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Sunday 31st August 1997

**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING &  
ELECTIONS**

Model Room  
Oakleigh Barracks

11.00 am START!



## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We were very sad to learn of the loss of Jenny Moore on Tuesday Evening 24. 6.'97 and I have passed onto Max and his family our condolences from our Association.

Our Association should be commended for the number of members and their partners who attended Jenny's funeral. It shows how much Jenny and Max meant to RAEME. A fitting tribute to a lovely lady!!!

We had a great night at our Annual 1997 Re-Union, Dawn Service and the ANZAC Day March.

Our 1997 AGM is to be held on 31st AUGUST and I commend it to you to attend, to be followed by a B.B.Q. and a chance to

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This magazine is produced by the members, for the members, and is not to be solely a one-way communications.

How do you find out what's happening in and around THE RAEME ASSOCIATION, or in fact RAEME? Through 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.

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socialize with members and their partners. If you have an item you wish discussed at the AGM, please contact our Secretary, Jack Westernhagen.

In September '97, we are taking the C.O.M. meeting to Bendigo where we will have a combined meeting with our Rural Provincial Representatives. In October we have once again organized a Bus Trip to Bandiana. November '97 is our Annual Dinner Dance at Oakleigh Barracks (full details refer to the Social Column).

Regards  
PETER CARTLEDGE



THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

1997 ANNUAL RE-UNION - Despite being a long Week-end this year, we had an attendance of 64, consisting of 38 Ordinary Members, 4 L.M.s, 7 Associate Members and 15 Guests. The attendance in comparison with the '96 Re-Union showed an increase by 21 Members.

35 YEARS CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE - This certificate was presented to a very suprised ex-WO1 Kevin Moon (2 Recovery Company, Korrumburra) by Colonel John Lee. Members of Kevin's family and old comrades were in attendance to share in congratulating him.

1997 ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE, OAKLEIGH BARRACKS - A very impressive Observance Service was conducted this year under the co-ordination of WO1 Mick Hogan, RSM 4 B.A.S.B. with many veterans of both The Old Sappers & RAEME

Associations, serving members, guests & families of those attending. The Catafalque Party, accompanied by 2 pipers and 2 drummers, marched on parade through an impressive smoke screen. This was followed by the traditional 'GUNFIRE BREAKFAST' in the Barracks gymnasium at the conclusion of the Service.

1997 ANZAC DAY MARCH - the co-leaders of the RAEME Association this year was Colonel Ron Bade (Colonel Commandant Southern/Tasmanian Regions) and our President Peter Cartledge. Approximately 20 members marched with 8 Disabled Veterans riding in military transport behind our unit. The weather was excellent. There was an increase this year in the number of spectators lining the route to the Shrine. With an abundance of Australian Flags waving and much shouting of encouragement to all the Veterans as they passed. Then it was back to Oakleigh Barracks after the March to a 'Light Luncheon' amongst members and their families. Amongst our welcomed RAEME Vietnam Veterans after the March was Lt Colonel Tom Heesom Retd. from Sydney who happened to be in Melbourne that week-end and marched with his fellow RAEME Vietnam Veteran comrades.

BREAVEMENT NOTICES - Sadly at our Annual '97 Re-Union during 'STAND TO' 8 of our Deceased Comrades were announced since the 1996 Re-Union. It was also embarrassing to have the widows of two of our Deceased Comrades, upon receipt of Notices of Outstanding Membership Subscriptions advising me that their late husband had passed away. Both members concerned lived in the Victorian Rural Areas and their Breavement Notices did not appear in the Metropolitan Herald/Sun. The Association relies upon the N.O.K., or a member of the Deceased Comrade's family to contact the Secretary of our Association to ensure that members can be advised and attend if they so wish (unless distance

prevents attendance), but at least the correct method of 'Salute to Fallen Comrades' can be shown in our Quarterly Newsletter and ensuring that his name is mentioned at 'STAND TO' at our Annual Re-Union.

MEMBER'S PHONE No's - It is imperative that ALL member's Home/Business Telephone No's are recorded with the Secretary so you can be advised over the phone of a departed Comrade's demise and to ensure that there is a good representation at the Deceased Member's Memorial Service.

JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
SECRETARY



#### SPECIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

1997 ANZAC EVE RE-UNION - Once again we had a most enjoyable Annual Re-Union on ANZAC EVE with about 64 attending the Oakleigh Barracks Sergeant's Mess - with 'STAND TO' at 9.p.m. There were a few sore heads at the Dawn Service on the parade ground the next morning!!!

ANZAC DAY 1997 - Quite a number marched on ANZAC Day and returned to the Oakleigh Barracks for a Light Luncheon and 'afters'.

