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Whilst many ANZAC day ceremonies were cancelled across Australia, my family and I were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Brisbane march this year. It was a great day had by many of the brethren with a few drinks to celebrate. The after march function was put together in style by our QLD Assoc.

*Pictured here is Joanne Cornelius, 43rd VM getting into the spirit during the day.*



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings one and all,

Hope that all are well as we endure Lockdown 5.0. This seems to be the COVID norm now as we just start to regain some sort of normality when things go south, and we're plunged back into working from home. Our thoughts go out to those that may have lost jobs or have had reduced hours because of some inconsiderate people who do not follow the simple rules.

4 Bde is still providing personnel and equipment to the continuing support to COVID-19.

BRIG Ross Grant AM (RTD) has been appointed as the new Coordinator for the RAEME National Network. Ross has taken over from Alex Smithers (RAWA). He has commenced dialog with the various Associations, more to follow on this as plans develop.

As this edition of the FLASH goes to print, this will be my last report as your President, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and wish the new incumbent all the best and hope you have as much joy as I have.

To the committee past and present, I thank you for your support, guidance and at times robust discussions.

To you the members, I thank you for your on-going support as without you, this Association would not exist and hopefully I will see a number of you at the upcoming AGM in September.

To my wife Sandy, I thank you for your support and backing whilst I presided as President.



Arte et Marte  
Allan Hawkins

President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### 2021 Annual General Meeting

The 2021 AGM will be held on the 12th September 2021 at Clayton RSL ( COVID permitting) to commence at 1200hrs

At the moment the Committee due to the uncertain of COVID rules at the time, has not made a decision on refreshments for the AGM, a decision will be made closer to the AGM date.

Members will be advised under separate cover.

### Membership Report

2021-2020 Annual Fee notices have now been sent out, Members who have not paid are reminded that Annual Fees are due at the end of the Financial Year 30th June 2021, but no later than 30th July 2021.

Note Unfinancial Members are not entitled to speak or vote at the AGM.

It is disappointing that several Members are yet to pay their Annual fee \$20-00, without funds the Association cannot exist

Members wishing to nominate for the 2021-22 Committee of Management should contact the Association Secretary for a nomination form.

Note; Chapter Presidents or Chapter Nominee automatically hold a position on the Committee of Management.

Completed Nomination forms must be with the Association Secretary no later than 1800hrs 30th August 2021

Association Secretary Address; 14 B Mahogany Ave Berwick 3806  
e-mail; [alang.37@bigpnd.com](mailto:alang.37@bigpnd.com)

NOTE; Telephone Nominations will not be accepted & all relevant sections completed

### GWS Raffle

The final count of members purchasing tickets was 38 member out of a total membership of 258.

To those Members who purchased one or more books, Thank you

A total of \$2000-00 was raised to be forwarded to Seeing Eyes Victoria

RAEME Association Vic IncMembers

Vale

Bill McKenna 5-2-2021

Peter Cartledge LM 22-4-2021

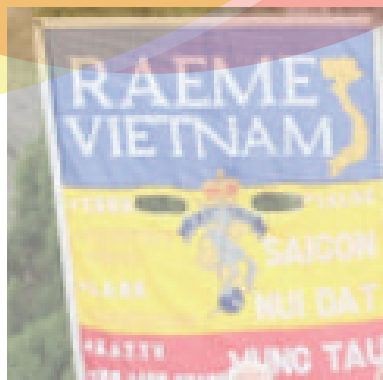
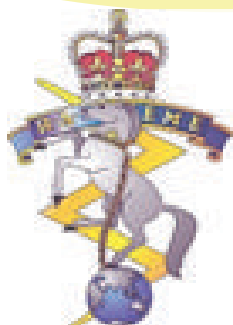
BRIG Ken Gibson 14-6-2021

<https://vic.raeme.org.au/index.php/membership>

*New memberships are all welcome. Please find link above  
for both a word doc. and excel doc. from our website.*

Arte et Marte  
Alan Rogers

Secretary



## Vietnam Veterans Southern Chapter

President - Dennis Clarke

Vice President - Graeme Unmack

Secretary - Dennis Meek

Committee - Neil Bennett,

David Wain,

Robert Gazzara.

