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## **ANZAC DAY 2020**

*2020 became a very different year to honour our fallen, with many restrictions in place preventing what would normally be a day of solemn remembrance and also a great day of mateship.*

*Sharing stories and each others company on ANZAC day has been a great tradition that I have loved over the years, which Im sure, many of you would echo as the same sentiments. Previous years would see the trains, trams and buses full with many already having braved the bitter cold morning for a local dawn service. Dressed in their finest clothes they would be quietly standing in groups at a form up point. Proudly wearing medals earned or medals of those, for which brings them to stand where they are. It's a day like no other! This year it was also a 'day like no other' but without the reflection or mateship. Yet many, (myself included) braved the early morning chill & stood at the end of their driveways and paid the same respects that they always do, for those that sacrificed so much, for so many.*

**LEST WE FORGET.** M. Editor.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT June 2020

### Presidents Report June 2020

This is my first report since the beginning of COVID 19 lockdown and I trust it finds you all in good health and I hope that things were not too stressful during this time. Things are slowly being eased to allow small gatherings and hopefully this will mean we can commence the Spanner Clubs and various other activities again.

COVID 19, like the bushfires earlier in the year, called on the support of our Defence Forces again in providing personnel in support of the state government at the Emergency Management Centre and regional areas around the state. This included things like logistic planning, movement control and other activities. To those that provided this support, thank you again for your service. To our health care and emergency services personnel, you are our guardian angels. Thank you for your continued support and assistance in this trying time.

ANZAC Day commemorations were vastly different this year, with no march or services. I, as many of you, showed our support at the end of our driveway in a solemn simple service to pay our respects to the fallen, past and present members of our Armed Forces. As a lot of you would have had different experiences, we could put together a book of photos and information about your emotions, feelings and activities on the day to preserve this unique celebration for future generations. If you are interested and wish to participate, please email me at [acespanner@hotmail.com](mailto:acespanner@hotmail.com), I look forward to receiving your thoughts and photos.

In closing, may you be happy, healthy and most of all stay safe.

*Arte et Marte*  
Allan Hawkins

President

Images provided by the RAEME Association of Victoria' Vice President Peter Crosby.

These are some of the images from the unveiling ceremony of the refurbished WW1 Artillery Gun that was set in place in Richmond.

## Richmond.

### 1. 150 mm Heavy Field Howitzer Model sFH13

Manufactured by the German firm Krupp in 1915, this 150 mm Heavy Field Howitzer became the Imperial German Army's principal gun of battle in World War I (WW1). Known to the Allied Forces as the 5.9 Inch Howitzer, Australian soldiers respected this weapon for the damage it was capable of inflicting on front line trenches and on artillery batteries behind the front lines.

This gun, serial number 548, was captured by the Australian Corps in northern France under Lieutenant General Sir John Monash in September 1918.

On 18 September 1918, as part of an Allied offensive that would ultimately lead to German defeat, the 1st and 4th Divisions of the Australian Imperial Force took a major part in attacking and breaching the Hindenburg Outpost Line, part of the Germans' heavily protected defensive zone.

The Australians' striking success in breaking through German defences, supported by British and French forces, opened the way to a direct assault on the main German defensive position. The Allied offensive persisted until the German command agreed to an armistice, on 11 November 1918. On 18 September alone, Australian forces suffered over 1260 casualties, but succeeded in taking 4300 prisoners and 76 guns like this one.

### 2. Recognition for Collingwood

Gun 548 arrived in Melbourne in 1919, and was initially stored in the Domain, on St Kilda Road, with other captured weapons, including field guns, trench mortars and machine guns. Here it awaited distribution by the Commonwealth Trophies Committee, whose task was to allocate trophies to local municipalities.

Local communities widely regarded war trophies as a recognition of their contribution to the war. Large weapons such as field guns could be particularly valued as an affirmation of a community's sacrifices, while other smaller trophies such as machine guns were often deemed as an affront to community pride. Thus when offered a howitzer in 1921, the then Collingwood council voted unanimously to accept the gun into its care.

