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Association President Major Mike Newbond Presenting CFN Mark Stonehouse with the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc 2016 "Craftsman of the Year" Shield.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2015 seemed to have whizzed past. It seems that the older we get, the shorter the year becomes.... I hope that you enjoyed a Merry Christmas and look forward to a Healthy year ahead.

Let me take this opportunity to thank your committee members for the solid support that I have been given over the last year and look forward to their continued support throughout 2016. If it were not for the dedication of the committee, this organisation would not survive, so please support us during 2016.

On Saturday 14 November 2015, we attended the Bandiana Chapter Dinner. Your assn. was represented by Alan Rogers (Secretary), Dennis Clarke (the newly elected RNA Vice President) and his wife Martha, and myself with my wife, Janice. Unfortunately, Verna (Alan's wife), although she travelled to Albury, was too ill to attend the function.

Congratulations to Grant Connolly (President), George Reid (Secretary) of the Bandiana Chapter and their team for the well organised and attended dinner!

We even managed to walk away with three raffle prizes!

Our RAEME Birthday was celebrated on Friday 27 November 2015 with a dinner at the Clayton RSL.

We presented the Craftsman of the Year trophy to CFN Mark Stonehouse. Congratulations to 4 CSSB with their successful nomination.

The three course meal was delicious and I take this opportunity to thank the new Clayton RSL Chef, Lee on the magnificent service that he provided.

Michael Newbond President



The Craftsman of the Year Award Shield and Certificates



*President Mike Newbond with Craftsman of the Year
Mark Stonehouse*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bandiana Dinner; Sat 14th November 2015. Mike & Janice Newbond, Alan Rogers attended the dinner, in attendance was our Col /Cmdt Brigadier David McGahey who spoke briefly on the way the Army is heading in the future. Guest Speaker Major Babington spoke on his experiences in Afghanistan.

RAEME Birthday Dinner; 27th November 2015 Clayton RSL. While I was unable to attend the Dinner all reports were that it was an excellent night. The Craftsman of the Year Unit Award was presented to CFN Mark Stonehouse along with the personal RAEME Plaque & Certificate by President Mike Newbond. It was unfortunate that only 52 Members were present.

2016 Shrine Remembrance Ceremony; After lengthy discussions with the Shrine we have been able to settle on a date that is suitable for our normal refreshments after the Ceremony Date; 31 January 2016 Time 1200hrs - 1300hrs Service in the Sanctuary then move to the RAEME Tree , Refreshments after in Western Gallery

Life Membership; Life Membership; Nomination Forms for 2016 Life Membership are available from the Association Secretary. Nominations to be submitted from 1st May 2016 and close on the 21st May 2016 at 1700hrs. Note; further details in Nomination Form.

RAEME National Association Vice President

Notice from the RNA President. The nomination of Dennis Clarke has been accepted. Congratulations to Dennis on this Honour as RNA Vice President and next President Elect

Alkira Secondary College

Members attended the Alkira Secondary College presentation of the Associations VCAL Dux of the Year Shield by President Mike Newbond at the Cranbourne RSL on the 19th October 2015 (Members attending; Mike Newbond, Dave & Sonnyia Maddick, Alex Birrell, Milton & Wendy Pearson, Ivan & Margaret Royle, Alan Rogers)

With Skill and Fighting

A limited number of the Craftsmen of the Australian Army 1942-2014 are still available. The Association will have a hard copy for Members who wish to sight the book at all of our functions in the next 12 months.

This Book is an excellent and extremely well documented read with several of our members getting a mention, well worth \$80-00.

