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Dedication of the RAEME Monument at Bulimba, Queensland, 28 November 2009

The Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' Association (Qld) has erected a monument to the units and their craftsmen who served in the Bulimba Barracks since 1945, the year that the Australian Army was handed the keys to the site by the United States Army.

The unit names are immortalised on a bronze plaque attached to the sandstone monument. 36 units in all, both Regular Army and Army Reserve / Citizens Military Forces. Some of the unit names were in fact name changes over the years that occurred whenever the Army re-organised. (Extracted from "RAEME Craftsman" magazine – Winter 2010)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has come and gone, they certainly fly as you get older. The AGM Conducted at the Clayton RSL was well attended and enabled us to pass the new Rules which have been rewritten over the past couple of years with the Great assistance of Col John Lee and Maj Frank Bell .A big job. Well done fellows. To show our appreciation we presented them both with Certificates of Appreciation.

Aranka Illia our long serving treasurer was also inducted as a Life Member of the Association, which came as a complete surprise to her, due a new method of proposing Life Members. The election of the committee for the New Year took place with one member not seeking to be re-elected. At the following Committee meeting the following appointments were made:

President:	John Boothroyd
Vice President:	Dennis Clarke
Secretary:	Alan Rogers
Treasurer:	Aranka Illia.
Membership Secretary:	Gus Allan
Social Convener:	Bruce Williams
Welfare Officer:	Dennis Clarke
Editor and Webmaster:	Pat Marley

Also a number of other tasks were allocated to those present and to others who were not able to be present due to Service commitments.

In September I attended the RAEME Corps Committee Meeting, Corps Conference and the RAEME Officers Mess Dinner; all conducted at the Logistics Training Centre Bandiana. A very enlightening experience and one which gave a different point of view of the changing military policies and the effect it is having on the Corps and indirectly the RAEME Associations.

A decision was made at the Corps Committee to recognise the the RAEME Association as an official body and to have a representative of the collective State Associations attend the Corps Committee meetings. This position is to be rotated through the various States each three years. I also had a long discussion with Ray Norman regarding Spanner Packs, and gave him a cheque for \$500 as our Association's contribution. I also spoke to several junior officers who had served overseas and experienced Spanner Packs. One young lady told me "I don't care what was in it; just to know that someone was thinking about us was the main thing, all though the lollies were handy when dealing with the local children".

You will have all received the letters regarding the bus trip and Birthday Dinner by now and I trust you will give some thought to attending these functions and supporting the hard working Committee members responsible to conduct them on your behalf.

To those of you who are not enjoying good health at the moment, get well soon and tell those near and dear to you to contact us so that we know and can initiate our welfare program.

Finally I am coming to grips with this new computer (which has been provided by the DVA as a result of our previous application), and emails etc with the help of Pat Marley and Alan Rogers. Our other applications for support for our bus trips and the replacement of the plaques at the new RAEME Memorial Tree at the Shrine are still in progress (for those not aware, our original RAEME tree died along with 140 others due to the drought). We are endeavouring to have these in place for our Shrine Pilgrimage in January 2011.
Arte et Marte

John Boothroyd President

PS. I have just been advised that due to lack of support the bus trip will not take place, despite our efforts to give value for money and keep the costs the same as last year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2010 AGM has now been held and elections for Office Bearers and Committee members was carried out on the 2nd September 2010 with the only significant changes being Bruce Williams standing down as Vice President. Dennis Clarke was elected to the position of Vice President.

Bruce Williams accepted the position as Social Committee Chairman with Sandra Williams and Roma Cox being on the Social Committee to assist Bruce.

John Boothroyd was again elected as President and will under the Version 6.0 Rules as passed at the 2010 AGM, be eligible for election to serve as President at the 2011 AGM.

Past President Peter Cartledge did not nominate for Committee at the AGM and will now have a well-earned rest after 13 years as President. I am sure that all members of the Association appreciate the work and effort that both Peter and Leonie have put into the Association.

The changes to the Patriotic Fund Trustees and to the Rules have now been submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria with the appropriate application forms and fees.

The Committee is looking at the purchase of 2 Plaques for:

- (a) the Association Remembrance Tree at the Shrine, which needs to reflect the current Corps title, and
- (b) the Remembrance Garden, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital as our Association does not currently have a Plaque in the garden.