The City of Collingwood placed the gun on display in Darling Gardens, facing Hoddle Street, where it remained for more than ninety years.

### 3. 'A relic of barbarism'

Displaying weapons of war in public space could be controversial. To some, the presentation of the gun acknowledged local people's sacrifices, including both those who enlisted and the families who watched them depart. It was a sign of community pride in what their soldiers achieved. It could also recognise what communities had endured in sending their loved ones away to war.

But the gun also attracted anti-war sentiments in Collingwood. In 1933 Councillor Laurie Marshall described the object as an instrument of killing and 'a relic of barbarism'. He urged the Council to have the gun – and any others like it – removed from public view. Marshall even recommended returning the gun to Germany as a gesture of goodwill and friendship, at a time when fears of future wars were beginning to rise again.

The attempt to remove the gun failed, but it caused local people to consider its meaning. While some saw it as celebrating violence and conflict, others insisted that it reflected the glory of the soldiers' sacrifices and achievements.

Councillor and returned soldier William Ruthven, VC, attempted to reconcile the two parties. The gun commemorated the deeds of soldiers, he insisted, but it could also act as a warning. Here was a symbol of destruction around which children could be instructed in the horrors of war, while recognising the sacrifices of those who died.

### 4. Removal and restoration

Once installed in outdoor spaces, maintaining large weapons of war proved difficult. Wooden parts deteriorated and metal components rusted and corroded. Before and after World War 2, numerous municipal councils sought to relieve themselves of responsibility for maintaining trophy guns due to their deteriorated state.

Yarra City Council removed the Collingwood gun from Darling Gardens in 2013, and began to evaluate its future. Relatively few trophy guns remain on public display, and community groups including the Richmond Returned and Services League, Collingwood Historical Society, and the Richmond and Burnley Historical Society, subsequently advocated for the restoration of the gun and its reinstallation.

Following a decision of the Council, restoration work commenced in 2018. This included stabilisation of metal components and repainting in the gun's original camouflage scheme. The gun's camouflage was designed to avoid detection from both the ground and air. It is reproduced here with reference to original photographic sources and existing museum pieces from the Australian War Memorial and other collections.

### 5. A new home

In October 2019, Yarra City Council reinstated Collingwood's trophy gun in the Barkly Gardens. It flanks the former City of Richmond's memorial to its soldiers in two world wars, Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam.

On the memorial's other flank is planted a descendant of the Lone Pine tree that originally stood on the Gallipoli battlefields in 1915. Together they represent the start and end of the terrible conflict of 1914-1918. They ask us to think again about the experience and impact of war in our own communities.

More Images available – Page 10.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Spanner Club Events

**Spanner club events.** With current situations of restrictions in place, the club functions have been put on hold until further notice. When government changes have been finalised and events are safe to attend, an update on when and where these will be going ahead will be posted via the website and the social media pages.

### 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](mailto:secretary@vic.raeme.org.au)

Very little to report for this edition. Unfortunately, as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic and imposed restrictions, members of the Association have been unable to get together since our Remembrance Service at the Shrine in February. As restrictions now appear to be easing, we should be able to get together soon with a Spanner Club function. Committee Meetings will also be able to resume on a face to face basis hopefully as early as July.

The cancellation of ANZAC Day ceremonies across the country has had an effect on our members. I ask all members of the Association to look out for each other and take the time to contact a mate. I have had some wonderful conversations with Spanners I had not heard from for a long time. Even though these conversations were not face to face they proved to be very uplifting in these times of isolation.

I would like to share my 2020 ANZAC Day experience with you.

At dawn on 25 April 2020 the residents of my street in central Victoria turned out at the end of their driveways in great numbers with candles and fire pots ablaze to pay their respect.

As the sun broke over the eastern horizon the ODE was recited, the last post and reveille played.

Many residents of the street were unaware of the veterans living in their midst.

After the short ceremony many residents mentioned that although they do not normally attend an ANZAC Day Dawn Service, they felt compelled to honour our veterans.

The Stand in your Driveway campaign had influenced them to participate.