High School Army Cadet Unit

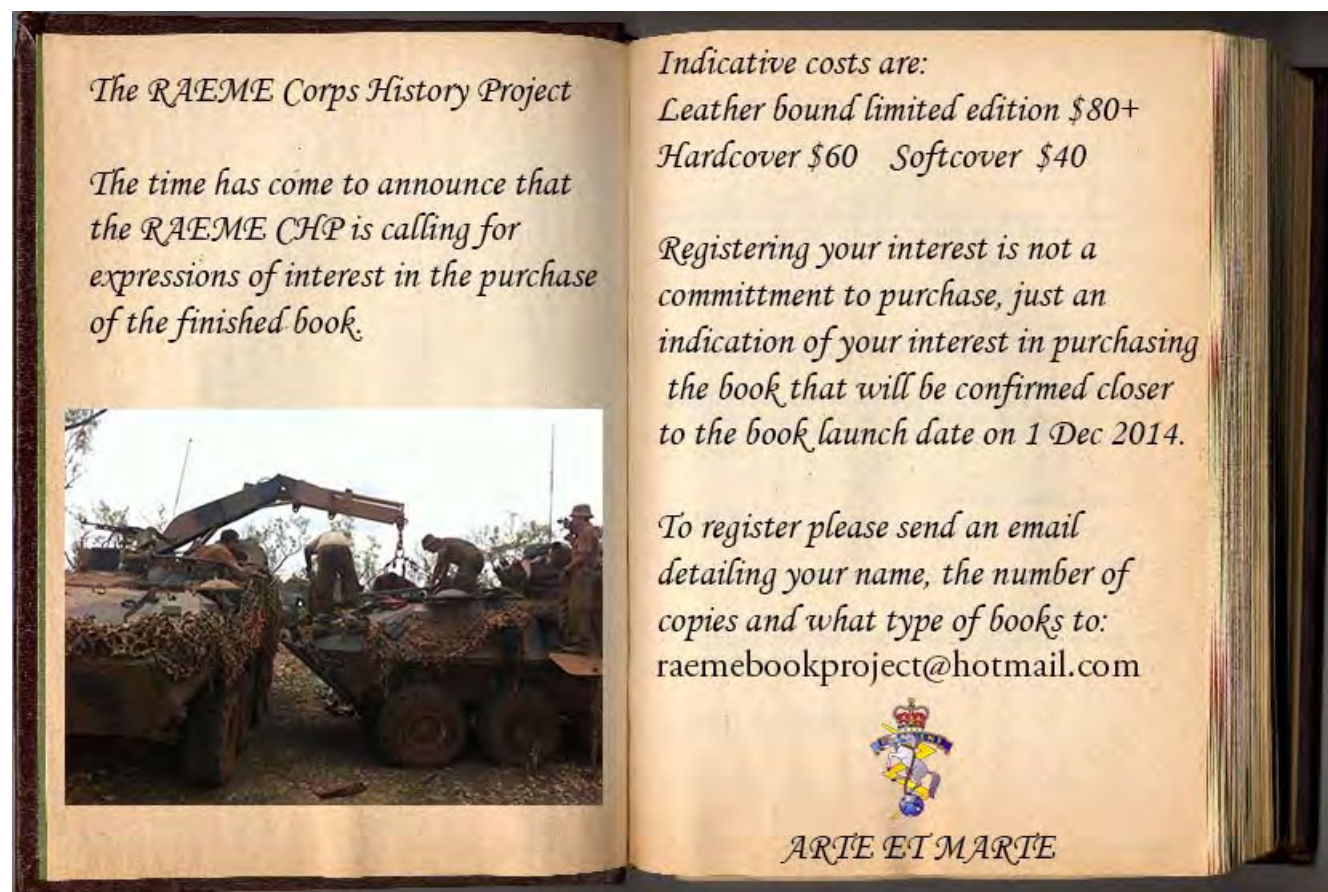
On the 15th October 2015 Mike Newbond, Konrad Ermert and I attended the 2015 Annual Ceremonial Parade of Melbourne High School Army Cadet Unit with the reviewing Officer being our Col/Cmdt Brigadier David McGahey.

Victoria Barracks Chapter

Alex Birrell was elected President at AGM with Rusty Russell as Secretary. Congratulations' to both.

Next Function RAEME Remembrance Service
Melbourne Shrine 31st January 2016
Time 1200hrs- 1300hrs
Remembrance Service 1300hrs
Refreshments Western Gallery

Alan Rogers
Association Secretary
Arte et Marte



Members wishing to purchase a copy of the book can contact the Secretary for the order form.

BLUEBELL
Vietnam Veterans Southern

RAEME VIETNAM VETERANS

MEETINGS

Our last meeting was held at PORTSEA HOTEL
 Next meeting WANGARATTA RSL

VVAA GRAVESIDE VIGILS

The 50th Anniversary Commemorations will start with Graveside Vigils on the Sunday 21st February 2016 at 12.00 Noon, when our members will gather at 35 Cemeteries across Victoria at the grave sites or memorials, of the 98 Vietnam Veterans who died on active service and are interred in Victoria. The Families of the deceased Veterans, will be in attendance. Anyone who wishes to attend are most welcome. At Noon, each site we will conduct a service of remembrance, to honour the service and sacrifice of Our fallen brother or sister. Great to see a number of RAEME Vietnam, performing these services, right across the Victorian state. A light luncheon will follow.

VVAA Victorian Branch.

As you will be aware, 2016 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and is thus a very significant time for us, as veterans and our families. It is our time to shine, and a time for the community to acknowledge your service to our nation. The Victorian Branch has put together a number of activities that will express our motto "Honour the Dead, but fight like Hell for the Living".

