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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

(Peter Cartledge)

As our year draws to a close and we face our AGM and election of office bearers may I take opportunity to thank my committee for their efforts again this year.

It makes my job so much easier to have people of their calibre around and anyone of them need only to be asked once (if at all) for the job to be done. Thank you, one and all.

The Luncheon to honour our Widows and Life members' attendance was a little down on last year however the number of Widow members was up on last year. Thank you ladies; please make this an annual effort.

Our ANZAC Eve reunion and the Dawn Service at Oakleigh again were well attended and the alterations to the Memorial Garden were inspected and I feel well accepted. Well done to the members of 22 Construction Regiment for their efforts and we look forward to the planting out behind the garden to cut out the headlamps from the Huntingdale Rd interchange during the dawn service.

Our old friend Charlie Potter arrived later on ANZAC Day and had an accident, last seen en route to hospital and try as I may I have not been able to contact him, or anybody who knows Charlie to find out how he fared. I rang the hospital but to no avail (privacy) and no contact number for Charlie so members you can see how contact numbers are very important to us and as for this b.....y privacy - well! Please anyone who knows Charlie let us know his details - thank you.

I have attended the Reserve Forces Day Committee meetings and the March on Sunday 6th July 2003 and with help carried our banner; however not many of our members followed suit!

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM, the notice for which appears later in this "Lightning Flash".

Congratulations to Michael and Janice Newbond upon their wedding on Easter Saturday.

Arte et Marte
Peter Cartledge

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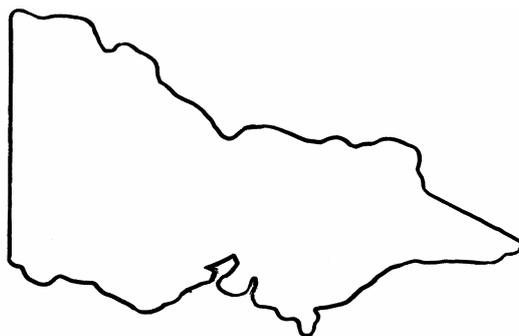
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This magazine is produced by the members, for the members, and is not to be solely one-way communication.

How do you find out what is happening in and around the RAEME ASSOCIATION, or in fact RAEME? Through 'The LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.

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SOCIAL REPORT

(Peter Cartledge)

Our Luncheon to honour our Widows and Life Members went very well with 55 attending (Widows 5, Life Members 7, Members 15, Associates 16 & 6 Apologies), also ANZAC Eve reunion with 53 attending with 9 Apologies.

Both the above functions were enjoyed by all who attended and numbers for ANZAC Eve were possibly affected by the long weekend, however those members who did not attend please try to make the effort next year.

Our next function is our AGM followed by a BBQ luncheon with the Sergeants Mess bar open for our use.

We have spent quite a lot of time to organise our Melbourne Cup Weekend away at Swan Hill with our REME friends from South Australia. May I commend this weekend to you all as you will see from the itinerary elsewhere in this "Lightning Flash" it is quite a full plate and at the quite reasonable cost of \$330.00 per person for the four days.

If you wish you may pay the weekend off if this may assist you; I would like to fill our coach and have more of our members attend one of our trips, then, we will "have" you on our next trip of that I am sure! It would be great to have more of our members than REME members.

We have not heard of anybody who has been disappointed with any of our trips so why are you so shy?

Dates for your diary:

- **Sunday 31st August 1100 hrs AGM ,
Wednesday 3rd September 1100 hrs Battle
for Australia Day at the Shrine**
- **Saturday 1st – 4th November (Melbourne
Cup Weekend) trip to Swan Hill**
- **Friday 28th November 1900 hrs Corps
Birthday Dinner and presentation of the
Craftsman of the Year Award at East
Malvern RSL.**

Peter Cartledge
Social Co-ordinator.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(Ron Clifford)

With insurance being on every ones lips these days, we have carried out a review of our insurance coverage. We now find it necessary to instigate a few changes to the Association Rules, to ensure that every one is adequately covered when attending any Association Activity. Some other rules require change to bring them in line with the Incorporated Association Act 1981 and amendments and the Model Rules.

Some of these changes are housekeeping only as we have been following the Act in practice. As can be seen, when you start on one thing how it spreads to other areas.

These changes become a Notice of Motion Special Agenda item at the Annual General Meeting on the 31 August 2003 and require a Special Resolution to be passed and then submitted to the Dept. of Business Affairs for their sanction before they can become effective.

This also means a complete rewrite of the Association Rules for submission to Business Affairs.

It is proposed that a new member category be introduced titled "Honorary Member", into which our Widows and others deserving of recognition would fall.