QUEENSCLIFF/POINT NEPEAN TRIP - Our trip to Queenscliff & Point Nepean fortifications on Sunday 18th May was attended by approximately 20 - a little disappointing - but those who did attend had an enjoyable and informative day.

We hired a Self-Drive Coach from Quinces' and headed off to Fort Queenscliff for a tour of the fortifications, followed by a very nice

3-Course Lunch at the Royal Hotel Queenscliff, then across the Bay via the Passenger/Vehicle Ferry to Sorrento. After disembarking, we drove onto Point Nepean and Fort Pearce, then returned to Oakleigh Barracks via the Nepean Highway and the Frankston Freeway. A great day was had by all.

**VISIT TO VICTORIA BARRACKS AND THE SHRINE** - Sunday 15th June, about 12 members and their partners visited Victoria Barracks for a conducted tour - unfortunately the War Cabinet Room was not available for viewing during the tour, but we saw the rest of the Barracks, museum and the 'Soldier's Chapel'. After departing from Victoria Barracks, we crossed the road to the Melbourne Shrine for a further tour and then paid a visit to the RAEME memorial Tree on the St Kilda Road side of the Shrine.

Members are asked to keep the following dates free:

**25/26th OCTOBER 1997** - Our final 'Return to Bandiana Trip' for that week-end. the old RAEME Sergeant's mess is soon to be converted into a 'Day Centre'. Arrangements will be as for last year's trip & a visit to the Tank Workshop has also been arranged.

**SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER 1997** - Our Annual RAEME Dinner Dance at Oakleigh Barracks (refer Flier enclosed).

Please bear in mind that our Social functions are one of the main reasons why our Annual Subscriptions are able to be kept low.

Payment of Annual Subscriptions on time helps towards keeping this Association alive and providing its members with a very viable and informative Newsletter.

Hope to see some new faces at our Social functions . . . please give these functions some serious thought.

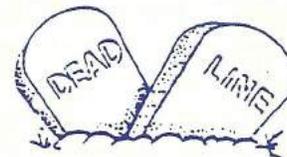
PETER CARTLEDGE  
CONVENOR



### EDITORIAL

**'I WAS THERE' COMPETITION** - The first series in this competition is finished with the winner of the best of three entries is announced on P. 9. Please don't stop there as this is an ongoing Competition offering a Cash Prize of \$50.00 once a year to the best of three submissions. Series Two of this Competition begins in September 1997 and will close in August 1998.

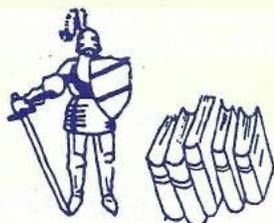
**CHANGE OF ADDRESS & PHONE No's** - Don't fold your tent and steal quietly away ... If you are not receiving your copy of 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH', or if contact with the Association's Secretariat appears to be lost, it may be that you have not advised us of your new address. When you change your place of Residence, please let us know your **NEW ADDRESS & PHONE No.**



Material for the next issue of 'THE FLASH' must reach the Editor not later than:

**17th OCTOBER 1997**

JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
EDITOR



### **HISTORICAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

#### **STANDING ON CEREMONY - MESS BELLS**

A number of Australian Army Messes, particularly Sergeant's Messes, have a bell that is used to bring the mess members to order for a particular announcement - the arrival of a guest or perhaps for an announcement by the Mess President.

The Bell is more often than not in the shape and design of a ship's bell and indeed, in some cases, that is exactly what the bell is. Two examples are the bells in the Regimental Sergeant's Mess of the RAA and the RA Inf.

The bell in the Gunners Mess is a copy of that from HMAFA (His Majesty's Australian Fleet Auxiliary) Biloela. Upon decommissioning in 1930, the crew of the auxiliary presented its bell to the Garrison Artillery Sergeant's Mess, at South Head in Sydney.

This goodwill gesture was promoted by an incident when a team from the mess went aboard the Biloela some years earlier for a convivial evening and later departed - with the bell. The Navy viewed the incident somewhat dimly and it was only after the bell was returned that harmony was restored, a relationship that lasted to the end of the Biloela's life.

The Coast Artillery moved out of South Head in 1953 and the bell then moved across to the Gunners at North Head, where it was positioned at the top of the parade

ground. The bell was rung every day for Regimental Training Wing's on-parade calls.

When the Wing moved to Holdsworthy in 1969, as 123 Trg Bty, the bell remained at the School of Artillery. However, a copy was made and it accompanied the Wing on its move across Sydney. When the Battery was disbanded and the Wing returned to the School, the replica bell moved into the Regimental Sergeant's Mess.

