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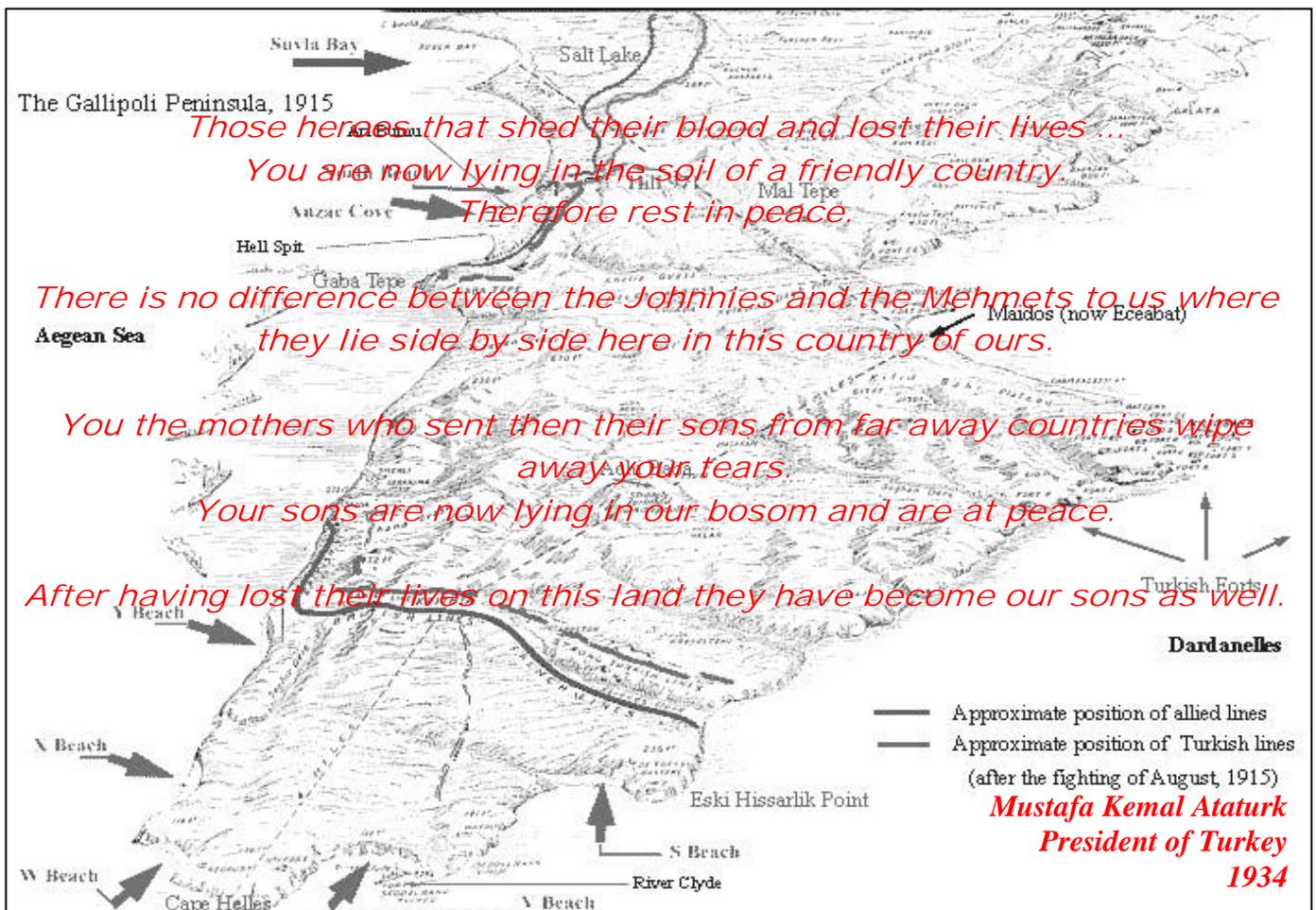
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We were invited to hold our Committee meeting on Saturday 7th of March Dave and Sonnyia Maddick's 'Muffets Plum' property at Seymour. We had a number of attendees at the meeting and not only did Dave and Sonnyia supply the excellent weather, but also exceeded our expectations with the BBQ, salads and desserts!

