has been relatively stable for many years. The outgoing Chairman, Raymond Norman, OAM, was replaced by Jeff Maurice; the outgoing Treasurer, Andrew Nicolson, was replaced by Ian Leabeater; the outgoing Membership Chairman, Stuart Bowles, was replaced for an interim period of one year by Raymond Norman; and the outgoing Patron, COL Bryce Titcume, was replaced by Brig Ross Grant (Rtd).

The major appointments of the RAEME Association Queensland Committee are as follows:

- Hon COL COMDT – Queensland Region is COL Richard Kluckhohn;
- Patron is BRIG Ross Grant AM (Rtd);
- Chairman is Mr Jeff Maurice;
- Deputy Chairman is LTCOL Jeremy King;
- Treasurer is Mr Ian Leabeater;
- Secretary is Gary Sargent;
- Deputy Secretary is Mrs Joan Campbell; and
- Deputy Secretary is WO1 Richard Gladdish.

All positions within the RAEME Association Queensland will be found in the RAEME Association organisational structure document on the Association's web site shortly.

2013 will be an exciting and busy year for the Association as a result of a number of motions passed at the AGM. In brief they include the following:

- RAQ Financial year was changed to 1st July to 30th June;
- RAQ Membership year was changed to 1st July to 30th June;
- RAQ AGM is to be convened within 6 weeks after the close of the financial year;
- RAQ is to make application to the Office of Fair Trading Queensland to become an Incorporated Association no later than 1st July 2012; and
- RAQ Executive Committee was empowered to rewrite the Constitution of the RAQ to satisfy the needs of the Office of Fair-trading and the RAEME Association Queensland is to formulate the new constitution for the RAEME Association Queensland Inc.

Yours sincerely,

**Gary Sargent**  
**Secretary RAEME Association – Qld**  
**Secretary@gmail.com**



## FROM THE COL COMDT QLD

Greetings to all for 2013! The Corps' birthday lunch held in December was another excellent affair. To the new President, Jeff Maurice, and his committee, my congratulations on a top-notch afternoon. The new HOC, Brigadier Andrew Mathewson, gave the key note address and detailed how RAEME as a Corps is very well represented at all levels within the Army including on current operations and UN activities. He also stated the reputation of the Corps had never been stronger, and all those associated with RAEME, should continue to be very proud of the achievements of our serving men and women.

The newly appointed National Corps Association President, Ray Norman, was also at the lunch. With Ray's drive and infectious enthusiasm, I am very confident that the National Association will be developed and established as a value-adding organisation that we as a Corps have missed and needed for so long. Keep an eye out for the National Association's initiatives this year.

The Corps History Project Director, Ross Grant, was also present and he took the opportunity to detail the progress of the project to date. This project is now gaining considerable momentum with the cut-off date for submissions now set for **1 Apr 13**. The number of submissions received to date is steadily rising, but I know the project team would be very happy if they were inundated with submissions.

As a subtle reminder, if you've been considering providing a story about the highlight of your exploits in the Corps - now is the time. This is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity to record your yarn / tale /story/ anecdote and it would be unfortunate if your story was lost forever, for the sake of a few hours of your time. Inclusion of a picture with a caption is also important. Send your submissions to [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com), where they will be placed in a repository, kept in perpetuity, with the better ones being used in the book.

I look forward to catching up with many of you on ANZAC day and at the Corps function after the march. Your partners are very welcome at the function. Also don't be shy in bringing your mates from other corps or pursuits – it's nice to see the envy on their faces when they get to experience the esprit de corps and camaraderie of RAEME in all its glory. Until then - all for the best.

Arte et Marte,

**Richard Kluckhohn**  
**COL COMDT – QLD**  
**rkluckho@bigpond.net.au**



## **KNOW YOUR REP COL COMD BRIG DAVID MCGAHEY CSC (RTD)**

Dave McGahey was raised in SE Queensland and enlisted in the ARA as an Army Apprentice (27<sup>th</sup> Intake) in 1972. In 1978, he graduated from the Officer Cadet School Portsea, into the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.



Following a series of command and staff appointments, he was selected in 1987 to serve as an UN Military Observer with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Palestine (UNTSO). On return to Australia he served in staff appointments in HQ 1 Div and then assumed command of 102 Fd Wksp (ODF) in 1991.