Alan Rogers Secretary

SOCIAL REPORT

Well as you will now be aware Sandra, Bruce and Roma have taken the role of social coordinators and as pointed out to us by the committee we will only look after the social aspects of e.g. The "Bus Trip" and the "Birthday Dinner" for the ensuring 12 months.

By now you will have received the flyers for the bus trip and the birthday dinner coming up in Late October and November respectfully with the dinner being held at the East Malvern RSL, please support the functions as we are working very hard to make sure not only are the functions a happy social occasion for all our RAEME veterans, their family's and friends but indeed they are also at an affordable price.

As many of you indicated on the last bus trip Wagga Wagga NSW was to be the destination and that has now been put to bed and with the flyers and itinerary's received by you all, you can now decide well in advance the functions that you are able to attend of course you also have received a copy of the social Calendar for all functions for the ensuring year to help plan you diary,

Due to the situation at Oakleigh barracks we were forced to make other arrangements for our AGM and as you now also know that was held at the Clayton RSL with the meeting being in the "George Foster" room and afterwards in the "Members Bar" with all refreshments being at member's price (Almost as good as the Sgt's mess's) It was also nice to see that attendance numbers were up hopefully that is a good sign. and from all reports the BBQ was well received and enjoyed by all

All other memorial functions will be arranged by the President e.g. Shrine Service, ANZAC day Reunion, ANZAC Day March and the Presidents luncheon with support where needed from Sandra, Bruce and Roma however as said all memorial type functions are now the responsibility of the President, Secretary and the committee.

Remembrance Day 11th November 2010 will be at the Clayton RSL, come along and enjoy the morning where at the completion of the service a presentation to 9 of their local Primary schools will participate in scholarships awards with them and you can view the exhibits produced by the children on what the awards are based on..

Well changes come to us all from time to time and hopefully you will all accept the our new ways of doing things as for the first time we are also communicating with DVA for various grants to help support where we can with price increases that are imminent into the future and hopefully we will be able to subsidise some of the increases and give something back to the members from time to time, this year we have looked at the price of the bus trip and we were quoted by one company close to \$500 then knowing many of you could not afford that we contacted other companies and have locked our selves into Riverina Bus Company who are a professional tour people and the Itinerary you have is from them and it is just one of many trips they do in Victoria and Interstate.

Riverina come highly recommended to us from a number of members and friends of the Association, finally just to let you know we are attempting with difficulty to arrange for cars to be left at Broadmeadows during the bus trip but at the time of this note we have not yet had it confirmed it is not easy in today's current environment with the army.

Well from us to you we hope you support the functions as a lot of work goes into the organisation and preparation of any social as we are sure you would agree and we hope you will come along and be part of it all, you will always be made most welcome.

Bruce, Sandra Williams and Roma Cox
Social Conveners



Major Mick Lappin

22 September 2010

Epworth Hospital, Melbourne
(See Obituary page 5)

David (Rocky) Stone (NSW)

20 September 2010

Noel (George) Haynes (Qld)

21st Intake Army Apprentice
Vehicle Mechanic

Let's hear from you!

Deadline for January 2011 Flash

Monday 10th January 2011

(Preferably December 2010)

Items to the Editor Pat Marley:

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WELFARE REPORT

Dave Maddick – President, Seymour Chapter - has “done his back in” while clearing a fallen tree on the access road to their property.

Jack Westernhagen is going into hospital early October for a knee replacement.

Ian McGrath is suffering extreme ill-health. He was recently in Geelong Hospital for three weeks and is now in permanent residential care.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is always a busy time after the end of our financial year and after the Annual General Meeting.

I am pleased to report that most of our members have paid their dues.

There are still a few members that have not yet attended to their dues payment.

I look forward to their cheques in the mail.

Remember we are always on the outlook for new members.

Gus Allen
Membership Officer

Bandiana Chapter

As usual we have had a quiet winter as many head north for warmth. With the warmer weather we start to get active again. In August our Chapter Secretary George Reid and I hitched a ride with COL Brian Jones to the AGM at Clayton RSL.

The number of members attending was very pleasing to see and the venue was comfortable.

Some of our Chapter members attended the Corps Seminar activities between 15-17 September including the Dedication service at the Craftsman Memorial, the All Ranks BBQ, the Seminar Sessions, the Officers Dinner and the Warrant Officer and Sergeants Dinner. I was able to catch up with John Boothroyd at most of these. At the Dinner John and I sat on the same table as Ray Norman the QLD President and the COL COMDT Brian Jones.

