

THE LIGHTNING FLASH

SOLDIER and CRAFTSMAN

April 2012

Issue 67

The RAEME Association (Victoria) Inc. Incorporation Reg No. A 0022655Z ABN: 96 873 522 994
Patron: BRIG Konrad Ermert. MSc FIEAust CPEng (Retd)
Colonel-Commandant: COL Brian Jones, CSC

President: MAJ John Boothroyd RFD.ED (Retd)

Treasurer: Aranka Illia

Editor/Webmaster: Pat Marley
16 Clematis Street, Glen Waverley 3150

Phone (03)9802 0637

email: patmar@melbpc.org.au

or pat@patmar.id.au

Vice President: Gus Allen

Secretary: Alan Rogers

Web: www.raeme.org.au/vic

Print Post Approved: PP 339540061

Anzac Day 25 April 2012

**Commemorating Anzac
Landing at Gallipoli
25 April 1915
World War 1**

Conflicts and Operations prior and since:

Sudan, March to June 1885
South African War (Boer War), 1899–1902
China (Boxer Rebellion), 1900–01
Second World War, 1939–45
Korean War, 1950–53
Malayan Emergency, 1950–60
Indonesian Confrontation, 1963–66
Vietnam War, 1962–75
First Gulf War, 1990–91
Cambodia UNTAC 1991–1993
Iraq Transition Teams 1991–2009
Afghanistan 2001 – present
Timor Leste 2006–2011
Bougainville and Solomon Islands Peacekeeping





**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Bluebells, we have some bad news and some good news, so let's get the bad news out of the way.

We sadly lost our oldest member of the Association at the age of 101 at the passing of Les Bailey, a great stalwart who though not a member of our corps served with RAEME units for many years as a cook and felt that he was at home when in the company of fellow craftsmen. A strong contingent attended the funeral and the Association made a presentation of the National Flag to the family.

Secondly we had to return an amount of \$5620 to the DVA which was provided to enable us to subsidise the cost of a bus trip, but despite our efforts over two years we were not able to gain sufficient interest to warrant the conduct of the trip even though the cost was minimal to those members who could have attended. We attempted to have the funds re allocated to another project but this was refused by DVA.

THE GOOD NEWS. We are going from strength to strength with new members being recruited in the Chapters and the attendance at functions increasing and the support from serving soldiers becoming more regular. Also the influence of the Corps being reflected in the appointment of RAEME personnel in command positions. (Comd 4CSSB).

Our pilgrimage to the Shrine was a great day with over 100 in the Sanctuary and at the RAEME Tree, followed by over 60 at the luncheon (more than we had catered for) but the National Service Association who catered on the day rose to the occasion and there was plenty of food and some took home goody bags. Thanks to Capt Berdg Papazian for the chocolate treats.

A meeting in January at Seymour RSL saw the rejuvenation of the Seymour Chapter which was followed by a regional meeting of the RAEME Association of Victoria Committee at Dave Maddick's home which was well attended by both Committee and guests from Seymour and Bandiana Chapters. My thanks to Dusty Miller's lady ("The Grasshopper") for her sterling effort in making the salads and to Dave Maddick for the bush BBQ.

Reports were given on the Birthday Dinner - a great success, and the presentation of the Craftman of the Year (Ares) to Cfn Mark Stonehouse.

Chapter reports indicated that regional functions were well attended and that future activities are in preparation.

Our Spanner Packs have been well received in both Timor and Afghanistan and letters of thanks have been received from ASMs and OCs.

The Vietnam Chapter advised that Fred Greenaway had resigned from his position as Treasurer due to failing eye-sight. Ross Smith has accepted the position. Thanks to Fred, a long serving Bluebell.

Please read and act on the notices in this edition of the Flash regarding Anzac Day activities and the Presidents Luncheon. We need your support to make these a success and to honour our widows at the Presidents Luncheon.

To those who are not enjoying good health at this time please let us know so we can let your mates know and get well soon so we can enjoy your company at the functions.

Recently Alan Rogers and I held a meeting with Tony Minniti at Victoria Barracks Melbourne in relation to forming a Chapter of the Association at Victoria Barracks. Tony is sure he can meet the requirements of the rules and will be contacting RAEME people employed at the barracks and at Defence Plaza and will be in contact prior to the next Committee meeting in April.