ANZAC Day March:

As Vietnam Veterans celebrate the 50th Anniversary they will lead the ANZAC DAY MARCH.

AN EARLY START .
THE RAEME VIETNAM WILL FORM UP IN
SWANSTON STREET FROM 09.00 HRS
STEP-OFF TIME 09.25 HRS

The chronological order of the Vietnam Corps groupings will remain the same. We are a part of Vietnam Two.

RAEME VIET NAM PAVER at the Commemorative Walk Seymour.

The paver is finally in place just beyond the bowl in central position short of the gum trees. Thanks to Bluebell Harry Souter and ex-Navy Ross Gregson for following it through. It has been done well

RAEME Viet Nam Unit Reunions

102 Field Workshop:
 30th September 1st & 2nd October - 2017
 "Avondale" 601 Brays Road Gannawarra Victoria
 Contact Noel Lake 03 5456 9246

1 Armoured Regiment LAD 2017
 Contact Russell Cunningham H 03 5766 2413
 M 0437 834089
 Northern New South Wales
Bungie12@bigpond.net.au

17 Construction Workshop: May- June - 2017
 Sunshine Coast Queensland
 Contact Tras Adams

1 Field Squadron Workshop: Late October - 2016
 Adelaide South Australia
 Contact Don Grieveson or Tony Hinton
 H 08 8449 5945
grieveson@internode.on.net
arhinton@hotmail.com

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

3 Cavalry Regiment LAD: 2017
 Sawtell New South Wales
 See Website 3cav.asn.au

161 Reconnaissance Flight: 2017 Time etc TBA

From the Rumour File.

The Commemorative Walk at Seymour is soon to receive a M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier.

VVAA Museum Phillip Island
 The Tattersall's Ballot barrel that was used to conscript the "Sixties" National Servicemen will be put on display for twelve months. It was used by George Adams to sell St. Albans Stud in addition to drawing the public sweeps for the Melbourne Cup, Great Metropolitan Stakes and the Tattersall's Cup. It is on loan from the Australian Horse Racing Museum.

The Museum are looking to acquire a Caribou [A 4 231] transport aircraft, which is currently located at Oakey Air Base in Queensland.



The long-awaited Pavers, sponsored by the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc and Vietnam Veterans Southern Chapter in place at the Seymour Vietnam Commemorative Walk.

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks.
- 16.. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- 19.. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
20. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.



RESERVE FORCES DAY COUNCIL (VIC) INC

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RECOGNISING THE VALUE OF RESERVE SERVICE TO THE NATION

The Honourable Tim Fischer AC. Former Deputy Prime Minister and National Chairman of the RFD Council of Australia will be the Host for the Parade/Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance.
Victoria Chairman - Brigadier Neale Bavington, RFD ED Ret'd

OPEN INVITATION TO RAEME ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND RAEME RESERVE MEMBERS.

To participate in the

**THE VICTORIAN RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE FOR 2016 AT THE SHRINE OF
REMEMBRANCE, MELBOURNE.**

SUNDAY 3rd JULY 2016 at 1000hrs

PARADE THEME.

A letter from Brigadier Neale Bavington RFD ED former Commander 3rd Division FF Gp, and the Chairman of the Reserve Forces Day Council Victoria.

Ladies and Gentleman,

Please accept this letter as a warning order. Next year we will commemorate the formation of the Third Division One Hundred Years Ago. Historians still report the 3 DIV is "the longest serving Australian Army Division", although it was taken off the Orbat after 75 years of Service.

1916 was the year that John Monash was promoted to Major General and assumed command of 3rd Division.

The Grand Reunion Parade and Commemorative Service of the 3rd Division will take place on Sunday 3rd July 2016 at the Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne at 10am.

I look forward to welcoming you at this event, please make an effort to come.

Regards,

BRIG N Bavington. RFD ED

Chairman

Reserve Forces Day Council VIC INC.

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

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 second 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 RFD

Association President

Arte et Marte

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**New Head of Corps - RAEME:
BRIG Hayden Kohl**



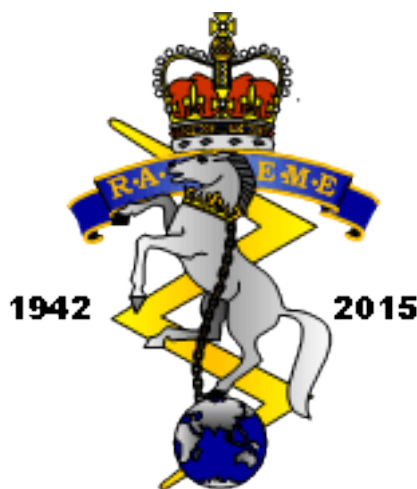
BRIG Kohl was recently appointed Head of Corps-RAEME to replace BRIG Andrew Mathewson. The following is substantially an email BRIG Kohl sent out to a wide RAEME distribution list introducing himself to serving members of the Corps. This is an edited version to introduce him to present and past members of the Corps in our Association. We offer BRIG Kohl congratulations on behalf of the RAEME Association (Victoria) Inc.