Of course our Annual Dinner on Friday 5 November is our next activity at the SS and A Club in Albury with DHOC, COL COMDT, Corps RSM and our speaker MAJ Matt Canning plus many others will be attending. We look forward to welcoming other RAEME Association of Victoria members from Melbourne and Puckapunyal.

Andrew Turner
President
Bandiana Chapter

Bluebell RAEME Viet Nam Veterans Southern

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Viet Nam Day [Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan]

Great to see a large number of RAEME Viet Nam Veterans brave what was probably the coldest Viet Nam day we have experienced. Good to see the Bluebells from Gippsland making the effort to attend. VVAA Victorian President Robert Elworthy expressed his displeasure of the NVA – Viet Cong for advancing toward Nui Dat at this time of year; “Winter in Victoria”. We appear to have dropped off “The Radar with the Local Press as there was no print coverage of this very important event. Robert Elworthy sent off a letters to the appropriate people venting his disappointment.

RAEME Association President, John Boothroyd carried the RAEME Standard which looked magnificent at the head of our Chapter. For some of the local people we attended St. Kilda RSL afterwards along with many others for some warm food, drink and good company all for the cost of a raffle ticket.

I attended a Service at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital on the Tuesday prior to Long Tan Day along with my wife Martha, John Boothroyd, Bruce Williams and Terry Black. This is an annual event organized by Robert Winther and always well attended.

There are number of Corps Plaques located along with a bell tower in a memorial Garden within the hospital confines. RAEME Association are also going to organize a plaque to represent our Corps.

A new gymnasium is being constructed along with new wards at "The Repat" as well. Contrary to some beliefs that this hospital would lose its Service attachment once it was amalgamated with "The Austin Hospital", it has retained its identity.

Our membership is again looking strong with over 120 members who we thank for their support.

Along with other members of the Box Hill VVAA Committee attended the RACV dinner where John "Jethro" Thompson 1Fld Sqdn gave a most informative and very touching talk on the Dat Do Minefield. He was originally trained as a plant operator and later a field engineer. The field engineers of I Fld Sqdn had no training on the M16 in Australia as SME did not possess any of this type of American mine.

1 Field Squadron Workshop held a most successful reunion in Hobart over the ANZAC Week. A big thank you to John & Claudia Walker and Bruce & Jill Davey. Their effort and organization was perfect.

Reunions

- 106 Field Workshop
Adelaide – October 15th 16th
- 1Field Squadron Workshop
Melbourne ANZAC Week 2013
- 17 Construction Squadron Workshop
2011- a 4-day Cruise out of Sydney
- 1 Armoured Regiment LAD
Adelaide – Glenelg October 2011
Russell Cunningham 5766 2413
- 102 Field Workshop
Western Australia – November
Contact – Chris & Carroll Pickering 08 9061 1604
- 161 Recce Flight Townsville
2010- September 8th & 10
45th Anniversary of Formation
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Whispers: *Spotted an article in the current addition Unique Cars on RAEME Vet Terry Black's immaculate Chrysler Windsor.*



RSL Honours for Association Members

Frank Bell received the Meritorious Service Medal, this being the highest National Award given by the RSL.

Bill Holmes received the Life Membership Gold Badge from the Victorian RSL, this being the highest award that the Victorian Branch can give to a member.

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years.

After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go go go!!!!!!"

AGM PHOTOS – August 2010



Treasurer Aranka Illia is presented with her Life Membership by President John Boothroyd



John Lee explains the major changes to the By-Laws prior to the formal motion adopting the revised By-Laws from 2010



John Lee & Frank Bell are presented with Certificates of Appreciation for the excellent and arduous work on revising the Association By-Laws



Colonel-Commandant Brian Jones advising of current activities in the Corps

RSL National and State Awards to RAEME Association (Vic) Members



RSL National President Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retd) State President Major General McLaughlin, Frank Bell in the middle receiving his Meritorious Service Medal at the RSL State Conference



Presentation to Bill Holmes of the Life Membership Gold Badge at the RSL State Conference. L-R Bruce Williams, Brian Driscoll, Bill Holmes, Lyall Butling, John Lee.

Obituary - Major Mick Lappin

Mr. Len Avery via Graham Smith – RAR Association

Mick was born on 17 November 1947 at Stamford Lincolnshire, England, the second youngest of eight brothers and sisters.

After arriving in Australia Mick initially lived at Newborough and then moved to Morwell where he lived with his oldest brother Terry and wife Monica whilst he attended St Paul's College in Traralgon in the Latrobe Valley in Gippsland.