The bell in the Infantry's Regimental Sergeant's Mess is that of the former Aircraft Carrier HMAS Sydney. The story of the association between the carrier and the Royal Australian Regiment goes back to the Korean War, when the Sydney's aircraft flew in support of the Regiment's Battalions.

In later years, the Sydney was converted to a Troop Carrier and carried all the RAR Battalions to and from South Vietnam. Over all those years a firm bond of friendship was established, through all rank structures between the crews of the Sydney and members of the Regiment. Upon the Sydney's decommissioning, the carrier's bell was selected as being an appropriate gift to present to the regiment as a token of that long-standing friendship. On December 14, 1975, it was handed over on permanent loan to the Infantry Centre, to be held in trust for the Royal Australian Regiment.

There really is no one story behind the tradition of ship's bells in messes; it is just a tradition that has come about over time, simply because people thought they looked nice in a mess and they are a very good device for getting attention of all within the mess.

Of such things traditions are made.

WO1 C.J. JOBSON  
RSM CEREMONIAL & PROTOCOL



HOSPITAL/HOME  
VISITATIONS

### WELFARE & BETTERMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

**COLONEL RON BYRON** - I contacted Mrs. Gwen Byron on 8. 4.97, Ron is a little more frail and not able to walk very much. I gave our kindest regards to gwen who always likes to be remembered by the RAEME Association.

**GEOFF MAGGS** - I rang Geoff on 8. 4.97, he is allowed to lift small weights and work carefully after over 1 year since his operation.

**JOHN 'DARKY' EDWARDS** - I visited John on 13. 4.97, who has slowed down quite a bit, but still enjoys a good yarn over service years.

**REX FOORD** - Has been in hospital for 2 operations, Kidney and Throat in the last 6 months.

**SHIRLEY FOORD** - Rex's wife, has also been in hospital for a major Bowel operation - both are recovering and have been taking it easy.

Good wishes to all our sick friends and hope for a speedy recovery to you all.

REX COX, WELFARE OFFICER

### DUTCH AUCTION

There is to be a 'Dutch Auction' of some of the old Chapel Street memorabilia after the conclusion of the 1997 A.G.M. All reasonable bids will be accepted.

The RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INC.

## WANTED

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1997 - 1998

#### POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Serving RAEME Corps members, retired, recently retired or approaching retirement and planning to reside in Victoria. Nominations close by THURSDAY'S POST 14th AUGUST 1997.

#### COMMITMENT

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

#### THE CHALLENGE

To join a dynamic and highly motivated team of ex-AEME/RAEME and serving Corps members 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 surving.

#### CONTACT:

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THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INCORPORATED

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
and  
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 1997  
Model Room, Oakleigh Barracks  
1381 North Road, OAKLEIGH SOUTH  
(NOTE: Please be seated by 11.00 am.)**

**TO ALL MEMBERS**

In accordance with Rule 8 (3) of this Association, the above notice has been served to remind you of the 1997 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 deemed invalid.

**ORDINARY MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS** of \$15.00 for the year of 1st JULY 1997 to 30th JUNE 1998 are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of this A.G.M. It should be pointed out that **ALL MEMBERS** (except those Life members of the incorporated Association) are liable for the above Dues.

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
SECRETARY**

**THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Vic) INCORPORATED ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

In accordance with Rule 4 (1) of this Association, **ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** are hereby reminded that your Annual Subscription of \$10.00 for the year 1st JULY 1997 to 30th JUNE 1998 are now due and can be paid at the conclusion of the 1997 A.G.M.

**JACK WESTERNHAGEN  
SECRETARY**

## THE ART OF CHOOSING STAFF

To: **JESUS CHRIST - Nazareth**

FROM: **JORDON MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS - Jerusalem**

Thank you for submitting the Resumes of the 12 men you have picked for Management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken out battery of tests; we have not only run the tests through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our Psychologist and Vocational Aptitude Consultant.

The profiles of all tests are included and you will want to study each of them carefully, as part of our service and for your guidance. This is given as a result of staff consultation and comes without any additional fee.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in Background, Education and Vocational Aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in Managerial ability and proven capability.

SIMON PETER is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. ANDREW has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, JAMES and JOHN, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interests above Company loyalty. THOMAS demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that MATHEW has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. JAMES, the son of Alphaeus, and THADDAEUS, definitely have radical leanings and they both register a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the Candidates, however, shows great potential. he is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend JUDAS ISCARIOT as your Controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.