Arte et Marte

John Boothroyd President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Reminder of Coming Functions

16th April ANZAC Day Reunion

25th April ANZAC Day March

20TH May Presidents Lunch

Pilgrimage to the Shrine on Sunday 29th January was again well attended by approx. 100 members, family & general public in the Sanctuary with 105 Wksp Coy providing the honour guard. After the ceremony in the Sanctuary Association members and families moved to the RAEME Tree where our departed comrades were honoured by Chaplain John Brownbill & President John Boothroyd. Members & Family then placed poppies on the crosses. After the ceremony we then moved to the Shrine function room to enjoyed a light lunch which was catered for by our new caterers who turned on a magnificent spread.



Honour guard in the Sanctuary



Memorial Crosses at the RAEME Tree and Association Plaques

Last month several Members of the Committee attended a meeting with the Seymour Chapter with 32 of the Seymour Chapter in attendance; it was pleasing to see that the Chapter is still maintaining its members. During March a Committee of Management meeting was held in Seymour at Dave Maddick's home with members of the Seymour Chapter in attendance with the Chapter hosting a light lunch.

Many may be aware that our Committee member Allan Hawkins is now deployed in Timor Leste as the ASM of Combat Service Support Joint Task Force 631. The Association received several DVD's & novels with the request from the donors that they are forwarded to the RAEME troops in Timor; these items have now been sent off via the AFPO Sydney with a letter of appreciation from the OC having been received.

On Thursday 1st March several members attended the funeral of our oldest & life member Les Bailey, Les was aged 101 years. Les was well known for the fact he always claimed that he killed more of our soldiers with his cooking than the Japanese.

During March Leonie Cartledge had a pacemaker fitted and is now back on the road to recovery

Arte et Marte

Alan Rogers
Secretary



Les Bailey died 24th February aged 101 years.
Les was a Life Member of the Association

LTCOL Newton Ellaby died 27 January
A Vietnam Veteran, Newton was a long serving RAEME Officer in both the ARA and Reserve

WO1 Frank Maxwell died 20 January
11th Intake Army Apprentice Vehicle Mechanic

CAPT Sandy Remin died 15 January
Sandy graduated from OCS Portsea 1970

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership Officer's job at this time of the year is quiet. Most of the work is done except for planning for the start of the financial year when the accounts go out again.

There are still a few stragglers dragging their feet on paying outstanding dues. Some action from the miscreants would be appreciated. Should any member be unsure of their financial status they can contact me.

Remember new members are the life blood of any organisation.

We welcome two new Members in the Bandiana Chapter:

Charles Myhill
and
Gavin McMahon

Gus Allen
Membership Officer

BLUEBELL VIETNAM VETERANS SOUTHERN

We had a meeting in Horsham on the 8th of February, which included our AGM. I would like to thank Rex Dumesny for organizing the Horsham RSL and also the Old Horsham restaurant where we had great food and company on the Tuesday evening.

Fred Greenway has retired from the Treasure's position and take this opportunity to thank Fred for a job well done, particularly as he has eyesight problems. Ross Smith will take on our finance tasks in the future.

V V A A 400 Kilometre Bike Ride Fund Raiser for the Vietnam Veterans Museum at Phillip Island starts on Sunday the 25th March from Echuca. It will travel to Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Ballarat and finish at Melton on the 29th. We have two Bluebells Robert Gazzara and Michael Byrne who will be taking part in it. We wish them and all the riders the best of luck. If you want to make a contribution to this worthy cause contact either of these Veterans.

Payment for the two pavers for the Commemorative Walk Seymour on behalf of all RAEME Vietnam Veterans has been made.

The 2012 Seymour Military Heritage Weekend will be held from the 30th of March to 1st April, celebrating Seymour and surrounds Military Heritage and History.

It will also feature a Military Vehicle Parade, Military themed swap Meet and Military Art Exhibition at Old Seymour Post Office

RAAC Memorial and Tank Museum incorporating some RAEME "A" Vehicle Workshop equipment including one of the Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV).

Puckapunyal wasn't the only Army camp established during WW2. There were other large sights at West Seymour, Dysaght Siding and Mangalore. One of our own RAEME Association Seymour Chapter, John Phoenix, is Deputy Chair of the Commemorative Walk Committee.

