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**Reserve Forces Day Parade Sunday 1 July 2012**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are now half way through the year and the busy quarter of the year has passed and now we can relax a little before the AGM in August. The activities over the past three months have included the Annual Reunion, Anzac Day, the Presidents Lunch, and the Reserve Forces Day Parade.

The Reunion was held at the Clayton RSL and was a pleasant day for those who attended, many yarns were swapped and memories relived. It was a little disappointing that those who enjoyed themselves the previous year and indicated they would return did not do so.

### Anzac Day

It was cold and very wet and although we provide transport from the Clayton RSL to the City the numbers were limited, but we were thankful for the bus at the marshalling point as the rain never stopped.

Eventually we assembled the banner using the veranda of the old Gas and Fuel Building as protection and with some of our older members and those not up to the march riding in the bus we set off up Flinders Street and round the corner into Swanston Street where we were halted so we could get really wet. However we were then preceded by the City of Footscray Citizens Band who played a good marching tune but repeated many times over. Our numbers were boosted by some RAEME Vietnam boys who missed the Vietnam Group which took off much earlier than our group. The bus received much TV coverage with Doug Brazier being the star attraction and the commentator for the ABC getting the name of the Corps correct, and even my name as well. (It has only taken three years despite our detailed information being provided to the RSL)

Alan Stebbing of the AACC joined us and also attracted attention with his Chefs hat and has now joined the Association as he was made very welcome on the day.

We completed the march without any casualties despite the inclement weather and then retired to the Southern Cross Hotel to join the Victoria Barracks Chapter fellows for a convivial afternoon. I am told that some photos are on Face Book from this activity.

It took three days to dry the banner and my suit. My thoughts are with the troops who escorted the colours in the early part of the parade in polyesters and short

sleeves who would have been subjected to torrential rain, whilst we sheltered in the bus.

My thanks to Cpl Peter Zimmerman of 3 Rec Coy for his support in driving us to and from the march.

### Presidents Lunch

This was held at the Clayton RSL and 37 attendees had a pleasant lunch and we were able to honour three of our widows. This was a little disappointing as I had sent fifteen personal invitations to our widows and only received three acceptances and three apologies. Where are you ladies, we have not forgotten you and the support you gave to your partners.

### Reserve Forces Day Parade

Held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Shrine of Remembrance and to commemorate the Boer War and also to honour the partners of reservists for their support.

The day was cold and grey but with only a few showers and so the presentation of more than 100 Boer war medallions to descendants of the first Reservists to serve in a conflict overseas and the only war which has been funded by the Victorian State Government was conducted whilst at the same time some 42 Reserve Forces Medallions were presented simultaneously.

RAEME was congratulated on becoming 70 years old (But not until 1 Dec) and I laid a wreath at the Flame of Remembrance. To those who attended, a big thank you and especially to those who carried the banner and the standard, and to Gus Allan who acted as the Association Sergeant Major.

### Annual General Meeting Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August at Clayton RSL

This is our next major activity and your attendance is requested to ensure that we can meet the statutory requirements of an Incorporated Association.

It is a good time to renew old friendships and also enjoy a free meal.

Please reply to let us know if you are attending so that we have the right numbers for catering, drinks of course are at your expense. Ladies are invited.

### John Boothroyd President

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

ANZAC Day March was poorly attended with only a handful of Association members marching. Those members returned to the Southern Cross Hotel in South Melbourne where we met with the Victoria Barracks Chapter members for drinks and refreshments. Once again 3 Recovery Company provided a vehicle and driver, the driver being our regular driver in Peter Zimmerman.

ANZAC Day reunion was well attended with many stories being told about the good & bad times we all had during our time of service.

The Committee of Management are still working through the Strategic Plan submitted by the President of the RAEME National Association and have several issues that we are still not satisfied with. Members who wish to have a copy of the Strategic Plan can contact the Secretary for a copy.

The Committee of Management have granted Charter to our new Chapter namely The Victoria Barracks Chapter (President CAPT Tony Minitti)

The Presidents Lunch was down slightly on last year's attendance however the members attending enjoyed the day. The Committee would appreciate more members to attend this function to honour the widows of our departed members, it was great to have members of the Victoria Barracks Chapter attending

Annual General Meeting Details are included in this edition of the Lightning Flash. Members are requested to reply to the Secretary as to their attendance for catering purposes. It is important that we as we need to know the number attending for the caterer.

