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Exercise Talisman Sabre.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT August 2019

Greetings one and all,

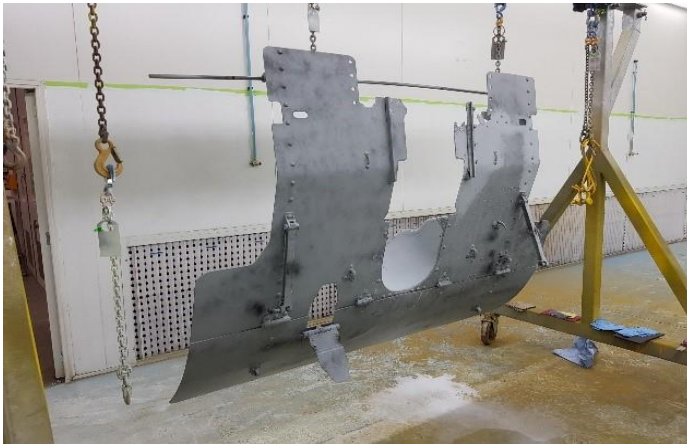
Over the last three months there has been a lot of action in the ARMY Reserve world that saw the culmination of activities descending to Shoalwater Bay as part of Talisman Sabre 19. This exercise saw a large number of combatants from our allied countries and included Reservists from 4 CSSB, 15 FSS and 2 FSB pitting their skills with their regular counterparts. I had the opportunity to be part of it and observe other facets and was in admiration of the "CAN DO" attitude of the reservists, whether that be as a GD, Cook, Driver, Clerk, Qwee or our very own Spanners (in what-ever capacity they held). They can all hold their heads high on the job they performed and the service they provided.

In June, I had the pleasure along with the OC 105 WKSP COY MAJ Bart Kohler in presenting CFN Damien Thompson with his 2018 ARA Craftsman of the Year Southern Region Award. Damien was unable to be at our Birthday Diner last year to be presented as he was working interstate and due to his roster, this was the first chance to congratulate him. Well done Damien.



The restoration of a WW1 Artillery Piece (Krupp Field Gun) is progressing at a fast pace now (big thank you to **VP Peter Crosby** for pushing this along) with the Barrel, Gun Shield, Trail and wheels being undercoated. The photo of the breech end shows the serial number of this gun as 548. The last photo shows the construction of the wheels, these were manufactured by CPL Brendon Ryan (Metalsmith) from 105 WKSP Coy, Great work Ryno.....There will be another working bee to assemble the gun in late August and as previously mentioned, 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. The gun has to be finalized by mid-September to allow time for movement and fitment onto its new foundations in preparation for Remembrance Day 2019.





As we draw close to the 2019 RAEME Association Victoria Annual General Meeting, it has been indeed an honour and a privilege to be your President.

To the committee, I thank you for your support, dedication and input. To the members, without your attendance and at times valuable input we would not have an association, I thank you.

Please mark your calendars for 2019 RAEME Association Victoria Annual General Meeting to be held at Clayton RSL on Sunday 15 September 2019.

Arte et Marte

Allan Hawkins

President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2019

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting for 2019 being held on Sunday 15 September 2019 at the Clayton RSL commencing at 1200. It would be wonderful to catch up with as many of you as possible. If you are able to attend, please complete the attendance form in this edition and return to me. The meeting will be followed by a light luncheon. Giving notice of your attendance ensures that we can cater for you.

Annual membership fees are now due. If you have not responded to the membership member, you can do so via the e-mail address

raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com.

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;

16 August 2019, - *(Changed Venue. See Calendar details.)*

11 September 2019, and

22 November 2019.

Information

I am looking for innovative ways to attract new members to the Association from currently serving or recently discharged members of the Corps. if anyone has any ideas they believe can assist us to attract new members, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at secretary@vic.raeme.org.au

RAEME Birthday 2019

Planning for RAEME Birthday celebrations for this year is underway. More information will be circulated to members once venue and costs are finalised.

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.