Reason: currently only Members and Associate members are covered by our insurance at Association activities.

Other Rules that require amending are as follows to conform to the Incorporated Associations Act 1981 and the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

There is nothing in the rules of the Association defining when Annual subscriptions are due and payable and how notified.

This also brings about a change to Rule 18

Please consider these additions and amendments to our rules, come along to the AGM and enjoy the comradeship and food. Make membership count.

(Continued next page)

8th Aust MT Wksp AEME

I have received a letter from a Clive Withers seeking information about the 8th Aust. MT Workshop AEME who served at 10 Mile Bulldog. Wau Road 1943. His unit at the time was 22 Aust. Works Coy. He has a little information about the project but nothing about the units.

If anyone can throw some light on this project or units please drop me a line so I can respond.

PRIVACY NOTICE

To be able to report on the health and welfare of any of our members in the Lightning Flash we require your permission.

Issues considered of a sensitive nature would not be printed in line with the Associations Privacy Notice previously sent to all members. Remember your welfare is our concern.

If you do not wish any details published in the Lightning Flash:

Please complete the tear- off slip below and return to the Association

Ron Clifford
Secretary

WELFARE REPORT

(Reg Cox)

Welfare Report Diary

A phone call to Barry Ridgway on Tuesday. Barry was at the hospital having the tubes removed following Chemo treatment. Barry is hoping to be fit enough to come to the Anzac evening and give us a hand at the door. We are looking forward to seeing him. 16/4/03

A call to Alice and Ken Kermond. Ken will be along for the Anzac commemoration, Alice is still on the mend. 21/5/03

A visitation to Mrs. Hope who is in Sandringham Hospital with diverticulitis. She is now allowed light drinks and nourishment. Alter test Margaret will be home soon. 23/5/03

A visitation to Tony See who is battling Alzheimers and Parkinsons Diseases. Tony gave me a great welcome. His wife Sally said Tony was delighted to see me on TV marching in the RAEME ranks during the Anzac Day March. 12/6/03

A telephone call to Ron Clifford, he has a heap of tests and checks and is now clear, good news Ron. 12/6/02

Michael and Norma Kerrison RAEME Assoc. Western Australia, are currently living in Beaconsfield Parade St. Kilda. Norma is on a long waiting list (possibly up to 2 years) for a lung transplant. She is in a wheel chair and on oxygen 24 hours a day and currently there is a 1 in 100 chance of medical experts finding a lung match to carry out her urgently needed surgery. Norma and Michael you are in our thoughts and prayers, best wishes from the RAEME Association Victoria. 18/7/2003

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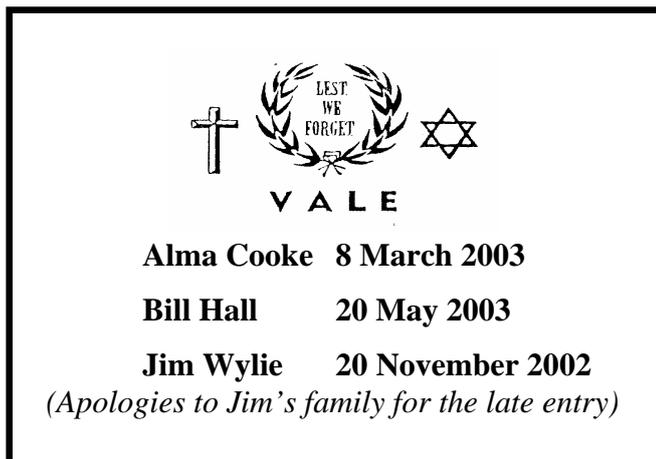
Signed _____

Date _____

July 10: Call to Ken Kermond – Alice has been in the Mercy Hospital, Werribee. Alice had a slight stroke, with slurred speech and her left leg feeling a lot of pain. Alice is taking many tablets and is hoping to be home next Monday. Alice has Meals-on-Wheels, and is visited by a Nurse every 2nd day

Ken has a spot of arthritis in his right leg, which is pretty crook. He is not able to walk very far and is having tests.

(Lack of space and also privacy considerations precludes the inclusion of photos of our sickies – see page 4)



VALE

**Warrant Officer Class
Two
William (Bill) Hall**

He was affectionately well known as “Bill Hall from Stawell who knows stuff all” Bill retired from active service 20 August 1992 after 36 years with CMF / Army Reserve with RAASC and RAEME. He served in 20 National Service Battalion July 1956, 23 Tpt Coy RAASC (GT) (Ararat), 46 Tpt Coy (GT) (Stawell & Ararat 1957), 36 Coy RAASC (Tipper) (Horsham) with 36 Coy LAD later 36 Tpt Coy Wksp (Stawell) and 15 Tpt Sqn RACT Wksp (Stawell later Bendigo).