## RAEME Vietnam Unit Reunions

### One Field Squadron Workshop

Wodonga October 14th – 16th, 2021

Contact; Mick Leonard

H 02 6059 2771 M 0429 586668

[mick.jude@bigpond.com](mailto:mick.jude@bigpond.com)

### One Armoured Regiment LAD

Bendigo October 15th – 17th 2021

Contact: Robert Bail

[r.bail@bigpond.com](mailto:r.bail@bigpond.com)

M 0419 355721

### One DIV S&T WKSP

Cowes, Phillip Island.

Contact - Tony Zammit -

M 0412604179

email - [ajmm@virtual.net.au](mailto:ajmm@virtual.net.au)



## RAEME Vietnam Unit Reunions

HQ One ALSG Workshop  
Contact: TBA  
Lake Hume Discovery Park  
8th -- 13th November 2021  
33 Boathaven Road Ebden Victoria  
3691 Via Albury – Wodonga

South Australia RAEME Lunch Gathering  
7th September 2021  
Venue: Avoca Hotel 893 South Road  
Clarence Gardens 5039 12 Noon Sharp  
E Contact: Bob Killoran  
E - [klackers133@gmail.com](mailto:klackers133@gmail.com)  
He is both a member of RAEME SA  
& 106 Fd Unit Grp

Victoria 106 Fd Wkshp Lunch  
15 november 2021 Venue:  
Steeple Club Mornington  
Timings: Arrive 11.30 – Seated 12.30 –  
Serving 1300 Hrs  
Theme for this lunch is Bye Bye Nui Dat  
RSVP 9th Nov to Milton Pearson  
E – [csml1066869@gmail.com](mailto:csml1066869@gmail.com)

Western Australia RAEME Christmas Lunch Perth  
13 December 2021  
Venue: Club RSL Saint Georges Terrace Perth  
The gathering is jointly hosted by 14th Int.  
Balcombe apprentices & 106 Fd Wkshp  
Contact: for 14 th- Steve Cartner E – [amia@iinet.com.au](mailto:amia@iinet.com.au)  
Contact: for 106Fd Wkshp Col Elton  
E – [colmagselton@stnet.com.au](mailto:colmagselton@stnet.com.au)  
RSVP: ASAP or no later than our Corps birthday 1 Dec.  
to either Contact.  
Our women folk more than welcome.  
We are in a semi - private part of the restaurant on the first  
with lift access.  
Pay on the day to Milton Pearson

## RAEME Victoria - MEMBERSHIP BLUE BELLS REPORT

Our last meeting and AGM were held at Cheltenham – Moorabbin RSL during a break in our covid19 lockdowns. The Committee was re-elected.

On a sad note, David Burtolo Roberts Cfn. 3799469 passed away 26th May 2021.  
David served with 102 Field Workshop from 4/ 09/1971 till 8/ 12/1971.

William John Rawling Sgt. 214122 also passed away 10th July 2021.  
John did two Vietnam tours. He served with 161 Reconnaissance Flight in Bien Hoa and Vung Tau from 14/09/1965 till 19/09/1966. 1 Field Squadron Workshop Nui Dat from 25/03/1968 till 4/03/1969.  
From Milton Pearson CSM 1968-1969

Ex 106 Fd Wkshp 1968/1969 Cpl John O'Grady A Veh M [0408 332314] John has throat and lung cancer. A tracheostomy saved his life. John will answer you texts messages. Take five and send him a message from a Bluebell.

We have continued with getting the plaques manufactured.

Covid shut - downs have caused delays, but 1 Armoured Regiment LAD and One Field Squadron Workshop, will be ready shortly.

Next up 17 Construction Squadron Workshop. RAEME association a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Queensland Lunch Gathering – Names in photo:

Standing L to R

Noel Kipps - Buddha Bond – Ned Schafferius – Claude Palmer [O C] – Milton Pearson  
and Chief Clerk Colin Thorpe

Seated L to R Wayne Bingham – John Bailey [06 bush Poet]

Arte et Marte  
Dennis Clarke

President - RAEME Vietnam Assoc.

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



### 2021 JANUARY

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At this stage, no other spanner club functions have been scheduled for VIC due to the ongoing covid restrictions. Any changes and additions will be added to the RAEME Vic website, along with posts being shared via its social media pages, Facebook & Instagram.

There is a reunion scheduled for an Apprentices Border Reunion for the dates of 30th & 31st October 2021 . Please see the expressions of interest flyer on page 10 of the newsletter.



**SATURDAY, 7 AUGUST 2021 AT 12:30 UTC+10**

## **SA ALL INTAKE REUNION LARGS BAY RSL**

Adelaide, SA

Subject to change also- in light of restrictions in SA.