**COMMUNICATION: MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY IF THEY HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER or EMAIL ADDRESS.**

**Alan Rogers**  
Secretary

**WELFARE REPORT**

Bruce Williams is recovering from surgery.

Ross Hope is unwell.

Leonie Cartledge is recovering from heart problems

Dennis Clarke had a brief stay in hospital following an angiogram.



WO1 Max Pederson (Rtd)  
30 October 2011

WO2 John Curtis (Rtd)  
23 April 2012

Phillip Cook  
24 April 2012

Hubert Mills  
29 April 2012

Margaret Buckley  
5 March 2012

Graham Maxwell  
30 May 2012

LTCOL John Power (Rtd)  
24 May 2012 aged 87 years

The PRESIDENTS LUNCH was held at the Clayton RSL to honour the Widows of our deceased members. While the numbers were down on last year all attending members had an enjoyable day.

It was pleasing to have members of the newly formed Victoria Barracks Chapter in attendance

*(Photos next page)*

**RAEME Reunion, 14 April 2012**



**President's Lunch, 20 May 2012**



## BLUEBELL VIETNAM VETERANS SOUTHERN

### ANZAC DAY MARCH

ANZAC Day dawned to see what has become a severe Melbourne Winter. We had a good turn up of Veterans, in spite of the rain. We hope to be back at Victoria Barracks next year. There were a number of unplanned delays with the March, which were subsequently explained at the ESO meeting. Some avoidable and some not.

We had applied for banner bearers prior to the March, but none were forthcoming. There appeared to be no March marshals within the vicinity at the start of the march either.

I would like to thank the banner bearers, Fred Greenway, his son in law, Ross Smith, John Forster, Rob Gazzara, Geoff Smith, Frank Ellingham, George Fernando, Tony Zammit, Alan Johnson, Paul Mills, Graeme Unmack, Neville Bell and Peter Wilkins who stepped up to the plate.

I would like to thank Konrad Ermert and John Scully for leading us and Max Farrow for helping to organize us, in place of a Marshal.

Six RAEME Banners in the Parade helps to identify the Corps.

I have received a list of deceased Vietnam Veterans with some former RAEME names among them. If you are trying to locate someone it may be of some help.

### Vietnam Veterans Week.

We look forward again to Vietnam Veterans Week with services at your local VVAA Sub-Branches. The Heidelberg Repatriation - Austin Hospital Service will again be held Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 hrs. March at the Shrine Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1030 - 1130 Hrs  
Marchers Form Up in the Northern Forecourt.

I would like to congratulate Robert Gazzara, who completed the VVAA Bike Ride fund raiser for the Museum at Phillip Island. The RAEME Vietnam Southern Chapter Association donated \$ 150-00, which was met by a further \$150-00 from 3 other anonymous members. Congratulations to another Bluebell, Michael Byrne from Geelong, who also completed the bike ride. The money raised on the Bike Ride helped pay out the loan that was taken out to purchase the land on Phillip Island where the Museum is located.

I found an article relating to the School of Military Engineering RAE, which is to be shifted from its present site at Moorebank to Holdsworth Barracks.

The 83 hectare site is to be used for a railway - road container transport intermodal hub. The Federal Department of Defence currently has its National Defence Storage and Distribution Centre established at this site. One would expect the Engineers Museum to be moved with SME.

John [ Jethro] Thompson, Engineer, from 1 Field Squadron is about to release a new book on his horrific experience with the laying of the minefields. He is doing his book launch through various RSL Clubs. We held our last Committee Meeting at the East Malvern RSL Club, which is soon to undergo a re-building program. Thanks again to Robert Gazzara for organizing the day. We are very fortunate to have the RSL clubs to hold our meetings. We issue them with a RAEME Vietnam plaque,[ if they don't have one already]. If you would like minutes from this meeting, contact our Secretary Dennis Meek.

Our own member name badges are still available. Contact Dennis Clarke

We will continue on with the Vietnam Unit Banner program to help add some knowledge and colour to the various public gatherings they are displayed at. Edwards Family Treasure Chest

Dennis Edwards is to have a fund raiser for the "Educate the Kids in Vietnam" We will keep you posted regarding this important event.