Photo of the service attached.

### Arte et Marte

Alex Birrell

### Secretary

RAEME Association Victoria



*Image – Supplied by Alex Birrell, at his Driveway Dawn Service*



*Image – Supplied by Editor, at his Driveway Dawn Service*



## Blue Bell

## Vietnam Veterans Southern Chapter

President - Dennis Clarke

Vice – President - Graeme Unmack

Secretary - Dennis Meek

Committee - Neil Bennett

Committee - David Wain

RAEME Vietnam Southern Chapter are about to hold a meeting. Of course the arrival of Covid 19 has seen significant change to our lives. Australia has been fortunate not to have been decimated in a way that other countries have. No badge selling for RSL and VVAA, no ANZAC Day March, Re-Union or football. Social distancing now becomes the “norm”!

VALE:

Alfred James Lee Major [Ajj] passed away Thursday 12 – 3 – 2020 in Adelaide 342544

*HQ AFV 22 – 4 – 1968 He was the first O/C of 1 Armoured Regiment LAD. Post Army, “Ajj” worked at the Adelaide Airport, and on retirement he played golf and rode his bicycle. RIP*

Stephen Ellis Hazell [Stretch] 6028760 passed on Friday 20 – 3 – 2020 --- in Tasmania Vietnam Det 1 FWD DEL TP 20 – 1 – 1969 till 13 – 8 -- 1970

*After a battle with a blood disorder, following his last few years teaching English in Japan. RIP*

June Lewis – Wife of Murray, who passed away Sunday 22 – 3 – 2020.

June was a constant support for Murray in all his volunteer Veterans support groups and was a regular at our meetings/luncheons at which many other ladies were also attending.

William John Slegers [Billy] Friday 24 – 4 – 2020 3794319 in Victoria



*106 Fld wksp Vietnam 22 – 7 – 69 till 4 -- 6 – 70.*

*Bill was a RAEME Vietnam founding member, along with the late Noele Catheray and remained a Committee member for a number of years, eventually retiring to Hervey Bay in Queensland. In the early days of the Association Bill, with his wife Coral and family hosted “A Day On -- The Farm” at Jindivic, overlooking Lake Tarago. All members of the RAEME Association Victoria were invited. A number of South Vietnamese families, who were also welcomed, attended. The day incorporated a BBQ, hay rides and learning the operation of a dairy farm; milking cows etc. Father Christmas was also arranged every year, arriving to the delight of all on a CFA truck complete with lights and sirens. A fantastic day, it was for us city slickers.*

Lindsay John Millar passed away on 29 – 5 – 2020 403314 in Albury NSW

*1 Armoured Regiment A & B Squadrons. Promoted to Sergeant midway through his tour.*

**1 Armoured Regiment LAD Vets** are attempting to locate several Bluebells, who served from 1968 to 1971.

Namely: Ian Brook, Doug Butters, John Collins, Terry Dye, Brian Hicks, Patrick [Mick] Rooney and Henry [Harry] Walker.

Please Contact Graeme [Ferret] Unmack [guferretx23@hotmail.com](mailto:guferretx23@hotmail.com)

- 1Div ST – 5 Company RAASC Transport Workshop managed to have a Reunion in Tasmania as restrictions took force.
- **Two of our Veterans recently received the OAM for their contributions to Veterans.**
  - Richard Williams from Canningvale: Western Australia – 1 Field Squadron Workshop
  - Noel Lake from Gunnawarra: Victoria – 102 Field Workshop

### RAEME VIETNAM Unit Re- Unions



#### 183 Recce Flight [ New Guinea]

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Contact – David Williams – 0427 529195 or

Murray Lewis – 0429 50005

[burnsidemurray@yahoo.com.au](mailto:burnsidemurray@yahoo.com.au)

#### “Avondale”

Bray’s Road Gannawarra, Victoria

October 2021

Noel Lake 0354569246

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#### 1 Field Squadron Workshop

14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020 – Hervey Bay QLD

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**\*\* Maybe Postponed\*\* To be advised**