Bill marched into Stawell Depot after completing National Service, and impressed his peers as a well turned out soldier who demonstrated potential for his future military career. He achieved the rank of Sergeant in 2 years. He attended the Artificer Sergeant Major (ASM) course and achieved success and was very proud to wear the insignia.

Most notable Army experiences were Task Force and Divisional exercises at Eildon / Jamieson/ Howqua River and Woods Point. The Dargo High Plains with 15 Tpt Sqn and the 9 Tpt Regt conference in Sydney.

He was the Stawell Depot Commander for many years and responsible for the mess committee. Bill was held in high esteem by his peers and superiors throughout his military service. His honesty, integrity, principles, organizational skills and man management were equal to the best.

Bill was always willing to assist in any way to raise the standards in every unit he served. He has left a lasting impression on all who knew and worked with him. He was known to have a social drink.

Bill was very interested in the Stawell RSL and legacy he worked tirelessly for over many years and received a Certificate of Appreciation presented by Brigadier Deighton in person from the RSL.

Bill was interested in Stawell community affairs and served as a councillor for a period of time. One project he became passionate about was the proposed open cut mine in Stawell he organized an action group against having an open cut and was successful. He raised and assisted with training the Stawell Marching Girls.

Bill was very family oriented and spoke often of the enjoyment with family, the meals of a Sunday and his grand children. One of his hobbies was woodworking and he designed, repaired and made many articles for his family grand children and others.

Bill died 26 May 2003 in the Stawell hospital and buried 30 May 2003 in Stawell Cemetery. Bill with his family support, had been fighting multiple myeloma for some time.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to his family Joyce, Kerry, Donna and his grand children Amelia, Gemma and Jessie.

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**NOTICE OF 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

11.00am Sunday 31st August 2003

Oakleigh Barracks, 1318 North Road, Oakleigh South

A G E N D A

1. ATTENDANCE
2. APOLOGIES
3. SILENT TRIBUTE – THE ODE
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 12th AGM 26 August 2001
5. BUSINESS ARISING
6. PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT
7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
(In accordance with Association Rule 8. (4.B.))
8. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS
(In accordance with Association Rule 8. (4.B.))
9. AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP
(In accordance with Association Ruler 25.
10. AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP
11. **SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM: PROPOSED RULE CHANGES** (see also Secretary’s Report
Insert new Rule 3B HONORARY MEMBER:
 3B(1) A person shall be entitled to “Honorary Member” status, of the Association, upon the death of a spouse or partner, provided at the time, the deceased was a financial member of the Association or
 (2) Such other person as the Committee of the Association shall determine from time to time.

Insert new sub Rule 4(1)(a) A notice in writing shall be posted to the mailing address of each member detailing the dues owing and/or Annual subscription payable in advance by the 1 July.
Insert new sub clause 4(3) to read: An Honorary Member shall not be required to pay an annual subscription.

Amendment to Rule 6(4) to change the date from 30th September to 21st August.
 A member who, after receiving one notice of Annual Dues owing, does not pay those Annual Dues by the 21 August in that year ceases to be a member of the Association.

Amendment to Rule 18: A member is not entitled to vote at, any General meeting unless all moneys due and payable to the Association have been paid in accordance with Rules 4(1)(a) and 6(4).

Insert new Rule 18A: An Honorary Member is not entitled to vote, at any election of the members of the Association or on any other matter.
12. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR YEAR 2002 – 2003
13. GENERAL BUSINESS:
 - a. RAEME CORPS SHOP ITEMS
 - b. RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS
 - c. ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS AS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY
14. DATE OF 14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Note: A meeting of the ‘INCOMING ‘ Committee of Management for the purpose of Election of Office Bearers for Year August 2003 – August 2004 will be held immediately after the conclusion of the A.G.M.

THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED
Incorporation Reg No. A0022655Z



SOLDIER AND CRAFTSMAN

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

I, (Proposer) Membership No.....
(Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address:

..... Post Code:

Signature:.....Date:/...../..... Phone No. (....).....

Hereby nominate: (Nominee)
(Given Name) (Surname)

Date of Birth:/...../..... Membership No:

Street & Address:

..... Post Code:

for Election as a Committee Member of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc.

I, (Seconder) Membership No.....
(Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address:

..... Post Code:

Signature:.....Date:/...../..... Phone No. (...).....

Second the above nomination.

Support reason for consideration: (Please be brief)

.....

I, (Nominee) Membership No.....
(Given Name) (Surname) accept the above nomination.

Signature:..... Date:/...../..... Phone No. (...).....