### Re-union Notices

1Field Squadron Workshop:  
Melbourne ANZAC Week 2013

102 Field Workshop:  
"Avondale" 601 Bray's Road Gunnawarra  
30<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012  
Noel Lake - 03 5456 9246

106 Field Workshop:  
Mandurah 65 km south of Perth  
October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2012  
Phillip Bond 07 3263 8222

17 Construction Squadron Workshop:  
Clare Valley South Australia

1 Div S&T / 5 Company Workshop:  
Darwin

161 Reconnaissance Flight Darwin  
45<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

**Dennis Clarke**  
**President**  
**Viet Nam Veterans Southern Chapter**

Anzac Day 25 April 2012



Anzac Thanks

I would like you to pass on my thanks to the RAEME gentlemen who my boys, Jack and Timothy, marched with under the 101 banner. They had a wonderful time and I think it gave them another insight into my Dad, their Pa. They were very honoured and felt very special and are already talking about next year!

I have attached some pics from the day and the video (a short one) is on the RAEME Facebook page.

Thank you again from the O'Dwyer Family.  
Ann-Maree Gage



Photos from Dennis Clarke (President, Vietnam Veterans Southern) and Ann-Maree Gage

## SEYMOUR / PUCKAPUNYAL CHAPTER

Welcome to the Seymour / Puckapunyal Chapter. We are back. Although small in number and do not have the support of a RAEME unit at Puckapunyal we are active in many other areas around the Seymour community.

Our membership consists of members running their own businesses within and afar from Seymour, members working within and / or holding important positions within the current Defence Contracting Company, BAE Systems, farmers, the security industry, and of course many of our members are also active in the community within the local RSL, Mitchell Veterans Centre, Mitchell Vietnam Veterans Walk, CFA Rural and Urban brigades, and the Seymour Car Club. We also have three very loyal members well out of town such as Perth WA, Hargraves NSW, and Tura Beach NSW. Other out of town members (further than 20km) are at Craigieburn, Heathcote, Pyalong and Shepparton.

Two of our members, Glenn (Deadly) Ernst and Brian (Polly) Vearing, are currently competing in the Alice Springs, Finke River Desert Race, and no doubt they will catch up with other like minded RAEME retirees.

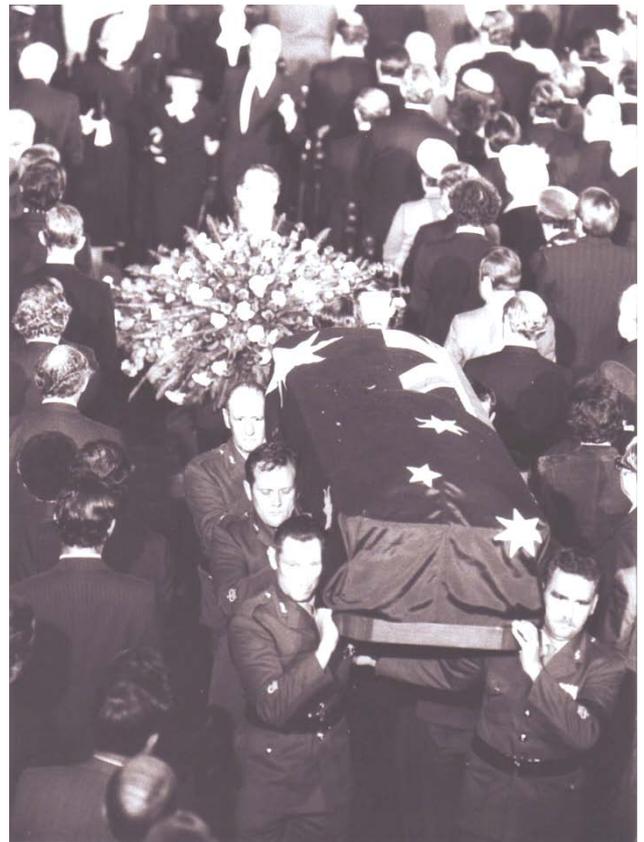
With the diversity of our members and the fact that Puckapunyal now only supports seven RAEME personnel, it is difficult to get all of them in the one place at any given time, but we do speak when we meet in the street or at the various organisations and activities each of us belong to, or attend, the news does get around (Bush Telegraph).

### A Step Back In Time Sir Robert Gordon Menzies Funeral

On 19 May 1978 a State Funeral was held for Sir Robert Menzies at the Scots' Church – Melbourne. The State funeral was simple, but touched with great solemnity. Police estimated that 100,000 people lined the route from Melbourne to the Springvale crematorium. There the funeral cortege was met by a lone piper, who, to the melancholy strains of the Scottish lament, "Flowers of the Forest", led the coffin into the chapel.