#### 1 Armoured Regiment LAD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Bendigo. October 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

Robert Bail – 0419 355721 [r.bail@bigpond.com](mailto:r.bail@bigpond.com)

**17 Construction Squadron Workshop** – Port Macquarie 2021 – **Further info at a later date**

## Battle of Long Khan

If you ever thought that the Vietnam War was over by 1971, despite the fact that our troops were still there, think again. This intense battle proved otherwise, and it again showed that at platoon level, well trained and disciplined soldiers could overcome huge odds. This was the biggest operation 3RAR had been involved in so far on their second tour, and it pitched 'B' Company, [with field engineers 'tunnel rats' from 1 Fld Sqn attached] against tough and experienced North Vietnamese troops with long years of combat achievements behind them.

At the centre of the action was "5" platoon, and to their credit they were able to hold their ground until support from other "B' Company Platoons arrived. For Operation Overlord permission was granted by Prime Minister Gorton, as it was outside and north of Phuoc Tuy province. There was nothing new about this system of working outside of our TAOR province, as each TET Offensive, a large number of Australian forces were deployed out of our TAOR to Bien Hoa province. The enemy had been using the buffer zone between the two provinces to train 3/33 PAVN Regiment. & D445 VC Battalion. before moving them in our TAOR for attack and harassment of military bases and the local village population.

The combined operation of 1ATF – US was aimed at destroying the enemy buffer zone training installations. Artillery fire support would come from American Gunners along with Australian "A" Battery and 104 Field Battery from Fire Support bases Pamela, Trish and Cherie. The plan was for a large blocking force to be inserted, with 4 RAR ANZAC deployed along the line of Suoi Ran river, A Sqn 3 Cavalry Reg to their west and 2/8 Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> U S Cavalry Regiment to the north-east and east along Suoi Ran river. 3 RAR, A, B and C Companies and C Squadron 1 Armoured Reg. with 2 Troop 1 Field Squadron field engineers were tasked with searching for any offensive weaponry such as mines, booby traps and IED destroying enemy bunker systems found in the cordon designated as AO Gwenda. 3 RAR D were held in reserve. 2 Troop two-man splinter teams, carrying mine detectors, were also attached to the tanks and APC supporting 3 RAR.

On the 7th June 1971 the assault commenced. The B Company LZ was only 500 metres, from the enemy and secured by A Sqn 3 Cav. The RAAF helicopters conveying troops were sighted by "Charlie" and A Company were immediately engaged by intense fire.

5 Plt. B company were also attacked with fire, as they began their search and sighted a large bunker system. The PAVN heavy weapon fire-power was able to stall the 5 Plt. Forward movement, for eight hours till around 5.00 PM. They established what was thought to be the main communist position. With impending nightfall, it was decided to not press the attack. A few shots were exchanged during the night.

This enabled a number of the enemy to escape rapidly on pre- designated routes.

The following morning at 0600 an attack was launched again by 5 Plt. who had only gone 90 metres when all hell broke loose. In the initial burst Pte Hack was wounded and Pte. Mitchell shot through the throat. They engaged the bunkers aggressively with M60 fire, but received heavy fire from all flanks pinning them down. Any withdrawal would have caused higher casualties, so they held their ground. Enemy RPGs were skilfully fired into the trees overhead of 5 Plt. Attempting to gain a better fire directing position, B Company Forward Observer Lt. Ian Mathers was killed.

An Infantry and Armoured assault, using tanks and APC carried D Company along with their splinter teams. The tanks on one flank edged their way towards 5 Plt. And as they reached contact point they received RPG fire from all directions. They countered with H E and canister into the bunkers. RAAF and U S gunships were overhead with gunfire and rockets within 15 metres of the diggers. By 09:15 6 Plt. were able to link up with 5 Plt. and, joined by the rest of B Company. An aerial re-supply of ammunition for the beleaguered platoon, which temporarily



stabilized, the situation. At 11:00 however a second attempt by an RAAF Iroquois re-supply helicopter to B Company with ammunition was shot down by heavy ground fire. Two crew members were killed and another two injured. A number of very brave diggers, ran to save the survivors, while ammunition was exploding among the burning wreckage. Subsequently, another winch point was established to the rear of the Australian positions for casualty evacuation and resupply.