Please note: Each member being Nominated or Proposing this nomination, MUST BE financial at the time of submitting this form.

Received for inclusion in AGM Ballot:

Signature of the Secretary:..... Date:/...../.....

**WANTED
COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR AUGUST
2002 - AUGUST 2003**

POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Serving RAEME, retired and recently Retired Corps members or approaching Retirement and planning to reside in Victoria. Nominations close on FRIDAY 15th AUGUST 2003.

COMMITMENT

Highly motivated, dedicated, team spirit, interest and welfare of the Association and its members.

THE CHALLENGE

To join a dynamic and highly motivated team of ex- AEME/RAEME and serving Corps members who are meeting the demands of providing a variety of support to Association members.

BENEFITS

The satisfaction of knowing you have helped to keep the Camaraderie of the Corps alive and surviving.

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THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC

13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 2003
Model Room, Oakleigh Barracks
1318 North Road, OAKLEIGH SOUTH
(Note: Please be seated by 11.00am.)

TO ALL MEMBERS

In accordance with Association Rule 8 (1), the above notice has been served to remind you of the 12th Annual General Meeting date.

You should be aware that at this Meeting Reports are given from all Sub-Committees and it is your opportunity to express your opinions as to our future direction and to pass on an assessment of the Year 2001/2002 past activities.

**REMEMBER YOU MUST BE FINANCIAL
AT THIS MEETING**

or your vote on any Resolution may be deemed invalid.

All Membership Categories (except Life Membership) Subscriptions for the Year 2002 - 2003 are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of the AGM.

It should be pointed out that all Membership Categories (except those of Life Membership of the Incorporated Association) are liable for the above dues.

RON CLIFFORD, SECRETARY

New Members

The President and Members would like to welcome our newest Members to the Association and look forward to seeing them at our AGM and other Social Functions.

Welcome:

Robert Butler	109
Robert Crawford	111
James (Jim) Stow	114

We would also like to welcome back to the Association.

Bruce Williams	110
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Troops open peace garden

By Naomi Kollmorgen (*Monash Journal*)

BAGPIPES pierced the icy morning air at the Oakleigh Army barracks Anzac Day ceremony. There were prayers for peace and readings from letters written by those who served at Gallipoli. Anzac Day holds particular significance for members of the Oakleigh barracks, who have either fought themselves, or been trained to serve in war.

For this reason, in 1995 officials decided the barracks needed a special place of reflection. Since then the troops have been building a memorial garden which was officially dedicated by three army chaplains last Friday (25 April).

The chaplains said: "May it remind us all of those who served their country, even unto death. "May it remind servicemen and women of their promises faithfully to serve for the common welfare of Australia."

Warrant Officer Chris McKenna said the garden would be the centrepiece of official meetings and would unify the ranks and divisions at the barracks.

"It will provide the troops and visitors with a spot to reflect on the events of the day, and on the deeds from the past."

Across the front is a wall inset with plaques commemorating each war involving Australian troops.

A sapling from the original Lone Pine tree at Gallipoli has been planted in the centre.

Bailey panels - structures used in bridge making - mark the sides of the garden, to represent the engineers based at the barracks. Two large guns symbolise the protection of troops during a parade.

Monash Journal Photographer ROBERT CAREW captured some of the scenes at the Anzac Day ceremony. His full front-page montage of photos appears on the next page.



Seeking new home: John Belfield stands inside a Centurion tank. Pictures: JOHN HART

Dad's army of tanks for sale

WHEN John Belfield's mum bought him a toy wind-up tank as a six-year-old, little did she know she had just sparked the beginning of one of Australia's biggest collections.

Sixty-five years later Mr Belfield is the proud owner of more than 50 military vehicles, 59 artillery pieces and other rare equipment. But not for much longer.

The 71-year-old from Berwick and his wife Pat, 72, are looking for a suitable Australian buyer and safe future for their collection.

"It has been a lifetime of collecting and I've en-

joyed doing that but it's time to step aside and find a new home," Mr Belfield said.

For the past 9½ years, Mr Belfield has operated the Melbourne Tank Museum on his property in Narre Warren.

He has rescued tanks from schools and farms.

Mr Belfield once retrieved a tank from an old artillery range in Sydney after the military deemed the job too dangerous.

"There were a lot of unexploded bombs and you had to dig it up by hand," he said.



On the road again: Bill Belfield, 46, takes his father for a spin in a tank.

(*Recent Herald-Sun*)

Opening of New Memorial Wall at Oakleigh Depot

The Memorial Garden at the Oakleigh Depot was first dedicated in 1994, while Bruce Williams was President of the RAEME Association. The occasion brought together three Associations at the Depot: RAEME Association, RAOC Association and the RAE Sappers' Association.

