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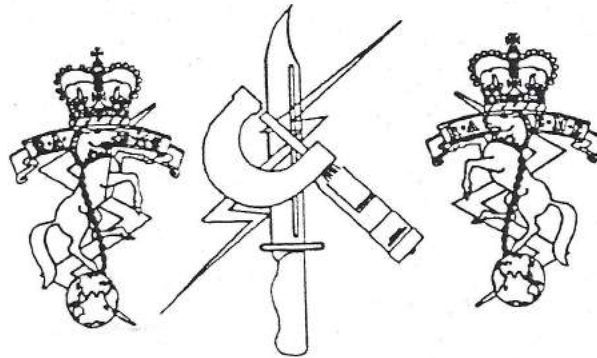
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ANNUAL GENERAL
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OAKLEIGH BARRACKS
11.00 am START

Friday 11 NOV '94
REMEMBRANCE DAY
OAKLEIGH BARRACKS
7.30pm START

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The ANZAC functions for '94 were very successful thanks to the hard working Committee and Sub-Committees of the Association. We are particularly grateful to the Commander at Oakleigh Barracks, Col Ellis and his staff, and to the O/C of 105 Fd Wksp, Maj Newbond and his staff; in their role as hosts and helpers.

The close co-operation between the Old Sappers Association and our Association assured that refreshment logistics at all times were faultless. Our special thanks to President Jim Muir and Secretary Jim Crossley of the Old Sappers.

Your Committee ensures that there is always a 'Post Exercise' report on all major activities such as ANZAC Re-Unions so that any areas needing improvement are identified and improved on, next time around.

And now to other matters. The A.G.M. coming up on Sept 4th is among other things, a time to elect your Committee (Refer to your Handbook). The twelve so elected will, within 14 days, elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

As a member, you have a responsibility. You must ensure you have the best team to run the Association. Much has been done and there is still much to do. What the Association needs is 12 thinking and energetic workers, who will volunteer their time to the benefit of all members. Make sure you get the Committee you want, support your Association, take an interest in and turn up to the A.G.M.

This year I am stepping down from the Committee, and of course the President's job, for reasons I gave in the Nov '93 issue of 'The Flash'. I believe that a President's term should not exceed 3 years when there is someone else available to do the job. The out-going President should step clear and let the incumbent get on with his or her job. I have made it known that I will be available to serve on Sub-Committees and help whenever required.

Looking back over the three years it has been a great team effort resulting in many achievements, including Association Incorporation and with that a Statement of Purposes and Rules. Ten working Sub-Committees have been established, 'The Lightning Flash' introduced and developed into a commendable Newsletter. We have established our "home" at Oakleigh Barracks and gained the support and respect

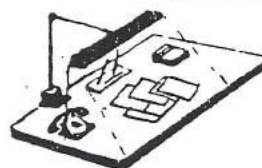
of our Hosts there. We have attended the RAEME Golden Jubilee Parade at Bandiana, participated in "The Entombment of the Unknown Soldier" ceremony at Canberra, and took part in the opening of the Melbourne Tank Museum, plus all our annual activities.

My thanks to the team that made it possible, you did a great job.

"Continual Improvement" is a management dictum these days and our Association cannot be an exception. I am confident that the incoming Committee will face up to the task and achieve success through "Continual Improvement".

I look forward to seeing you at the 1994 A.G.M.

JOHN LEE, PRESIDENT



THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Before I begin, PLEASE NOTE MY NEW POSTAL ADDRESS, all correspondence must be addressed to the P.O. Box number below, otherwise we may not receive your correspondence:-

The Secretary,
RAEME ASSOCIATION (VIC) INC
P.O. BOX 794,
MULGRAVE 3170.

Hi! At the time of beginning this report, I feel I should mention a letter that I was preparing to file, a letter that was sent to our Editor and presented to the Committee meeting in Feb '94. The letter is from Bill Challons, a member of the Association for many years. Bill mentioned that he is now 81 years of age, and is proud to be one of our "Life Members." He, like many others, tells us that he is continually agonised that he is now unable to attend social functions as he has had many happy memories of Chapel Street days, especially the dances that were held there. In declaring his age, Bill told us that he had just been reflecting on some past memories, from the time of his immigrating to Australia from England, where he had served in REME. Although it appears that he must have been discharged from REME at that time, he tells us that he joined in Australia and re-enlisted as a Sergeant, serving on until he again took his discharge at 47 yrs of age.