Thank you Dave and Sonnyia taking time out of your busy life to provide us with an enjoyable day!

On Saturday 21 March, our Secretary and I attended the Welcome home parade for OPERATION SLIPPER that was held at the Shrine of Remembrance. The Vietnam Vets and the Association had our banners displayed on the side, along the route of the parade in support of the diggers. The banners were of interest to some supporters of the march as we were asked if photos could be taken of the banner together with members of the public taking selfies (with the banner in the background).

On Monday 23 March we supported Alkira Secondary College with their Year 9 WW1 history research project. We had volunteers attend to help us with this project. Thank you to those who dedicated their time (including the one retired Officer who experienced some difficulty in navigating his way to the School, but eventually got there in time ☺); and it looks like we will be asked to return later this year to do the same for another group of students.

Sunday the 29th of March was our RAEME ANZAC Day Service at the Shrine. At 11 am we were taken on a tour in a number of small groups. I highly recommend that our members visit the Shrine if you have not done so in recent months as there has been significant improvements made and is well worth a visit or two! Our Service commenced at noon in the Sanctuary. We had a Shrine Life Governor, Mr. Peter Whitelaw and Shrine Governor MAJ Maggie More attended our ceremony on behalf of the Shrine. It is always comforting to see warm and friendly faces welcoming us at the Shrine.

We had approximately 50 people attend the service in the Sanctuary of which 30 attended the lunch. After the service at the RAEME tree, the Craftsman of the Year perpetual trophy was presented to CFN Matt Guarino. Matt was proud to accept the trophy, having a number of family members witness the presentation.

In the meantime, pull out your woollies in preparation for Winter!

Warm Regards to all,

Mike Newbond
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Operation Slipper Parade

Mike Newbond and myself attended the Operation Slipper Welcome Home Parade at the Melbourne Shrine on the 20th March 2015 where we Paraded the new Association Banner . several members of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter were also in attendance (Dennis Clarke & Graeme Unmack).

The Banner attracted a significant amount of attention from serving RAEME Troops & general public with the public taking many photos of the Banner. It was pleasing when a serving Afghanistan Veteran with his family had their photo taken with the Banner as a background.



WW1 Alkira Secondary College

On the 23rd March Several Association members attended Alkira Secondary College and spoke to the students about their relatives' experience in WW1. It was pleasing to see the interest that students showed with the information that was being provided. The students will know research the relatives and provide a biography which will be made into a booklet and presented to the attending Members

The ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony at Alkira Secondary College 15 Nurture Ave, Cranbourne North at 11am on Monday the 27th of April. Morning tea will be served beforehand at 10:30am. There is a ceremony at Hillsmeade Primary School at 12:45pm.

Please notify the Secretary if you intend to attend the Morning Tea & Ceremony in order that I can advise the College no later than the 23rd April 2015

Committee Meeting Seymour 7th March 2015

The Committee held a Committee of Management Meeting at Dave Maddick's home. Several Seymour Chapter Members were in attendance. Andy Turner former President of Bandiana Chapter travelled from Bendigo to catch up.

ANZAC Day Reunion will be held at Clayton RSL 12th April 2015 1130hrs to 1500hrs All members are welcome to attend

ANZAC Day March 25th March. Ancillary Services 2 Collins St West on South Side Form up 1030hrs Step off 1105hrs. This will be the first outing for our new Banner at ANZAC Day.

As we are the second largest Corps in Australian Army it will be only fitting if RAEME can have the largest number of members marching in this year's Parade.

After ANZAC Day March will be held at the Palace Hotel 505 City Rd South Melbourne. From 1000hrs. Two up, Other Games, Finger Food @ \$10-00 per head.

A great time to catch up with old mates and make new friends

**Alan Rogers
Secretary**

Notes on Association Functions:

Venues and Timings will be issued under separate cover

Venues & Dates may be subject to change from time to time

Note Months after August will be subject to the incumbent Committee of Management

Contact the Association for further details if required

Craftsman of the Year Award

Presentation of the 2014 RAEME Association (Vic) Inc Craftsman of the Year Award to **CFN Matt Guirino** of 105 WKSP COY, 4CSSB, by Association President Major Mike Newbond

Matt was also National & Victorian Craftsman of the Year as selected by the Head of Corps Panel.