After attending Command and Staff College, Queenscliff, in 1993, he managed a number of projects including the Army Presence in the North (APIN) and Army Ready Reserve Project. In 1996 he assumed command of 1 BASB and then raised the 1st Combat Services Support Battalion, (1CSSB) 1st Bde, in Darwin. Dave was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in the 1998 Queen's Birthday Honours List for his contribution to the Army.

This was followed by tours of duty in the US Army Materiel Command; Simulation Target Acquisition and Guided Weapons (DSTAGW SPO) in Land Systems Division, Defence Materiel Organisation, Melbourne; and operational service as the Deputy Chief of Staff-Support, HQ Peacekeeping Force, United Nations Transitional Authority in East Timor (UNTAET).

In 2002 he attended the Australian Defence College, and on graduation, he was promoted to Brigadier and assumed the appointment of Director General Materiel Systems (DGMATIS) in MISD, DMO. Most importantly, from 2003 to 2007, he performed the duties of Head of Corps RAEME (an honorary appointment).

His final posting in uniform was in Iraq as the Commanding General of Task Force Iraqi Security Forces Logistics. He returned to Australia in May 2009 and retired from the Australian Army in December 2009. At that time he assumed his current appointment as the Program Director of the Defence Logistics Transformation Project. Dave's interests include keeping fit, reading and fishing. He and his wife Susan, have two adult children Raasha and Robbie.

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## **REPORTS ON RECENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**RAEME Birthday Luncheon Dec 12.** Some may say that this luncheon was one of the best for a number of years. Judging by the enthusiasm of attendees on the day, the wonderful meals and service the Association received once again from the Port Office Hotel, I am inclined to agree. It was also a great opportunity for the attendees to meet our new HOC, BRIG Andrew Mathewson, and welcome a number of young veterans newly returned from Afghanistan.

The luncheon also provided the outgoing Chairman, Ray Norman, an opportunity to introduce the new Chairman, Jeff Maurice, and farewell the CO of the RAEME Aircraft Maintenance School (RAMS), LTCO Mick Millar, who has relinquished command to LTCOL Arthur Tsamais. LTCOL Millar has deployed to Afghanistan and we wish him a safe tour and speedy return to Australia.



**Ray Norman wishing LTCOL Millar All the Best for the Future**





**Cutting the Birthday Cake at the Port Office Hotel with BRIG Mathewson, Cheryl Chamberlain, Maurie Maunsell, Jeff Maurice**

Enjoy the following photos and see if you can recognise some of the faces – especially the older ones!



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**RAMS RAEME Birthday Celebrations.** The Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School (RAMS) Oakey celebrated RAEME’s 70th birthday with their annual RAEME Dining-In Night in late November last year. This event brought together RAEME personnel from the past and present, including some distinguished guests. Guests included the RAEME Head of Corps, BRIG Andrew Mathewson, retired Brigadiers Charles “Jock” Crocombe and Ross Grant, as well as the Chairman of the RAEME Association QLD, Mr Raymond Norman.

The RAMS hangar was converted into a spacious dining room and anteroom for the evening, including a bar and plenty of cam netting. The night started with drinks in the anteroom as old colleagues reacquainted while the official guests were introduced. Promotions were then handed out by BRIG Mathewson to MAJ Tarleton and WO2 McCulloch before the guests assembled at the dining tables.

Earlier that day, RAMS celebrated the RAEME Birthday with their traditional activities promoting esprit de corps. These activities included the Spanner Throw competition, an all-in knockout volleyball game, and the Eggheads Catapult Challenge. The catapult challenge involved teams of two building catapult-like devices to shoot eggs at a target some distance away. The outgoing Commanding Officer, LTCOL Michael Millar made a guest appearance as the final target, complete with makeshift armour. Highlights of the day’s activities included the adjudicators dodging multiple misdirected spanner throws, and the CO being hit with an egg, albeit only on his bin lid shield.

LTCOL Millar completed a busy three years as CO RAMS, which was full of progress and achievements. He presented the unit with a framed replica of the Corps Flag as a parting gift.