It is interesting to read that Bill was the first REME member to join this Association: Bill also thinks he is

still the only REME member on our books. Well Bill. I have news for you, we are proud to say that there are many ex -REME members now in our Association, and I am now going to challenge all those ex-REME members to write to me and tell us about their past service in REME. If they would like me to pass on their regards to Bill, I shall do so or perhaps even meet together or have a 'Special Social Function'. We will be pleased to read about their service history and select certain items for publication in coming issues of our Newsletter.

Bill, from all of us that know you, thank you for your letter and your comments on "The Lightning Flash". We are pleased that it gives you pleasure and helps you remember those good times when all members looked forward to our social outings. It is a pity that more members like you do not write and tell us about their memories of the Association from its beginning, as there are many gaps in its history, especially prior to the '70's.

FROM TASMANIA

The Tasmanian Association's new President (George Hutchinson) presented us with a very nice "Korean-Veterans-Tasmania plaque recently. It was admired by many of our members at our recent Re-Union. the inscription reads:-

RAEME ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA,
FROM 6/352 CFN HUTCHINSON G.O.

Thank you George; when we arrange an area with 105 Fd Wksp. to display our property, you can rest assured that this plaque will take pride of place.

Although others will talk about our '94 Re-Union in this issue, let me take this opportunity to say 'WELL DONE' to all those who took part in the day's function. What a great success, our largest attendance for many years.

The "BUNKER" that was built by Max and Jenny Moore was the focal point of the day. What a great atmosphere this added feature created. to all the Committee members, their wives, our friends the Engineers, the Old Sappers Association and of course 105 Fd Wksp; THANK YOU ALL in making ANZAC Eve and Day what it was; without the support of all these people we would not have had a Re-Union like this one.

TAKE NOTE: . . . THIS IS DIRECTED AT YOU!

As the A.G.M. fast approaches, it is time for deep soul searching, why???? BECAUSE WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT, not only at our Social meetings or in spirit, STAND UP AND BE COUNTED, and submit your nomination for Committee: do not be a "MOUTH PIECE" behind the scenes and follow the MISLED, be a DOER and be up front with an active band of great workers for this Association.

A.G.M. Notices and Nomination Forms are included with this Newsletter and, should you consider nominating, your forms must have a Nominator and a Second; please make sure this is done and return the Nomination to: The Secretary, P.O. Box 794, MULGRAVE 3170 14 DAYS PRIOR to the meeting.

The A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 4th September 1994, at the OAKLEIGH BARRACKS NORTH ROAD, OAKLEIGH SOUTH commencing at 11.00am Sharp.

Bye for now. Hope to see you at the A.G.M.

BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY



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MISSING MEMBERS?

If any member knows the whereabouts of the of the following missing members, please advise the Secretary:-

H.BAILEY, R. CORTE, J. HEADY, D. DRURY,

J. LEES, G. LANCASTER, G. RILEY, G. THOM.

D. HURLEY, I. THOMAS, M. CHARLES,

Vic HALE, R. JOHNSON, G. LOVETT, L. PONT,

Sgt. M. FAY, G. THOMPSEN, W. WAKEMAN,

V. ATHERTON, D. GOODSON, Mr & Mrs S.

BELL.

CARTOON QUIP

Woman to cloistered monk: "I don't care if you have taken a vow of silence. I'm your mother, you should have called."

The RAEME Association (VIC) Inc.

WANTED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 1994-95

POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Serving Corps members, retired, recently retired or approaching retirement and planning to reside in Victoria. Nominations close 29th August, 1994.

COMMITMENT

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

THE CHALLENGE

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

BENEFITS

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

CONTACT

The Secretary,
Bruce Williams
P.O. Box 794,
MULGRAVE 3170



EDITOR'S DILEMMA . . .

Getting out a Newsletter is no picnic,
If we print a joke, people say we are silly.
If we don't, they say we are too serious.
If we clip things from other magazines,
We are too lazy to write them ourselves.
If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.
If we don't print every word of all
contributions, we don't appreciate genius.
If we do print them, the columns are filled
with junk.
If we make a change in the other fellow's
article, we are too critical.
If we don't we are blamed for poor editing.
Now, as like as not, someone will say,
We swiped THIS from some other source
.... WE DID!.