It was at St Paul's College where he met up with Frank Edwards and John Opdam who would both serve in the Army and Vietnam with Mick, although in different trades. Mick joined the Army around 1966 after which he was posted to the RAEME Training Centre at Bandiana to do his Radio Mech's Course. Those on his course included Bob Digance, Quincy Townsend, Brian Reardon, Bob van Aken and Jim Hayne.

After completing the course Mick was posted to 2 Base Wksp at Moorebank before being "seconded" into RAEME Aviation. He packed his bags and headed to the RAAF Base at Amberley in 1967 and the 1st Aviation Regiment Workshop to be trained as an Aircraft Radio Mech. Mick was looking at a posting to Vietnam in 1968, however, a wife, Rose, and a baby daughter delayed his departure until the following year. He was posted to Vietnam as a Corporal Radio Mech with 161 (Indep) Recce Flt from 24 March 1969 until 04 March 1970.

Jim Hayne was the Sergeant in charge of the Radio Section along with Mick and Bob Digance as the Corporals. Barry Ellis was the L/CPL while Bill Reddin and George Xanthopoulos were the 'workers'. There were a few other Radio Mech's who Mick served with in Vietnam including Kevin Alsop, John Machell and John Moore.

After completing his time in Vietnam Mick was posted back to the 1st Aviation Regiment Workshop at Amberley until early 1972 when along with his wife and two children he was posted to 182 Recce Flt in Singapore from 19 April 1972 until 03 October 1973 as the Sergeant Radio Mech.

From 182 Recce Flt, Mick and his family, which now included three children, were posted to 161 Recce Sqn at Holsworthy. Late 1974, Mick and the family were on the move again, this time to Oakey in Queensland and the new home of Army Aviation. Mick was posted to 5 Base Workshop Battalion and subsequently ended up in the RAEME Aircraft Training Company as an instructor. Unfortunately in early 1975, Mick was diagnosed with testicular cancer and subsequently received radical radiation treatment after an operation in June 1975.

Mick was subsequently posted to 3 Base Workshop at Broadmeadows so that he could be close to his family as at that time he was only given a 50% chance of living another two years. As we all know, Mick was not going to go down without a fight and he certainly didn't like the idea of not seeing his family grow up so he fought back and proved the

doctors wrong, clearly showing the strength and character of the man.

He was subsequently posted to HQ Log Command and then in early 1978, Mick and his family, which now included four children, were posted to England and the REME Training School at Arborfield Garrison as an instructor.

In late 1979, Mick was posted to the RAEME Training Centre at Bandiana as an instructor until early 1981 when he was posted to Adelaide with the Base Repair Facility and 16 Air Defence Regiment at Woodside in support of the Rapier Team. Mick and his family spent 10 years in Adelaide during which time he did some 'cross training' with his part time studies for his Theology Degree.

Mick was commissioned as a Captain and was subsequently promoted to Major. From Adelaide he was posted to Perth and from there to Queensland where Mick was given the opportunity to study full time to finish his degree in Theology. Mick was ordained as a Chaplain in 1995. His first posting was to the Royal Military College in Canberra where he went unaccompanied as Rose was working in Brisbane. He was subsequently posted back to Brisbane as the Chaplain with the Sixth Battalion RAR during which time he was posted to East Timor. Mick was awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) on 08 June 1998 for his outstanding service. Unfortunately Mick's health began to deteriorate and he was medically discharged from the Army after he returned from East Timor.

He worked as a Chaplain with the Queensland Police Force for about two years before his health and mobility deteriorated further and he had to finally give up the work that he enjoyed so much however, Mick never stopped caring for people and offering support to those who were not enjoying good health, myself included.

Mick and Rose subsequently moved to Melbourne to be closer to their family and Rose's new job. The last few years have been very tough for Mick and Rose as Mick's health and mobility continued to deteriorate. He went through a number of operations on his back and suffered periods of terrible pain. It was Mick and Rose's plan to move to Adelaide where they had built a new home near Normanville. They were in the process of going home when Mick became very sick about three months ago. He was subsequently admitted to the Epworth Hospital in Melbourne with serious problems with his stomach and bowel. Mick went through a number of major operations which unfortunately did not improve the situation and recovery from the operations became an impossible task. Sadly this is one battle that he was unable to win.

Mick is survived by his wonderful wife Rose, his daughter Sonya and sons Sean, Simon and Michael Paul plus there extended family including ten wonderful and loving grandchildren, not forgetting the rest of the Lappin Clan. Mick is now at peace and he will not suffer any more pain.

Arrangements are being made to take Mick to Adelaide where the funeral will be held at a date to be advised.

Lest We Forget



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CALENDER of FUNCTIONS 2010-11

Annual Bus Trip Wagga Wagga	30thOctober 2nd November 2010
Bandiana Dinner/Committee Meeting	5/6th November 2010
Remembrance Day Clayton RSL	11TH November 2011
Pilgrimage to Shrine	30 January 2011
ANZAC Day Reunion	TBA
ANZAC Day	25th April 2011
Presidents Luncheon	22ND May 2011
Reserve Forces Parade	3rd July 2011
Mafia Dinner VBSM	Unknown
Les Farrant Award	17th August 2011
Long Tan Day (Vietnam Veterans)	18th August 2011
Annual General Meeting	28th August 2011
Remembrance Day	11th November 2011**
Annual Bus Trip	29th October-1st November 2011**
Annual Birthday Dinner	26th November 2011**
Bandiana Annual Dinner	November 2011? **

Dates; Venues; Costs etc; to be advised closer to the date

**** 2011-2012 Committee Decision**



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ANNUAL BIRTHDAY DINNER

RAEME Association Vic Incorporated

ALL RANKS DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE

East Malvern RSL Stanley Grose Drive East Malvern 3145

Friday 26th November 2010

*All Serving, Retired Members of the CORPS
their Partners, Family & Friends are invited*

Timing: 1900hrs for 1930hrs

Dress

Ladies; After Five: Gentlemen: Coat and Tie

Mess Dress Optional or Black Tie

Miniatures to be worn

Cost

\$52-00 per Head (Inc GST) (3 Course Meal)

NOTE: Please advise any special meal requirements

RSVP by 20th November 2010

TO

RAEME Association (Vic) Incorporated

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*I _____ and Partner/Guest _____
Will be attending the 2010 RAEME all ranks Annual Dinner on the 26th November 2010*

Signed _____

Enclosed my Cheque/Money Order/Direct Debit for \$ _____

DIRECT DEBIT

BANKING DETAILS. Account Name: RAEME Association (Vic) Inc
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Bandiana Chapter

ANNUAL DINNER



Friday 5th November 2010

Venue:	SS and A Club Albury, Skylight Room
Timings:	7.00 for 7.30pm
Cost:	\$30.00 per person, guests welcome
Dress:	Coat and Tie
RSVP:	return below by 30th October 2010

RAEME Members, partners and guests are invited to the RAV-B Spring Dinner. The Colonel Commandant for Victoria and Tasmania, Colonel Brian Jones, will be in attendance. Our Guest speaker will be a serving RAEME soldier with a story to tell.

This three course dinner will be a great opportunity to come together for the many RAEME members, both serving and ex-serving who live here in the Albury/Wodonga area. It will also be a great excuse for members living further-a-field to re-visit their old stomping ground.

Any enquiries please contact our Secretary: Mr. George Reid (02) 60593153 e-mail: reidysnr@aapt.net.au

The Secretary
RAEME Assoc. (Vic.) Inc. – Bandiana Chapter
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WODONGA 3689

I..... will be attending.

Address:City; PC: Phone :

My guests' names are:

Enclosed is a Cheque for Total amount of \$

or,

A Direct Deposit of \$ Has been made to **BSB: 633 000. A/c No. 127901593** Bendigo Bank, RAEME Assoc. Bandiana (remember to include your name in a direct deposit transaction)

RAEME Association Annual 4 Day Bus Trip Wagga Wagga 30th October / 2nd November 2010

Day 1 Melbourne / Wagga Wagga

Depart Melbourne from South Eastern Masonic Centre Hutton Rd Keysborough at 8 am to Wangaratta and Albury for our lunch stop. This afternoon we travel via the Olympic Highway to Jindie Pioneer museum then thru Culcairn, Henty and onto Wagga Wagga to our Motel. Tonight we dine at a local Club.

Day 2 Wagga Wagga/Junee/Lockhart

Today we travel north to Junee. We'll visit the famous Railway Roundhouse train display & the liquorice & chocolate factory. After which we'll make our way down to historical Lockhart known as the veranda town because of the restored facades and verandas. After a meal around town we'll return to our motel to freshen up for dinner.