By mid-afternoon, D Company had finally moved into position and commenced an assault with the field engineers, infantry and tanks pushing through, the bunker system from the north-east. The bunker system was found to cover nearly a square kilometre and was wider than the assaulting company. The 100 bunker system was systematically searched with B and D and their splinter teams. The tanks in close support crushing many bunkers and their occupants with their tracks. A defensive overnight harbour position was then established.

C Company had also located an abandoned second bunker system located further south, which, were also destroyed by engineer and pioneer demolition teams.

The Operation ended on 14 – 6 – 1971. Artillery had fired over 1,453 rounds of 105 mm and 200 rounds of 155 mm high explosive from the three FSB. There were 6,000 rounds of M60, along with 6,000 rounds of M16 ammunition. This was then last joint US - Australian battalion sized operation. Long Kahn province, is now known as Dong Nai Province.

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Dennis Clarke

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**RAEME Vietnam Veterans**

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## RAEME VIC Membership.

### Membership Report 2020

#### Membership;

Renewal notices have now been forwarded to Members, Fees are due by 30th June 2020 and no later than 31st July 2020.

#### Bush Fire Appeal;

The reply to the Appeal has been disappointing with only 28 Members purchasing one or more raffle books.

While we understand that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic has left everyone a little short our farmers over the last 12 months have been hit by Drought, Bush Fire and now COVID-19, and have had it a lot tougher than most. We are not asking you to sell any tickets just to purchase at least one book to assist our Farmers and rural Communities that have been affected

The 28 members who have purchase a book or in some case several your donation is greatly appreciated,

For members who have yet to purchase Raffle Book/s they are still available at a reasonable cost of \$20-00 for 10 tickets contact Alan Rogers E-mail [raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com](mailto:raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com) M 0422888851 for the order details to be forwarded

#### Arte et Marte

*Alan Rogers*

Victorian Association Membership

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!

Officer: Age?

Husband: I'm not sure. Somewhere between 50 and 60. We don't do birthdays.

Officer: Height?

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

OFFICER: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

OFFICER: Colour of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown I think Never really noticed.

OFFICER: Colour of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

OFFICER: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

OFFICER: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

OFFICER: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: A 2017, manufactured September 16th, pearl white Ram Limited 4X4. with 6.4l Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, led lighting, back up and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailing package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40-channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB ports, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and under-glow wheel well lighting. At this point the husband started choking up.

OFFICER: Take it easy sir, We'll find your truck.



## Upcoming Events Calendar

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## Spanner Club Function.

Venue –

- 14<sup>th</sup> August
- 9<sup>th</sup> October
- 4<sup>th</sup> December

## Dot Spot Vietnamese.

670 Bourke Street (Just up from the Mail Exchange).

All EVENTS on HOLD until advised.

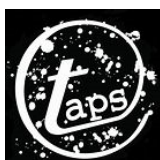
## OTHER – Melbourne Appy get together - Sat 21 Mar

THIS WAS ALSO PUT ON HOLD DUE TO RESTRICTIONS

Date to be advised for later in the year.

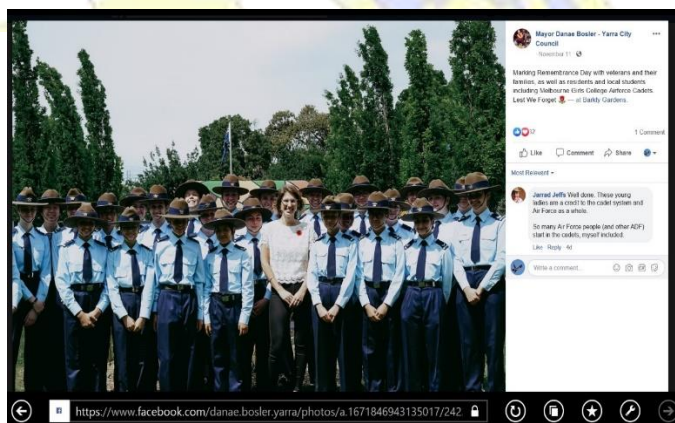
Appies (and partners) in Melbourne and surrounds are invited to attend an informal Appy get together to be held at the Ringwood RSL on Saturday 21 Mar 2020, 1- 4 PM. Ringwood R.S.L

- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Maroochydore QLD. Friday night meet & greet. Saturday – Formal dinner. RSL
- 45<sup>th</sup> Class Apprentices – 30 Year Reunion. The 30<sup>th</sup> reunion will be at the "Taps" Mooloolaba, which coincides with above reunion, Friday evening, prior to Saturdays main event. At this stage, no information has been provided to state that this function will not go ahead.





1. **48588** Michael Roger Burzacott (14th EF)
2. **18809** LARARD Peter (18th VM)
3. **242836** Bernard Anthony John Cannon (9th Radio Mechanic)
4. **342649** Stanley Robert Giles (9th F&T)
5. **316108** Kevin Francis Forster (28th ET/VM)
6. **342638** Brian Richard Windsor (9th VM)
7. **211633** Aslan (Craig) Keven John (31st EM) DNG
8. **227551** Stephen John Frith (34th Plumber & Gasfitter)
9. **18759** Raymond John McIntosh (17th Radio Mechanic)
10. **242929** Ronald Frank Irwin (10th MV)
11. **18586** Brian Anders Fredin (11th MV)
12. **16130** Angus (Gus) Robert Fraser
13. Bluey McAndrew's
14. **555884** Paul Barrymore Stone 42<sup>nd</sup> VM





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## **RAEME Association Vic Inc Bush Fire Appeal GWS Community 2020 Car Raffle**

**Notice to all Members requesting they each purchase a  
Book of 10 Tickets for \$20-00  
All proceeds will be donated to 2020 Fire Appeal e.g.; Buy  
a Bale**

### **Notice**

**To all Members of RAEME Regular / Reservists/ Retired;**  
This year we will be again be taking part in the GWS / Waverley Rotary Club  
Community Car Raffle.

**The Committee this year has made the decision to donate the proceeds the  
Victorian Bush Fire Appeal.**

**Raffle Background; This Raffle is conducted through the Waverley Rotary  
Club/ Gary Warren Smith Group, Various** prizes include a choice of a brand-new  
HONDA JAZZ or KIA PICANTO with a RRP of \$21,075.00, a \$1,000 BP fuel voucher  
and a vehicle window tint with a RRP of \$495.

**All monies sold through tickets sales are returned to RAEME Association Vic  
Inc (If we sell 100 books at \$20-00 per book of 10 tickets we will be in a  
position to donate \$2000-00 to the FIRE Appeal. (e.g. Buy a Bale includes Hay  
Bales Water etc)**

**To this effect we ask that ALL RAEME Members commit to  
selling/purchasing at least (1) one book. Additional books would be great  
We ask that to streamline the sales that all monies are forwarded prior to  
Raffle books forwarded**

**Books can be purchased for \$20-00 per book by EFT/ Chg/ Money Order  
from; Alan Rogers 14 B Mahogany Ave Berwick  
on attached ORDER FORM**

**As only a limited number of tickets will be available we will require your  
commitment with the attached form & payment of the number of books you wish to  
purchase Books will be allocated on '1st in basis'**

The Raffle will be drawn at Garry Warren Smith Honda / Kia  
875 Princess Highway Springvale Vic 3171  
Due to the current COVID-19 the draw of the raffle will be advised at a later date  
I will advise once I have the date

PTO

**RAEME Association Vic Inc  
Victorian 2020 Fire Relief Car Raffle  
2020 GWS Community Car Raffle**



**Name\_**  
**Address\_**

**Mobile No** \_\_\_\_\_ **E mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**I Wish to purchase Number of Raffle Books at \$20-00 per book**