I have just been browsing through the Editorial Sub-Committee's file of back issues of "The Flash" since its first humble beginning in August 1990. It has certainly undergone many changes in layout, presentation and Editors up to the present edition.

In its current presentation to you the reader, a standard has been finally formulated by which it has become a strong focal point of communication in our Association.

"THE FLASH" is published quarterly by the Association and is devoted to the advancement of the general interests of its members.

ARTICLES appearing in "The Flash" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editorial Staff, but are expressions of personal opinions, interests, or social items by the Social Committee or our members.

For a reasonable donation, we can publicise your wares or the activities you are involved in. For further details, contact the Editor.

Suitable spacing will be available in each issue. It is hoped that our members, and other interested parties will take advantage of the above offer to assist in our endeavour to make this Newsletter self-supporting.

GOLF IN GERMAN

GOLF COURSE:

Hittenhuntenfield

GOLF CLUBS:

Hittenhuntenfieldschwipensticks

GOLFER:

Hittenhuntenfiellderschwipenstickerswinger

GOLF CLUB HOUSE:

Hittenhuntenfiellderschwipenstickerswingers-
-startenstoppenplazdrinkenspot

GOLF WIDOW:

Hittenhuntenfielderfrau

GOLF BAG:

Hittenhuntenfiellderschwipenstickerfrau

(If you think the above sufficiently expressive, try it!)
(Extract Australian Army Apprentices Association
Newsletter dated June 1972)

RAASC/RACF GOLF CHALLENGE

In the Secretary's Corner of Issue #10, Bruce made mention of the RAASC/RACF Association wanting to set up a friendly challenge to our Association. The previous humorous article is quoted in the hope that there may be some members who would like to take up the challenge? If so please let Max Moore (802 9128) or myself (509 5806) know if you are interested.

AMENDMENTS TO OUR PURPOSES AND RULES

Did you receive the latest amendments to the Rules Issue 10 ?, if so, have you inserted those amendments in your copy as you will need them at our 1994 AG.M.

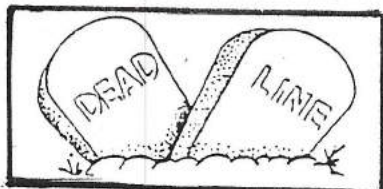
2/4th INF BDE WKSP LEADS THE WAY

The above unit has entrusted to our Association the safe custody of their Banner. Their Banner will be on display in the gymnasium in the RAEME section of the Oakleigh Barracks, with the understanding that it will always be made available to the 2/4th Association in time for each ANZAC Day march or other functions.

Come along and view it - perhaps other AEME unit Associations may wish to follow suit. If so, you are more than welcome to participate under the same arrangements as 2/4th Inf Bde Wksp Association.

LAST ISSUE FOR 1994

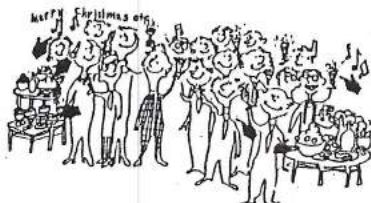
Members are advised that Issue #12 (NOV) will be the final Issue for 1994. Read the Social Column IN THIS ISSUE very carefully for details of the coming social activities for the month of November.



Issue #12

DEADLINE for submission of articles is the 10 OCT 1994.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN EDITOR

**SOCIAL NEWS**

As per our March issue of "The Lightning Flash", we said this would be a good year for social events and I am pleased to say that the members have not proved us wrong.

The Re-Union on the afternoon of 24th April with a total of 85 members, gave us the largest turn out at our Re-Unions in 4 years.

As Convenor, I must give congratulations to our hard working Social Committee and other Committee members for an excellent job on ANZAC Eve and ANZAC Day. The co-operation by the R.S.M., Depot Staff, members of 105 Fd Wksps and the Old Sappers Association made a top day.

The main points that made this Re-Union successful were:

1. The acceptance of Oakleigh Barracks as our new home by members who do not mind the extra travel on special occasions.
2. The co-operation between our Association and the Old Sappers and the use of their bar facilities within the gymnasium is the best venue we have used since Chapel Street. (Thank you old Sappers)
3. Moving the Re-Union from evening to afternoon enabled more of our Senior members to attend and enjoy their mates comradeship. The difficulty of night transportation was removed and their families were able to pick them up, enabling them to rest before the march the next day.
4. Being the first year that we have had Affiliated Members meant more members were accompanied by their partners and families, thus forming a greater bond of fellowship between members, partners and family towards the Association.
5. The setting of a theme enabled members to relate on the past, giving them an opportunity to reflect on memories and help develop good conversation.