**RAEME Association (Vic) Inc
Functions 2015-2016**

March 2015 29 th Shrine Remembrance Service & Lunch	April 2015 12 th Anzac Day Reunion Clayton RSL 1130hrs-1500hrs 25 th ANZAC Day March	May 2015 31 st President Lunch Clayton RSL
June 2015	July 2015 5 th Reserve Forces Parade Melbourne Shrine	August 2015 30 th AGM TBA
September 2015	October 2015	November 2015 Bandiana Annual Dinner RAEME Birthday Lunch Clayton RSL
December 2015		March 2016 Melbourne Shrine TBA



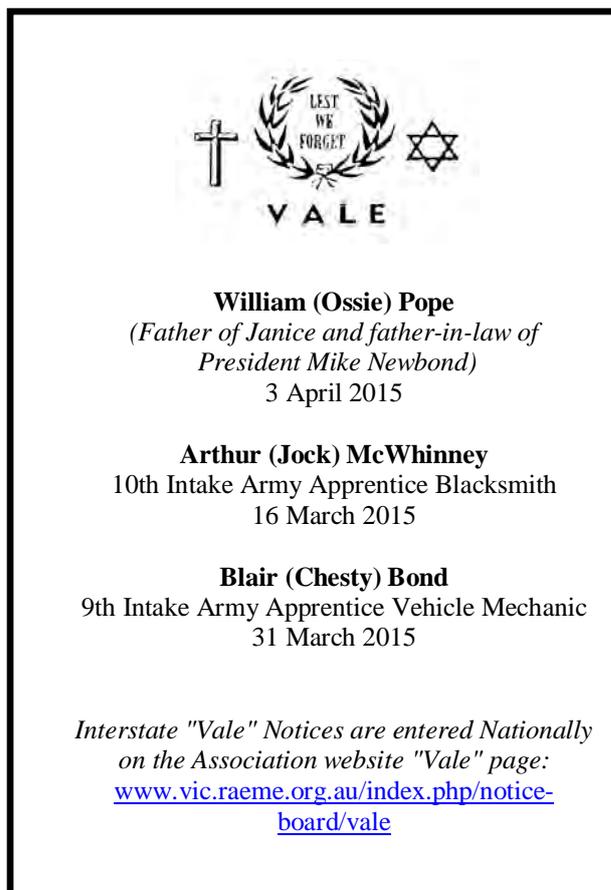
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that shortly your dues account will appear in your mail.

A prompt response is always appreciated. It makes the membership officers job so much easier.

To save on postage, receipts will be returned to members by email where appropriate.

Gus Allen
Membership Officer



*The very first issue of the "RAEME Craftsman" was No. 1 Vol. 1, of December 1978.
The Editor was (then) Major (later Lieutenant-Colonel) John Scully*

John was a 12th Intake Army Apprentice Fitter & Turner, and is a member of the RAEME Association (Vic).

*John's Editorial and photo for that first issue is reproduced below,
and his comments are as relevant now as they were 36 years ago.*



The Royal Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers is spread, in large and small parcels, throughout the Army. It can be very easy for the smaller isolated elements to lose contact with the man y and varied activities of the Corps.

The Craftsman is aimed at helping to limit any loss of contact by publishing information of interest to all Corps members.

The continued production of what is essentially a house magazine , depends very much on the amount of support given by house members. We need you r constructive criticism, moral support and your editorial contribution.

The content of this, our first issue, was prepared from a comprehensive range o f material obtained from a broad spectrum of Corps members. You will see it covers personalities. history, technical matters and some policy aspects. To those who were subjected to my exhortations, I apologise, but I am sure that the result justifies your efforts.

We are all aware of the wide range of technical skills in the Corps. The Craftsman is one means of spreading knowledge of these skills and yet it can entertain readers with examples of those hidden attributes. Some of these are unveiled in this issue. I look forward to many interesting and entertaining issues of the RAEME Craftsman.