Member name badges will be available at the after ANZAC Day March function at Alice's Restaurant Victoria Hotel at 215 Little Collins Street Melbourne. \$10-00 is the cost of the badge. Alternatively feel free to join us at a future meeting to obtain your badge.

Gymnasium at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital

There are only about six Bluebells taking advantage of this "life saving facility". The building is brand new and is staffed by a group of physios. The growing Veteran Community who attend can have either morning or afternoon sessions. Individual programmes are set up depending on fitness and supervises you throughout the session.

C'mon join your mates. You know you'll feel better for it.

Just ask John Forster, Tom Clayton, Peter Bevilacqua, John Loch or Glen Reid

Martha and I journeyed up the NSW East Coast to catch up with George and Margaret Bacales. Their son is in the Navy based at HMAS Albatross Nowra, which houses the Fleet Air Arm Museum. They have a comprehensive display of all the aircraft including helicopters used by the Australian Navy. The Museum has built on a simulated flight deck of our previous aircraft carriers. There is also a flight simulator to test your skills. Admittance is \$10-00.

1 Div S&T had a most successful Reunion at Mildura organized by Peter Powditch, in early March, with twenty one Bluebells and eight partners. Their next Reunion will be organized by Trevor Smith and will be held in his home city of Darwin.

1st Armoured Regiment LAD now have their banner. The 101 field Squadron banner is now finished. The support poles are being varnished in readiness for ANZAC Day. Anyone ex 101 Fld Workshop - you now have your own banner to march behind.

RE-UNION NOTICES

106 Field Workshop:
Mandurah 65 Klm South of Perth
October 19-21 - 2012 * Phillip Bond 07 3263 8222

1 Field Squadron Workshop: Melbourne
ANZAC Week 2013

17 Construction Squadron Workshop:
Clare Valley SA. 2013

102 Field Workshop:
"Avondale" 601 Bray's Road Gannawarra
September - October, 2013 * Noel Lake 03 5456 9246

1 Div S&T /5 Coy Workshop:
Darwin - awaiting further Information

161 Recce Flight: Darwin
45th Year Anniversary

Dennis Clarke
President
Vietnam Veterans Southern Chapter

RAEME Remembrance Service BANDIANA – February 2012

Chaplains Rod Bailey and Rick Tilden led the seventh Remembrance Service held by the Bandiana Chapter of the RAEME Association of Victoria. Attendance has been increasing at the twilight services since the first in 2006 at the Craftsman Memorial at Bandiana. For all those services ASEME has provided support with the catafalque party, an address by the CO / CI, advice from the Corps RSM and help from the SO2 Corps Heritage, MAJ Graham Anderson.



*Chaplains Rick Tilden
and Rod Bailey*



*LTCOL David Phillips delivers the address
at the Craftsman Memorial*

Our Corps Prayer has been recited by the Corps RSM, WO1 Jason Ballard at three of our services now and the Ode to Remembrance variously by Secretary George Reid, Barb Prenter, a RAEME widow and on two occasions by original Craftsmen from 1942.

Wreaths are laid by those organisations which have RAEME office holders; Wodonga RSL Vice President – Rodney Bolt, Tallangatta RSL President - Geoff McCormack, Myrtleford RSL past President – Albie Cunningham OAM, Murray Border Association of Vietnam Veterans President – Gary Treeve and Rutherglen RSL President David Martin OAM.



David Martin and Barbara Prenter

David received his OAM seven days before for many years of service to the Murray Valley Centre and many other community contributions. Barbara Prenter, President of the Murray Valley Centre, lays the wreath with David to also honour RAEME widows. Names of those who have passed during the year are read out. After the Service many gather at the "Stump" catch up and have dinner.

With increasing numbers turning out there are many faces to test memories including some who are office holders who will be asked to take part next year. Dave Miller is the Patron of the National Service Association and Jim Hislop is the Heritage Officer of the Australian Army Apprentices Association. Community involvement by many in our Chapter gives us pride.



*Geoff McCormack, David Miller
and Gary Treeve*



COL Andy Adams with Jim Hislop



*Our Colonel-Commandant Brian Jones with Doug
Gammon, Ian Campbell, Kevin Shirley, RaeCousins
and Con Van de Velde*

Andy Turner
President
Bandiana Chapter

The Craftsman

Monty said way back then, for his force to be,
Men of skill and resourcefulness, was what he had to see.

