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# THE LIGHTNING FLASH

**May 2019**

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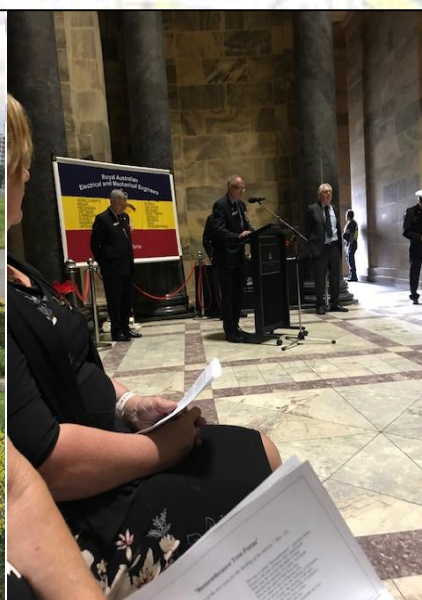
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2019 Melbourne CBD – Shrine of Remembrance. RAEME Remembrance Service

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT May 2019

Our Annual RAEME Remembrance Service was held on Sun 10 Mar 19 at The Shrine of Remembrance, noting it was a long weekend it was great to see so many turn up. It was good to see our long time Padre John Brownbill officiate after a stint in hospital.

Only 10 members participated in the ANZAC Day reunion held at Clayton RSL, for those that attended thank you and there were quite a few laughs and tales told.

ANZAC Day 2019 saw about 30 odd members marching, although we were stopped from marching with the Vietnam Veteran we still lead the logistics contingent. I was indeed honored to be alongside our patron BRIG Ermert in leading our association

A very big thank you to the OC CAPT Stephen Huysing and the Cadets from MHSACU for again providing our Banner Carries for the ANZAC Day march.

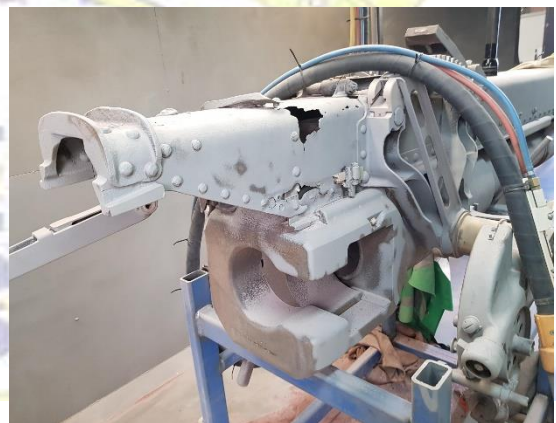
The Committee of Management and I wish our Secretary, Alex Birrell, a speedy recovery after undergoing a mid-life upgrade.

The restoration of a WW1 Artillery Piece (Krupp Field Gun) is progressing with sand blasting being completed on the barrel with the next step being undercoating. There will be another working bee to assemble the gun in August.... a separate email will be sent out to request any volunteers to assist with the reassembling of the gun and painting of the CAM pattern.

*Arte et Marte*

Allan Hawkins

President





## SECRETARY'S REPORT

2019

### Spanner Club Events

Regular Spanner Club events are organised by the Victoria Barracks Chapter. Events during 2018 were a great success. Unfortunately, the owner of the previous venue has moved on. The Victoria Barracks Chapter has secured a new venue for 2019, it is The Vault located at 5/540 Little Collins Street Melbourne. Spanner club events dates are as follows with each event commencing at 1600;

21 June 2019,  
16 August 2019,  
11 September 2019, and  
22 November 2019.

### RAEME Birthday 2019

Planning for the 2019 RAEME Birthday function is underway. Details will be disseminated later in the year.

### Memorabilia and Collectables

I have recently received several enquiries in relation to RAEME collectables and personal memorabilia. Unfortunately, the association does not have a dedicated facility to store and display these items. If you have any questions in relation to the donation on any of these items, please don't hesitate to contact me via our website.