CORPS HISTORY PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

I advised recently on the RAEME National Website, and in the last edition of the RAEME Association Queensland 'Spanner News' for 2014, that the final manuscript for the CHP book was with the publishers, and a number of our team were collaboratively completing the final editing process. I am happy to report the book was provided to the printers shortly thereafter.

As of 2 Apr 15, I have now been advised that two pallet loads of books have been despatched from China to Australia – the expected delivery date at the HOC Cell Bandiana is now around 30 Apr 15. Given this firm time-line, I have recommended to the HOC, BRIG Andrew Mathewson that the project team will continue with the on-line sales process over the next few months, and subsequently encourage our community to continue purchasing the book on-line; and for his team to plan for the commencement of book distribution soon after the books are available at Bandiana/Bonegilla, in early May 2015.

Our other good news is that BRIG Mathewson, has negotiated, with assistance from COL Tom Reynolds the COL COMDT – NSW/ACT, for the national book launch to occur on 15 Jul 15 at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) in Canberra.

This launch will include a number of activities, including the changing of the guard, a 'Last Post Ceremony', to celebrate the life of A RAEME soldier who died on active service, and a wreath-laying.

I encourage you all to continue monitoring the new RAEME National Association Website and RAEME Face book. <http://www.raeme.org.au/> . If you wish to place an order, please go to the "Shop" tab on the website and follow the prompts.

Ross Grant
3 April 2015



*Remember Wearing
These?*

Burial Plans

A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night.

The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

Neighbours feared him.

The old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died when he was 98. After the burial, her neighbours, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?"

The wife said, " Let him dig. I had him buried upside down ... and I know he won't ask for directions."

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 50

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 2kg potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 5kg potato bags.

Then try 25kg potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 50kg potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

*After you feel confident at that level,
put a potato in each bag.*

BLUEBELL

Vietnam Veterans Southern

NEWS: RAEME VIETNAM VETERANS

ANZAC DAY

RAEME VIETNAM will form up on the SOUTH – EAST SIDE OF COLLINS STREET (CITY SQUARE SIDE) up the hill from the Regent Theatre, as we are part of VIET NAM 2. RAEME VIET NAM WILL BE BEHIND A NEW BANNER

AFTER MARCH REUNION will be at PRAHRAN RSL, 301 HIGH STREET, PRAHRAN TRAM ROUTE 6 from St. Kilda Road up from The Shrine
Lunch and liquid refreshment will be available.

MEETINGS

Our last meeting was held at Malvern East RSL. Our Next meeting will be at WERRIBEE RSL followed by a visit to the POINT COOK AIR FORCE MUSEUM. 24th JUNE 2015

RAEME ACTIVITY IN VIET NAM

(Continued from last Bluebell.....)

The Battle Of The Minefield: Dat Do to the Coast of the South China Sea.

One Field Squadron sappers were now set a challenge. The mine field was always under observation from enemy eyes. During the initial laying, some of the mines were sometimes relocated to supposed safe areas, causing casualties. The Vietnamese children were a concern even in the event of setting up harbour positions, as they were always in danger in the event of an attack. They were also a source of information to the enemy.



"Flint" beside the minefield August 1969. The mine killing roller designed by Capt. John Power and built by the RAEME Workshop is fitted to the back of the vehicle. The protective steel plates at the rear are clearly visible. (Photo by Spr Vin (Jerry) Neale, 3 Tp/1 Fd Sqn)

At 07:45 hrs on 17th July the two prepared APCs, "Flint" and "Steele" moved from Nui Dat to Dat Do. They entered the two breached points in the western fence 100 meters apart, at the southeastern corner of the mine field. A pre-fabricated 5 meter observation control tower was erected to count the number of explosions. The 1.2 meter platform was surrounded with sand bags as the local VC would frequently use it for target practice. During these situations the occupant could only count the mines discharged by sound rather than sight.



The carrier "Flint" with Sapper George "Irish" and Lt. Alan Townson ran up the 3 metre lane on the inside of the barbed wire fence, this was not mined, but crossed by trip wires attached to booby traps in the wire and mines in the field. Having triggered a number of explosions in this initial "thunder run", "Flint" reached the northern breach, turned left and exited the mine field. It then entered through and rolled the field in successive square rotations reducing the field size each lap. Of the interacted mines [Jumping Jack vertically].

1 in 4 failed to explode. "Fleet" suffered damage to the boom axle, which supported the tar filled tyres after 1200 hours of operation. Both the crews and vehicles were alternated. Crews were rested from the constant battering of explosions and the vehicles for repairs, due to damage from the common cause. The cupola hatches were closed with visibility restricted to the periscope lens. The border wires were the only guide for the driver to direct him through the field. The noise levels were extreme, with the helmets and torso flak jackets suffering contact inside the turrets. The only other assistance was from the radios controlling the operation, which were also loud. The APCs were being constantly battered, along with fear of an anti-tank mine or extra ordnance being added to the field or maybe an RPG.

On the 21st July Squadron OC Major Rex Rowe took his turn as crew commander in "Flint" and "Irish Hamil as driver they activated a group of mines causing a tremendous explosion which blew the track off. The carrier lifted up on one side and both occupants were temporarily knocked out. "Irish" said to Rex "Do you think we are in heaven?" Rex retorted with "Shut up and consider how we will get out of this situation."

It was twilight before Rex had the solution. The 1 Field RAEME fitter's vehicle came to the rescue. As night fell it reversed up to the disabled "Flint".

It lowered the rear hatch, with a fitter lying full length on it and removed the track pin releasing the damaged track. The fitter track then towed the carrier off the track out of the field on its road wheels.

By 25th July 1,000 mines had been initiated or exploded. The APC Mine – clearing method was deemed successful. A number of skeletal remains were found during the mine clearing, as early attempts to mine lift had been unsuccessful. The mines that were successfully lifted by the VC left water holes. During clearing Lt. John Hopman spotted VC among banana tree patch, but they conveniently disappeared within the scrub. Rex Rowe who was overhead in a Bell Sioux, instructed the fitter's vehicle to bring fire to bear. Craftsman John Stanford drove the vehicle to the patch but could not find a tunnel or trap door. There were other banana tree patches grown within the field which created perfect cover for their tunnels. Human foot prints were found leading into these patches.

The 3 millimeter rear mild steel plates were replaced with 12 millimeter mild steel plates. The floors of the Carriers were covered in sand bags similar to the fitter's vehicle.

On July 31st the official mine clearing re-started. The Operation was named Frangimus 1 and was to continue in the northern part of the field between Route 23 and Dat Do South till the 24th of August.



On the 27th of July a store of 28 M16 mines and 63 M26 grenades with M5 pressure switches located in a bunker within a cemetery, 30 meters from where the clearing trial had started confirmed that "Charlie" was still lifting in spite of the clearing. During low level aerial reconnaissance of the field in early August, Rex Rowe saw M16 mines lying horizontally on the ground and foot prints in the area substantiated that people had been disturbed mine lifting.

Work went on from daylight to dusk, similar to when the engineers built the dam within Nui Dat earlier in '69.

The race was on between us and them to remove the mines and associated grenades. It was made even more difficult as the VC could constantly observe what was taking place. Careful planning was essential. When the vehicles returned to Nui Dat at night the RAEME workshop fitters, welders and machinists worked through the night to have the vehicles and equipment ready to return at first light.

Before operation Frangemus 2 an NDP near the field was established with an earthen wall pushed up to provide protection, as Nui Dat was too far from Dat Do. The would contain a Centurion tank, a bulldozer, the RAEME Workshop Contingent with recovery vehicle, combat Engineers [Tunnel Rats], Plant Operators ["Planties"] and Mine Sweeping Crews. There were M60 gun positions and standing patrols

1 Field had a previous NDP at the eastern end of Dat Do, when the campaign was to build defensive bunkers around Dat Do. After two bunkers were built this project was abandoned, due to the constant danger, of the replanted mines and attacks by the VC during this operation even though the "Horseshoe" [Manned by Australian forces] overlooked that area.

Frangemus 2 started in August and completed September 3rd. Counting the numbers of mines was still proving difficult. At times they appeared like a squirting fountain. A ten percent margin of error was allowed. The uneven surface, along with thick vegetation, forced the boom to bounce up off the ground and remain airborne, which caused accuracy problems. 15,872 mines had been originally laid around the southern Section of Dat Do. The count for that area was 6146 or 38 % of the mines initiated.

One problem Carriers suffered was when the mines jumped they would frequently get caught in the rear mild steel plate support structure. The frame work and the 12 millimeter thick mild steel plate was discarded and replaced with 20 millimeter thick mild steel plate was bolted directly to the carrier hull.

To Be Continued.

RAEME Viet Nam Unit Reunions

102 Field Workshop September 2015

"Avondale" 601 Bray,s Road Gannawarra Victoria

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1 Armoured Regiment LAD October 2015 16th 17th 18th

Halls Gap Victoria

Contact Russell Cunningham H 03 5766 2413 M 0437 834089

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17 Construction Workshop October 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd

Bendigo Victoria

Contact Garry Whykes H 08 9726 1920 M 0411 810077

ghwhykes@gmail.com

1 Field Squadron Workshop 2016 Date TBA
Adelaide South Australia
Contact Don Grieveson
grieveson@internode.on.net

106 Field Workshop 2016 November 18th 19th 20th
Venue: Frankston Football Club Victoria. - Mighty
Dolphins
Note: there is lift access & the function centre seats over
200.
Contact Milton Pearson Tel 03: 5976 8648
csm1066869@gmail.com

WW1 Wagon in AWM

Recently when I visited the Australian War Memorial, prior to the official opening of the new \$30M display for the anniversary of World War One, I walked into the second gallery of the display and on the left hand wall

Is a piece of RAEME history.

As a corporal at Singleton Workshop Platoon in the 2nd Military District, the workshop, as a entire team rebuilt a WW1 Wagon GS, manufactured by Zucchini Brother Engineering of Maitland.

This wagon has many hours of labour and love poured into it with a few cold gold stubbies.

On the right side of the wagon's lower front corner is the manufacturers plate from which the workshop took it trade name, A Star of David with the three letters, Z, B, E.

Being a proud member of the workshop and RAEME, my heart and spirit are so proud of seeing such a fantastic and magnificent piece of Australian Military history on display for all Australians to view.

Could you please disseminate this information to widest please and ask all RAEME members to just look and admire such an engineering icon for the Corp and the Spirit of ANZAC.

With Pride In My Heart.

Arte et Marte

Lee (RAGS) Magnussen
WO2 ART VEH



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Health Information

- *Do you have feelings of inadequacy?*
- *Do you suffer from shyness?*
- *Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?*

If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist about Cabernet Sauvignon.

Cabernet Sauvignon is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident about yourself and your actions. It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you're ready and willing to do just about anything.

You will notice the benefits of Cabernet Sauvignon almost immediately and, with a regimen of regular doses, you can overcome any obstacles that prevent you from living the life you want to live.

Shyness and awkwardness will be a thing of the past and you will discover many talents you never knew you had. Stop hiding and start living.

Cabernet Sauvignon may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it. However, women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it.

Side effects

Side effects may include:

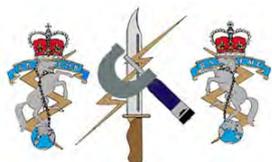
Dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, loss of virginity, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing Karaoke and play all-night rounds of Strip Poker, Truth Or Dare, and Naked Twister.

Warnings :

- *The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may make you think you are whispering when you are not.*
- *The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.*
- *The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to think you can sing.*
- *The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.*

Please feel free to share this important information with as many people as you feel may benefit!

Now just imagine what you could achieve with a good Shiraz !!!



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ANZAC DAY MARCH 25TH APRIL 2015

Ancillary Services 2

Location: Collins Street West (South Side)

Form up; 1030hrs

Step off; 1105hrs

As our Corps is the 2nd largest Corps in the Army it would fitting if we can have the largest contingent
 Marching behind the Corps Banner.

All Full Time Serving, Reservists & Retired members of the Corps are welcome

After March; Palace Hotel 505 City Rd South Melbourne

From 1000hrs Finger Food at \$10-00 per head

Two up other games etc

ANZAC Day Reunion

12th April 2015

1130hrs-1500hrs

Clayton RSL

Carinish Rd Clayton

Nibbles Provided, Lunch/ Drinks available at members expense

Opposite Clayton Railway Station Ample Car Parking



Alkira Secondary College
 ANZAC Remembrance Day
 27th April 2015

Timings 1030hrs Morning Tea-1100hrs Service in the College Remembrance Garden

Location; 15 Nurture Ave Cranbourne North 3977

Members of the Corps of RAEME are welcome to attend

Please advise if you will be attending Alan Rogers on above ☎

ANZAC DAY 2015



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION MARCH ASSEMBLY PLAN 2015-Phase 1

Lt Collins St West		RAAF Colour Party ARMY Group RAN Group		Band Pool	Lt Collins St East	
Defence and National Service					Town Hall	
COLLINS ST WEST					Royal Australian Regiment	
Post 75 Vets Ancillary Services 2 VEHICLES		RAEME Assoc (Vic) Inc			COLLINS ST EAST	
Flinders Lane West		S W A N S T O N			Vietnam 1 and 2 VEHICLES	
Young & Jacksons		Post 1945			Static Band	
VEHICLES 2nd AIF 1 Corps		5 and 11 Divs			City Square	
FLINDERS ST WEST		S T R E E T		2nd AIF 2 Corps	Flinders Lane East	
RAN Ships		3 Div			St Paul's Band Pool	
VEHICLE POOL		CP			6 Div 7 Div 8 Div 9 Div	
Flinders Street Station		Ancillary Services 1			FLINDERS ST EAST	
YARRA		Women's Services New Zealand Veterans			RAAF HQ Gp/SE Asia/Europe & Middle East SW Pacific VEHICLES	
Hamer Hall		Victoria Police Det Light Horse Det			Banners & Signs	
		War Widows Guild Flags			Federation Square	
		Princes Bridge			Disabled Veterans (RACV)	
		HQ Group Ensign Party March Leader Army Band			C'wealth Forces Allies	
					RIVER	
					Queen Victoria Gardens	

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THE VICTORIAN RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE FOR 2015 AT THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE, MELBOURNE.

SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2015 AT 10.00AM.

NEWSLETTER NO.1

TO RAEME ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND RAEME RESERVE MEMBERS.

Planning is well on the way for the 2015 Parade, if it is possible could you please email this newsletter to your membership. We will meet in Government House Drive, where RSM will allocate order of March, a short March to Shrine of Remembrance, then Commemorate Service after which is morning tea.

SPOUSE RECOGNITION MEDALLIONS

Spouse Medallions are still available at \$25 each, they have no year stamped on them. They are for partners of members who served for 4 years or more and in recognition of their support when serving with Reserve Forces.

Apply direct to: CAPT Peter Morgan Treasurer RFD on 9808 2978

Spouse Recognition Medallions will be presented on the Parade at Shrine.

OVERVIEW OF THE RFD PARADE FOR 2015.

The Reviewing Officer for the Parade will be Rear Admiral John Lord AM (Ret'd)

PARADE THEME.

To pay tribute to the former and current era Reservists, and commemorate WW1 events of 1915 especially the RAN Reserve Naval Bridging Train Gallipoli/Sinai Whose Banner will lead the Navy contingent.

ASSOCIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO CANVAS AND ENCOURAGE THOSE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN EAST TIMOR, SOLOMON ISLANDS, IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN TO ATTEND THE RFD PARADE, THEY WILL FORM A SPECIAL BODY AT FRONT OF ARMY IN THE MARCH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SERVICE.

It is expected that the Parade will be conclude by 11.45 am.

Are you a descendant of a person who served in WW1?

In 2014 A NEW WW1 CENTENARY 1914-1918 DESCENDANTS MEDALLION AND A IN MEMORY were sold. They are still available, at \$45, this year a WAR BAR for theatre of Operation can be purchased at \$28.50.

ORDER FORM can be obtained from and returned to;

CAPT Peter Morgan.RFD. (Ret'd) 7 Ian Grove Burwood 3125.

Personnel who feel the March is too much and would like to watch/ participate are encouraged to come with their family we have an area set aside but you will need to bring a folding chair, please make the effort.

**RAEME is the 2nd largest Corps in the Australian Army; there is no reason that we cannot have the largest contingent marching on this parade
We look forward to you joining this commemorative and colourful event.**

**Major Mike Newbond
Association President**

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