The change to afternoon Re-Union mean the 7.00pm close enables those who wish to return home to do so, plus it gave the workers time to clean up and set the gymnasium for the Gunfire Breakfast.

Those who stayed on and those who slept the night partied on until the small hours of the morning.

ANZAC Day started off at Oakleigh Barracks with a Dawn Service. The 80 plus veterans from the 3 Associations were on parade with the Honour Guard, this presented a moving experience for the 200 plus spectators. After the Wreath Laying Ceremony, we all moved into the gymnasium for a Gunfire Breakfast. Congratulations must go to the R.S.M. WO 1 Smith and his staff for a very moving Dawn Service, they just seem to get better every year.

The Social activities continued back at Oakleigh Barracks after the march, where the RAEME Association occupied the South end of the gymnasium. It was not long before RAEME and the other Unit Associations intermingled, taken the advantage of the 4 watering holes around the Depot and the 2-Up games again helping to strengthen our ties between the 3 Corps at the depot.

AGM FAMILY SOCIAL DAY 4th SEPT '94

The AGM is the day the Committee can say: THANK YOU to members for their support over the last 12 months. While the meeting is taking place your family can socialise and have some refreshments. Directly after the meeting the Committee will treat you to a Free Lunch, the timings being the same as for the AGM Meeting.

11th NOVEMBER 94 SOCIAL

This social evening will be conducted in conjunction with our Association and the Old Sappers Association. It will start off with a Lecture - Demonstration telling the story of The Unknown Soldier (1920) from its conception to its final internment in Westminster Abbey on 11th Nov 1920.

The demonstration will be conducted by a team from the Corinthians 12 Group. This night will incorporate a Re-Union of the 1993 Canberra Entombment trip. There is a flier in this "Lightning Flash" for you to place on your calendar.

FARM DAY 27th NOV '94

As per our January edition of "The Lightning Flash", this day now becomes the RAEME Association Xmas function and end of year wind up. There is a flier included in this Newsletter.

FUTURE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

It is hard to find the right mix of social functions that will suit all ages, but this year I think we have turned the corner by having a fewer number of well organised and well attended activities. This has put the Social Committee in a sound financial position and we were able to pass a donation to the Committee of Management. To enable this trend to continue, let the Social Committee know what type of function you want. Listed below are some suggestions passed on to us over the last 12 months by members for Social Events they would support:-

Games Night/ Bingo Night, a Dance (as they were at Chapel Street), Golf Day/Family BBQ, 3 monthly Committee Meeting/Afternoon Teas inviting all members (where they can pass on suggestions to the Committee first hand), Theatre Night at Oakleigh Barracks Auditorium where new released films could be shown at little cost to all.

THANK YOU

As Convenor, I would like to pay special thanks to a very keen, hard working Social Committee. We had a good variety of members from WW 2, Vietnam Veterans to serving G Res soldiers. To enhance the variety of members in the next year's Social Committee, we are recommending that Social Committee members partners have an input at meetings.

My last point, REMEMBER this is your Association and you are encouraged to volunteer for the Social Committee even if you are not on the Committee.

MAX MOORE. Convenor

THE CRAFTSMAN'S DIARY - 1994**1994/95 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Oakleigh Barracks Model Room

SUN 4th SEPT '94

(Note: Be seated by 1100am.)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Oakleigh Barracks

FRI 11th NOV '94 7.30pm Start

ANNUAL FAMILY FARM DAY

Jindivick North

SUN 27th NOV '94

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Oakleigh Barracks, Syn Room

TUES 18th OCT '94 7.00pm Start

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Oakleigh Barracks, Syn Room

TUES 25th OCT '94 7.00pm Start

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Oakleigh Barracks, Syn Room

TUES 29th NOV '94 7.00pm Start

OBITUARY

Olwen HORSLEY, beloved wife of our esteemed Past President, Don Horsley passed away on 23 May 1994.

The President, Executive Committee and members join ranks in extending their deepest sympathy to Don, and his daughter Kim.