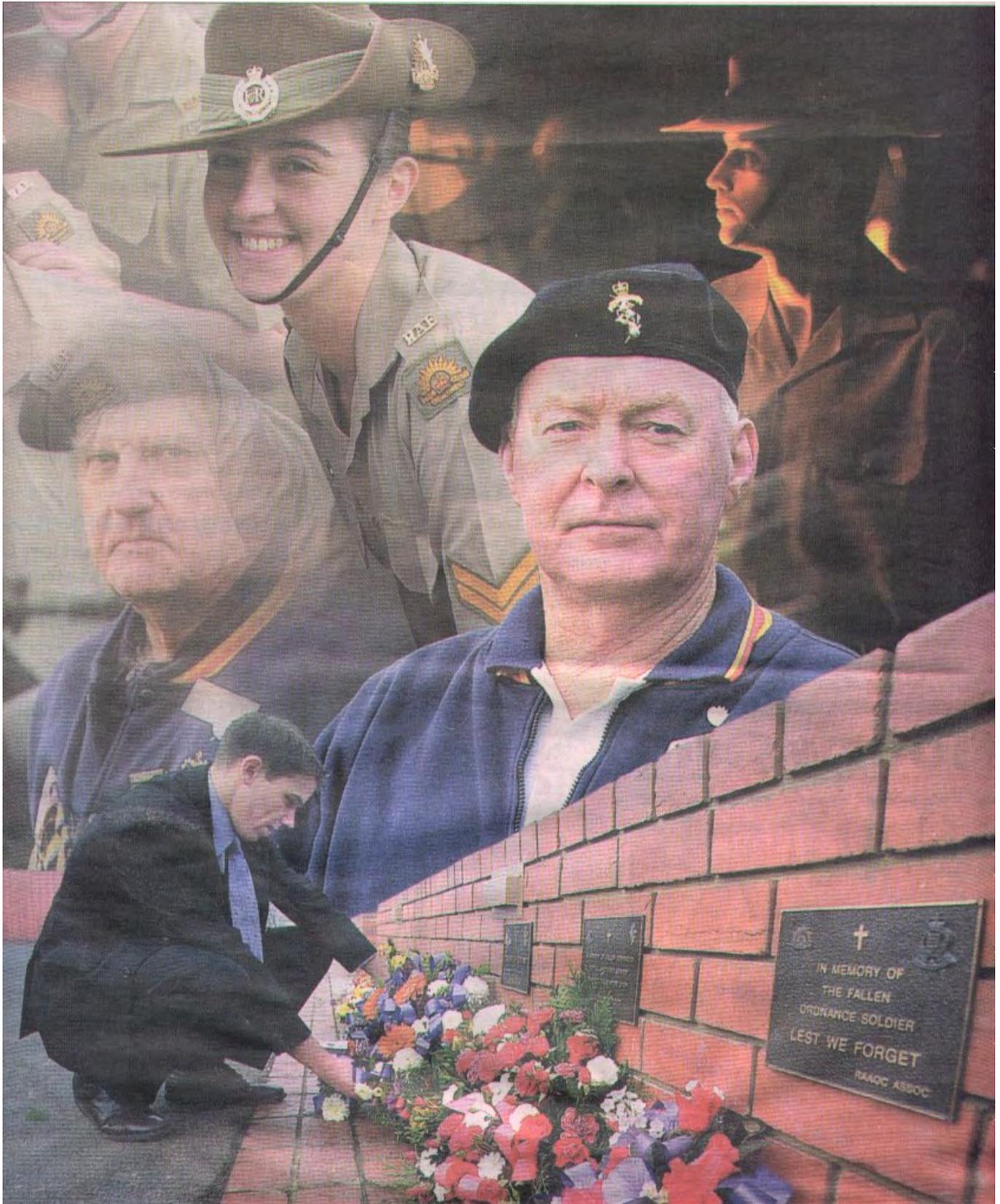
Geoff Maggs had purchased a genuine Lone Pine (grown from cones of the original at Lone Pine at Gallipoli) together with two gum trees.

Two 25-pdr field guns flank Bailey Bridge sections displaying the badges of the three Corps.

Stage Two additions include a memorial Wall of Remembrance and a spotlit flagpole.

A "Monash Journal" (the local newspaper) front-page report of the dedication of the Memorial Wall is extracted on the next page.