RAEME also said goodbye to LTCOL Alison Lee that night who has unfortunately retired from the Army, and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

A couple of long-standing awards were also presented on the night. The RAMS MRH Wing took out the Hawker Pacific award for the most innovative project last year, an attestation of the hard work and significant progress that has been achieved in setting up MRH Wing. The training of MRH tradesman is now fully under way and 2012 saw the first class of MRH trainees graduate from RAMS.

The RAMS Blunder Award (presented to the perpetrators of any notable “blunder”) was awarded to two young Lieutenants earlier that day, and true to tradition, that trophy was stolen from them during the night as everyone and anyone sought to distract



their eyes from the award. Rumour has it that the trophy sat inside an MRH aircraft for most of the night before, embarrassingly for the young officers, it ended its journey at the head table where it basked in its short-lived freedom.

Many thanks are in order for the time put in by WO1 Paul Maher and SGT Daniel Neil in organising the night, as well as the official guests for making their way to Oakey to join in the celebrations. It was a great night for all involved and a fantastic demonstration of the RAEME spirit.



**Some of the Attendees at the RAMS Dinner**

**RAEME National Association.** Your national association is moving forward at a steady and purposeful pace. Recently we asked all national committee members to look at the way forward with a number of developmental tasks approved by the State/Territory Associations. These tasks include looking at national merchandising, combined insurance schemes, national calendar of events, new recruiting processes for membership for all associations and a national web site to name just a few. Have a look at the emerging website at [www.raeme.org.au](http://www.raeme.org.au). In general terms most of the tasks are aimed at saving dollars using the economies of scale provided by a single national entity and also improving our communications with all our members and potential members.

We now have a National Vice President Mr Phil Coppin from South Australia and the plan is for Phil to take over from me 1 January 2014. May I offer my congratulation to Phil on filling this important role.

Our most important task at the moment is to support and assist in the management the Corps History Project, on behalf of the Corps Committee, and the project team. See separate article on the project and its progress elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Raymond Norman OAM**  
**President**  
**RAEME National Association**

**2012 RAEME Birthday Celebrations – Gallipoli Barracks.** In late November 2012 Gallipoli Barracks erupted with activity as the RAEME birthday was celebrated using an Aviation Maintenance theme with much fanfare and solid esprit de corps. Whilst organised by our Aviation Maintainer brethren, the day was punctuated with cake and celebrations hosted by 7 CSSB, but not before some traditional and not-so traditional competitions were held.

Of course the RAEME Billy Cart Race, a two kilometre extravaganza that makes the Clipsal 500 look like a Sunday drive, was the show piece. But prior to that historic classic, teams competed in the Egg Catapult Challenge, the Tug-O-War, and the Aviation Maintenance Relay.



**Hard Work in the Sun**

The egg catapult challenge naturally involved eggs and a catapult. The catapult, or large slingshot, was owned by one member of the organising team – it apparently had something to do with his time with the Navy and resupply at sea... The catapult was set-up in the cricket nets providing good control of arcs of fire. Each team had a sighting shot and then two scored egg shots. Teams brought along their own padding material to protect the eggs. Points were awarded for distance travelled, while bonus points were awarded for successful catches and unbroken eggs. The intent of the scoring system was to encourage well controlled mid distance shots – in true RAEME style all teams went for maximum distance. Most teams landed their projectile at 50-80 meter distance; some caught the egg, while most broke. 7 CSSB workshops won with the egg catapult with two 70 metre shots, and also took out the inaugural SRP encouragement award for reusing their egg which remained unbroken.

The annual Tug-O-War competition was hotly contested between the SE QLD based workshops. Eight teams competed in a knock-out style competition format that saw the SE QLD based RAEME trainees, under the ALTC banner, comfortably brush aside all before them. Due to the ease of the victory the chief referee had cause to

question the diet, physical training and sport science regime in place at Bandiana leading up to the competition. Following much deliberation by the referee's panel the allegations were dismissed: tactics, teamwork and especially youth found to be behind the ALTC victory and the perpetual trophy found a new home.