<b>No Books</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>How Paid</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>EFT</b>	<b>Order Money</b>
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**Please Circle Payment Option**

**PLEASE NOTE TICKETS BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO POSTING**

**Cheque made out to RAEME Assn Vic Inc  
Post to RAV Inc 14 B Mahogany Ave Berwick 3806**

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

**Record as RAV Car Raffle**

**Notify Association of EFT Receipt to  
raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com**

**In order to reduce Administration, we request that Raffle books of are paid for in advance.**

**\$20-00 per book of 10 tickets purchased will be forwarded to the purchaser when available upon payment of requested books.**

**Ticket Butts to be filled in by Alan Rogers. Please retain your tickets**

**If all RAEME Members and other identities commit to a minimum of \$20-00 per book it is envisaged that we as a group could raise up to \$6000-00 for this appeal**

**Any queries re Additional Books Please contact Alan Rogers at  
raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com (M) 0422888851 ☎  
0397046700**

## Communications.

### Shared Communications.



## Welcome to the Army Museum of South Australia



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



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ME

<https://www.withyouwithme.com/>



## Upcoming Events

### AAAA Reunion, Maroochydore, 23-25 Oct 2020

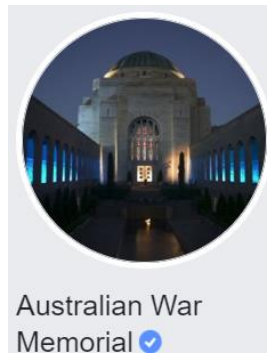
Preparations are underway for the Reunion in Maroochydore, QLD over the weekend of Fri 23 to Sun 25 Oct, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the closure of the Army Apprentices Scheme in 1995.

There will be a **Meet & Greet on Fri & Dinner on Sat night.**

Expressions of interest were sent out in June, resulting in nearly 600 returns, so we expect a huge roll-up.

For more information contact the Secretary [secretary@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:secretary@austarmyapprentice.org)





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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Terry & Jo, first real trip in their new van



Jo & Terry having a brew on the memorial site



Lindsay, Kim & the "kids" visiting from Geelong



Greg having a wine & a chat by the camp fire.



Stephen from Horsham a keen military buff



Camp fire wood



TOAD from the Patriots bike group, called in for a beer and a chat about their visit at the end of July.

Memberships are vital for the retreats existence.  
PLEASE JOIN if you have not done so, thanks Greg



**Cockatoo Rise War Veterans Retreat inc**  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Cockatoo Rise Retreat is a not for profit facility run by Ex Vietnam Veteran Greg Carter, for serving & ex serving defense personal to enjoy an environment that is, safe, secure & peaceful. A place where vets & and their partners can share time with each other & their mates. The use of the facility is by donation.

NAME.....PARTNER.....

ORGANISATION OR BUSINESS NAME.....

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TEL NO ..... SERVED.... YES..... NO.....

IF SERVED NO..... THEATRE.....

FEE PER PERSON \$10 YEARLY..... \$100 LIFETIME.....

BUSINESS OR ORGANISATION \$50 YEARLY..... \$500 LIFETIME .....

Bank Details Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 ac no 158212878 ac name Cockatoo Rise War Veterans retreat inc

Contact Greg tel 0409418332 Cockatoo Rise War Vets Retreat inc. PO Box 6, Macarthur, 3286

Web address [www.cockatooriseretreat.com.au](http://www.cockatooriseretreat.com.au) E Mail address [cockatoorise@wideband.net.au](mailto:cockatoorise@wideband.net.au)

Address, 26 High Street, MacArthur, Victoria.

**ANY BODY CAN JOIN EX DEFENCE OR NOT**

Please email - [digger1254@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:digger1254@aussiebb.com.au) to register your interest.

### 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.

I'm also in the process of having all the old paper documents of the Flash Newsletter, 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 like saved for history purposes, please send through a scanned copy.

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**Let's hear from you!**

**Deadline for next Newsletter – Late September 2020**

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The Secretary,

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