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#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hope the first half of the year has been good to everyone and the second half will be even better.

Not a lot has happened since the last Flash was published but there are several things to note going forward.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 31 July followed by a **Xmas in July** lunch. A flyer has been sent out with detail on the two events.



I encourage all members to try and make it to the AGM and of course stay on for the lunch. In regard to the AGM if you want to nominate for any position on the committee forms are available from the Secretary.

Please send your requests for nomination forms to Alan - email- secretary@raeme.org.au
The date for the AGM is also thecut off date for membership renewal and I hope all members
will renew their membership for 2022 – 2023.

Spanner Club get togethers have not happened yet this year due in the main to not finding a good venue that would give us a reasonable deal on drinks. We will continue to look for a suitable venue and the intention is to select somewhere in the city and schedule a Spanner Club gathering for each month starting in August. Stay well and I will see you when I am looking at you.



Arte et Marte Rod Gillett

President

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

#### Membership

2021-2022 year we gained several new members, which is a small gain made up for those members who were diligent in paying their overdue fees from 2019 to 2021.

Under Association rule 5.9(g) 5.11(d) their Membership has been terminated. A terminated Member wishing to regain Membership would be required to pay all outstanding fees plus one (1) years fees.

Their are still a number of members who are yet to pay 2022--2023 fees As our new Treasurer, Linda Bayly will be taking on the role of 'Member Officer' as well, Linda will be appreciateive if those who are yet to pay, could finalise their membership fees for any outstanding amounts due.

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RAV Inc Shrine Remembrance Day

The day had reasonable attendance for Valentines Day. Next year it has been requested that the Shrine move the day to the Sunday after.



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Alan Rogers

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

Secretary

Arte et Marte

#### **BLUE BELLS REPORT**





# Vietnam Veterans Southern Chapter

President - Dennis Clarke
Vice President - Graeme Unmack
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David Wain,
Robert Gazzara.

Doncaster RSL is holding a Vietnam Veterans Commemoration
Service on Thursday, 4 th August at 3.00 PM.
All Vets and wives welcome. Food provided free & drinks available at own expense. Contact: Dennis Clarke 0409 518744 delacl379@gmail.com

Full list of all renunions are listed on the following page, with relevant contacts.

We now have the final design for the 17 Construction Squadron Workshop plaque. Just the manufacture of it. We also have a design for the RAEME attached to Infantry.



We held a recent meeting at Doncaster RSL on 24 th May 2022.

#### RAEME VIctoria - MEMBERSHIPSBLUE BELLS REPORT

# **RAEME Vietnam Unit Reunions**

7 Construction Squadron Workshop Port Macquarie NSW October Monday 17 th – Saturday 22 nd 2022 Contact: Gary Whykes 0411 810077 gwhykes @gmail.com One Armoured Regiment LAD
Bendigo October 15th – 17th 2022
Contact: Robert Bail
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106 Field Workshop Deniliquin RSL NSW \_ Riverina November Monday 4 th -- Sunday 6th 2022 One Field Squadron Workshop Wodonga March October 21th - 22nd, 2022 Contact; Mick Leonard H 02 6059 2771 M 0429 586668 mick.jude@bigpond.com

Luncheon @ Steeples Mornington Victoria November 14th 2022 Note:11.30AM for 12-30PM Contact: Milton Pearson 0488 050261 csm1066869@gmail.com

One ALSG
Broken Hill NSW Vietnam 50 th Anniversary
March Monday 20 th -- 24 th 2023
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102 Field Workshop.
Gannawarra - 29th - 30th
September 2023
Contact Noel Lake - 03 54569246
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#### RAEME VIctoria - MEMBERSHIPSBLUE BELLS REPORT

Late 1971 saw Australian – New Zealand forces end combat duties and withdraw the First Australian Task Force from the base at Nui Dat.

Some of the equipment gleaned from other allied forces had to be disposed of. The 1 Field Squadron Workshop Caterpillar 12 grader, (complete with RAEME TAC sign) & which was the newest and best conditioned unit was cut up and destroyed. A diesel engine was placed in the dam. The workshop still managed RTA extra equipment. One of the D8 dozers was RTA, with a cracked engine block and track frame after meeting with very high explosive. The operator had his head out the observation hole in the cabin roof, catching fresh air, sitting on the oil tank controlling the "levers" with his feet. He survived the blast. This took place when clearing one of our minefields.

In this edition we have two photos taken within the Phuoc Tuy province during the Land Clearing Operation at Long Hai Mountain range. The first is from a helicopter, which had to hover above, while fire from Australian 105 Howitzers at the Long Greens, pounded the hills. You can pick out two rounds in the air, hopefully low enough to miss the Iroquois.



The second is Caterpillar D8H Number 4 [Acre – eater] The drab olive colour helps to disguise amongst the scrub at the base of the Long Hai range. The area to be cleared was broken up in



They weren't cleared in any particular order, which prevented the enemy from reading the "play". Land clearing was carried out by both Engineer units 17 Construction and 1 Field Sqns. The construction of the Nui Dat dam was another Joint project. There were 15 Low Speed size 6 with Angle ozer Blade [Rome Plow] and winch. There were Low Speed Size 6 with Dozer Blade [Bull Blade] and Ripper. U.S. Land Clearing Team used D7E Caterpillar Bulldozers and later D9.

Arte et Marte Dennis Clarke

President - RAEME Vietnam Assoc.

# CRAFTSMAN

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DEADLINE
1 October 2022

As there is still ample time between now and the 1st of October cut off, please dig though your photo's and memorabilia from special events and send them through along with any articles you wish to see in the upcoming edition.