HRH Prince Phillip, Colonel in Chief. 1921-2021

Bill McKenna 5-2-2021

Peter Cartledge LM 22-4-2021

BRIG Ken Gibson 14-6-2021

Ian (Moff) Moffat, 22 Intake Fitter and Turner.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Raue,  
(CO Army Apprentices School, 1993-1994), July 2021.

Stanley John (Fred) Bassett 35th Class

Mark Burby. 43rd VM

ROY BROUGHTON, 3RD Int

Jack Smiley (15th??) Electrician

David OBrien 14th Intake Fitter and Turner

48697 Kevin Kenafick 20th F&T

Shorty Sutton was a 23rd Intake

242645 Brian Jones 6th Class

John McGregor

14/8/1945 -26/5/2021

1201782 David Andrew Girvan

1201778 Neal Alfred Pratten 23rd VM

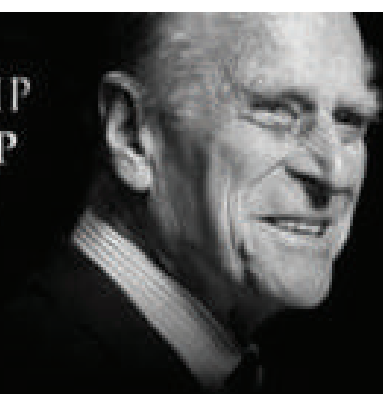
18629 Robert Charles (Buck) Rogers

226580 Rohan Paul Playford (Rusty)  
33rd VM





RIP  
HRH THE PRINCE PHILIP  
1921-2021  
COLONEL IN CHIEF. ARTE ET MARTE



On behalf of all ranks, the Corps has delivered this wreath to Windsor Castle for our  
Colonel in Chief HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh  
1921-2021  
Arte et Marte



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# Every town, every memorial

Places of Pride, the National Register of War Memorials, is an Australian War Memorial initiative to record the location and photos of every war memorial across the country.

Did you know that there are currently 10442 memorials registered within Australia?

If these interest you, as much as they do me, please follow the link provided below to search your area. It's suprising to see that Victoria is 2nd behind South Australia for having the most memorials.

The contribution for these 2 states during the war periods must of been emmense and also heart wrenching in the aftermath of these theatres of war.

I know in my travels and also in past newsletter editions, I have taken some photos of extremely proud memorials across Vic.

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/>







## **APPRENTICES BORDER REUNION**

**30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

### **REGISTRATION**

Name:	
Intake/Trade:	
Partner Attending:	Yes/No. If attending Name:
Address:	
Contact Phone:	
Email:	

**SATURDAY 30th OCT 2021 "MEET AND GREET"**

**THE EMPIRE HOTEL, WAHGUNYAH VIC**

Attending: Yes/ No	Number Attending:
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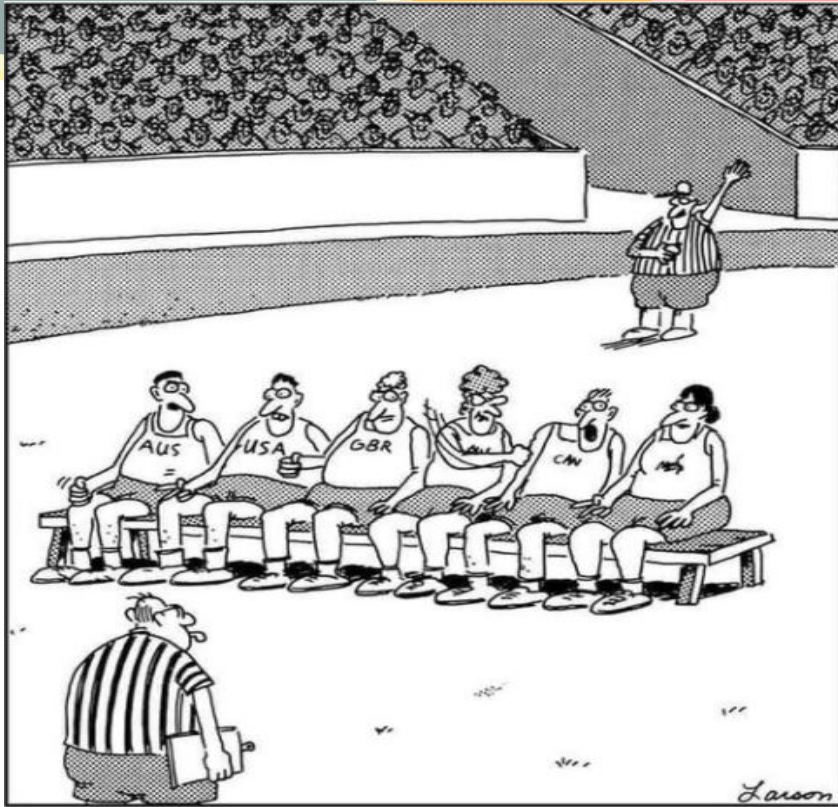
**SUNDAY 31st OCT 2021 "LUNCH"**