Tenacious troops he called upon, men with grit and trade,
To fix his tanks when they went wrong, a mammoth task he made.

When he called, along they came, with spanners in their hands,
To the western front, in the thick of it, to far and distant lands.

Keeping battles moving on, repairing tank and gun,
Making good the final plan, which finally beat the Hun.

After that a Corps they formed from all who seen the war,
Defining roles, trades and jobs, to make a purpose for,

These important men with their tools, to keep equipment going,
Maintaining the punch and ferocity to stop the force from slowing.

That was then, those days have passed, thanks to father time,
Different tasks we take on now, different hills we need to climb,

But upon the world the horse in chains with lightning at his rear,
Stands there solid a new symbol of those times that we hold dear.

Within our team, within our Corps, within the women and men,
A pride in what we have to do, a pride that we had then.

Our skill and fight our motto says to keep the bad at bay,
Doing things how it's always been, doing things the RAEME way.

"ARTE ET MARTE"



DAVE MARTIN RAEME AND COMMUNITY STALWART AWARDED OAM

The photograph of RAEME Association Victoria - Bandiana Chapter (RAV-B) members below was taken at the Vietnam & Associated Veterans Club in Wodonga on Saturday, 17 March 2012. The group was at a reception attended by several State and Local Government Representatives and by members of the Murray Valley Centre (MVC) Incorporated, the Returned & Services League (RSL), Legacy, the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (ASEME) and the RAEME Association. It was held in recognition of the awarding on Australia Day 2012 of the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) to David Martin, who is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the MVC and a member of RAV-B.

David lives in Rutherglen with his wife Kay and was a Councillor of the Rutherglen Council, which is now part of Indigo Shire. As a Past President, Treasurer and current Secretary of the Rutherglen RSL Sub-Branch, David has made an outstanding contribution to the Rutherglen Memorial Gardens over twenty years. He was awarded the OAM in recognition of his long service to the nation, the disabled, the aged, to Veterans and to the Albury-Wodonga and Indigo Shire communities. As well as his military service and service to the disabled through his work with the MVC, David served for twenty years as a Legatee in Sydney, Melbourne, Townsville and Albury Legacy Clubs.

RAV-B is proud to have Dave Martin as one of its members and is please that his long contribution to the community has been officially recognised by the nation.

Brian Jones
Colonel-Commandant
Victoria & Tasmania



"Old Mates Gather"

Left to Right - Joe Owens, Buck Jones, David (Bulldog) Martin, Andy Turner, Bob Matejcic, Gordon Dennis

In 1964 David Martin joined the Army Apprentices School at Balcombe as a 19th Intake Apprentice Electrical Fitter. He retired as a Captain in 1985 after serving over 21 years as a RAEME Craftsman, Non-Commissioned Officer, Warrant Officer and Commissioned Officer, including on Active Service in South Vietnam in 1968 with 102 Field Workshop.

His final posting was to RAEME Training Centre (RTC now ASEME), which has long provided charitable financial and in-kind support to the MVC. The long serving President of the MVC is Barb Prenter, widow of past Corps identity Major Bill Prenter.

A Worthy Progression



Medal of the Order of Australia

SEYMOUR CHAPTER REPORT

G'day and Happy New Year from Seymour

We started our new year by once again hosting the RAEME Association of Victoria, Committee of Management February meeting at David & Sonnyia's rural property. Due to personal commitments, the meeting this year was held in March and unfortunately on the Labour Day long weekend and therefore numbers were down on previous years, with six Committee members from Melbourne attending, along with Col Comdt Brian (Buck) Jones and George Reid (Bandiana Chapter and Committee) and four members of the Seymour / Puckapunyal Chapter.

Following the meeting, a BBQ and get together was enjoyed by all attending. Due to the absence of Sonnyia Maddick (post funeral duties in Swan Hill), catering assistance was sought by the Ladies of the Seymour Chapter and I would like to thank Wendy Madex and Lynne Lee, for their assistance.

After 40 plus years of living in Seymour, Mrs Kath Harlow, wife of Joe, deceased, Kath has decided to sell up and move to Sydney to be with her daughters and grand children. We wish Kath all the best in her new lifestyle.