Please be sure to follow the guidelines for submissions as per the editorial notes -

Please note: Photos should be in colour, if possible, with captions included. Images should ideally be at least 300dpi, photos should be high resolution (1 – 2 MB as a minimum) and saved as a either JPG or PNG Format (preferred). Save your text in Microsoft Word. Email your Word document/s and photo/s and we'll take it from there.





Anthony Robert "Chic" Henry, William Bill Ronald Cleland - 30th Blacksmith, Jeff Simpson - 30th Fitter Machinist, Barry Teal - 10th Intake - (Designer of the Balcome & Bonegilla Army Apprentice School Association Badge), Bazza Deadman - 2nd Intake Plumber, Chris Sullivan - 25th VM, 187322 Jason 'Jace' Tinson - 46th VM, Trevor 'Clyde' Steart, WO1 Russ Stanley, Rob De Visser -58759 Michael Gra 'Mick' Rosser, 243046 James 'Jim' Host - 12th Intake Fitter, John Hook, Darryl Hawke - 20th Intake, ASM Darryn Hooper - 35th Intake, John Chenhall,



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Spanner Club - Dates to be confirmed.

Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Service 4th August - 3.00pm. 106 Fd Wksp - 4th - 6th November- Deniliquin RSL-1 Field Squadron Wksp - October 20th - 22nd Wodonga 1 Armoured Regiment LAd - October 15-17th - Bendigo 17 Construction Sqn Wksp 17th - 22nd October.

#### 2023 Calendar

1 DIV S&D Wskp - 1st - 4th March 2023 - Phillip Island. One ALSG - 20th - 24th March 2023 - Broken Hill. 102 Field Wksp - 29th-30th September 2023 - Gannawarra VIC.

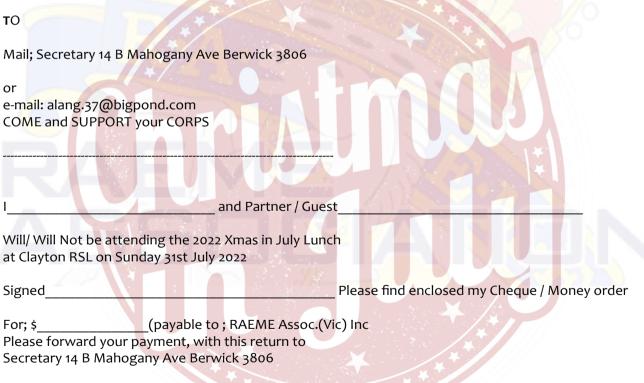


RAEME Assn (VIC) Inc 2022 Annual General Meeting 2022 XMAS IN JULY LUNCH Clayton RSL Carinish Rd Clayton Sunday 31st July 2022 Opposite Clayton Railway Station WHO IS INVITED?

All Serving and Retired Members of the Corps with their Partner or Guest

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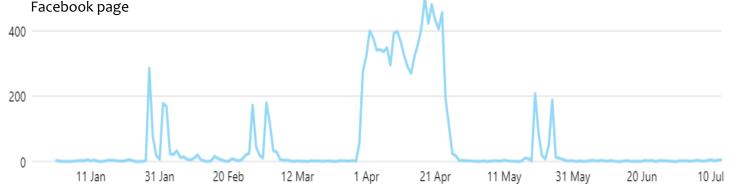
# The Power of Social Media -

Facebook Page reach **6** 

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For those that are new to the world of digital media, I thought this would interest you into the workings of how putting up a post, a picture and/or a story can be an extremely effect tool for engagement with others.

Below are some of the quantifiable data that is received for the RAEME Association of VICTORIA's



Facebook Page visits 6

The graph above shows that since the start of January this year, we have seen the posts and content  $249_{\uparrow 29\%}$  that is put up onto the page, reach a target demographic of 5537 people.

Visits to the page have been up by 29%, with a total of 249 visits for the first 6 months of 2022. This, along with the reach can expand greatly, based on the content of the posts provided, whereby a favourable story and/or event will boost the data to a great integrated reach and target audience.



As a comparison to the organic data above, below shows how effective the market integration can be, if the content is part of a "paid reach" to boost the audience. The spike for April was based on a paid ad that I had created for our Pub - LP's Cafe-Bar-Restaurant, where we hosted an ANZAC day event. For the outcome of just under \$50.00, that advertisment reached a total of 6,226 people.



It gives you a better idea of why I always look to get new content, not just for the Flash newsletters, but it also helps to build that integrated marketing communication that helps cross the generation gap that exists between the tradition forms of media and the new digital age.

Cheers, Editor.

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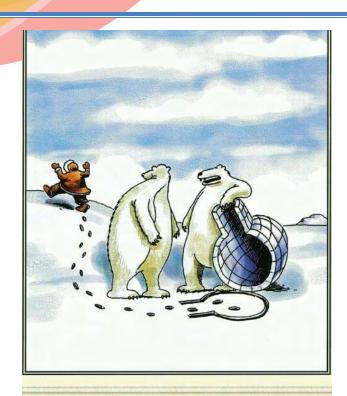
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# On a lighter note-



"The fuel light's on, Frank! We're all going to die! ... Wait, wait. ... Oh, my mistake—that's the intercom light."



"I lift, you grab. ... Was that concept just a little too complex, Carl?"



"I'm sorry for doubting you're sick.

I guess I can shop by myself."

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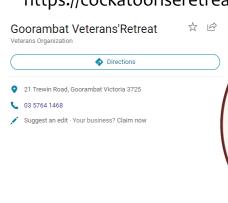




https://www.veteransretreatsaustralia.info/

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/









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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.

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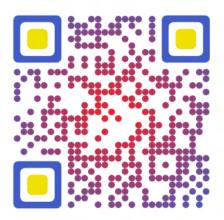
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