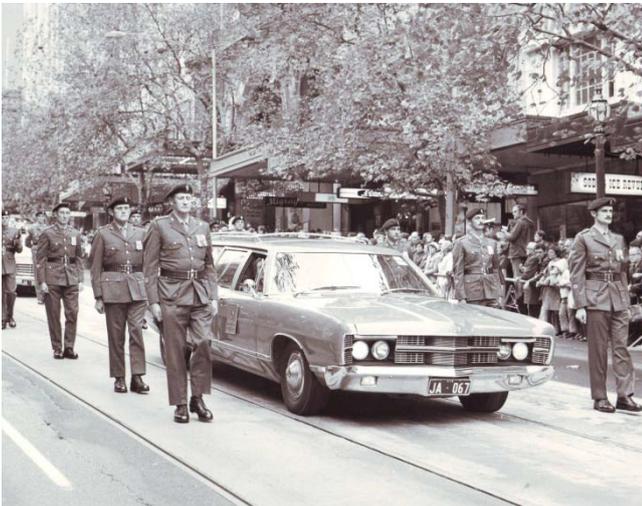
The Military guard of honour was provided by the 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Regiment, with the Bearer Party being made up of Warrant Officers Class Two, from the RAEME Technical Support Squadron. Two of the Seymour / Puckapunyal Chapter members, John Blackwell and Jeff Madex were involved. Jeff's Service Dress still carries the wear marks on the epaulette, and collar made from the scuffing of the coffin.

**David Maddick**  
President Seymour/Puckapunyal Chapter



**Sir Robert Gordon Menzies Funeral**

### Sir Robert Gordon Menzies Funeral



### DID YOU THANK THE COOK?

Next time you have a tasty meal  
And feel you're satisfied,  
Please take the time to thank the cook  
Who all this food supplied.

A thankless task this cooking is -  
It's just something that is there  
To eat when it is needed most,  
Just normal, routine fare.

But please just say how nice it was,  
Delicious ev'ry crumb,  
And thank the cook sincerely, too -  
Because he is your "chum".

For there will come a time, you know,  
When your chum's no longer there,  
And then you will appreciate,  
His delicious, tender fare.

You'll think of all the meals he's cooked,  
With ne'er a thanks at all,  
And you will feel such sad regret  
For gratitude so small.

So when you take that final piece  
Of food there off your plate,  
Give the army cook sincerest thanks,  
Because he's still your "mate".

(With apologies to L.G.)

**NEW CHAPTER FORMED**

**Victoria Barracks Chapter**

Last year after the Anzac Monarch we retired to Victoria Barracks to enjoy the facilities of the temporary messes set up in tents on the lawns. We observed a large number of RAEME Officers and NCOs present and questioned as to where they were posted. Most replied at Vic Bks.

A little, while later we contacted the Don of the RAEME Mafia and suggested that they should form a Chapter of the RAEME Association of Victoria. This has been done and more than twenty-five members have signed up and attended a get together after this year's Anzac March at The Southern Cross Hotel in South Melbourne

Capt. Tony Minniti is the President, and he has organised a Committee and contact officers at both Victoria Barracks. and Defence Plaza. They have also held a social evening to view the State of Origin Match at the Southern Cross Hotel

Arrangements are being made to enable the presentation of the Charter to the Chapter. This is the future of the Association as many of us reach our senior years and will step aside to enable these younger fellows to carry on the traditions of the Corps.

**SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Having attended several funerals this past year I have become aware of problems experienced by families and siblings in organising the ceremonies for the funeral.

Many are not aware of the deceased wishes or what entitlements they have to various Ceremonies such as military, RSL or Masonic Funerals. Why because it something which has not been discussed.

But as death is something which comes to us all, but we know not how soon, it is a subject that should be discussed or as at one ceremony I was the conductor detailed in writing in the persons will.

Please give this some thought, so that those who survive you are not left wondering, have we done what they would have wanted.

**John Boothroyd  
President**

RAEME Association Vic Functions 2012		
<p><b>August 2012</b>                      17<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans Day                      18<sup>th</sup> Long Tan Parade                      26<sup>th</sup> AGM Clayton RSL</p>	<p><b>September 2012</b></p>	<p><b>October 2012</b></p>
<p><b>November 2012</b>                      17<sup>th</sup> Bandiana Dinner                      11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Clayton RSL                      30<sup>th</sup> RAEME 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner</p>	<p><b>December 2012</b></p>	<p><b>January 2013</b>                      TBA Shrine Pilgrimage</p>
<p>Venues , Dates, Timings will be issued under separate cover                      Some dates &amp; venues may be subject to change from time to time  <u>Note: Months in RED are subject to the 2012-2013 Committee of Management Decision</u>  <u>Please Place on Fridge as a Reminder of the Association Functions</u></p>		

**Thanks for Spanner Packs from our  
Bluebells Overseas**  
*(Sent to Raymond Norman  
President RAEME Association National)*

On behalf of the Rotary Group Wing 7 Technical Support Troop (TST), I would like to express our sincere thanks for the Operation Spanner Pack care packages we received.

We are currently deployed to Afghanistan, namely Kandahar Airfield (KAF). Our task here is to provide 24hr maintenance support, to the two Australian CH-47D Chinooks operating out of KAF. RWG is working as a part of the US Task Force, flying in support of NATO. As the TST, we cover all the maintenance that is required with conducting flying operations. Maintenance varies constantly, be it scheduled maintenance or the unfavourable unscheduled maintenance. When not keeping the Aircraft serviceable, our days are kept busy by the regular requirement for keeping our vast array of Ground Support Equipment serviced and calibrated. Not to say there isn't time for the regular 'stitch up' or practical joke. There is always time for a good practical joke, or two.

We have been here for a bit over 3 months now and the weather is beginning to heat up. The care packages have arrived at an ideal time, especially for keeping our sugar levels up. I'm sure you could imagine, it gets pretty hot completing work inside and around the aircraft, when they are sitting on the flight line tarmac (this being the location for the majority of our workload).

In regards to the contents of the packs, honestly, I think you have nailed it. While we have access to 'candy' here, there is no substitute to opening a pack and seeing some childhood favourite lollies. This is evident when you see the huge grins on grown men, when the care packages are opened. Personally, it was the 'Arnotts Ginger Nut Biscuits' that did it for me. Love them. The stubby coolers are great for 'esprit de corps', and will make a great reminder of the tour, and an honourable entrant to the collection back home. Playing cards...who doesn't love cards.

Once again, please accept a huge thank you from the RWG TST to the RAEME National Association for the packages. I can say with confidence that your efforts and thoughts are greatly appreciated by all of us here.

CPL Jason Hoare  
Avionics Supervisor

On behalf of all members here in the A Vehicle Maintenance Section of the MTF -4 Workshop, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the recent arrival of the Operation Spanner Packs.

The packs contents are awesome, and a large morale boost at our present stage of the operation.

Once again a big thank you to all involved in these Spanner Packs.

SGT Ronald Novello  
A Veh Wksp

I received my spanner pack. Thank you goes out to you and the RAEME Association.

CPL Stephen White  
C-RAM

Most of the ANZAC Day Spanner packs arrived some weeks ago, the remainder are trickling in with the last of the ANZAC Day good will mail. Thank you once again for the efforts of yourself and your volunteers. I know the Spanners Packs are gratefully received by all members of the Corps, especially those who are serving their deployment in the more remote and isolated Patrol Bases.

My deployment is coming to an end and my replacement is WO1 Steve Frost, cc to this email. I know that Frosty will provide you with the same support that I have. Thank you once again and I look forward to catching up with you once I'm home and back at work.

WO1 Steve Luke  
EMEWO HQJTF 633

I would just like to take the time to write you a quick email and thank you on behalf of myself (CFN Shaun Martin VM) and CPL Lee Bailey (fitter armourer) for the spanner pack that you and the RAEME National Association send us. We are currently serving as part of MTF 4 out of Patrol Base Wali just outside of Tarin Kowt. It's always heart warming to receive packages especially ones that remind us of home and the people back there that are thinking over us and giving their support to us while we are away from our friends and family for an extended period of time. This is both of our second deployments as RAEME soldiers and the RAEME Association has shown their support of both of us on both trips so thank you for your continual support to RAEME soldiers both overseas and back home.

Shaun Marty  
Tradie  
PB WALI

Just wanted to drop a line and let you know that the Spanner Packs are making there way around to all the guys here in AFGN. We are very grateful. They are slowly being sent in through postage on incoming flights from UAE and most have arrived at their final destination. It is a true surprise to all when they crack it open to find the joys of home packed snuggled away inside. Can you please thank those that have helped in providing these packages, we have certainly appreciated them.

Wish you all the best on this ANZAC Day and thank you from all the RAEME personnel in TK.  
Arte et Marte

Chad Stonier  
TRF-A

My name is CFN Fish and I am currently deployed on OP ASTUTE in East Timor as part of the Timor Leste Aviation Group (TLAG).

Last month we received several of the "Spanner Packs" to share amongst the Technical Support Troop (TST) members.

Myself and most of the TST are from the 5th Aviation Regiment in Townsville, where we maintain the S70-A9 Blackhawk.

Our various trades include Aircraft Technician "Black hander", Avionics Technician "Boffin", Aircraft Life Support Equipment Technician "Stitch Bitch" and Aircraft Structural Repair Technician "Sheetie".

Not all of the TST are RAEME, as we have 3 RAAF (Caribou background) and 2 Navy (Seahawk background) members who are also Blackhawk trained, and are posted to 5 AVN REGT.

Needless to say us RAEME boys gave them grief and said we weren't going to share our Spanner Packs as they were not RAEME, never have I seen them sook so much!

There were plenty of goodies to share around (even with the RAAFies and Pussers), the packets of Shapes biscuits didn't last long, nor did the chewing gum. The stubbies coolers are the envy of those in the camp not RAEME, even though we can't fill them with stubbies! Regardless how old the issue, the most appreciated items by far were the Zoo magazines!

The efforts of those assembling the parcels, and the donations from the various sponsors are greatly appreciated. No one really knew about "Operation Spanner Pack" until the base SSM informed us.

Again, thanks very much for all the effort by everyone involved, and I hope this kind of welfare support continues to those serving overseas in the future.

CFN Ramsay Fish  
5 AVN REGT

Just thought I'd drop you a line and say thanks for the "Spanner Pack" that WO2 Brett Thomas organised for the two RAEME members here at Camp Phoenix in Dili.

MAJ Terry Fulton and I divided the pack, but he got the ginger nut biscuits. Also Brett mentioned that the PTI should have a look in as he and Brett did a lot of work together at RAMS (School of helicopter fixers) together.

So, I got the stubbie holder and the muesli bars.

Thanks for the thoughts and the packs.

WO1 Tony Rich  
Service Delivery Cell  
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Desk Officer  
JTF631

The three RAEME soldiers from 9 CSSB that are currently deployed on Op ANODE are detailed below:

- CPL James Boulton;
- CPL David Cawthorne; and
- CPL Bruce Nichols.

They arrived in the Solomon Islands in early April and will RTA in early Aug 12.

Many thanks for your support.

MAJ Peter Reynolds  
Officer Commanding, 107<sup>th</sup> Field Workshop

I am CPL David Cantley am currently serving in Timor Leste with TLAG 17, this is now my 3rd deployment here, and I can say I know Dili quite well now, as you would assume. I have done deployments both as a single member and a married member, and I think that being deployed single is rather a harder thing to cope with.

You sit back when the mail comes in and everyone is getting mail from their wives and children, which is fantastic for them, but can be a very depressing time for the people that are not getting any mail. So this leads to where my ramblings are getting to.

The care packages that are sent from the RAEME Association are a much sought after item when they arrive, the feeling you get when you open them is just like being a little boy on Christmas morning, so I thought that I would put a few words together and thank everyone for the spanner packs, so believe it, they really are cherished by a lot of people over here, even though they think they are too manly to say so.

So if you could keep up the great work it would be very much appreciated.

PS the ANZAC biscuits are my favourite, great with rum and coffee.

CPL David Cantley  
Proudly served in RAEME since 1988

My name is CPL Dave Cawthorne 48<sup>th</sup> Class MM and I would like to thank you all for the Spanner packs that we received whilst on Operation. As you may be aware there are Care Packs sent by all types of business and RSLs and the general public. But it blows all the other corps away when we receive one from our own corps. The looks on faces of the grunts were priceless when we received an extra one, and though that had gone into the pack is great. As expected it has all the tools a RAEME soldier needs: a stubby holder, playing cards, some lollies and magazines plus a DVD. So on behalf of myself and my other two RAEME colleagues CPL James Boulton and CPL Bruce Nichols I would like to send our thanks for a wonderful gesture.

I hope you and all the RAEME members have a great ANZAC Day and thanks again from the boys on OP ANODE rotation 27.

CPL Dave Cawthorne, CPL James Boulton, CPL Bruce Nichols  
ASDM/VM CTF 635  
OP ANODE

Thank you again; to the spanner pack team for the great Anzac Day spanner packs. I know personally from my deployments to E Timor and Iraq how much the crafties and I appreciated the fine gesture of spanner pack goodies from the Corps; particularly close to Anzac Day.

Best wishes on a great effort  
Arte et Marte

BRIG Dave McGahey (Rtd)  
Honorary Colonel Commandant  
RAEME



Reserve Forces Day 1 July 2012



VASEY RSL CARE

# RSL Park – Opening of new rose garden

The staff at RSL Park are always looking for ways to honour our veterans and to keep their memory alive for their friends and families. In April this year, a memorial garden was opened to provide a special place for residents, families and friends to visit and remember. An old courtyard has now been transformed into an elegant display of white and red standard rose trees, where visitor can sit and enjoy the blooms and fragrances. The colour of our roses has an important significance. The red roses are in memory of our veterans and the white roses are in memory of residents who were not veterans. When a resident passes on, a small tag with the resident's name is placed on the front of the rose tree and a photo is taken and sent to the resident's family. The idea originated from one of our past resident's family who asked if they could plant a favourite rose so her friends of 10 years could remember her. The idea just grew and everyone we asked thought it would be a wonderful idea, as did the organisation. We were provided funding to recreate the old courtyard and now our residents enjoy seeing all the roses.



Vasey RSL Care Board Member Dr Jim Breheny, RSL Park Residential Manager Jan Semple and resident Hilda Daly attend the opening ceremony of the rose garden.



Flo Simmond's great granddaughter Holly Simmonds.



Rose bush dedicated to veteran Les Bailey.



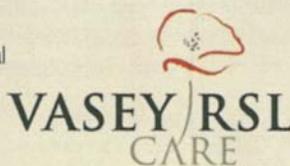
A veteran's rose bush.

*The photo at middle left shows the rose tree in memory of our Association's oldest member, Life Member Les Bailey, who passed away on 24 February 2012, at the age of 101*

**Vasey RSL Care**

For further information about VRSLC's residential aged care facilities: Ph: (03) 9818 0568

For further information about VRSLC's community care: Ph: (03) 8862 7800



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**Incorporation Reg No A0022655Z**  
**Notice of 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 1130hrs**  
**Clayton RSL Carinish Rd Clayton**  
**Opposite Clayton Railway Station; Ample Car Parking**

- 1 ATTENDANCE
- 2 APOLOGIES
- 3 THE ODE & SILENT TRIBUTE
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING from 2011 AGM MINUTES
- 5 CONFIRMATION of 21<sup>st</sup> AGM MINUTES 28-8-2011
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- 8 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS AS Tabled  
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- 9 AGENDA as SUBMITTED by MEMBERS
- 10 GENERAL BUSINESS  
NOTICE OF MOTION ADDITIONAL RULE; PROXY VOTE
- 11 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the YEAR 2012-2013
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- 13 CLOSURE of MEETING
- 14 LIGHT LUNCHEON SUPPLIED / DRINKS AT MEMBERS EXPENSE

**Agenda Items to be submitted no later than 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

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To Assist in Catering: I \_\_\_\_\_ M/Shp No

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**Will / Will Not be attending the 2012 Annual General Meeting**  
**Reply to the Secretary PO Box 2118 Fountain Gate 3805**  
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**Phone No 9704 6700**  
**RSVP 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012**

### Laws of Life

**Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

**Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

**Law of the Alibi** - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

**Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

**Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

**Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

**Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**Law of Football** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the game. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

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**COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT  
NOMINATION FORM 2012-2013**

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**I** (Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_ M'shp No \_\_\_\_\_ being a financial member of the  
RAEME Association Vic Inc

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominate for the Position of:**

<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Member</b>
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**PLACE CROSS IN RELEVANT BOX**

I (your name) \_\_\_\_\_ M'shp No \_\_\_\_\_ propose the above member for the  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (your name) \_\_\_\_\_ M'shp No \_\_\_\_\_ Second the Proposal

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

**Only Financial Members may nominate, propose or second**

**Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Association Web site [www.vic.raeme.org.au](http://www.vic.raeme.org.au) or by  
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**Separate Forms must be filled in if nominating for multiple positions**

**Note; Chapter Presidents are an Automatic Committee Member Rule 6.2 (c)**

**Secretary's use only**

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Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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