Arte et Marte

Alex Birrell
Secretary
 RAEME Association Victoria

Notice of Annual General Meeting

OF

The RAEME Association (Victoria) Incorporated

Incorporation Reg No A00226552

Sunday 15th September 2019 at 1200hrs

Clayton RSL (Opposite Railway Station)

Carinish Rd Clayton

Agenda items / Motions to be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than 1800hrs

Sunday 18th August 2019

Note; Rule 5.9 (g) Annual Subscriptions shall be paid in advance on or before the 1st July each year (h) A Service or Affiliate member who has not paid their Annual Subscription is not entitled to speak or vote at a meeting including elections, or to hold any office in the Association or a Chapter

Please advise attendance for catering purposes

LIGHT LUNCHEON SUPPLIED- DRINKS AT MEMBERS EXPENSE

WILL / WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE 2019 AGM

WILL / WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE LUNCH AT THE 2019 AGM

Reply to; Alex Birrell by 18th August 2019 at the following

Email; secretary@vic.raeme.org.au

Mail; 58 White Ave Romsey VIC 3434

Note;

Due to the increasing costs the catering will be determined by the returns received.
Failure to confirm lunch attendance, may result in having the meal at own expense.

Alex Birrell
Association Secretary

Committee of Management Nominations

Members wishing to nominate for the 2019-20 Committee of Management should contact the Association Secretary for a nomination form.

Completed Nomination forms must be with the Association Secretary no later than 1800hrs 18th August 2019

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

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NOTE: Telephone Nominations will not be accepted

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



Photo of Informal Reserve Forces Parade 7th July 2019 at the Melbourne Shrine
Approximately 150 attended.

The day was held to continue the recognition of those who served in the CMF now named Reserve Forces
At this point it is envisaged that a similar Parade will be held next year with a greater attendance



Vietnam Veterans Southern Chapter

President Dennis Clarke

Vice – President Graeme Unmack

Secretary Dennis Meek

RAEME Vietnam Southern Chapter held a recent meeting at Waverley RSL. John Scully, who is the Defence Force Welfare Association, honorary ADF Vocational Training Advisor, gave some insight into their activities. There was also some discussion on some of the problems being experienced by some other welfare organizations.

Vietnam Long Tan Day held at the Shrine, on the eighteenth August will see the fifty-year anniversary of the Hat Dich and Binh Ba Tank Battles, in which One Armoured Regiment RAEME LAD Elements were deployed.

Of the 417 battle deaths suffered by Australian service personal during the war in Vietnam, more than 349 were inflicted after the battle of Long Tan as were more than 2,045 of the 2,362 battle wounds [Australian War Memorial Stats] These figures belie the often quoted statement that after Long Tan “The Australians were never seriously challenged” again in Phuoc Tuy Province. Long Tan was significant, but Any soldier in the heat of battle the challenge remains the same.

A RAEME Soldier at the Battle of Long Tan. By 41961 WO1 R.C [Bob] Thompson

NOTE: Abridged Version.....

Forty years ago I heard a story about RAEME involvement at Long Tan. I heard it again in 1999, when I was applying to have Flt Lt Cliff Dohle’s MID upgraded to DSM. He piloted the first ammunition re- supply helicopter to ‘D’ Company 6 RAR at Long Tan. Two years later I found 1200605 CFN Robert Service - Armourer attached 6 RAR. As a small group of Admin Company soldiers were loading the last of the “ammo” onto Dohle’s A2-1022 Iroquois, during a tropical monsoon down pour, ‘Q’ store Corporal Bill McCutcheon with a bundle of blankets and boarded the helicopter. He needed help to wrap the ‘ammo’ boxes so I joined him on board. While we were task busy, the pilot took off, with the engine sound, storm noise, blocked out any “coms” between the adrenalin rushed, expanded crew. As the “chopper” descended to rain soaked rubber tree top height, [20-30ft. above ground] like sitting ducks. It banked to one side and we pushed out “ammo” boxes, some in sand bags with the aid of the “Door Gunner”. After the drop the two Iroquois returned to Nui Dat with Dohle’s co-pilot Flt Lt Bruce lane, door gunners CPL Bill Harrington and LAC Brian Hill. The other “slick” A2- 1020, was flown by Flt Lt Francis Riley and Flt Lt Robert Grandin with door gunners, LAC Blue Collins and LAC George Stirling. The Aircraft A2-1022 is now restored as a Memorial and sits on a stand out the front of Queensland’s Caloundra RSL.