Farewell to a lovely lady who will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

Member's Profile



Kenneth Campbell KERMONDE

He was born on 31st August, 1918 at Footscray. On leaving school in 1935, Ken commenced work at the Footscray Technical College as a sort of Trainee Labourer. Receiving training part time during the day and attending Trade School in the evenings in both Oxy and Electrical Welding for 18 months. These courses were normally of 7 years duration. Thus following in the footsteps of all the male members of the Kermode Clan as a Welder.

Ken then went to work for Newton & Grey, as a Sheetmetal Improver and Welder, where he stayed for 14 years. His next Employer was with Electrolux Gas Refrigeration as a Welder.

Two hobbies of Ken's were; working part-time as a Theatre Projectionist at the old St. George picture theatre in Yarraville, and playing a 'B' Flat Bass Tuba with the Yarraville Junior Band.

Following the outbreak of WW 2, Ken was called up as a member of 32nd Inf Bn 4th Div, CMF on 25th January, 1940 and trained at the Yarraville Drill Hall as a member of their Regimental Band.

His first 60 days compulsory training camp was at Mt. Martha on the Mornington Peninsular. Ken stated that the 32nd Bn was camped on top of a hill where the Balcombe Village now stands. The 4th Div CMF occupied the area from the hill down to the Mt. Martha Beach. The 4th Div CMF consisted of the 32nd Inf Bn, 5th/6th University Rifles (4th Bn), up to a Bde strength including Artillery, Signals, a Transport Company (Horse Drawn), Ordnance; plus the Cookhouse all horse drawn limbers.

The surrounding land was owned by the Fairburn family. The elder Fairburn was the Minister of Defence under the 1st Menzie's Government. Later in 1940, the Division built an elaborate copy of the Western Front Trench System - they were trained to fight a 1914 style War in 1940. The hygiene and camp conditions were appalling by later standards Ken stated. His next camp was from mid Sept to mid Dec 1940. The changes were quite different - horses gone, motor transport in limited supply - Artillery all motorised with 4 Wheel Drive.

1941 saw the Manpower Act come in and Ken was back in industry at Electrolux Gas Refrigeration; making kerosene refrigerators and parts for Bren Gun Carriers. The Japanese came into the war in Dec, 1941, and on 20th Dec Ken, along with many thousands of skilled men were called up from industry and the CMF to build up the personnel-starved Army Wksp.

Ken joined 1st Inf Troop Wksp (originally known as 4th Army Fd Wksp) under the command of Maj. Hanby and was sent to the Cranbourne Racecourse, which was also the site of the Municipal Markets. Ken was employed in the Wksp as a Welder with Trade Pay approved effective from the time of his March-In on the same day. It was an eye opener to him - good food and butter, jam, sugar, pepper and salt on the tables, (Geoff Maggs was the Messing Officer.) He found the relationship between the ranks in the Wksp was different to that which he had previously experienced in the Inf Bn.

In 1942, the unit changed its name to 57th Div Ordnance Wksp and was relocated at the Blacktown Showgrounds, NSW. In 1943, under the command of Capt (Later Maj.) Greg Cater, it again changed its title to 1st Inf Troops Wksp AEME. In March 1944, the unit was relocated at Mt. Gravatt, 10 miles south of Brisbane for 4 months. On 25th Nov 1944, it moved to the Atherton Tablelands near Cairns.

Follow the initial troop landings in New Britain, the unit moved to Jacquot Bay and absorbed members of a Watercraft wksp and Armoured Corps trade personnel. At one time, at this location, a disused quarry was converted into a unit open air picture theatre. Because of Ken's experiences as a Picture Theatre Projectionist, he was given the task of setting up this theatre. Ken remarked "Many was the time during torrential rainfall, I sat bone dry in the projectionist box whilst the troops outside took cover under groundsheets or whatever."

A Point System was derived for sending troops home. Because of his welding/blacksmith and sheet metal experiences, Ken was held back as an essential tradesman. For a time he was attached to 2/2nd Forestry Unit to operate their DA Tractor at a sawmill. In Feb 1946, he was attached to the Rabaul

Army Wksp until 17 Mar 1946 when he was posted to the Army Personnel Depot, Royal Park prior to his discharge on 25 Jun 1946.