**Alex Birrell**  
**Secretary**  
RAEME Association Victoria

**SUBJECT:** 40 Year Reunion of Commonwealth Ceasefire Monitoring Force \_ Rhodesia

**Email:** ulyssess39371@gmail.com

### Message Passed on via National Association for dissemination.

Could you please pass on the Reunion Notice below to your members through your magazine and Facebook page - your assistance in this is much appreciated

40 Year Reunion of Commonwealth Ceasefire Monitoring Force \_ Rhodesia  
6 – 8 March 2020 - Kedron Waverley RSL Qld

Members of the Commonwealth Ceasefire Monitoring Force (CCMF) are hosting their first reunion in 40 years since returning from Rhodesia/Zimbabwe. Reunion is open to all those that served as part of the CCFM and Rhodesian Forces including wives and partners. Reunion includes Meet and Greet on Friday 6 March and Dinner on 7 March. This is our first reunion it will be a great event and an opportunity to unite together, catch up with old mates and make some new mates. Please pass this on to anyone that you know that served in the CCMF or the Rhodesian Forces

For further information please contact:  
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# 2019 RESERVE FORCES DAY CEREMONY



**SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2019**

10:00 hrs

**Shrine of Remembrance - Melbourne**

**To honour and recognise those who have served as members of the Reserve Forces in Australia**

## Program

**0930 hours** Report to assembly area at the Flag Poles on the forecourt

Briefing of Association Presidents

**0945 hours** Banners /Standards to the grassed area beside Eternal Flame

**0955 hours** Muster of all members onto the forecourt 4-5 ranks in one formation

**1000 hours** Flypast of Vintage Planes from Pt Cook RAAF Museum

**1000 hours** Ceremony to commence with:

Welcome, Guest Speaker, Wreath Laying, Ode, National Anthem

**1030 hours** Ceremony concludes

**Dress:** For Males Beret, jacket with medals, trousers or suit, black shoes

For Females a similar or suitable attire is expected

**Seating:** on the grassed area North Side Eternal Flame

**Photographers:** in attendance

**Light Refreshments:** Refreshments at conclusion – Gold Coin Donation

**Wet Weather Plan** – Ceremony moved to Shrine Sanctuary

**Further Details** : Contact Brian Neal 0409 197 913 or

Danny Hill 03 5945 1034 attendance replies appreciated







My father's father rode to war  
He never spoke of what he saw  
Ramrod straight and forged from steel  
I never saw him cry  
I took him to the Mountains wild  
He'd not been there since a child  
Blue Waterholes down to Long Plain road  
He searched the horizon with an eagle eye  
We stopped the night off Port Phillip trail  
I listened in awe to his mountain tails  
But a boy when he left for war  
Childhood gone evermore  
The morning light came cool and slow  
Plains and valleys cast in eerie glow  
A wildling Bay stepped from the swirling mist  
Head held high and proud  
This is the horse that served me well  
He carried me through a living hell  
Ancestral blood courses through his veins  
I can see it in his eyes  
I know it's not the same brave horse  
My Mahogany was abandoned to the sands of course  
I left him on that fateful shore

A photograph of two men in military uniforms standing indoors. The man on the left is wearing a dark beret with a crest, a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a dark striped tie. He has several medals pinned to his left chest. The man on the right is wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a light blue patterned tie. He has a red poppy pinned to his left lapel and a medal on a ribbon around his neck. They are standing in front of a wooden door and a wall with a blue sign that partially reads 'LES' and 'ERS'.

President of RAEME Association Victoria, Alan Hawkins helping the Australian Army Cadets with the packing up of the Association banner after the ANZAC Day march.



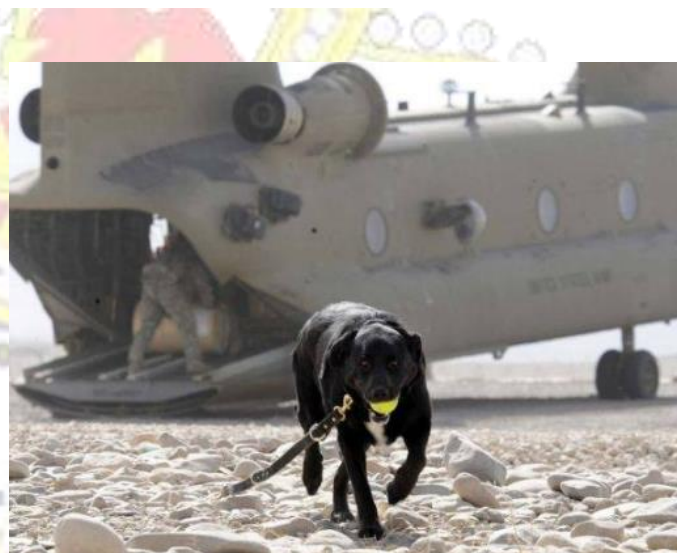


1. 55301 Kevin William Bosse. (22nd C&J). Passed away 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
2. 242989 Ronald 'Ron' Leonard. Passed away in April.
3. 342833 Francis William Doyle. Passed away Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- 4.
5. Raymond 'Fuzz' Howard Brown (13th VM). No other details at this stage.
6. Roger Jonson (24th C&J).
7. 56543 Robert John Mincham. (26th EM)
8. 1204608 - Mark Gerard Tobin (28th VM)
9. 62821 Clinton Allen Pash (30th Fitter Maintenance)