Dave Maddick
President
Seymour/Puckapunyal Chapter



Committee Meeting at Dave Maddick's property, near Seymour

Received from the International Stabilisation Force – Timor Leste:

Major John Boothroyd (Rtd)
President
RAEME Association of Victoria (Inc)
Mount Waverley
Victoria 3149



INTERNATIONAL STABILISATION FORCE
Joint Task Force 631

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the RAEME Association on behalf of the RAEME contingent that is assigned to JTF631 for operation ASTUTE, for the Spanner Packs that we have received

These Spanner Packs have been well received by the members of the WKSP with them all enjoying the contents. The books and movies have been placed within the recreation hut of our Base for all to enjoy, and it is with much delight that I see soldiers engrossed in these books around the RAEME Brew point

Please pass on my thanks to the Association and to those members who tirelessly give their time in ensuring that the Spanner Packs are collated and distributed to those soldiers who are on operations. It is of a great boost to the morale of the soldiers, especially to those who do not receive parcels from back home.

Once again thank you for the effort that goes into spreading the RAEME spirit and culture to those members that are on operations. It is sincerely well appreciated by the RAEME members and others on Operation Astute

M.J. SLOCOMBE

Captain
OC WKSP
JTF 631

Perceptions of RAEME NCOs



What my friends think I do



What my Mum thinks I do



What other Corps think I do



What my boss thinks I do



What I think I do



What I actually do

105 Workshop Logo

The workshop is currently looking at re-introducing a Logo.

What they currently have is the rhinoceros logo that was used by Capt Rick Richard in the late 80's-90's for a couple of exercises.

I was **wondering if you have anything with the Emu Logo** that Brett James and I drew up in the early 80's, around the time of Kerry Brindell, Dave Fields era.

It was an Emu standing on a spanner with two crossed swords and a chain around it.

If you have anything that may help it would be greatly appreciated as the new ASM wants to gather up some of the more recent history of the Workshop.

Please contact Les Geraghty
lesgeraghty@alphalink.com.au

Message from Tim Dean

As you probably are all aware now, my Dad, BRIG John Dean, is in a home in Malvern Road, Armadale and is enjoying life! He generally in good condition and in pretty good spirits, although like many of his compatriots (especially the gunners) his hearing is a problem and people 3 rooms away often are privileged to share in his whispered conversations!

He often talks of his time in the army and especially the good times and friends he made in RAEME over his many years. I mentioned to him the Corps plans for ANZAC day, marching and the reunion and he asked me to send you all his best wishes and to advise he will be walking with you in spirit on the day.

With best regards

Tim

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language was boiled down to four-letter words..

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

* "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." -Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.." - Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." - Charles, Count Talleyrand

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

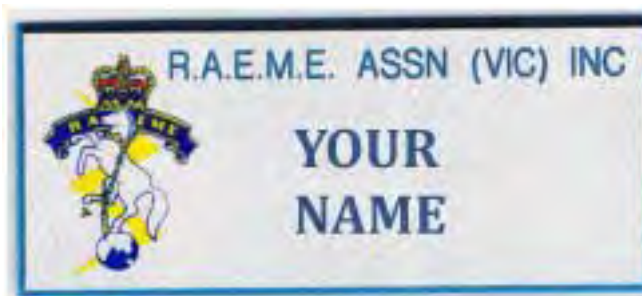
"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx



Reserve Forces Day Parade - 3 July 2011

Members requiring a Name Badge @ \$10-00 ea can contact Alan Rogers

SAMPLE BADGE



I _____ require RAEME Assn Vic Name Badge
(Name as you prefer it to appear on the Badge)

Enclosed Cheque / Money Order/ EFT for \$ _____
Payable to RAEME Assn Vic Name Badge
EFT--- Bank NAB Berwick BSB 083 547 A/C No 28634 9442
PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate 3805
e-mail; raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com

RAEME Association of Victoria Functions 2012

February 2012	March 2012	April 2012 14 th ANZAC Day Reunion 25 th ANZAC Day March
May 2012 20 th Presidents Luncheon Clayton RSL	June 2012	July 2012 1 st Reserve Forces Day Parade
August 2012 17 th Vietnam Veterans Day 18 th Long Tan Parade 26 th AGM Clayton RSL	September 2012	October 2012
November 2012 17 th Bandiana Dinner 11 th Remembrance Day Clayton RSL 30 th RAEME 70 th Birthday Dinner	December 2012	January 2013 TBA Shrine Pilgrimage