RAEME VIETNAM Unit Re- Unions**102 Field Workshop**

“Avondale” 601 Bray’s Road Gannawarra Victoria

4th – 6th October 2019

Noel Lake 03 5456 9246

koonda@active8.net.au

1 Armoured Regiment LAD

Canberra NSW October 25th to 27th

Capital Country Holiday Park

Russ Cunningham. 0437 834089

bungie12@bigpond.net.au

17 Construction Squadron Workshop

Albany Western Australia October 14th to 18th

George Jones - Freedom of the City

1 Field Squadron Workshop

Hervey Bay Queensland August 2020

Norm Barrett 0414 342819

normbarrett@bigpond.com.au



1. 310717 Kenneth [Sandy] Alfred TOCOCK.
2. HOLMES. William (Bill). 8/6/2019
3. 18546 Clive Dudley BRYANT
4. 325464 Darryn COLLINGS. 27/7/19
5. 4720012 Trevor Thomas SMITH.
6. 243040 Maxwell Gordon BROWN
7. 47198 Kelly Michael KNOTT
8. Douglas James TINK.
9. 342823 Charles ('Chas') Edward CALCRAFT
10. Gordon GARGANO
11. 48573 Peter Rex SINCLAIR
12. 243275 Ken FROST

Stand Down Gents. Rest Easy.



Bill Holmes
Vale 12th March 1924--8th June 2019.



In December 1941, 2 weeks after Japan had entered the war, a 17-year-old Bill Holmes, forged his mother's signature, which was giving him approval to join the army. Bill was posted to the 7th Aust. Infantry Bn. This Battalion along with others, were initially sent to Darwin and so began contact with the enemy through numerous air raids over a period of 23 months.

The next move for Bill was to New Guinea and into action on the Island of Bougainville, a Japanese stronghold. Bill was a Bren Gunner and was awarded the Honour M.I.D. (Mention in Dispatches). The citation words were "For exceptional service in the field in the S.W.P. area". Bill was discharged from the army, in April, 1946.

In 1948 the CMF was reformed, Bill was one of its very early recruits, this time joining RAEME (105 Infantry WKSP). Bill served in various RAEME postings over a twenty-year period, reaching the rank of WO2. Soon after joining RAEME, Bill joined the RAEME Association and so became one of our longest serving members.

Bill's funeral service was well attended and included his long time WW2 and CMF mate, Lyal Butling, John Lee, Brian Driscoll and Alan Rogers.

RIP ARTE ET MARTE.

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

Thanks in advance,



- 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.



RAV Inc. LIFE MEMBERS - @ 26/07/2019

M'Shp No.		Surname	Christian Name
1	049	HEPBURN (TINY) 2004	George
2	016	LEE 2008	John
3	021	CARTLEDGE 2010	Peter
4	012	ILLIA 2011	Aranka
5	121	ALLEN 2012	Gus
6	302	MARLEY 2013	Pat
7	040	ROGERS 2015	Alan
8	BAN	TURNER (B) 2016	Andy
9	VV	CLARKE 2017	Dennis
10	070	NEWBOND 2018	Mike

Dennis Clarke and Pat Marley presenting plaques to the Waverley RSL on Monday 22 July.

Dennis presented a RAEME Vietnam badge plaque and I presented an Army Apprentices School, Balcombe badge plaque.

L-R) Dennis Clarke, President RAEME Vietnam Veterans Southern; Chris Toohey, General Manager Waverley RSL; and Pat Marley, Life Member, RAEME Association (Vic).