**PICKLED SISTERS/ COFIELD WINES, WAHGUNYAH VIC**

Attending: Yes/ No	Number Attending:
Special Dietary Requirements:	

Please complete and return by email to: [stildawaters@gmail.com](mailto:stildawaters@gmail.com) by

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021



Tension mounts in the final heat of the paper-rock-scissors event.



"What did I say, Boris? . . . These new uniforms are a crock!"

## DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

For those looking to transition old training and qualifications over to the current certification levels, this maybe of interest to you.

For many of the trades that went through the 'Army Apprentice School ' scheme, much of the certification that was provided has since been changed and the old qualifications are no longer seen as valid to meet today's current qualifications.



The Learning Professionals may be able to assist in having your old qualifications mapped over to the current skills framework for your trade.

If it's engineering or automotive, they have a simple yet thorough RPL (Regonition of Prior Learning), program that can assist you in upgrading the qualifications you have.

Simply call, or send through an email to -

Leon - [leon@thelearningprofesiionals.com.au](mailto:leon@thelearningprofesiionals.com.au) - 0478 127 937

<https://thelearningprofessionals.com.au/>

Additionally, The Learning Professionals have just taken over one of the oldest pubs in Victoria to utilise for their training establishment for - Business, Training & Assessment, New Interprise Incentive Schemes (NEIS), along with hospitality, (RSA) Responsible Service of Alocohol) & comercial cooking. They have also started building a purpose built automotive workshop and engineering workshop to help domestic, international students and all EX ADF members to gain qualifications. If it's at the starting point, the middle or your looking for an (RPL)\* then we can assist.

Once the site is finalised and up and running, It would be great if any RAEME brethren are passing by the Geelong region to pop in.

Although it is set up as a training facility, the premise will be running as a functioning bar, restuarant & cafe. It thus provides the students to learn, train and gain the skills required to eventually become the artificers in their field.

Pop in for a chat and a beer. Both Joanne and Morgan would love to have you along for our little adventure.





## COMMUNICATIONS



Welcome to the Army Museum of  
South Australia



<https://amosa.org.au/>



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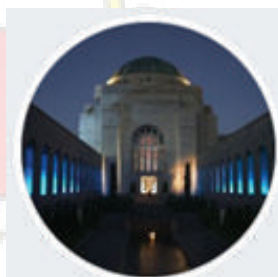
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Looking for a short trip away, and want to feel like being part of the extended family?  
Please see below details for those that may be interested in helping out a veteran, and  
in doing so, helping others find a small retreat away from home.

<https://cockatooriseretreat.com.au/>

Goorambat Veterans' Retreat  
Veterans Organization



Directions

21 Trewin Road, Goorambat Victoria 3725

03 5764 1468

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<http://www.rdveteransretreat.com.au/>

## Web Site Updates and Changes.

Please send any and all photos from past and present events to - [webmaster@vic.raeme.org.au](mailto:webmaster@vic.raeme.org.au) or [raemevic@gmail.com](mailto:raemevic@gmail.com) if you wish to have these added into an album. The more the merrier.

All the old paper documents of the Flash Newsletter are now uploaded to the website. These have all been scanned and saved electronically for future prosperity.

Again, if you have any old documentation that you would also like saved for history purposes, please send through a scanned copy.

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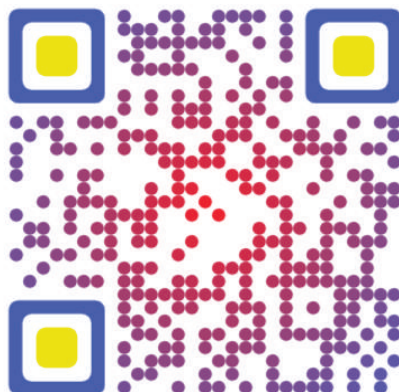
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