*Front Page of the "Monash Journal"
29 April 2003*

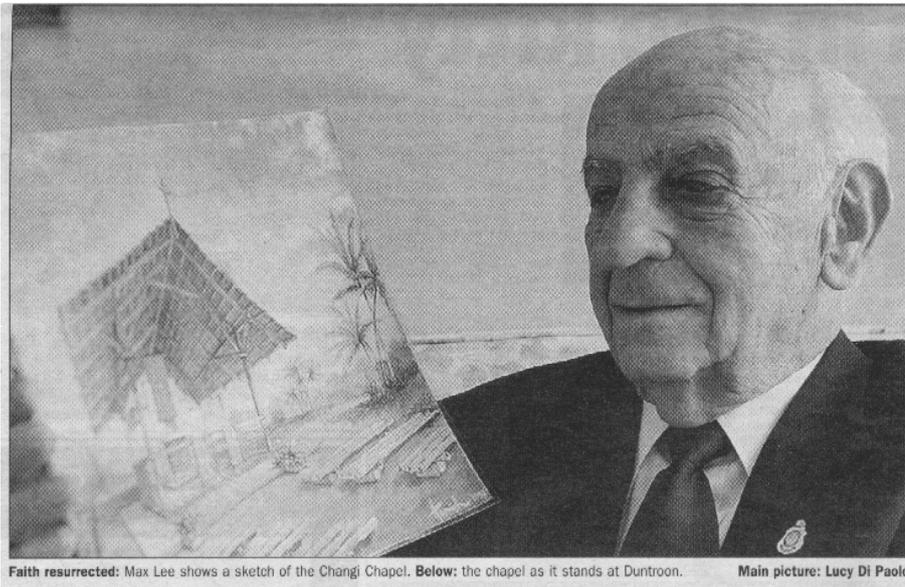


He saved Changi Chapel

(From the "Monash Journal" 17 June 2003)

By Kellee Nolan

Almost 60 years ago, Rowville resident Max Lee stood in the deserted confines of the infamous Changi prisoner of war camp in Singapore.



Faith resurrected: Max Lee shows a sketch of the Changi Chapel. Below: the chapel as it stands at Duntroon. Main picture: Lucy Di Paolo

It was the close of World War II in September 1945 and Mr. Lee was part of a voluntary Australian army unit that stayed on in Singapore and Sumatra to account for as many dead, missing and unidentified Allied soldiers as they could.

A small outdoor chapel caught his eye and Mr. Lee called out to a fellow soldier burning the camp buildings to the ground, asking him not to touch it. He made a decision then to save the chapel and send it to Australia.

More than 40 years later, his vision became reality and the chapel was opened at Duntroon in Canberra by Sir Edward 'Weary' Dun-lop as a national war memorial for Australia's 35,000 former prisoners of war on August 15, 1988.

Last week, Mr. Lee was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his service to the community, particularly through the preservation of the Changi Chapel.

Mr. Lee drew sketches of the chapel before it was disassembled and shipped to Australia.

Mr. Lee said that after returning to Australia and civilian life, marrying his wife Marjorie and rearing children, he assumed the chapel had been received and assembled and did not chase up its whereabouts until the 1960s.

But in the mid 1960s, he visited the Australian War Memorial with his family and asked to see the chapel only to find, sadly, that it wasn't there.

Mr. Lee continued his life immersed in his work as a senior executive at AMP and, for the past 27 years, living

in Glen Waverley. He was a member of various community organisations including the Glen Waverley and Wheelers Hill Probus Club and volunteered for the Glen Waverley Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army.

In 1997, Mr. Lee received a telegram from the Veterans Affairs Department in Canberra.

"The chapel had been found in storage in Duntroon and had been there for 42 years," he said.

For getting the chapel from that point to having it proclaimed Australia's national prisoner of war memorial, Mr. Lee pays tribute to many people, including his friend David Simpson, a Glen Waverley architect who drew up plans for its reconstruction.

"The little chapel now has become a national memorial for all Australian prisoners of war and that puts it into a perspective of its own," Mr. Lee said. "To prisoners of war that's their mainstay, their main memorial, and it's highly respected by them."



At the age of 80, Mr. Lee is still a volunteer with Open Family Australia, helping provide meals to homeless youths in St Kilda and the city.

He is humble about his voluntary contributions and receiving his OAM as he does not see charitable work as something done for a reward.

"I was quite happy to do my bit and my share," he said.

4 CSSB 105 WKSP COY NEWS

By CAPT Bob Butler, OC

2003 THUS FAR

This year as usual has been very busy, the Coy has taken part in the 4 CSSB Battalion training program. This program also incorporated RAEME training, that is development of Corps skills up to and including a Coy deployment, the training at Coy level collimated at the end of May, this was to put us spanners at a known level prior to undertaking CSST deployments. The deployment went very well, we had 60% attendance and all members we keen to put the Wksp in the field (behind the Broady Wksp facility). Due to the ever-increasing work commitments we only spent one morning setting up and dismantling, the rest of the weekend was used to reduce our backlog, however, our Coy training was completed as required.