The Aviation Maintenance Relay was quite a challenge to the teams, however much can be said about the flare, coordination and fitness of the RAEME Crafty. Essentially a 1.2km track with 400m sprint legs, a 100m wheel barrow section, and a cunningly design four-legged race section with three people tied together by the ankles simulating the difficulty of the 'three signature requirement' of aviation maintenance operations. Another ALTC win, however the show point was the ease and speed with which our soldiers coordinated for the final section of the race. Anticipating a calamity of discombobulating bodies, organisers were stunned to witness racing with the speed and grace only afforded the likes of Usain Bolt. So impressive was the speed and coordination of our "Crafties" that either extensive MREs were conducted prior to the day, or another visit to the DFRT is in order for a further pay increment.



**Doug Goetze, Steve Cartner, Frank Ellingham and Bob Matthews**

The next reunion is to be held in Tasmania around Nov 2014, and will for the first time include members from all 106 Fd Wksp affiliated organisations, such as those from Bonegilla, Coopers Plains and Enoggera, which existed before being absorbed into 7CSSB at Enoggera.

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**Corps History Project (CHP).** As many of you are aware, the intent of the project is to celebrate the achievements of individuals, sub-units and units of RAEME Corps during warlike, non-warlike operations and peacetime training activities. In recent weeks the Project Team has stepped up the pressure to find stories and photos for the book and we have been personally canvassing many serving and retired members of the Corps, of all ranks, to contribute specific stories. If you didn't receive that invitation, then read on!

In short, we are seeking stories of what individuals did at some stage during service in the Corps, which can be placed in a pictorial history of RAEME, to be published later this year. We are seeking your support to spread the message widely amongst your ex-RAEME friends, or colleagues, in their local region or beyond.

We understand that there are plenty of interesting and exciting experiences to choose from and all are relevant to our Corps history, especially considering the high level of involvement the Corps has experienced in all types of operations over recent years. We are interested in your experiences in Vietnam, but also the more recent campaigns and deployments in Namibia, Somalia, Cambodia, Rwanda, First Gulf war, Second Gulf War, Timor, Afghanistan and Bougainville. The project team is also interested in experiences in peacekeeping and non-operational deployments and exercises, including support to survey operations, defence cooperation projects and aid to the civil community.

We are also interested in other service experiences, technical stories of RAEME innovation, complex



**COL Evans Presents the Winners Trophy to ALTC**

At the end of the day cake was cut, ALTC were the 2012 victors and many prizes and shenanigans ensued in the post activity celebrations.

**Report on the Reunion of 106 Field Workshops, Mandurah, WA.** The recent 106 Fd Wksp Reunion was held in Mandurah, WA for three days over the weekend 19-21 October 2012 and attended by 50 Vietnam veterans and partners totalling a significant 88 people, this being the unit's tactical sign number. The organising Committee of Steve Cartner, Peter Perry and Fred Santich arranged a welcome gathering opened by the Mayor of Mandurah, followed by a Canal Cruise, formal Dinner, and an open BBQ day for friends and family to attend.

recovery tasks, regimental service and the technical staff appointments in MEA, Logistic Command, Support Command, the Defence Materiel Organisation and training establishments. Anecdotes of characters and humorous incidents are also very important.

If you are able to oblige, the technical writing requirements can be found on the RAEME Face book page or at the back of this newsletter. Also on Face book are details of the competition being run to find the best story and the best photo – worth \$500 each. So start looking through your old photos and visit: [www.facebook.com/RAEMEAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/RAEMEAssociation) .

Remember to send your contribution to – [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com).

We'd like your contribution(s) by **1 Apr 13** so that we can meet the schedule of publishing by **1 Dec 13**, the Corps' 71st Birthday, however if you are running late, then time still allows you to complete your story. If you wish to get some sense of what the book may look like, try the following link on the Army website – <http://www.army.gov.au/Our-history/Army-in-Profile>.

Please remember that the other reason we would like your story is because it provides an example of the breadth of employability and talent of our officers, senior ranks and craftsmen, and with the passing of time, few such stories have been captured and retained. This is a situation the current Head of Corps (HOC), BRIG Andrew Mathewson, and the two previous Heads of Corps (BRIGs Dave McGahey and Dave Creagh) are keen to remedy.

If we don't use your story in the book, it will be retained in a repository for future use. So here are the challenges for you the reader:

- Write your contribution send the electronic copy to [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com) and be eligible for the \$500 prize for the best story.
- Or send your hard copy to:  
*HOC Cell – RAEME  
Latchford Barracks  
BANDIANA, VIC, 3694.*
- Find a contemporary photographic depiction of the Corps engaged in its daily work in warlike or peacetime operations and submit it to be eligible to win \$500.
- Stay connected so that we can send you an order form in time.
- Note the flyer at the back of this edition of the Newsletter for more detail or for further distribution to your friends and colleagues.

**Ross L. G. Grant**  
**PD CHP**

**Operation Spanner Pack – 24 Feb 13.** You will be pleased to know that Spanner Packs continue to be dispatched to soldiers of our Corps and support staff on operations – the latest were despatched on 3 Mar 13.

The numbers being despatched have reduced a little because of the withdrawal of our troop from Timor. The Middle East, Afghanistan and Solomon's are still on our despatch list and we will continue this program as long as we have RAEME soldiers on operations.

If you wish to have input to this important program or assist in packing or donations of product or dollars please contact Raymond Norman [rgnorman1944@gmail.com](mailto:rgnorman1944@gmail.com) .

Here are some of the latest responses to the pre-Christmas "Spanner Pack" distribution:

*"Raymond,*

*I just wanted to drop you a quick line, as yesterday I received a RAEME Association Spanner Pack. I just want to say 'Thank You' to the Association for the biscuits which were particularly welcome, with the 'star item' appearing to be the Stubby Cooler (even though beer to fill it is in very short supply.....!).*

*Cheers,*

*Mick (RAEME) Serving somewhere in Afghanistan letters from our RAEME soldiers on operations."*

**ALSO**

*Dear Major Norman,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the RAEME Corps Association very much for the Christmas parcels recently received by members of the Technical Support Troop (TST), including myself, on 10 Nov 12. TST support the Black Hawk helicopters within Timor Leste Aviation Group (TLAG) 18.*

*At this time of our deployment, your kind thoughts and actions are appreciated, as we are not home with our loved ones and families.*

*As for the content of the packs, it was a nice change from the repeated mess menu, especially the red frogs which did not last long!*

*All the members of the TLAG 18 TST wish you all a Merry Christmas.*

*J.A.R. Hegedus  
Craftsman*

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**Special Notice.** The Association was recently asked for a donation of a lady's RAEME marquisate brooch for one of our members, who lost her brooch in a house fire. The fire also took the life of her husband. He had given her the brooch many years earlier. Well the good news is that we have received two such brooches and were able to present the lady with a replacement brooch. She was very grateful, and thanks the Association and the donor for their support and generosity.

## COMING EVENTS

**Australian Army Apprentices Association – Balcombe Barracks Commemoration 2013.** This event is planned for 3 – 5 May 13, at Balcombe, in the area of Mace Oval and adjacent to the old Army Apprentices School parade ground.

Between now and May 2013, the AAAA has a task to refurbish existing heritage pieces, principally the Balcombe Gates facing onto the Nepean Highway, and to produce story boards for all of the units / training schools, including the 1st Division United States Marine Corps. This project will enable the public to be better informed about the Balcombe precinct and where it fits into the military heritage of Mornington Peninsula region. The USMC Association is aware of and supports the project.

Coupled with this major event, other activities will be conducted including a Meet and Greet, a celebratory dinner, and a remembrance service at the Mornington War Memorial, following a short march through Mornington.

This will be a big event for all those who served as students or staff at one time or another, thus bookings are essential – as usual, first come first served. Initial details and a registration form are available to be downloaded from the AAAA website [www.austarmyapprentice.org](http://www.austarmyapprentice.org) in the “what’s new section”. Early bookings would be wise as this is a popular event and will be strongly supported by our friends and colleagues.

Regards,

**Frank Maloney**  
AAAA Events  
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**ANZAC Day March Brisbane - 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013.** The time has come again for us to meet and remember our fallen comrades in arms.

The march in Brisbane will commence at 10:00 hrs from George Street. The RAEME Association is serial 98 (at this stage) in the order of march. Look for our banner. It will be in George Street, somewhere near Mary Street.

You would have received applications for taxi and jeep transport by now. Don't forget to get the returns back to me on time. Ring me on 0422 670 080 if you require assistance and have not received the forms. Up to date information on the march can be found at: <http://anzacmarchbrisbane.com.au/>.

This site also has lots of other good information:

- ADCPC Policy on Foreign Veterans Marching
- ADCPC Standing Resolutions
- Buggy Request 2013
- Taxi Request
- March Protocols 2013

Our after parade function is once again at the Port Office Hotel. This is a private function and admission is by ticket only. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the March FUP. The cost is \$20.00 for Association Members and \$30.00 for non-members. Remember you can become a financial member for just \$10.00. There will be continuous bar snacks (no one goes hungry). This year, for the first time, instead of the regular free refreshments over the bar, everyone will receive TWO complementary refreshment tickets. This improves delivery and evens out the benefit. As you can see the event is definitely value for money. All moneys received on the day will be spent on the day. More complementary tickets will be issued as funds become available.

The Port Office Hotel is at the corner of Edward and Margaret Streets.

Regards,

**Ian Hartshorn**  
ANZAC DAY Organizer  
0422 670 080





**Annual Army Apprentice Reunion – South East Queensland.** The 14th annual reunion for Army Apprentices is to be held at Bulimba Barracks, Apollo Rd, Bulimba, commencing at 1100 hrs on Sunday 9th June.

Drinks will be available at the bar and a Sausage sizzle lunch will be available. The venue will be the Quarry Club which is on the river – this is the old Officers and Sergeants Mess. The reunion is open to ex-apprentices, their families and ex- members of staff. It is always a great day, and over the years, we have had apprentices from the 1<sup>st</sup> intake to 43<sup>rd</sup> and many in-between. As Bulimba Barracks may be closing soon, this may be our last opportunity to celebrate our reunion on the river at Bulimba, so come along and meet a few of your mates!!

**RSVP: Brian Daley, ph. 07 3399 1300 or 0412 721 761 or [bjdaley@hotmail.net.au](mailto:bjdaley@hotmail.net.au)**

**17 Construction Squadron – Presentation of Unit Citation.** Lieutenant General D.L. Morrison, AO, Chief of Army, recently announced that 17 Constr Sqn is to be presented with a unit citation for its work in Namibia in support of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in 1989-90.

He went on to say: “17 Constr Sqn is to be commended for its creditable performance in support of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group operation to manage the transition of Namibia to independence in 1990. The Squadron performed a role well beyond what was expected and brought great credit on itself, the Australian Army and Australia.”

This should be of interest to the workshop personnel involved in the deployment and you should be aware that the Governor General will present this award on a parade at the following time and place:

- **Location:** STEELE BARRACKS (School of Military Engineering) Moorebank Ave Moorebank NSW.
- **Date:** Saturday 11 May 2013
- **Timing:** Parade commencing at 1100h.

Those members who do not have Defence Identification will need to register by emailing [michael.borg2@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.borg2@bigpond.com)

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## VALE

It is with regret that we advise of the following:

- **Laurence Fredrick Rowe** late of Bundaberg passed away peacefully at Friendly Society Private Hospital on 2 Oct 11.

- **Bryan Herbert Hunt** (8th Intake) died 31/12/2012.
- **Ronald James (Ron) Emery** (20<sup>th</sup> Intake) President of NUNDAH RSL Sub branch and of the SAE. Passed away unexpectedly, 8th Dec12.
- **‘Bert’ Leon Dorn Potts** passed away peacefully on Sunday 11 November 2012.
- **Ian McLeod** a former Radar Mechanic passed away suddenly on 12 Jan 13.
- **Donald Charles Fenwick** (RAAOC) a Service of Farewell was held at Cheltenham on 18 Jan 13.
- **Karen Crozier** wife of Shad Marsh. A service to celebrate Karen’s life was held on 25 Jan 13 at Lakeview Chapel, Albany Creek Memorial Park.
- **Kev “Occa” Robson** (24th Intake) passed away 23 Jan 13. A funeral was held on 30 Jan 13 at Gympie.
- **Mark Ross Munro** passed away, 13 Feb. Aged 51 Years. A celebration of his life was held at the Centenary Crematorium Chapel, Wacol Station Road, Sumner, on 22 Feb 13.
- **Lionel Bruce Nelson** died on the 27th February 2013, at the Eventide Nursing Home, Beaconsfield Terrace, Brighton, Qld.
- **Les Burrows** passed away peacefully at the Greenslopes Hospital on 11 March 13.

### Vale Notices and Sick Report Information

Some of the Vale information which we receive is rather sparse so here are a few suggestions to guide people compiling these items.

#### Vale Notices

- Full Name and “nickname” of deceased person.
- Date deceased.
- NOK detail. Name, relationship, contact details, address, phone and email.
- Where person passed away.
- Cause of death.
- Brief service history. Trade if applicable, Units etc.
- Source of information.

Later when information is known about the funeral service please provide accurate details – if possible provide the Obituary Notice from newspaper.

**Mr John Parfitt OAM**  
**Welfare Officer**  
**RAEME Association Queensland**  
[welfare@raemeqld.org](mailto:welfare@raemeqld.org)



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## AWARDS

We congratulate the following members of RAEME Corps for their recent Australia Day Awards:

- **LTCOL Jenelle Margaret Lawson, CSC.** For outstanding achievement as Staff Officer Plans, HQ Defence Force recruiting for the innovation, development and successful implementation of Defence Technical Scholarship program from 2007 to 2011.
- **WO1 Stephen Michael Greenall, OAM.** For meritorious service as the ASM of 5/7 RAR, as the Maintenance Manager of JLU(N) and as EME Warrant Officer of 1<sup>st</sup> BDE.
- **Mr Walter BULDO, OAM,** Parkinson, Qld. For service to the community, particularly veterans and their families.

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## IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS

Our DFWA representative, Peter Snowdon has provided the following information for our readers.

I would like to report that 2012 was a successful year for the Defence Force Welfare Association and its Affiliate the Association of Defence Service Organisations. However, the year was not so successful in relation to our attempts to obtain fair, just and equal indexation of our Superannuation. Sad to report, it does not appear that 2013 will be any more successful in that regard. The single hope is that the Government will change this year and the Coalition, if it wins government, will honour its promise to right this wrong. However, despite the Coalition having given its guarantee in writing, promises are made by all political parties, and when it comes to the crunch, promises can be broken, as we have found many times in the past. It is possible of course, the present Government may “see the light” in their election campaign and promise, once again, to change our indexation.

This is a hard and expensive fight and there are so few people doing the fighting. We really need your help and it is in your own best interest to help in any way you can. Please visit the ADSO web site [www.standto.org](http://www.standto.org) and have a browse. You will find it most interesting and rewarding. On the site you can keep abreast of the many things happening with the campaign. If you have a mind to, you could make a small donation to assist in the fight or perhaps join the fight yourself as a volunteer. Your Superannuation Needs You!

If you need any further information, or if you would like to be added to my distribution list, please feel free to email me on the link below.

On a broader note, remember the purpose of the DFWA organization. It is to: “**Promote and protect the interests of serving and former members of the Australian Defence Forces and their families**”. I hope you will consider joining the DFWA, and in so doing, assist in providing funds for political lobbying in this election year. The DFWA is strictly apolitical and seeks to inform all politicians of the value of our military service and our lives beyond service.”

Regards,

**Peter Snowdon**  
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Association's year has got off to a fast start with the management team meeting in January to discuss the many activities and initiatives planned for 2013. Also, the first open meeting was held in February again with a good attendance and a chance to catch up afterwards at the local pub and enjoy one another's company – please consider joining us for both activities as the year goes on and get to know the “movers and shakers” in your Association!

My focus has been on the Corps History Project which is now starting to gather a head of steam – many contributions are now starting to come into the repository, the only shortfall being from Corps members who have been involved in the operations in Timor and Afghanistan – so you younger folks please help us with contemporary stories and photographs and give yourself a chance of winning the prize for the best story and best photograph.

Some time later in the year we will inform you of how you can order your copy of the book so those who are seeking this advice now, please be a little patient – I am sure we will have enough copies for all. My busy team of volunteers is a little stretched at the moment as we move forward, and our current priority is gathering stories.

2013 promises to be a busy year and we are looking to engaging more widely with our service colleagues as well as our newly retired friends – watch this space for the activities of the National Association as well as your local branch this year.

Regards,

**Ross Grant**  
**Chairman the Comms Committee**  
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**RAEME ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS APR-DEC 13**

**April**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly General Meeting- Vic Barracks  
Date TBC – Spanner Club hosted by 8/9 RAR.
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day March- Brisbane CBD
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Function-Port Office Hotel

**May**

- 5<sup>th</sup> 104 Fd Wksp Reunion-Bulimba TBC
- 7th Monthly General Meeting-Vic Barracks

**June**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting-Bulimba
- 9<sup>th</sup> Apprentice Reunion- Bulimba
- 16<sup>th</sup> Spanner packing-Buderim  
Date TBC – Spanner Club hosted by 2/14 LHR (QMI).

- 28th RFD Cocktail Party-Vic Barracks TBC
- 29th RFD Recognition Ceremony-Bris ANZAC Square TBC
- 30<sup>th</sup> RFD Parade and Recognition Ceremony-TBC

**July**

- 2nd Monthly General Meeting-Vic Barracks
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Coast Gathering

**August**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly General and AGM meetings-Vic Barracks
- TBA RAEME Reserve Reunion

**September**

- 3rd Monthly General Meeting-Vic Barracks
- 15<sup>th</sup> Spanner Packing Buderim  
Date TBC – Spanner Club hosted by 20 STA Regt

**October**

- 1st Monthly General meeting- Vic Barracks
- 16th RAEME Corps Committee Meeting TBC
- 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Corps Conference- Brisbane TBC (Note 1)
- 18<sup>th</sup> RAEME Corps Dinner Brisbane TBC (Note 1)

**November**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting- Vic Barracks
- 17<sup>th</sup> Spanner Packing- Buderim
- 27<sup>th</sup> RAEME Birthday- Enoggera TBC
- 29<sup>th</sup> RAEME Birthday- Oakey TBC

**December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> RAEME Birthday-Nationally
- 1st RAEME 71st Birthday All Ranks Luncheon-Port Office Fix Restaurant

Notes:

1. October- Dinners maybe combined

## RAEME CORPS HISTORY PROJECT – DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

This project provides a wonderful opportunity to record individuals' experiences, or those of their mates and colleagues. Therefore you should not be constrained from presenting your stories in your own style, but be aware that the editorial board reserves the right to "standardise" the style of storytelling throughout the publication. Writers may choose to draft a complete story, or provide dot points outline, from which a story may be created. Collaborations are welcomed. In either event, you will be asked to observe the following broad guidelines:

- **Outline** the broad context of the story:
  - **What** was the operation in which the formation, unit, sub-unit, team, individual(s) or equipment was engaged?
  - **What** were the circumstances leading to the event depicted?
  - **Where** was the broader activity being undertaken?
- **Identify**, describe and explain the situation, action, event or activity depicted in the photograph:
  - **Where** did the activity occur?
  - In **what** operation, exercise or setting did the activity depicted occur?
  - **Provide** the identity of any equipment, (aircraft, vehicle, plant or watercraft) or weapon(s) depicted in the photographs.
  - **Describe** the degree of danger and/or technical and practical difficulty involved in the situation.
  - **Explain** the outcome of the situation and what happened immediately after the situation depicted in the photograph.
- **Conclude** the description of the event and story and relate it to the photograph:
  - **Outline** the conclusion of the event and the consequences.
  - **Sum-up** highlights of the event/experience.
- **Identify** (name and rank) the soldier(s) depicted in the photograph. Also include as much background information on each soldier as possible. For example:
  - **His** or **her** specific role in the activity shown.
  - **How** long each soldier had been in the Army at the time of the activity depicted.
  - **The soldier's origins** –did he or she start with RAEME as an apprentice, or was he or she an adult trainee, or entered the Corps by another means.
  - **What** happened to them after the depicted situation ended?
  - **Are** the individual(s) still serving, what rank did he or she attain during their service, or what civilian occupation did they go to after discharge/retirement?
  - **Describe** any amusing anecdotes, regarding any of the soldiers depicted, during their time with the unit.
  - **Were** any of the soldiers renowned for any particular skill/activity/behaviour (e.g. Service representative in sport, a particular character)? This information should be provided as an addition to the information provided to support the photograph.