Overseas deployed RAEME Troops

Several Packages of Magazines have now been dispatched to our overseas deployed Troops. In the next couple of months' further packages will be dispatched

Upcoming Events Calendar

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- June 21st. SPANNER CLUB – VAULT CAFÉ & BAR. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- July 7th. Reserve Forces Day. Shrine of Remembrance. St Kilda Rd. 3004 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia –
- August 16th. SPANNER CLUB – **CHANGED VENUE** – **MAIL EXCHANGE HOTEL**. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- August 17th. RAV Association Meeting. Melbourne CBD. TBA 1400 – 1500HRS
- October 11th. SPANNER CLUB – VAULT CAFÉ & BAR. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- **AGM – RAEME VIC ASSOC. 15th September 2019. Clayton RSL, Carinish Road. Clayton. VIC 1200HRS. New Addition.**
- November 16th. RAV Association Meeting. Clayton RSL. 1300 – 1430HRS
- November 22nd. SPANNER CLUB – VAULT CAFÉ & BAR. 1600HRS – 5/540 Lt Collins Street.
- November 30th. RAEME Birthday Function. TBA
- **6 – 8th March 2020. Kedron Waverley RSL Club.**
- **40 Year Reunion of Commonwealth Ceasefire Monitoring Force _ Rhodesia**

Membership Subscription Renewals

**THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
Association (Victoria) Incorporated**
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2019 to 2020 Annual Subscription

Dear Member

Your Annual Subscription for the year 2019 to 2020 are now due

Member Fees

2019 to 2020 Fees Due	\$20-00
Outstanding Fees	
Total	\$20-00

**Fees are due and payable by the end of the 2019 Financial year
(30 June) but no later than 31 July 2019**

Regards

Alan Rogers

Membership Officer

Arte et Marte



Members Name _____ Mshp No _____ (if known)

Please find enclosed payment \$ _____

Cheque Money Order EFT

(Please circle appropriate Account)

By Post to;

Membership Officer
PO Box 2118
FOUNTAIN GATE 3805

**EFT; Bank NAB. Berwick BSB; 083 547 Acct No; 28634 9442
Made out to RAEME Association (Vic) Inc.; Annual Fees for 2019 to 2020**

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

Name _____ Membership No _____

e-mail to; raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com

Membership Report

To date Member fees have been slowly coming in with still about 30 Members yet to pay.

What I am still finding is that several members when paying by EFT are not recording their name when submitting payment, this means there no record on our Bank Statement hence I have no idea who the payment is from.

For members who have their notices posted, if you have an e-mail address it would be appreciated if this could be forwarded to me at raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com.

Alan Rogers

Membership
Arte et Marte

Food for Fellas

– remember your mum telling you as a kid to eat your veggies so you'd grow up to be strong and healthy?? Well what happened???

Becoming healthier doesn't have to be about huge, life-altering changes. It is about simple, effective and sustainable adjustments to the way you live and eat. It is about making the right choices most of the time and letting yourself enjoy the occasional indulgence.

The 'secret'

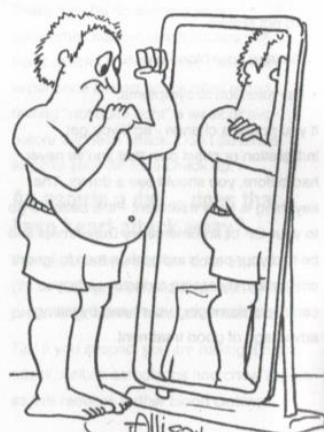
If there was a pill scientifically proven to prevent cancer, and to slow down the ageing process - would you want to know what it was? What if it wasn't a pill, but a food - would you eat it by the bucket load? The secret's out - it's fruit and vegetables. Aim for five serves of vegetables and two fruit per day. It's simple, try:

- Sliced banana on your cereal at breakfast
- An apple for morning tea
- Tomato and cucumber on your sandwich at lunch
- Carrots, broccoli and potato with grilled steak for dinner

There's your quota!!

Weight for it

There is no such thing as the 'perfect' weight. Based on your height, there is a weight range that is considered 'healthy' for you. Within this range, you are at the lowest risk of disease. To work this out, calculate your Body Mass Index (or BMI). Take your weight (in kg) and divide it by your height (in metres) squared. The ideal BMI is 20-25kg/m². If your BMI is too high, aim for slow and sustained weight loss of approximately 1/2-1kg per week. Losing even 10% of your body weight can help to decrease blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose levels.