### Canberra



### Overseas



### Tributes Page

If you are out and about, and spot a great cenotaph, memorial or tribute to those that gave so much, please feel free to send me a photo, and I will add these in on a regular basis. Alternatively, if there are different things you would like to see within the publication, again...please send these through.

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### Bendigo.

**Membership:** 2019-2020 Association Membership are due no later than 1st July 2019 in accordance with Rule 5.9(g)

Annual fee notices have now been forwarded to Association Members.

Note; Chapter Members will receive Fee notice under separate cover from their respective Chapters

**ANZAC Day Reunion:** Was poorly attended with only 10 attending. Those attending had a great day with plenty of tales that got longer as the day progressed along with great food and one or two beverages. It was a pity more members were unable to attend.



**2019 Remembrance Day:** Was well attended by about 30 Members with President Allan Hawkins presiding the Ceremony in the Sanctuary and at our RAEME Tree with our Chaplain John Brownhill saying Grace.

Members then attended a light luncheon in the Western Gallery

Our thanks to Dennis Clarke for the making and laying of the crosses for our departed mates



Members attending 2109 Remembrance Service at our RAEME Tree presided by President Allan Hawkins

**ANZAC Day:** Was well attended with 30 marching. Once again the Marshalls had the Association out of the order of March. We were supposed to March with RAEME Vietnam Veterans 1. The error could be that RAEME Assn (Vic) Inc was not included on the issued order of March.

**Our thanks;** To the OC CAPT Stephen Huysing and the Cadets from MHSACU for providing our Banner Carries. To MAJ Jessica LUCIANI OC providing a vehicle, 15FSS, PTE Jack Stocky as the driver to transport our RAEME Veterans to the march, giving these members the opportunity to be involved in the March

Passing of Widow Pat Nevill 5th February 2019

Alex Birrell; We wish Alex a speedy recovery from his Hip Operation 8-5-2019

**Alan Rogers**  
**Arte et Marte**



Crosses at our RAEME Tree with Poppies placed on crosses by our attending members



## Social Media Pages



- Australian Army Apprentices Association
- RAEME
- Army Apprentices are the cream of Australian Youth
- RAEME MATES
- RAEME Association Victoria
- Appy Motorcyclists
- Richmond RSL.
- Berwick RSL
- Modern Soldier
- National Vietnam Veterans Association.



Instagram

- raemevicasn
- modern\_soldier
- australianarmy
- adfaacademy

Please don't forget to link your associations and/or relevant pages if you wish to have things of interest shared across the brethren.

Thanks in advance,



<https://www.awm.gov.au/learn/podcasts/Collected>

### About

Collected is a podcast series exploring the artefacts that make up the National Collection of the Australian War Memorial.

Join journalist Louise Maher over 12 episodes as she takes a closer look at the obscure, popular, strange, and wonderful items in the collection.

Through conversations with historians and curators, and first-hand accounts from the people connected with these artefacts, Maher peels back the layers of history and uncovers the stories that the public don't always get to hear.

Some interesting stories for those that wish to learn about how the items came to be on display. Copy the above link into your browser.



## Upcoming Events

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- June 21<sup>st</sup>. SPANNER CLUB – VAULT CAFÉ & BAR. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- \*July 7<sup>th</sup>. Reserve Forces Day. Shrine of Remembrance. St Kilda Rd. 3004 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia – New Addition.
- August 16<sup>th</sup>. SPANNER CLUB – VAULT CAFÉ & BAR. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- August 17<sup>th</sup>. RAV Association Meeting. Melbourne CBD. TBA 1400 – 1500HRS
- October 11<sup>th</sup>. SPANNER CLUB – VAULT CAFÉ & BAR. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- November 16<sup>th</sup>. RAV Association Meeting. Clayton RSL. 1300 – 1430HRS
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>. SPANNER CLUB – VAULT CAFÉ & BAR. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- November 30<sup>th</sup>. RAEME Birthday Function. TBA
- 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Kedron Waverley RSL Club.  
40 Year Reunion of Commonwealth Ceasefire Monitoring Force \_ Rhodesia

**Blue Bell**

## **Vietnam Veterans Southern Chapter**

President            Dennis Clarke  
Vice – President   Graeme Unmack  
Secretary           Dennis Meek

### **RAEME VIETNAM Unit Re- Unions**

#### **102 Field Workshop**

“Avondale” 601 Bray’s Road Gannawarra Victoria

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Noel Lake 03 5456 9246

[koonda@active8.net.au](mailto:koonda@active8.net.au)

#### **1 Armoured Regiment LAD**

Canberra NSW October 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

Capital Country Holiday Park

Russ Cunningham. 0437 834089

[bungie12@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bungie12@bigpond.net.au)

#### **17 Construction Squadron Workshop**

Albany Western Australia October 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>

George Jones – Freedom of the City

#### **1 Field Squadron Workshop**

Hervey Bay Queensland August 2020

Norm Barrett 0414 342819

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## Victoria Barracks Chapter Presidents Report.



### THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED

#### Victoria Barracks Chapter

#### President's Report (Mar 2019 to May 2019)

The Victoria Barracks Chapter held a 'Spanner Club' at the Vault Espresso Bar, Shop 5/540 Little Collins Street, CBD, Melbourne VIC 3000 on Friday 12 April 2019. The venue owner put on hot chips at no cost and we ran a raffle to get funds for snacks at the next Spanner Club, which is on 21 June 2019. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended and many stories were told, some retold and most probably embellished.

The planned dates for the remaining 2019 "Spanner Clubs" are:

21 Jun  
*19 Jul - Proposed AGM for Vic Bks Chapter*  
 16 Aug  
 11 Oct  
 22 Nov

On ANZAC Day, we held a function at the Vault Espresso Bar, Shop 5/540 Little Collins Street, CBD, Melbourne VIC 3000. There were reportedly about 100 turned up as Anzac House had advertised it. Unfortunately we had nobody at the function who wanted to run the two-up so no money was raised. Hopefully this does not impact on us being able to conduct 2-up at our function next year.

Phil Nugent has moved to South Australia and has tendered his resignation as Vice President. Noel Goltz has volunteered to fill the position as an interim measure until our AGM.

The Chapter has discussed previously the possibility of having a Member only (partners included) dinner sometime around the middle of the year. I will be including this on the agenda for our AGM which is likely to be held in conjunction with the next Spanner Club.

President Vic Bks Chapter RAV

*R. Gillett*

## Victoria Barracks Chapter Membership



**THE RAEME ASSOCIATION (Victoria) INCORPORATED**  
 Incorporation No.A0022655  
 Patron Brigadier C.Ermert ARMIT Msc FIE Aust CPEng (Rtd)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP**  
**Victoria Barracks Chapter**

**For: ORDINARY; ASSOCIATE Membership of the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc**

**Mr./Mrs/Rank** (Full Given Names) \_\_\_\_\_

(Surname) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth / / Home Phone N<sup>o</sup>( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile Email

Orders and Decorations \_\_\_\_\_

Last Serving Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**I, the above mentioned, request membership to the RAEME Association (Vic) Inc. and agree to be bound by the Rules and By-law's of the Association**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

Nominated; \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ M;ship No \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

Seconded; \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ M;ship No \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

Ordinary Members: Annual Subscription \$20-00  
 Associate Members: Annual Subscription \$15-00

**PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM PLUS PAYMENT**

**To: The Membership Officer**  
**RAEME Association Vic. Inc. (Victoria Barracks Chapter)**  
**Mr Phillip Coulton**  
**PO Box 789 Port Melbourne VIC 3207**  
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**Payment by; Cheque, Money Order, or EFT**  
**EFT; BSB 833-205 Account Number 20338108**

**Made out to RAEME Association (Vic) Inc Victoria Barracks Chapter Membership**

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Membership No \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded on Membership List \_\_\_\_\_ Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Fees – Due 30<sup>th</sup> June. NO LATER than July 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

Reminder to those members who are yet to pay their 2018-2019 Membership fees that your **FEES** are now well overdue.

For **EASE** of remittance, could we ask please that all peoples that do pay their fees, **PLEASE ENSURE** that you put your **NAME** down in the **reference** section for online payments, and also advise Alan Rogers of payment so as he can allocate payments received to valid memberships.