'As you are all aware, I have been given the honour by Chief of Army of being the new RAEME Head of Corps, effective 6 Sep 15. In my new capacity, I immediately want to recognise 'Matho' (BRIG Mathewson) for his efforts as Head of Corps over recent years, in particular, for all his work and strong support for the Corps History Book project and his work on Plan Pelican, the review of RAEME support to Army aviation.

I am very conscious that most of us in the HOC Cell are volunteers, or undertaking our Corps represented roles as extra-regimental appointments, and as a result, we can't do everything that we would like, to move the Corps forward. Indeed, 'Matho' told me that his single greatest frustration was not having sufficient time to spend on Corps matters that he would have liked. In recognition of this situation, I thank you all for stepping up to the challenge and if there is anything I can do to make the workload slightly easier, then please let me know.

As most of you would be aware, I am currently posted as the DG Land Vehicle Systems within LSD in the newly established Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG) previously the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO). In this role I believe I am well placed to understand what equipment is coming down the line for our tradesmen to maintain, but I also know that a lot of my knowledge regarding maintenance in the field is dated, so I will need your assistance/thoughts to make sure anything I say from a Corps perspective is based on the realities of contemporary operations. This is especially so for the forthcoming review of the support RAEME provides to land materiel, known as Plan Centaur. I know that Bill Myer (SO2 Corps Heritage, is planning for a Corps Committee Meeting in Melbourne and I am looking forward to catching up with as many members of the Committee, as I can on the day. I'm also keen to get out and about and meet the members of the wider Corps – so hopefully we can get to know each other, when I am in your locations. I certainly know that BRIG Dave McGahey, Project Director for Plan Centaur, and I will be speaking regularly as the momentum grows behind this important project; indeed I have already unashamedly plagiarised his presentation at the Corps conference, when speaking recently, as the figures he presented, speak for themselves.

Finally, I must take this opportunity to thank BRIG Ross Grant (Rtd), and his team for a stellar effort with the Corps History Book. I think the simplest metric that everyone would understand is that over 50% of the books have been sold in only two weeks – a success by any measure.'



ANZAC REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES

Anzac Day Reunion

16th April 2016, 11.30 hrs

Clayton RSL

Carinish Road

Clayton

Opposite Clayton Railway Station

Ample parking

Anzac Day Parade

25th April 2016

Form up Collins Street West (South side)

Form up 1130hrs

Step off 1155hrs

After March TBA



Paul Curran

Former President and Secretary of the Royal Australian Army Service Corps Pensions Officer. Noble Park V V A A Head Pensions Officer Boronia and Ringwood RSLs. One of the Three Amigos at Carry On One of the "Go-to Men", when it came to Veterans Welfare.

RAEME Association (Vic) Inc Functions 2015-2016

DECEMBER 2015	JANUARY 2016 Sunday 31st Shrine Remembrance Ceremony	FEBRUARY 2016
MARCH 2016	APRIL 2016 16th Anzac Day Reunion 25 th ANZAC Day March	MAY 2016 22th President Lunch Clayton RSL
JUNE 2016	JULY 2016	AUGUST 2016 27th AGM
SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016 Bandiana Annual Dinner RAEME Birthday Dinner Clayton RSL



*Slightly bogged.
A job for 3 Recovery Company?
Would they need an ARV?*

Royal Australian Electrical Mechanical Engineers Association (Vic) Inc

Annual Shrine Remembrance Day

Sunday 31st January 2016

Sanctuary & RAEME Tree Service 1200hrs

Light Lunch from 1300hrs

A Short Service and Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary followed by
Remembrance Service at the RAEME Tree and Corps Plaque

All Serving; Retired Members of the Corps, Relatives,
Friends & Children are invited to attend this day

A most important day to Honour our RAEME mates who are no longer with us

A Light Refreshments will be Available after the Service. Cost of \$10-00 P/h

For Catering Purposes

RSVP to Alan Rogers by 17th January 2016

PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate 3805

P/No 9704 6700 e-mail; secretary@vic.raeme.org.au

✂ _____

I _____ Will/Will Not be attending the Service

I Will/Will Not be attending for Light Refreshments

No. of Guests _____ for Light Refreshments

Enclosed is my Cheque /Money Order for \$ _____ Payable to RAEME Assn (Vic) INC

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