Waist management

Your beer gut is a health hazard. Having fat around your belly means that there is more fat closer to your heart and around the organs. Men's natural inclination to store fat around the belly region is one of the main reasons that heart disease levels are higher in men than in women. Men with waist circumferences greater than 100cm are at increased risk of heart disease, type II diabetes and hypertension.

Step away from the buffet

Trying to find your way through the fast food, take-away and restaurant menu maze can be difficult. Here are some simple tips to guide you through and ensure you're looking after your health:

- Choose food described as grilled, BBQ'd, steamed and poached. Avoid battered, crispy, pan or deep fried foods;
- Be aware that sauces with cream, butter, coconut and pesto are laden with hidden fat – choose tomato based, teriyaki or vinaigrette sauces instead;
- Go easy on the alcohol - alternate drinks with water
- Although a potato is a vegetable, it doesn't count if it's roasted, fried, chipped, or scalloped!

Food for Fellas

- Pastry = fat
- Ask for no butter or margarine on rolls and sandwiches.

Having a sandwich doesn't necessarily mean you've made a healthy choice!! Skip the butter/marg/mayo. Choose low fat cheese. Avoid oily antipasto. Choose 3-4 fresh salads and lean meats. Choose grainy breads over white.

Energy in, energy out. . . .

Food provides us with energy. When we move we expend this energy. If we eat more than we expend, we put on weight - and vice versa. It's that simple. Weight tends to creep up on us slowly. If we put on as little as 3-5 grams per day, in one year we would have put on 1 - 1.8kg. After 10 years, that's 10-18kg! Goodbye lean, mean 20's, hello middle-age spread!

Reducing the total amount of energy you ingest will help to tip the scales in your favour, but increasing your energy expenditure will make it much easier. Exercising 30 minutes per day, three times per week will help to reduce your weight and improve your fitness.

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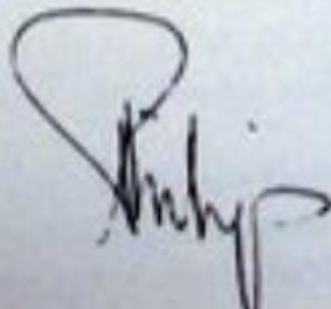
Royal Australian Electrical Mechanical Engineers Association (Vic) Inc.

Although hard to read, below is an insert of a letter from Buckingham Palace, with the signature of Prince Phillip. The letter is an endorsement of not only RAEME, but all the men and women that have, and are still serving. Tributes extend to the book, and noteworthy efforts from the "Craftsmen" of the Australian Army.

With the very rapid development of technology in the 20th century, the armies of the world started to be provided with increasingly powerful and sophisticated weapons and equipment. In the British Army, the maintenance of this equipment was originally the responsibility of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and much the same applied to the Armies of the Commonwealth and Empire. By the early days of the Second World War, it became apparent that the accounting for stores and the maintenance of complicated weapons and equipment were no longer compatible, and in 1942 the craftsmen of the ROAC were transferred to a newly-established Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

On 1st. December 1942, the Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was raised and was later given the honour of adding 'Royal' to its title. 1992 is therefore the fiftieth anniversary and a very appropriate moment to publish an authoritative history of the Corps. 'Craftsmen of the Australian Army - the story of RAEME' records its remarkable achievements in support of the Australian Army in every one of its campaigns. Engineering in well established workshops is quite difficult enough; to recover and repair battle-damaged equipment in make-shift conditions, in all kinds of weather and often under fire requires very special qualities of ingenuity and endurance. When things get really critical, it is the side that can keep its tanks moving, its guns firing and its electronics working that is most likely to win the day.

This book is a worthy tribute to Australia's soldier craftsmen and a timely reminder of the vital importance of the thousands of men, and now women, who give the front line soldiers the equipment they need to do their duties and the best chance to defeat the enemy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to be 'Philip', is written on a light-colored background.

Shared Communications.



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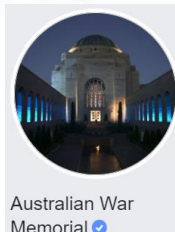


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