In order that your Association may remain viable it would be appreciated if you can forward your overdue fees;

EFT to raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com or Post to Membership Officer PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate 3805

Without the Annual fee it becomes difficult for the Association Treasurer to meet the financial commitment of the Association.

Alan Rogers

Arte et Marte

Please follow the EFT details as noted BELOW.

**This the only way I know that you have paid your Annual Fees**

Please advise Membership Officer of **EFT Payment Details**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Membership No\_\_\_\_\_

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EFT to Bank a/c at - NAB; BSB: 083 547 Account No: 28634 9442

I continue to remain on Committee as Membership Officer so members can look forward to the many e-mails that I sent as Secretary to continue if only to extract you hard earned cash to keep the Treasurer happy.

I have also offered to continue the distribution of our newsletter 'The Lightning Flash and organise our Shrine Remembrance Day.

Alan Rogers

Arte et Marte

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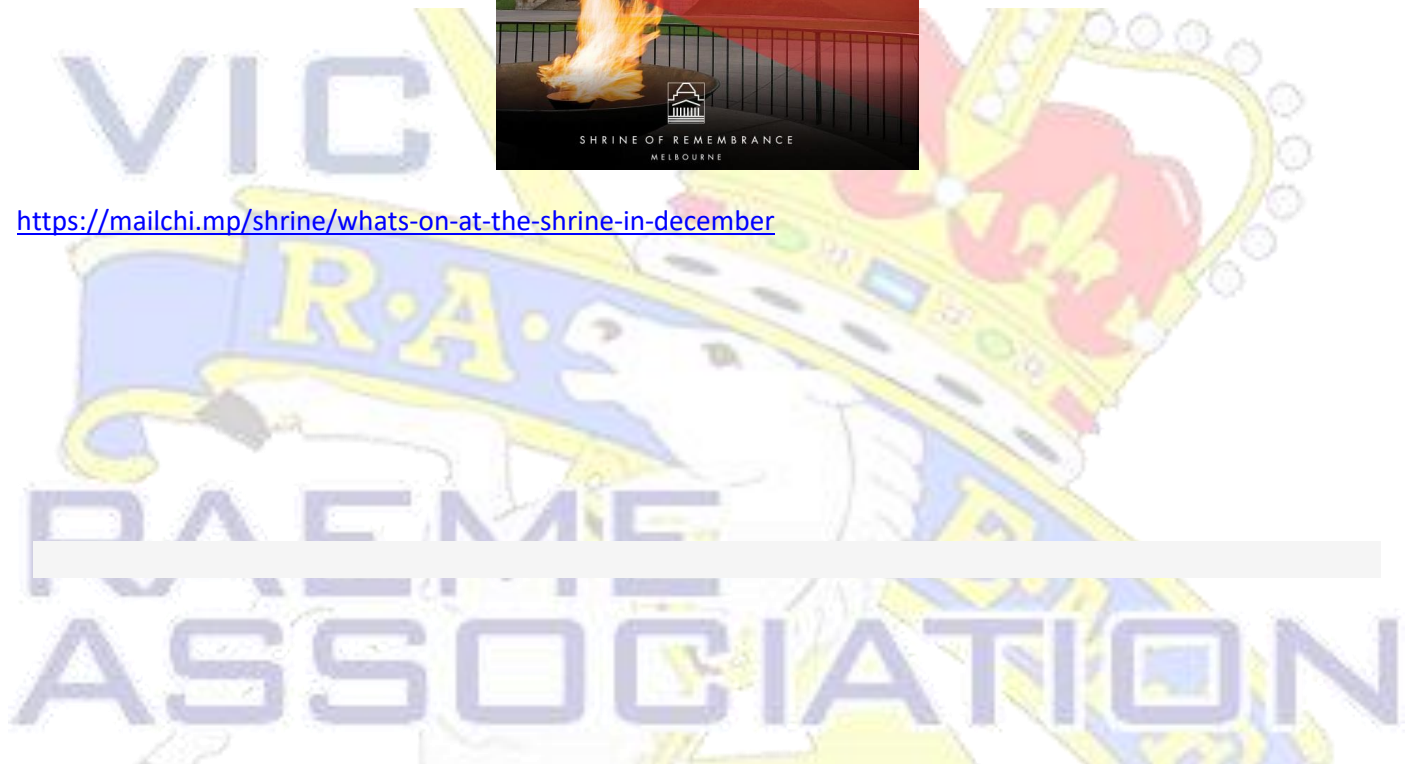
**Welcome to the Army Museum of  
South Australia**



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



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