Day 3 Wagga Wagga City/Riverina Highlands

We'll tour south-east through the heritage village of Adelong, which is a small goldmining town of big historical and pastoral significance nestled on the bank of the Adelong Creek and the beautiful Adelong Falls. Next stop is the delightful town of Tumut for a look around. Then it's onto Talbingo to visit one of the world's great engineering feats - The Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme. The Tumut Three Power Station near Talbingo is awesome. On our return trip to Wagga Wagga we can stop at the Tumut Region Visitors Centre located in the Old Butter Factory for afternoon tea.

Day 4 Wagga Wagga City/ Melbourne

Following breakfast we'll board our coach for our journey home. We'll stop off at Albury for lunch. To return home early in the evening.

Pick up/ drop off Points enroute; Broadmeadows; Seymour; Wodonga

**PLEASE NOTIFY BRUCE OR SANDRA WILLIAMS IF YOU NEED TO BE
PICKED UP AT ANY OF THESE POINTS FOR TIMINGS AND LOCATION**

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RAEME Association Victoria Inc

ANNUAL BUS TRIP

TO

Wagga Wagga

4 GREAT DAYS of FUN

30th OCTOBER-2nd NOVEMBER 2010

Only 40 Seats Available

Cost \$400-00 P/P; Single Supplement \$135.00

Includes Accommodation; Breakfast, Dinners

Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Teas, Entry Fees at Own Expense

Please advise if special meals are required

See Attached Itinerary for Details

Departure from South Eastern Masonic Centre

270 Hutton Rd Kynsborough

Departure 0800hrs 30th October 2010

Parking Available for the period

Other Pickup points are at Broadmeadows, Seymour, Wangaratta & Albury



RSVP

30th October 2010

Bruce Williams

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I _____ Partner _____ No _____ Seats

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Head of Corps Message Brigadier David Creagh



Life continues at pace for all of you and to be frank I think the tempo we are all enjoying these days is the status quo.

I continue to enjoy success in getting out and about in my capacity as your Head of Corps. My most recent visit was to Campbell Barracks,

home of the Special Air Service Regiment.

None of us would disagree from any coalface view that processes for both acquisition and modification of equipment need to be agile and operationally focussed. To that end Army Headquarters is working hard to streamline staff processes for Operationally Urgent Requirements, acceptance into service, and management of equipment groundings and restrictions. The challenge in this is ensuring that we strike the right balance between acceptance of technical risk and operational risk. DTR –A is contributing to this debate and I have asked him to develop a discussion paper on this for presentation to the Corps conference and I would encourage you to contribute to this important discussion.

In May of this year the Chief of Staff at Army Headquarters wrote to all Heads of Corps seeking input in the form of a Corps position on the wearing of regimental berets and accoutrements. After wide consultation I presented the Corps position (in principle support for the complete removal of the beret as an authorised form of headdress but as an interim measure and until such time as this decision is taken

that RAEME personnel posted to units who possess a regimental beret (for example RAAC, AAVN) may wear that beret with their Corps Cap badge). Unit affiliation will still be recognised through the wearing of the unit colour patch on the puggaree and where applicable, the unit Velcro patch on DPCU. I know that for many of you that this is a highly emotive issue so once CA has made his decision I will ensure that you are notified.

As I indicated in the Corps newsletter earlier this year I was delighted with the very positive feedback we received on the conduct of the 2009 Corps Conference. In response to this feedback this year's program has been adjusted to incorporate your input. The theme for this year's conference is Maintaining the Army of 2019. I can now confirm that Head Land Systems, MAJGEN Cavengah will deliver the keynote address and we have a number of senior personnel who will present over the two days including Brigadier Greg Bilton from Army Headquarters, Mr David McGahey from Joint Logistics Command and the Deputy Commander of 16 Aviation.

Updates will be provided on a number of the Adaptive Army sessions we covered in 2009 and both DOCM and SCMA will provide career management presentations. We will also receive some recent operations updates from the 'young Turks' and the HOC team have worked hard to try and strike the right balance between a busy and informative program but one that gives you all the opportunity to contribute. I am confident that the conference will be both informative and enjoyable and well worth the investment of the airfare too and from Albury.

Arte et Marte

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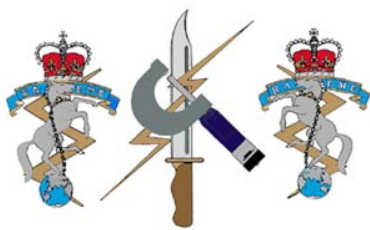
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