Following his discharge, Ken did a Rehabilitation Course in Welding at the Footscray Technical College topping the classes. He was asked after this to teach part time 3-4 nights a week. "I believe I was successful, but I had inherited a family hearing problem and my hearing failed". Ken joined the firm of D. Richardson on 13 Aug 1946, where he remained as an employee for 38 years until his retirement in 1948.

In 1946, Ken Kermonde joined the AEME Association and retained his membership to date. He has served on the General Committee since 1964, and has been a stalwart member of our active Social Committee since. In the past, together with the help of Ed Collins, Arthur Clark and Geoff Maggs, and of late with the help of the wives of some of our members Ken has acted as OC Kitchen Staff at our Annual Re-Unions and many Social Functions.

SICK PARADE

Jack "Darkie" EDWARDS was admitted to the Repat Hospital, Heidelberg on June 10th with an unknown infection. "Darkie" is home now and everyone wishes you a quick recovery and look forward to seeing at our '94 AGM.

Geoff MAGGS was admitted to the Dandenong District Hospital on Fri 15 Jul for a serious operation. You will be pleased to know that Geoff is back home recuperating.

John WILLIAMS the father of our Secretary, had a heart attack last Thurs 21 Jul. John is in Hamilton House (Private Sector) of the Alfred Hospital. Our sincerest best wishes are extended for his early recovery and return to his home and family.

Kerry BRINDELL in our last edition we reported on the bad accident Kerry suffered. Her progress has been extremely slow but steady. One leg is to the stage where she is now learning to use crutches but her sense of smell and taste has not yet returned. She will require more surgery, but her spirit is undaunted. We all support her and those that can will continue to visit her whenever possible.

Val HOPE the wife of Ross, after a stay in hospital, is back home and recuperating.

CARTOON QUIP

RACEHORSE: An animal that can take several thousand people for a ride at the same time.

LUCKY AUSTRALIANS?

*Each country has its beauty
And ecology of its own.
I have travelled the world over
But Australia is the land
Where special seeds are sown.*

*From the giant Mountain Ash
To Tri-tree round the coast,
Red Gums and Flowering Gums
And the eerie White Wood Ghost.*

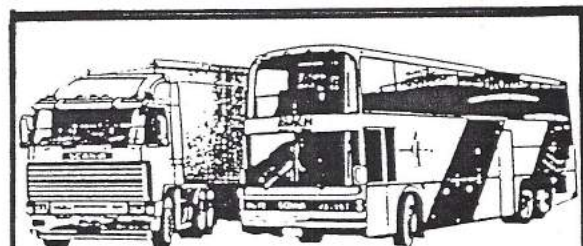
*Blue Gums and Spotted Gums,
Blackwood, Myrtle, Cedar,
Norfolk Pine and Murray Pine
And the Yellow Wattle,
Emblem of Australia.*

*The true native animals
Kangaroos and Koala Bear,
The Platypus and Wombat
All these are wonders for us to share.*

*As the guardians for posterity,
We must counter the rampant greed
Of those inside and out
Who would ravage the land
And leave it without seed.*

Horace (Curly) Caddick

(Another quotation of the many poems in "Curly's" poetry book which is on sale for \$8.00 ea. EDITOR



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CARTOON QUIP

The Italian government is installing a clock in the leaning tower of Pisa. Reason? What good is it if you have the inclination and you don't have the time?

RAEME Association (VIC) Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

OAKLEIGH BARRACKS
 1318 North Road,
 OAKLEIGH SOUTH

SUN 4th SEPTEMBER
 STOP PRESS

(Note: Please be seated)

On the day this Newsletter was being assembled we learned that, regrettably, John Williams passed away on Saturday 6th Aug. Our sympathies to Bruce and family.

TO ALL MEMBERS

The above notice will serve to remind you of the Annual General Meeting date.

You should be aware that at this meeting reports are given from all Sub-Committees and it is your opportunity to express your opinions as to our future direction and to pass on an assessment of this year's activities.

REMEMBER YOU MUST BE FINANCIAL AT THIS MEETING or your vote on any resolution may be classed invalid.

Subscriptions for the year 1st July 1994 to 30th June 1995 are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of this AGM. It should be pointed out that **ALL MEMBERS** (except those Life Members of the Incorporated Association) are liable for the above dues.

LIFE SUBSCRIBERS FUND - To those members who contribute to the fund for the purposes of...