Venues , Dates, Timings will be issued under separate cover
Some dates & venues may be subject to change from time to time

Note: Months in RED are subject to the 2012-2013 Committee of Management Decision

Please Place on Fridge as a Reminder of the Association Functions

(Left blank for Name Badge Return Slip)



RESERVE FORCES DAY

Sunday 1 July 2012



A message from the
Governor General and Commander in Chief

Quote:

"If you're a Serving or Former Reservist, I encourage you to participate,
so that we can all say"

"Thank You"

Assemble at
Government House Drive

No later than 1000hrs



ANZAC Day March *25th April 2012*



*Members are reminded that the Association needs members
at the March to the Shrine as our numbers are dwindling*

Remember family members are welcome (medals to be worn on right breast of family member)

*Unfortunately this year the Victoria Barracks Sergeants' Mess
will not be holding the after march function as in previous years*

*The Association will be returning to the Clayton RSL
for after March festivities e.g. Lunch & Drinks (member's expense) Two-Up etc.*

March Details:

Form up; 1030hrs for step-off 1100hrs Flinders St East (St Pauls)

For further information contact

President; John Boothroyd 9704 6625

Secretary; Alan Rogers 9704 6700

Clayton RSL will be holding a Dawn Service in the Remembrance Gardens

Clayton Rd Clayton to begin at 0600hrs

with a Gunfire Breakfast in the RSL Bistro after the Dawn Service

(Gold Coin Donation) Carinish Rd Clayton

(Opposite Railway Station)

ANZAC Day Activities at Clayton RSL.

Sunday April 22nd 2012

Local ANZAC Day service to be held at the "Remembrance Gardens" in Clayton Road Clayton (Clayton Hall) beginning at 12.00 sharp and then a luncheon & refreshments will be available back at the Sub-Branch in the "George Foster room". All RSL members, families, friends and kindred organisations and their members are all welcome. During the service those wishing to lay wreaths will be able to do so. If a more substantial meal is required the Bistro will be open for lunch.

ANZAC Day Wednesday 25th April 2012

A dawn service is to be held at the "Remembrance Gardens" in Clayton Road Clayton (Clayton Hall) the Service will begin at 6.00am sharp Wreaths will be laid during the service for those who may wish to do so. On completion of the service, a Gun-Fire Breakfast will be offered at the Sub-Branch.

For those attending a gold coin donation is required and goes towards RSL Welfare. All RSL members, families, friends & kindred organisations and their members are all welcome. The club will close at the completion of the breakfast and re-open at 12.00 noon after which the Bistro or the cafe will be available for lunch from that time.

At 2.00pm **TWO-UP** will be held in the George Foster room until 7.00pm inclusive.

ANZAC DAY 2012



ANZAC DAY 2012



Wednesday 25 April 2012

COMMEMORATION MARCH AND SERVICE

GENERAL GUIDELINES

As ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance, the aim of the ANZAC Day Commemoration activities of the Church Service, Dawn Service, Gunfire Breakfast, Commemoration March and Commemoration Service at the conclusion of the March, is to give the participating veterans and the general public an opportunity to honour those who served in the defence of Australia or its interests, especially remembering those who paid the supreme sacrifice or otherwise suffered as a result of their service.

ORDER OF MARCH

The Order of March will be

- Boer War/ WWI
- NZ veterans
- Women's Services
- WWII RAN and subsequent deployments
- WWII Army
- WWII RAAF and subsequent deployments