Reg. Contractor 167  
M.P.A. of Victoria

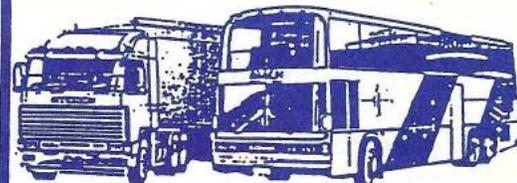
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Louis CORBET - 26. 2.1997  
Reg JENKINS - 16. 3.1997

The President and Management Committee of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. respectively inform members of the sudden passing of two of our esteemed colleagues on the above dates.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Louis' wife & respective families of both members.

*We cannot bring back the old days  
When we were all together  
But wonderful memories of you both  
Will always be in our hearts.*



Jennifer MOORE, beloved wife of our esteemed member Max MOORE passed away on 24. 6.1997.

The President and members join ranks in extending their deepest sympathy to Max, and daughters Deborah, Trudy (Dec.) Sheryl-Ann, Raelene and their families.

*Deep in our hearts,  
A memory is kept,  
Of one we loved,  
And we'll never forget,  
Always remembers.*



### SOUTHERN COMMAND RAEME OFFICER'S DINNING-IN NIGHT

**DATE:** Fri 10th OCTOBER 1997

**TIME:** 1900 for 1930 hrs.

**VENUE:** VICTORIA BARRACKS  
OFFICER'S MESS

**DRESS:** Serving Members

Mess Dress with White Jacket

Other Members

Appropriate Dress

**COST:** \$35.00 per head.

**Point of Contact:** Capt Richard Leggo  
MEA  
☎ (03) 9282 7448

**1st Series Prize Money  
Competition of \$50.00**

**WINNING ENTRY**

**DICK DUNCAN**  
November 1996 Edition  
of 'THE LIGHTNING FLASH'

**' I WAS THERE '**

By Crosbie F. Wheeler ex- VX 93026  
(End of Series #1 \$50.00 Prize Money  
Competition)

The war was over! The rumours circulating that the American's had a bomb that would obliterate a city were correct.

Nagasaki and Hiroshima had been atom-bombed and were no more. The Japanese had surrendered.

Volunteers were called for to take part in the occupation of Japan and as I had just turned 20 and was naturally low of Demobilization Points, I thought it would be a wonderful chance to see another country, so I volunteered for the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) to serve for another 15 months which ended up as 4-½ years.

We embarked at Milford Haven (LAE) on HMS Kanimbla, and after Army rations the Navy food was magnificent, even though the Navy boys thought otherwise. On the voyage to Morotai in the Halmaheras, now part of Indonesia, it was rumoured that rogue Japanese submarines were about, but fortunately, this turned out to be only rumour.

We landed on the beach at Morotai where we slept the first few nights, then went under canvas. Morotai at that time was crammed with a huge number of service personnel, which included 34th Australian Infantry Brigade and the Australian Army Component of BCOF.

Christmas 1945 came and was celebrated accordingly, but we were left with the feeling we were being used to help garrison that part of the Netherland East Indies.

Things came to a head with the 'Jack-up' when the troops marched on Brigade HQ

and demanded to either be sent to Japan or be returned to Australia for Demobilization. The then Army Minister (Mr. Forde) came and made a speech making the usual political promises.

Next came a parade on Wama Airstrip where Lieut-General Sir John Northcott promised embarkation soon to Japan, which was a 'Land of Cherry Blossom and Temple Bells' the biggest load of Bovine waste imaginable.

Finally in February 1946, the Advance Party sailed in the 'Stamford Victory' followed by 'Taos Victory' and 'Pachaug Victory' in which I sailed. For two days in the Philippine Sea we battled the tailend of a typhoon, with many of the troops suffering seasickness. To enable those who were not sick to have their meals, lifelines were stretched across the heaving deck, which, with steel shod boots, was very slippery and falls were common.

However, the typhoon abated, and we entered the Sea of Japan, where we took on board a Japanese Pilot who guided our ship through the minefields, past the remnants of the Japanese Fleet rusting at anchor; to the Kure Docks where we disembarked. Some of these docks contained midget submarines stacked like cigars in a box. Kure had been bombed by B29s just prior to the end of July '45, and was devastated.

On disembarking from the 'Pachaug Victory', we were greeted in the 'Land of Cheery Blossoms and Temple Bells'.

The RAEME Association can be proud of the service given and skills shown on part of an Occupation Force that left over 200 members in marked graves and a high incidence of Cancer related deaths amongst ex-members (believed to be as high as one-third of the Force.)

Member's  
Profile



**George William RIDDLE**  
(ex-REME 222873 Cpl)

Born 17. 2.1932 London England (one of the Eastenders) Father a long distance Lorry Driver, Mother a Tailoress.

At the outbreak of hostilities I was issued with a Mickey Mouse Gas Mask, color red, trying not to scare children, it did not work. I felt as though I could not breathe so off it came, the local Copper was not amused. I remember standing in the front doorway of our home, looking up and seeing an airplane passing between clouds, then about 2 minutes later BANG! Mum came running - grabbed me and we got under the stairs as the Air-Raid sirens went, the first sneak raid on London, the bomb was meant for Buckingham Palace, but missed and hit the Tailors factory where Mum worked.

The Rationing and Identity Cards were issued and the Blitz started, even now the sound of a wailing siren sends shivers up my spine. The Council delivered Andersen Air-Raid Shelters to every house with a garden in which a 6ft. x 5ft. x 3ft. deep hole had been hand dug then the shelter could be erected - to make it more comfortable the floor was concreted a bunk was made, chairs put in at night for the adults, old sacks on the floor or if you had some carpet you were posh. After the Blitz, the family

moved out of London to Middlesex the next County to London going West. Dad was called up for service in the RASC as a Cpl Driver (he had previous service in India 1920-30) and followed the Normandy Landings 4 days later.

My education was not exceptional, leaving school at 14, I had many jobs until I was old enough to enlist in the Regular Army in REME on 17. 8.1949, I was now 17yrs 6mths wanting to be a Driver (like my Dad). I was given a train ticket to Blandford in Dorset and met my first Sergeant Drill Instructor. What an eye opener! 6ft.3ins. ex-Irish Guards. (No matter what posting I had, he followed about 2 weeks later rising in rank everytime, his name was Michael Emmett-Dunne, he had been charged and convicted with murder of a fellow Sergeant whilst in Germany). I received 12 weeks Basic Trg before being posted to No. 1 Command Workshops, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire - literally in the middle of no-where. I trained as a Driver and got my licence. 12 months later I went out on LAD driving Armourers' around Territorial Establishments, servicing Small Arms and testing 25-Pdrs. From there I went onto Heavy Transport, driving Scammels and Diamond Ts. In 1952 I went to Germany as part of the Occupation Forces - 4th Infantry Workshops, 21st Army Group where I was upgraded to Heavy Recovery Vehicles. I was made Cpl in March '53 and took delivery of a Centurion Tank Recovery Vehicle. I was Demobilized on 16. 8.1954 after 5 years service.

Soon after I met my wife Joan, and we married on 15. 3.1958. We have 2 children, a daughter Kathleen 36yrs and a son Christopher 35yrs who have given us 3 Grandchildren. The family emigrated to Australia and arrived on 9. 3.1972 I never regretted the move. I joined the RAEME Association in April 1966 after many years of thinking about it.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

6 Donald Street,  
PRAHRAN VIC  
8. 4.1997

I would like to commend you on the superb job you are doing with the Association's publication 'The Lightning Flash'. It continues to improve with each issue, providing news of people and events and keeping all of our members informed of matters of interest. I am sure I speak for all members in expressing these views. Thank you for continuing to take on the task which must be very time consuming. I would urge all members to support you by providing you with material to publish; personal anecdotes, reports of people and events, and views and comments.

Yours sincerely  
Brigadier Conrad Ermert

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88 Blaxland Avenue,  
FRANKSTON VIC

Thank you for your sympathy on the passing of my husband 'SNOW' Snedden. The Army was his life and even when he retired he never forgot his Army life and his buddies.

Joyce Snedden & family

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9 Grand View Grove,  
NORTHCOTE VIC  
April 1997

Congratulations on your new format edition of 'The Lightning flash'. it was great.  
All the Best  
TOM MONEY L.M.

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4/35 Carlisle Street,  
CRAIGIEBURN VIC  
23. 6. 97

I would like to make mention of the new format of 'The Flash'. It follows the style of the first Newsletter issued in June 1984, which I read many times although it deals mainly of news appertaining to various units of the time.

The Current edition covers many aspects and makes good reading. Congratulations. Keep it coming!!!

Yours sincerely  
BILL CHALLONS L.M.

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### RAEME OFFICERS MONTHLY LUNCH

Some RAEME Officers and Association members meet at the Victoria Barracks Army Officers' Mess Bristro.

### DO COME AND JOIN IN!

Several Officers have indicated that they would like to keep in touch and this would seem to be a good venue to continue meeting. No booking is needed and you can leave whenever you want.

We meet at the Wells Street Gate at 12.20pm on the 1st TUESDAY of the month. George Vander (☎(03) 9282 6266) who works in Victoria Barracks or Mal Drechsler (☎(03) 9282 3322) in Defence Plaza Bourke Street, Melbourne, will sign you in. Anyone will be welcome to attend.

Make a Diary note right now and you could be there next month.

MAL DRECHSLER

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RETURN TO BANDIANA  
SATURDAY 25th - SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 1997

**GENERAL:** With the current reorganization of the Army, the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. is organising another 'RETURN TO BANDIANA' trip on the above dates which could well be the last opportunity to visit our old Corps 'Home' as it was once known. Members of your Association, their wife/or partner and member's friends are cordially invited to participate.

**TRANSPORT:** Those participating in this week-end trip will be transported by a luxury 45 Seater Coach provided by U.S. Bus Lines.

The following transport arrangements are as follows:-

1. **PICK-UP POINT # 1** Oakleigh Barracks, SOUTH OAKLEIGH departing at 8.00 am. SHARP!
2. **PICK-UP POINT # 2** Spencer Street Bus Terminal departing approximately 8.30 am.
3. **PICK-UP POINT # 3** Maygar Barracks Camp Road, BROADMEADOWS departing approximately 9.00 am.
4. **PRIVATE TRANSPORT** - Permission has been obtained for the parking of member's private vehicles overnight at both Oakleigh and Maygar Barracks.

**LUNCH:** Has been arranged on Saturday 25th and again on Sunday 26th October '97 respectively, in addition to a visit to a local winery on Sunday 26th October.

**ACCOMMODATION:** 62 Single Student Rooms have been booked in the Army Logistics Trg Centre Northern Transit Block on the night 25.10.'97 FIRST IN ... BEST DRESSED.

**V.I.Ps** - Any V.I.Ps attending will be accommodated in V.I.P facilities.

**SOCIAL EVENING:** A Buffet Meal - (25.10.'97) will be provided in the Old RAEME Sergeant's Mess (6.00pm for 7.00pm) with drinks at Mess Prices. This will definitely be our last Social function in this Mess as it is proposed very shortly to turn it into a Day Centre.

**DRESS:** Male: Lounge Suit and Tie, Ladies: After 5.pm or Cocktail Frock (Optional).

**B.B.Q. BREAKFAST:** A B.B.Q. Breakfast will be provided on the morning of 26.10.'97 between 7.45-8.45am at the rear of the Old RAEME Sergeant's Mess.

**RAEME CORPS SHOP:** Permission has been granted for the Corps Shop to be opened at 1600 hrs. on Saturday 25.10.'97 for those members interested in purchasing items of interest.

**RAAOC/RAEME/RAC MUSEUM:** Will be opened between 9.00 - 10.00am. for those interested members and guests who have not visited this worthwhile Museum.

**TANK WORKSHOP:** At the invitation of our RAEME Corps Director Colonel Bruce Amor, a tour of this Workshop will be conducted at 10.15 - 11.15 am. 26.10.'97.

**TOUR OF A WINERY:** A visit to one of the local wineries has been arranged.

**COSTING:** **PACKAGE # 1 (Member & wife/partner) @ \$50.00 per head.**  
(Includes Coach /Social/Accommodation & B.B.Q. Breakfast  
Price for members includes a Bus Subsidy)

**PACKAGE # 2 (Non-Members) @ \$60.00 per head**  
(includes the same as for Package # 1 above - Less Subsidy)

**PACKAGE # 3 Member & wife/partner/friends (Travelling by own means)**  
(Includes Social/Accommodation & B.B.Q. Breakfast) @ \$22.00 per head.

**PACKAGE # 4 (Member & wife/Partner) @ \$5.00 per head.**  
(Less Social & Accommodation - B.B.Q. Breakfast ONLY)

**FULL PAYMENT:** Is to be paid in advance by MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 1997.  
75% of costs will be refunded if cancellation is made 20 days in advance of the function (i.e. MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 1997) due to sudden illness or death of immediate family member.

There will be NO REFUND if cancellation is made 10 days in advance of the function (i.e. WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER 1997).

**R.S.V.P.** **Not later than FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER 1997.**

The RAEME Association (Victoria) Incorporated

BOOKING SLIP

Convenor  
Special Events Sub-Committee  
C/- 8 Neera Court,  
GLEN WAVERLEY. VIC. 3150.  
Attention: Peter Cartledge  
☎ (03) 9802 6406  
Fax: (03) 9802 6406

I, .....  
(Please Print in Full)

Address: .....

..... Post Code: ..... ☎ (.....) .....

wish to attend the 'RETURN TO BANDIANA TRIP ON 25/26th OCTOBER 1997' \*and I will be accompanied by my wife/partner \*and  friends.

- \*  PACKAGE # 1 @ \$50.00 Per Head ( 2 x \$50.00) = \$100.00
- \*  PACKAGE # 2 @ \$60.00 Per Head (2 x \$60.00) = \$120.00
- \*  PACKAGE # 3 @ \$22.00 Per Head (2 x \$22.00) = \$ 44.00
- \*  PACKAGE # 4 @ \$ 5.00 Per Head (2 x \$5.00) = \$ 10.00

\* CHEQUE

Enclosed please find my \* Money Order for the sum of \$ ..... : .....

NOTE: Cheques/Money Orders to be made payable to THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (VIC) INC.

TRANSPORT:

1. \* I/We wish to travel by Coach and desire to park our private vehicle/s at:-  
\* OAKLEIGH BARRACKS/\*MAYGAR BARRACKS
2. \* I/We wish to travel by Coach and be picked up at:-  
\* OAKLEIGH BARRACKS/\*SPENCER STREET STATION BUS TERMINAL/  
\*MAYGAR BARRACKS.
3. \* I/Will not require transportation.

Signature: ..... Date: ... /.../ 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

Reference is made to [Illegible] dated [Illegible] and [Illegible] dated [Illegible].

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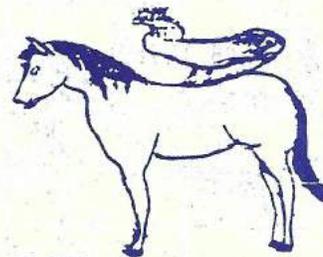
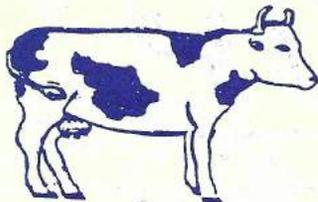
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The RAEME Association (Victoria) Incorporated

# ANNUAL FAMILY FARM DAY



**SUNDAY  
30th NOVEMBER 1997**

One of our most successful social function activities has been the Annual Family Farm Day and B.B.Q. at the property of our congenial Hosts, Bill and Carol Slegers. Bill and Carol extend another cordial invitation for you to bring your family and join them on their farming property at JINDIVICK NORTH for another memorable day in the country. Bill and Carol will welcome your attendance from 10.00 am.

For our young guests, SANTA will be making a special trip from the North Pole. Parents are requested to provide a small gift for their children (maximum \$10.00) wrapped and clearly named for SANTA to distribute.

**B.B.Qs. will be provided. B.Y.O. food and drink.**

Be smart with the Suntan Cream, hats and Aerogard. Enjoy the company of other members and meet our new members and their families.

This day is Sponsored by Murray Goulburn Co-Opt Ltd, (who pick up Bill's milk) and they also supply different cheeses for our taste buds. There are also some large and small Plum Puddings to buy (recommended, they are very tasty.) Free fresh milk is available SO BRING SOME CONTAINERS to take it away in.

Hay rides, tour of Farm Husbandry at work and plenty of other activities are organised for the day. A camera is a MUST the views have to be seen to be believed.

Bill would have gone to a lot of trouble to make this a great enjoyable outdoor event, so bring the family along and enjoy yourselves. Each member is requested to give this function their whole-hearted support.

Where is Bill's place??? Palmer Road, JINDIVICK NORTH ☎ (052) 56 285 340 for Recovery. on the reverse side, you will find a map, just follow the TAC signs.

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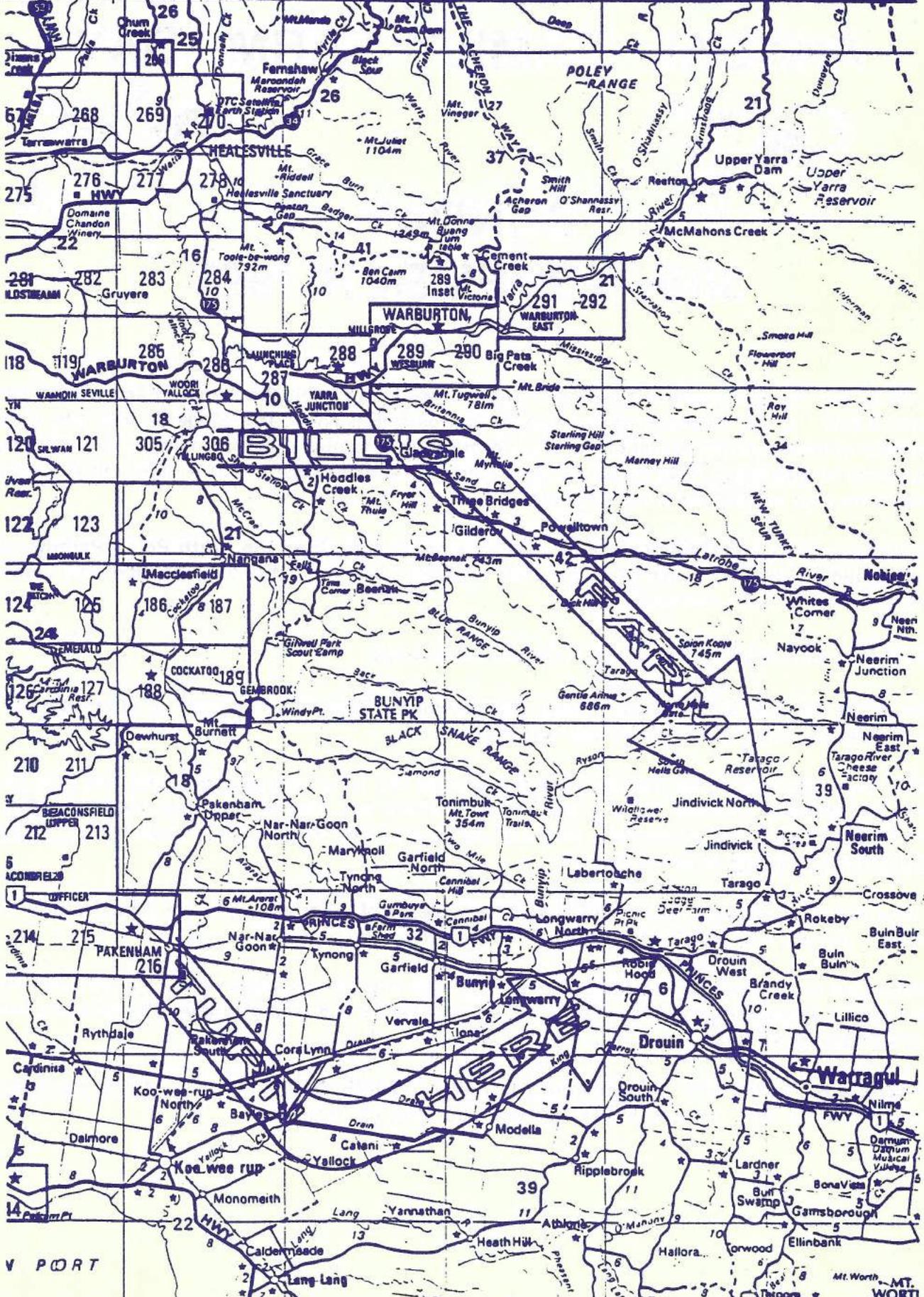
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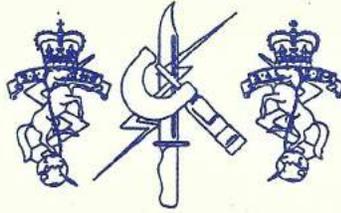
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THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED



SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

I, ..... (Proposer) Membership No. ....  
(Given Name) (Surname)

Street & Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .../.../..... Phone No. ( ) .....

Hereby nominate: ..... (Nominee) Date of Birth: .../.../.....  
(Given Name) (Surname)

Membership No: .....

Street & Address: .....

..... Post Code: ..... Phone No: ( ) .....

for Election as a Committee Member of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc.

I, ..... (Seconder) Membership No: .....  
(Given Name) Surname)

Street & Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Signature: ..... Phone No: ( ) .....

Second the above nomination.

Support reason for consideration: (Please be brief) .....

.....

I, ..... (Nominee) Membership No: .....  
(Given Name) (Surname)

Signature: ..... Date: .../.../..... accept the above nomination.

Please note: Each member being Nominated or Proposing this nomination, MUST BE financial at the time of submitting this form.

Received for inclusion in AGM Ballot

Signature of the Secretary: ..... Date: .../.../.....



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 10/15/54  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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AEME/RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

# 1997 ANNUAL DANCE

Oakleigh Barracks  
1381 North Road,  
OAKLEIGH SOUTH



BOOKING SLIP

To:  
Peter Cartledge  
8 Neera Court,  
GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150

I, ..... ☎ (.....) .....  
(Please Print Name in Full)

\*WILL/WILL NOT be attending the 1997 Annual Dance on Saturday  
15th NOVEMBER 1997.

DRESS: NEAT CASUAL

TIMINGS: DINNER 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm.

DANCE 7.30 pm - 11.30pm

I will be accompanied by  Guests @ \$25.00 Per Person.

Signature: ..... Date: .... /.... /1997

Enclosed please find my cheque (made payable to THE RAEME ASSOCIATION  
for \$ ..... : ..... being the total amount thank you.

\* Please delete as applicable.

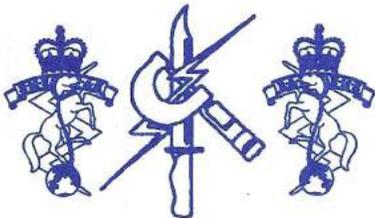
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