INS AND OUTS

Cpl Poly at Oakleigh has been on course and is on another as this goes to print, it good to see Poly on promotional courses, We wish her well and success. Capt Derek Beames marched-in in as 2IC, Derek is ex Navy and will require time to adjust to the Army way of doing business, he is keen to learn and I think he will be an asset to the Coy. Lt Slocombe marched-in at Broady and has assumed the Platoon Commanders role, Lt Sweeny has been moved into recruiting, he is to assist with the traineeship scheme (apprentice master). Cfn Moore is on Long Service leave, pending discharge, this means that we do not have an ARA presence at Oakleigh until Poly's return. Cpl Street has transferred to the ARA, Int Corps. A number of the ARA are being posted at the end of the year.

TRF

The Army has introduced a new system called Technical Regulatory Framework (TRF). The aim of the TRF is to provide all commanders, with an assurance that Land Materiel is safe, fit for service and environmentally compliant.

As a result of the TRF introduction, 4 CSSB will be audited sometime in August 03. In preparation for this audit, the Unit has had to write a Maintenance Management Plan (MMP), have this plan approved at 2 Div level via HQ 4 Bde. We have developed databases for maintenance of information pertaining to equipment Non-Technical Inspections, Local Modifications, AMW's, Calibration and trade skill/knowledge competency requirements for each trade position within the Unit. At this stage all is on schedule for the audit, we still need to complete the AMW audit and the Technical Inspections of all equipment.

Policy instructions (eg some General and Workshop Series EMEI) will be progressively cancelled during TRF implementation, but will remain available until Dec 03, these documents are replaced by the Technical Regulation of Army Materiel Manual (TRAMM). Training for tradesmen and other Unit members will be conducted during July to inform all of the TRF and it's affects on them and equipment, the TRF also introduces a new classification system for inspection reports (eg: serviceable replaced with Fully Functional) and a new set of tags.

ARES Trainee Scheme

The Unit is investigating the introduction of the ARES Traineeship Scheme, this scheme is under trials at the moment with 4 CER and other 2 DIV Units north of the border, we hope to get on it's coat tails for commencement in 2004. This will allow the Unit to employ trainee tradesmen, it will provide us with 2nd, 3rd and maybe 4th year trade trainees to fill the ever increasing vacancies. Under the scheme the trainees will be required to parade for 150 days a year, this includes TAFE and Recruit training time. I believe that over a period of time, some of these trainees will stay with the Unit and fill vital crafty positions, this will allow corporals to their job etc. I see this as the only mechanism to recruit new blood into the corps and the Unit and to bolster our somewhat ageing and flagging numbers.

**Let's hear from you!
Deadline for December Issue
Saturday 12 November 2003**

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**APOLOGY TO CONTRIBUTORS
to this edition**

**Joe Wisdom contributed material, photos and
information on the "3 Minutes Jeeps" article in
the February edition, and also Keith Dyll
contributed further information.**

**Sadly, with the AGM Notice and Agenda and
Swan Hill trip information included in this issue,
lack of space dictates that those contributions
are held over for the next issue.**

RAEME Items Available
from your Association:

RAEME Logo Stickers 4 in. high, UV protected (both internal & external)
\$2.00 each

Stubbie Holders Royal Blue with a 10cm high RAEME Logo on a white background, **\$6.50 each.**

Thermal Mugs Cam. green with disruptive pattern and Corps Logo,
\$11.00. each

RAEME Plaque	Tie Pins
\$38.00 Each	\$ 6.50 each

Bomber Jacket (\$45.00) & Polo Shirts (\$31.50),
with a 11.5cm Embroidered RAEME Logo,

Baseball Caps Royal Blue
with 5cm Embroidered RAEME Logo
\$15.00 each.

Cuff Links full motive
Tie Tack/Lapel, Stick Pin
(Corps or Artificers)

Ladies RAEME Pendant & Chain
(45cm or 50cm long chain)
\$17.00 each.

Ladies Dress Brooch
Silver plated cap size badge with gemstones embedded in the crest and the safety chain Clasp
\$35.00 each

Ladies Dress Brooch No. 2,
Same style as Dress Brooch with:
A Silver on Gold plated cap size badge with gemstones embedded in the crest, flash and the safety chain Clasp, plus Corps coloured stones in the crown.
\$40.00 each

Contact Max Moore: (03) 9802 9128

Members in Small Business

In past issues of the Lighting Flash we have featured Members in Small Business , giving our members an opportunity to assist Members in Small Business, plus receiving value for money and in most cases a special discount.

If there are Members who wish to feature, contact either the Editor Pat Marley on (03) 9802 0637; email patmar@melbpc.org.au or Max Moore on (03) 9802 9128; email vraeme@nex.net.au.

Major Stewart Meiklejohn

Those who knew Stewart either at AAS Balcombe (11th Intake '56-'58) or during his RAEME service will recall that he was reported in the February issue as having suffered a ruptured aorta.

When visiting our daughter (husband is RAEME Captain) in Brisbane in March, I caught up with Stewart and his lovely wife Meryl. He is progressing well and sends regards to all his mates in Victoria. *(Editor Pat Marley)*





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Proposed Swan Hill Region Itinerary
1st - 4th November 2003

Accommodation :-
Jane Eliza Motor Inn
(263 Campbell Street Swan Hill)

Day One

Saturday 1st November

Travel to Swan Hill by coach
(lunch at own cost en route)
Arrive PM
(Booking in streamlined by names & room requirements
given to Motel prior to arrival)
Check in to accommodation
Rotary Dairy (Creamery Rd)
(Open between 3 – 5 pm)
Happy Hour at RSL
(Pick up temporary RSL membership from
President Barry Townley)
Dinner at RSL

Day Two

Sunday 2nd November

8am Poolside Breakfast in Recreation Room at Motel
10 – 10.30 Nalders Photographics Gallery & Studio
12.30 – 2.00pm All aboard the MV Kookaburra Luncheon
Cruise on the Murray River
3.00pm Conducted Tour of Best's Winery at Lake Boga
Dinner at RSL
9pm Sound and Light Show at Pioneer Settlement - open
air transport
Cost \$8.00 per person

Day Three

Monday 3rd November

8am Poolside Breakfast in Recreation Room at Motel
Catalina Flying Boat Museum and bunker at Lake Boga
11.30am Lunch at own cost Commercial Hotel Lake Boga,
home of a wonderful collection of old photography and old
'watering hole' of RAAF base
Pioneer Settlement Museum and Art Gallery (Horseshoe
Bend)
Dinner RSL - Get together our own "Melbourne Cup
Meeting" Join in with RSL's Calcutta

Day Four

Tuesday 4th November

8am Poolside Breakfast in Recreation Room at Motel
Book out & travel home safely.

We do trust you have enjoyed your weekend and we look
forward to our next meeting together.

RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. Social Committee.

RAEME Head of Corps Newsletter:

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Would you like a copy?

Contact Max Moore on (03) 9802 9128

If intending to come on the trip, return this tear-off slip to:

The Secretary, The RAEME Association, 1318 North Rd. Oakleigh South. Vic. 3167

I/we _____

intend to participate in the Cup Weekend trip to Swan Hill 1- 4 Nov 2003.
(cost \$330 per person – see Social Report Page 3)

Number of Persons:

Signed _____

Date _____

3 Recovery Company

On the 28th June this year 3 Recovery Company was called upon by Dandenong RSL for assistance in moving a Huey Helicopter from the Melbourne Docks to Dandenong RSL.

The helicopter is being moved for preparation to be mounted outside the RSL. The mounting of the helicopter outside the RSL will serve as a memorial for returned soldiers from Vietnam, particularly during Anzac Day ceremonies annually where Dandenong RSL is the focus for the South-East of Melbourne.

3 Recovery Company, as the only independent RAEME sub-unit remaining in the Australian Army, rose to the unusual task of moving the helicopter. Having been approached some weeks earlier about the prospect of the move CAPT Tony Moon set about organising the activity, expecting some notice before the task would be carried out.

On the 26th June, Thursday evening, the RSL contacted the unit and asked if they would be able to move the helicopter on the Saturday morning.

Without hesitation the unit accepted the challenge and quickly rang around to see who would be available to carry out the task. LCPL Jason Powell assembled his crack recovery team of LCPL Tim Knowles and CFN Kristy Dowel.

Utilising famous RAEME initiative LCPL Powell made use of whatever he could get his hands on at the Melbourne docks, utilising P&O staff and forklift to lift the Helicopter onto his Mack Wrecker and 20 tonne trailer. Concerns as to whether the tail shaft would fit over the back of the trailer were alleviated when it was found that the ramps could be shut either side of the tail shaft. Once firmly in place the helicopter was transported to 3 Recovery Company's depot in Doveton awaiting the next move where it will be painted ready to be mounted. 3 Recovery Company will move it to its permanent place, mounted six metres in the air outside Dandenong RSL in September this year.

The helicopter has been donated by the Arkansas Air National Guard and was flying up until May this year. It will be mounted in fully working order.