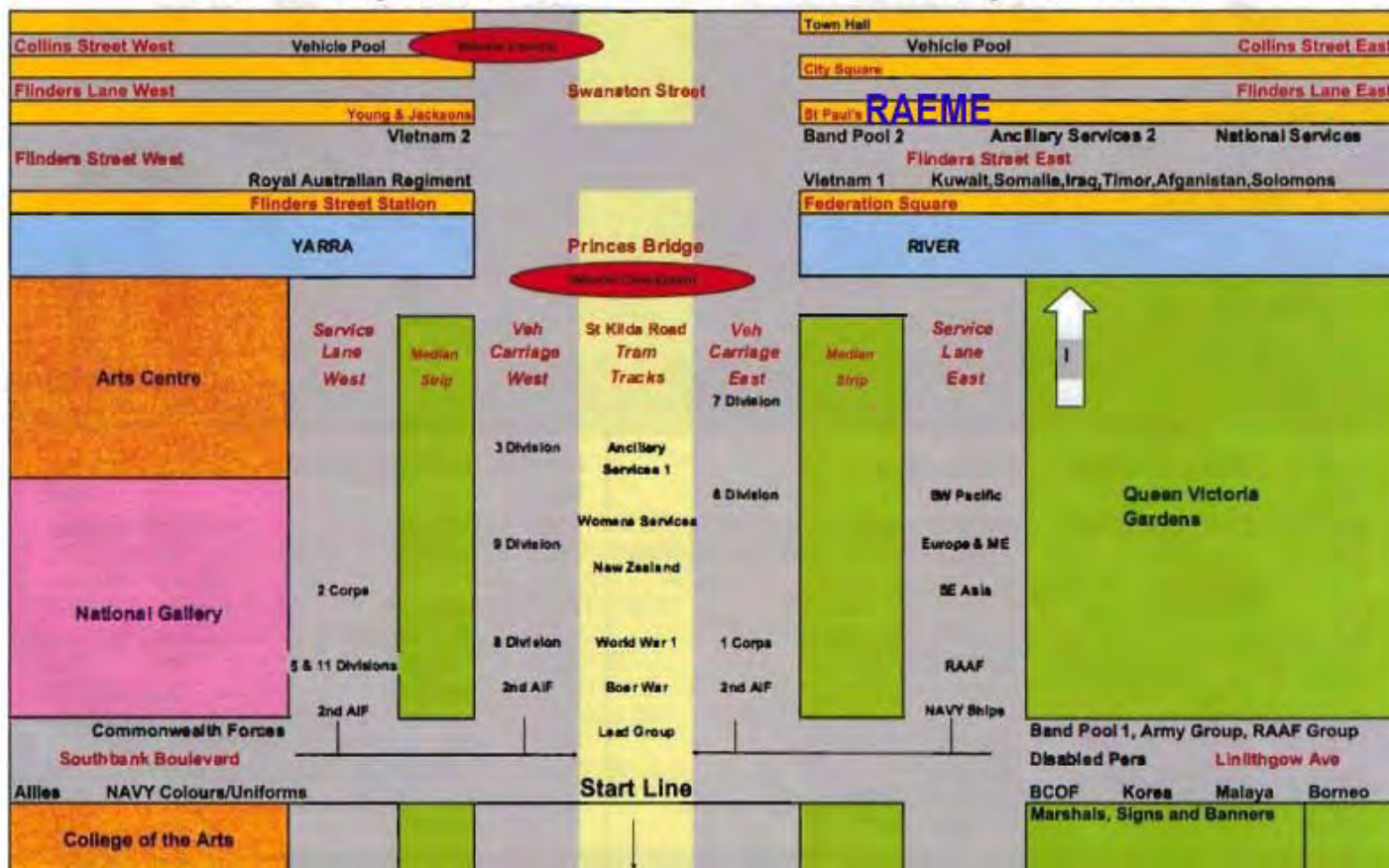
- BCOF
- Korea/Malaysia
- Vietnam
- Post 1975
- Commonwealth and Allies.

Provision now exists for veterans of the Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor conflicts to march in the Post 1945 section of the Commemoration March.

ELIGIBILITY TO MARCH

Anyone eligible to be a member of the Returned and Services League of Australia can participate in the March. A descendent of a veteran can march with a formation as a carer (one per veteran marching). One descendent of a deceased veteran may honour their relative's service by wearing his/her medals on their right breast, and marching at the rear of the applicable unit association. Info 9655 5555

ANZAC Day Commemoration March Assembly Plan 2012



**THE RAEME ASSOCIATION
(Vic) Inc.**
PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate Vic 3805
**COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT**

President:

MAJ John Boothroyd RFD.ED (Retd)
☎ (03) 9704 6625

Vice President:

Gus Allen
☎ (03) 9802 5460
gus_allen@bigpond.com

Secretary & Public Officer:

Alan Rogers
☎ (03) 9704 6700
Mobile: 0422 8 88 851
raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com

Membership:

Gus Allen
☎ (03) 9802 5460
gus_allen@bigpond.com

**Treasurer/Merchandising/
Promotion:**

Aranka Illia
☎ (BH) (03) 9566 9468
☎ (AH) (03) 9796 4794
aranka.illia@police.vic.gov.au (W)
or sm2aranka@optusnet.com.au (H)

Welfare & Betterment/Almoner:

Dennis Clarke
☎ (03) 9848 6757
Mobile 0409 518744
eastern.auto@optusnet.com.au

Rules & By-Laws:

Alan Rogers / John Boothroyd

Membership

**Kindred Associations and
ANZAC House:**

Gus Allen
☎ (03) 9802 5460
gus_allen@bigpond.com

Editor / Web Master:

Pat Marley
☎ (03) 9802 0637
Mobile: 0407 056 298
patmar@melbpc.org.au
or pat@patmar.id.au

Social Conveners:

MAJ John Boothroyd RFD.ED (Retd)
☎ (03) 9704 6625
Alan Rogers
☎ (03) 9704 6700
Mobile: 0422 8 88 851
raeme.assn.vic@bigpond.com

**Unit Representative
& Military Adviser:**

WO1 Alan Hawkins
☎ (BH) (03) 9282 6926
Mobile: 0409 662 916
allan.hawkins@defence.gov.au

Chaplain:

John Brownhill

CHAPTERS

BANDIANA CHAPTER

President Andrew Turner
H. 02 6056 1946
Secretary: George Reid
PO Box 231
WODONGA Vic 3689
☎ (02) 60593153
reidysnr@inet.net.au

SEYMOUR CHAPTER

President David Maddick
☎ (03) 5793 8396
muffettsplum@bigpond.com

RAEME VIETNAM SOUTHERN

President Dennis Clarke
☎ H (03) 9848 6757
Mob 0409 518744
eastern.auto@optusnet.com.au
Secretary Dennis Meek
☎ H (03) 9798 3452
dennis.meek@bigpond.com



**PROVINCIAL
REPRESENTATIVES**

ECHUCA

Dom Pontelandolfo
☎ (03) 5482 1035
dpontelandolfo@msn.com

SHEPPARTON

Mark Ryan
☎ (03) 5823 1022
stay@sheppark.com.au

BALLARAT/DAYLESFORD

George Hepburn
24 Junction St. BALLARAT 3350
☎ (03) 5331 3153

**BENDIGO/CASTLEMAINE/
HEATHCOTE**

Jack Balsillie
147 The Outlook Bendigo Village
Mandurang Rd.
Spring Gully 3550
☎ (03) 5443 4803

HOPPERS CROSSING/GEELONG

Rex Foord
598 Thompson Rd,
NORLANE 3214
☎ (03) 5275 1728

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT

Brian Driscoll
☎ (03) 5595 4273

**BERWICK/PAKENHAM
WARRAGUL/ MORWELL/
TRARALGON & SALE**

Bill Slegers
25 Main Neerim Rd,
DROUIN 3818
☎ (03) 5625 2232
Mobile: 041 913 6149
willcor.slegers@live.com

**CRANBOURNE/KORUMBURRA
& WELSHPOOL**

Kevin Moon
1 Hawkins St,
KORUMBURRA 3950
☎ (03) 5655 1545

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

This magazine is produced by the members, for the members, and is not to be solely one-way communication.

How do you find out what is happening in and around the RAEME ASSOCIATION, or in fact RAEME? through 'The LIGHTNING FLASH' of course.

DISCLAIMER

The views and articles expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the policy and views, official or otherwise, of this Association.

Let's hear from you!

Deadline for July Flash
Monday 25th June 2012

Items to Pat Marley:

patmar@melbpc.org.au

or

pat@patmar.id.au

THE LIGHTNING FLASH

If undeliverable return to
The RAEME Association (Vic.) Inc.
PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate Vic 3805

Print Post Approved
PP 339549/40061

SURFACE
MAIL

POSTAGE
PAID
AUSTRALIA

PLEASE SAVE WRAPPER

Change of Address

Is your address shown above correct?
If not please fill in the spaces below and return
This whole sheet in an envelope to:

**The Secretary,
The RAEME Association of Victoria Inc
PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate Vic 3805**



Name(Block Letters)

Address

Postcode: Ph. No.

Email: