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*The full story appears inside this edition of the "Lightning Flash"*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has passed and the AGM conducted on 26 August saw the present committee re-elected with the addition of Maj Mike Newbond joining us to make the committee complete. The AGM was well attended and we had no trouble in achieving a quorum. The business of the day was despatched efficiently and the election was handled with the assistance of COL John Lee as scrutineer. Some minor amendments were made to the current by-laws to assist in the holding of meetings in other locations around the state.

### LIFE MEMBER APPOINTED

It was with much pleasure that I presented Gus Allan our Membership Secretary with Life Membership much to his surprise. Gus has been a long serving member and committee man and also represents the association At the RSL Kindred Assoc Meetings

### ALKIRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

With the assistance of the Shrine of Remembrance we have created a liaison with this college which is located in North Cranbourne with the aim of ensuring that the Association will continue to be remembered when the current members are no more. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July several members of the committee attended the college and were given a conducted tour of the very modern buildings and the mode of operation which is vastly different to that experienced by both students and teachers of the past. We were then given morning tea, prepared and cooked by the group during which time we presented an Association Banner, several DVDs, and books relating to military activities over many years. Doug Brazier also prepared a personal history of his service which was of great interest as he was enlisted at the Cranbourne Race Track. Unfortunately Doug was not able to be present on the day.

Both the School and the Association were presented with a certificate from the Shrine to mark the occasion, and arrangements are in hand for a Remembrance Service to be conducted at the Shrine and at the RAEME tree on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 which the students will organise and conduct. The students and any RAEME members will attend a conducted tour of the Shrine commencing at 10am and the service at the RAEME Tree will commence at 11am. The tour will be conducted by Allan Stebbing, a member of the Association and a Shrine Guide.

### Corps 70<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY DINNER

**As the Corps was born on 2 Dec 1942 in the heat of battle we will be 70 years old this year.**

Please read and reply to the information provided with this edition of the Flash as we hope to make it a Birthday to remember. To this end the committee are making arrangements to ensure that each attendee will receive a memento of this occasion.

Also note that the cost is less than last year's dinner.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!**

### HISTORIC WEAPONS COLLECTION

Historic weapons, which were originally on display in RAEME Officers Mess at Chapel St and which were transferred to the care of the Association on the move to Oakleigh Barracks, were mounted on boards and displayed by bolting them to the walls. These weapons have been the subject of discussion over the time since I became President.

The depot wanted them removed and wanted the Association to be responsible for the repairs to the walls where the weapons were mounted. This was delayed when a new depot commander was appointed. Recently we have been advised that the weapons are a security risk and the depot staff have removed them and placed them in the armoury, and advised the Association that they want them removed as the army does not want the responsibility for them. The walls have been repaired by the Depot engineering staff.

All enquiries to Army Museums proved futile and so I approached The Light Horse and Artillery Museum at Nar Nar Goon run by Mr Bernie Dingle, who has agreed to accept them and display them whilst keeping the Association name on the boards. Arrangements are being completed with the Victoria Police District Weapons Officer to enable the transfer and transport of the weapons to Bernie. The museum has just completed the legal requirements to ensure that it will endure in perpetuity and that the security system meets current requirements.

The only things that remain at Oakleigh Barracks now are some paintings, prints and a filing cabinet which we recover when the RQMS has had the door fixed to enable access. (This requires a civilian contractor and finance allocation)

**John Boothroyd**  
**President**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### THE YEAR AHEAD 2012-2013

Functions for the year 2012-2013 are included, members comments on different types of functions would be appreciated and where possible the Committee will endeavour fulfil any suggestions. Members could be requested to assist in the suggestions they put forward.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was attended by 37 members with several members travelling from the country. The members approved the Committee of Management's recommendation to become members of the RAEME National Association as detailed in Corps Instruction 31. A copy of our letter to the RNA President is included.

### RAEME 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY DINNER

The Dinner will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Details of the Dinner are included with this Flash. This is a special celebration and the Committee look forward to a great attendance.

### BANDIANA CHAPTER DINNER

The Bandiana Chapter will be holding their Dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012, this a great night and a chance to meet with members of the Bandiana Chapter. Details of the Dinner are included with this Flash.

### COMMUNICATION

Members are requested to notify the Secretary of any change in contact details e.g.; email, mailing address, telephone numbers etc.

Members Illness; Members knowing of a member's illness are requested to contact the Secretary

### ALKIRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

On 17<sup>th</sup> September several members visited the College to create a liaison with the students studying Australian War History and presented several military history books & videos from the Association along with Mud & Dust from the Vietnam Veterans Chapter. The students also intend to hold a Remembrance Service at the RAEME Tree on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to which all members are invited to attend.

The Committee look forward to the members supporting the various Functions planned during the coming year

Arte et Marte  
**Alan Rogers**  
Secretary



**Bruce Williams**  
Life Member  
15 August 2012

**Ian McGrath**  
30 July 2012

**Leslie Hyde (WA)**  
3 July 2012.

**Vincent Olivieri**  
(14th Intake Apprentice)  
14 July 2012

**John Curtis**  
RAEME Association WA  
Editor of the "Horse's Mouth"  
passed away recently

**Peter Burns**  
(10th Intake Apprentice)  
August 2012

**Clyde Cook (QLD)**  
25 July 2012 aged 81

**Colin Hill (QLD)**  
9 August 2012

**Ted Spargo (QLD)**  
2 September 2012

**David Polwarth**  
(34th Intake Apprentice)  
19 September 2012.

**John (Chips) Shay**  
(20th Intake Apprentice)  
21 September 2012



## VICTORIA BARRACKS CHAPTER

The Victoria Barracks Chapter of the RAEME Association Victoria Inc formed in April this year. Word was spread prior to Anzac Day and a large number of currently and ex serving RAEME members gathered at the Southern Cross Hotel in South Melbourne after the march.

A large amount of interest in the Chapter was shown by all present. As a result the Victoria Barracks Chapter started with fifteen members. That number has now grown to thirty and continues to grow. Formal meetings followed by social functions have been held in April and June with our inaugural Annual General Meeting held on 10 August.

During the AGM, the Chapter's Charter was presented by the President of the RAEME Association of Victoria, John Boothroyd.

The Chapter also held a highly successful social function for the third State of Origin Rugby League match.

We have received wonderful support from Paul Marsh at the Southern Cross Hotel in South Melbourne. If you are in the vicinity of the South Melbourne Markets drop in and say hello to Paul (corner Cecil and Market Sts), let him know your RAEME background and he will look after you.

Office bearers for the Victoria Barracks Chapter are  
 President – Tony Minniti  
 Vice President – Jon Westerland  
 Secretary/Treasurer – Alex Birrell



## CORPS HISTORY PROJECT



### To all past and present members of RAEME

RAEME has entered its seventieth year and to celebrate this achievement the RAEME National Association is writing a new pictorial history of the Corps.

We want you to help us write this book by telling your part of the RAEME story by submitting your photos and stories. I have heard many amazing stories from past and present members of the Corps and it is time we used them to tell the world about our contribution to the ADF.

The written component of your submission should focus on telling the story of the human element depicted in the photographed event.

Try and keep your submission to around 1500 words, but please ensure your submission covers the who, what, where and why of the event/activity pictured.

Closing date for submissions is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 but please start writing now!

Submissions can be sent to HOC-RAEME Cell directly at [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com) in an editable electronic form (.rtf, .doc, .txt), but they can also be provided in "hard copy" form.

More information is available on RAEME Face Book and the RAEME National Association website at [www.raeme.org.au](http://www.raeme.org.au)

The success of this new RAEME history rests with you so get writing!

**BRIG David Creagh, AM**



## **BLUEBELL VIETNAM VETERANS SOUTHERN**

### **VIETNAM DAY (LONG TAN) AT THE SHRINE**

We would like to thank George Fernando for organising the RAEME Vietnam Banner to the "Shrine", and Robert Byrnes for helping to carry it.

A big "thank you" also to John Forster for purchasing and laying the wreath – particularly as the weather was so miserable.

Our last meeting was at Chelsea RSL with a good number in attendance at which several issues were discussed and resolved. Our next meeting will be in Castlemaine at a date yet to be determined.

There are still some issues regarding the Anzac Day 2013 which still require further attention. The first issue is relating to the change of form up location on the eastern side of Swanston Street, instead of the western side. Vietnam 1 will line up outside St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by Vietnam 2. RAEME Vietnam, which involves the Field Workshops are a part of Vietnam 2. This should reduce some of the confusion as both Vietnam 1 and 2 will be together, instead of opposite sides of Swanston Street. Due to 1 Field Sqdn. Reunion there will be a much larger number in attendance.

The other change to take place will be that the band normally located at the Shrine will no longer be there. The beat from the band that we march to will be carried through the forecourt to the conclusion of the March. There will also be Marshalls located at the left wheel position after the eternal flame.

Vietnam Veterans Museum Day will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 during which there will be several events throughout the day.

Drawings have been made of the remaining Workshop Unit Banners and these will be distributed to the relevant Unit members for approval before manufacturing.

One event not to be missed is the Bandiana Chapter Dinner as per this publication.

**VALE:  
Ian McGrath  
30 July 2012**

Ian served in both Malaya and Vietnam. He served with 4 Field Artillery Regiment LAD.

### **RE-UNION NOTICES**

1 Field Squadron Workshop:  
Melbourne ANZAC Week 2013

102 Field Workshop:  
"Avondale" 601 Bray's Road Gunnawarra  
30<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013  
Noel Lake - 03 5456 9246

106 Field Workshop:  
Mandurah 65 km south of Perth  
October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2012  
Phillip Bond 07 3263 8222

17 Construction Squadron Workshop:  
Clare Valley South Australia

1 Div S&T / 5 Company Workshop:  
Darwin

161 Reconnaissance Flight Darwin  
45<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

**Dennis Clarke**  
**President**  
**Viet Nam Veterans Southern Chapter**

### **VALE Bruce Williams**

**Life Member  
Former President and Vice-President  
of the RAEME Association Victoria (Inc)**



**26 June 1940 - 15 August 2012**

## LIFE MEMBER



At the Annual General Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012 Gus Allen, Association Membership Officer, was confirmed by the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc members attending as a Life Member of the Association and was presented with the Life Member Badge and Certificate by President John Boothroyd

### Committee of Management 2012 -2013 Office Bearers

**President:** John Boothroyd

**Vice-President:** Gus Allen

**Secretary:** Alan Rogers

**Treasurer:** Aranka Illia

**Committee:** Allan Hawkins  
Pat Marley  
Mike Newbond  
George Reid  
Alex Birrell

### Chapter Presidents:

**Bandiana:** Andy Turner

**Seymour:** Dave Maddick

**Vietnam Veterans:** Dennis Clarke

**Victoria Barracks:** Tony Minniti

## IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

### RAEME 70<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Dinner

Presentation of the Craftsman of the Year Trophy  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012



**Pilgrimage to the Shrine**  
to Honour our Departed Members  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
(Further Details to be advised)



**Bandiana Chapter Dinner**  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Flyer in this Flash

*Your Support at these events  
is appreciated by your Committee*



**RAEME ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC  
FUNCTIONS 2012-2013**

<u><b>November 2012</b></u> 11 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Clayton RSL 17 <sup>th</sup> Bandiana Dinner 30 <sup>th</sup> ; RAEME 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner	<u><b>December 2012</b></u>	<u><b>January 2013</b></u> 27 <sup>th</sup> Shrine Pilgrimage Melbourne Shrine
<u><b>February 2013</b></u>	<u><b>March 2013</b></u>	<u><b>April 2013</b></u> 13 <sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Reunion Clayton RSL 25 <sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day March
<u><b>May 2013</b></u> 19 <sup>th</sup> Presidents Lunch Clayton RSL	<u><b>June 2013</b></u>	<u><b>July 2013</b></u> Reserve Forces Day ??
<u><b>August 2013</b></u> 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Clayton RSL 17 <sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans Heidelberg Repat Hosp	<u><b>September 2013</b></u>	<u><b>October 2013</b></u>
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*Venues, Dates, Timings will be issued under separate cover*

*Some dates & venues may be subject to change from time to time*

*Committee of Management Meetings will be in Camera unless otherwise noted*

*Note: Months after August 2012 will be subject to 2013- 2014 Committee of Management*

**Place on Fridge as a Reminder of Dates**

## BALCOMBE BARRACKS COMMEMORATION – 2013

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council (MPSC) have over the years done a considerable amount of work to preserve the Balcombe military heritage precinct as part of their plan to recognise areas of historical significance of the Mornington Peninsula. The Australian Army Apprentice Association (AAAA) together with MPSC has undertaken to advance this concept by the addition of storyboards and plaques relating to the units that occupied Balcombe in the last century, and at the same time refurbish those existing items that are so desperately in need of upgrade and maintenance.

Balcombe has a very colourful history not only for those that soldiered there but also for the local community that so willingly supported them over the best part of the last century.

A few years ago AAAA Patron Lt Gen Ken Gillespie when serving as the Chief of Army suggested that perhaps more could be done in this regard and asked that the AAAA to consider, develop a plan and approach the MPSC. This occurred fairly quickly with good results but as time and circumstances evolved and despite the best efforts of our people initially, the project stalled.

It has since been reactivated, is now a goer and we are delighted to be able to advise where we are at right now. The MPSC is a strong supporter of the project and jointly with the AAAA sub committee and the Balcombe Grammar School, detailed planning is well underway to make it happen.

2013 also represents the 70th anniversary of the 1st Div USMC being repatriated to Balcombe after their successful Guadalcanal campaign. The 4th of May 2013 marks the 71st anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Coral Sea. The Australian Army Apprentices took part in the annual celebration of this battle for many years by being the Army component in the allied forces contingent that marched through the City of Melbourne.

It was decided that all of this activity would attract many "Balcombe Old Boys and Girls" who would wish to be a part of the proceedings. So AAAA Events have come up with a number of activities to make this a most memorable few days, and probably the last time that Balcombe, Mornington and the district as a whole will appear on our radar.

This gathering is inclusive of all those units and personnel that served in Balcombe Barracks ie,

Army Apprentices School,  
School of Signals,  
School of Survey,  
School of Music,  
WRAAC  
US Marines,  
and including staff.



The Registration Form for this "final" event can be downloaded from [www.austarmyapprentice.org](http://www.austarmyapprentice.org)

**THIS IS AN EVENT  
NOT TO BE MISSED.**

### Care Packages to Afghanistan

**From Murray Lewis  
(Vietnam Veterans Chapter)**

The Burnside Retirement Village Ladies Legacy Group (19 of them) have spent \$155.00 to send some "care packages" to the Diggers in serving in Afghanistan.

They are a great bunch of ladies - they sell Legacy, ANZAC & Poppies in the Community Centre throughout the year and we have raised approx \$22,000.00 since we started in 2004 (all appeals)

The Burnside Retirement Village Legacy Ladies are the first group that I know of that has been set up in a Retirement Village with the assistance of Legacy House, Melbourne.





## NEW MERCHANDISE

To commemorate the 70th Birthday of the Corps, a pen is available for approximately \$10.00 (to be confirmed).

Also, we are introducing a polo vest with the RAEME logo - similar embroidery choices as for the bomber jackets & polo shirts ie: Association name etc  
Price approx \$40.00  
Vest sizes from S to 5XL.

More more information, contact Aranka Illia  
[sm2aranka@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sm2aranka@optusnet.com.au)

### *Visit to Alkira Secondary College See Shrine Certificate on page 16*

Front Row Left to Right: Josh L, Zane M, Jake B, Josh V.  
Middle Row Left to Right: Nicole S (Staff), Alan Rogers, Pat Marley, John Boothroyd, Mike Newbond, (RAEME) Matt F and Hailey B (Shrine).  
Back Row Left to Right: Jack Westernhagen (RAEME), Samara V (Staff - Reserve Active Service - Afghanistan), Terence L and Nathan B.

## ALKIRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

President John Boothroyd, Secretary Alan Rogers with Pat Marley, Mike Newbond and Jack Westernhagen, together with a representative of the Shrine of Remembrance, visited Alkira Secondary College, as reported in the President's Report. The following is a report by one of the students:

### MORNING TEA WITH RAEME:

On the 17th of September a group of Year 10 Work students hosted a morning tea for the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers group. Upon their arrival at Alkira, they were ready to let out all of their stories.

We took them for a tour around our school and the highlight was our trenches. They gave us a lot of clear experiences from being in the trenches in the wars they had been in. The conference room was like being in a war as there were stories flying across the room. They presented us with a banner and the Shrine of Remembrance presented us with a certificate.

*By Jacob, Year 10*



## A LABOUR OF LOVE FROM AFGHANISTAN.

No doubt the followings story will be featured in other publications, but it deserves to be published widely, so an excerpt is included here for our local readership. It clearly demonstrates the pride and initiative our serving soldiers display when on operations. The Association received the following story from WO2 Jason Beale. The photos tell you much, but the story that follows really warms the heart.

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**Corps "Centre Piece" Under Construction**

*Our team (rotation XVII) took a different approach and constructed an item which is unmistakably RAEME! The "Horse Forcene" was built by CPL Mark Wood. It was his original idea, and he did almost all of the work designing, scrounging and fabricating the finished article. Many a frosty evening was spent in the General Engineering shed of the SOTG, during Rotation XVII, tacking and tweaking the evolving form. It was built from hand tools, weapon parts, vehicle components, recovery tackle and all manner of random engineering artefacts and appropriately, its heart is a turbocharger.*



**CPL Mark Wood at Work**

*Unfortunately CPL Wood returned to Australia, due to a family matter and was unable to see his idea through to completion. However, SGT Andrew Williams took up the task of continuing the build. The "globe of the world" was conceived by SGT Williams, and is fashioned from steel wire rope wrapped around a form cut from steel plate. It does not feature the traditional continents; rather it sports a representation of the Southern Cross made from sheet metal. SGT Williams (assisted by CPL Anthony Lia) also fabricated the "Lightning Flash" based on a CAD model, generated by me. The structure is mounted on a fabricated steel "pallet" which enables it to be easily moved by a forklift. This is both a convenience (it can be positioned anywhere it is needed) and problematic (it was stolen, and damaged, on one occasion by a jealous member of another corps).*





### ***“Horse Forcene” In Tie-Down Mode***

*Although not completed (the sculpture still requires a crown, a coronet, a scroll and a chain), it has been photographed extensively and used at a number of important events.*

*All who have seen the structure produced by CPL Wood and SGT Williams have asked: "What are you going to do with it?"*

*This is also true of all the SOTG workshop deployment plaques. The obvious answer is to get them back to Australia and display them in an appropriate location. Much needs to be done to achieve that aim but I am confident that RAEME will prevail!*

**WO2 Jason Beale: Tarin Kowt**

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## Bandiana Chapter



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

Venue: SS and A Club Albury, Skylight Room

Timings: 7.00 for 7.30pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person, guests welcome

Dress: coat and tie

RSVP: return below by 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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. A Guest speaker is yet to be named.

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@inet.net.au](mailto:reidysnr@inet.net.au)

**The Secretary**  
**RAEME Assoc. (Vic.) Inc. – Bandiana Chapter**  
**P.O. Box 231**  
**WODONGA 3689**

I..... will be attending.

Address: ..... City: ..... PC: ..... Phone : .....

My guests' names are: .....

Seating Preferences:.....

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)



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**2012 RAEME Port**

**White Port; Stanton & Killeen Winery Rutherglen  
Label will feature the Corps Centrepiece & commemorate the  
70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of RAEME  
Cost @ \$20-00 per bottle**

**Orders for the 2012 RAEME PORT need to be placed with the Association Treasurer  
no later than 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 accompanied with payment**

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I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Bottles  
of the 2012 RAEME Port @ \$20-00 per bottle

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment By: Cheque Money Order Cash EFT (please circle payment option)  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT**

EFT payments made; Bank- NAB Berwick BSB. 083 547 Acct No 28634 9442

Record as 2012 RAEME Port

Please advise your EFT details ASAP to e-mail; [aranka.illia@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:aranka.illia@police.vic.gov.au) ☎ 9566 9468 (W)

**Chapter Members; Please contact your Respective President / Secretary to place orders**

**SPANNER PACK THANKS**

Would like to take the opportunity to say thanks to you and your dedicated team for the *Spanner Packs* that we have received here in Timor. They are a great hit, the other Corps are decidedly jealous that this little moral boost arrives for us. The contents are a particular *AUSSIE* touch as the Kiwis have found out. Once the packs have been distributed there is a fair amount of bartering going on with who wants what, which is great.

So please pass on my thanks and appreciation to your team for the job they are doing in lifting the morale of the brotherhood at times when needed.

Allan Hawkins WO1  
Artificer Sergeant Major

Just wanted to say thanks for the Spanner Pack. I am currently deployed in Timor as part of the JTF-631 workshop. It was good to receive a parcel from home on ANZAC Day. It was great to open it up, and have some luxuries from home. We especially liked the stubby holders as it gave us a 'one up' on the rest of the members, who's Corps doesn't provide anything. It's good to know that we have people at home looking out for us.

LCPL Cleland

I am writing to convey my appreciation and thank you and the association for your support through the last 7 months of my deployment. It is always a morale boost to receive the packages you guys send to us. It definitely makes things bearable over here and gives us a taste of home.

CFN Craig Irwin

I am a recovery mechanic currently deployed to Timor Leste on Operation Astute. I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the spanner packs that we have been receiving the duration of this deployment. It is a great feeling knowing that people back home in Australia have us in their minds.

The spanner packs are a great gift and I always look forward to them. They are a great way to keep the morale of soldiers high and something as simple as sending a box of treats can work wonders in an environment like this. The spanner packs included some very good items that were reminiscent of being back home in Australia. Once again I would like to thank you for your support and hope you keep up the good work.

CFN Jarrod Clune

I am one of the Vehicle Mechanics currently deployed to East Timor with TLTG-4. I am a reservist from 8 CSSB in Sydney. This is my second deployment, having deployed to the Solomon Islands in 2009 in Op Anode.

Thank you for the Spanner Packs that were sent over to us, they were greatly appreciated and are a great initiative by the RAEME Association. I know that all the other members of the CSST from other Corps were quite jealous of the Workshop when they arrived. The stubbie cooler was my favourite item and was put to great use on ANZAC Day.

CFN Mark Andrews

*(The above are just a selection of the messages of thanks  
for Spanner Packs by RAEME personnel  
serving in Timor Leste)*

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