

The Horse's Mouth

RAEME Association WA - NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2015

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"The Role of the RAEME Association (WA) Is to represent the RAEME family by enabling them to connect through a central hub with personal and professional networks both locally

What The Prez Sez

It's that time of the year again, ANZAC Day and associated activities. This year is particularly important as it is the 100th anniversary of ANZAC.

There are many events schedules throughout the state, country and overseas to commemorate this "making of Australia" event. Those who are not travelling interstate or overseas are encouraged to attend **OUR RAEME Family** events that we have planned for this Historic time in our nations short history.

Your Association has worked really hard again to produce quality events for you to attend and it would be very pleasing to see all members in attendance.

A draft of our constitutional rewrite will be presented to you prior to ANZAC Day and it is planned to put some time aside so that it can be presented for your approval at our after march function at the Kings Hotel. Please be aware that a lot of time and energy has gone into the production of this document and the theme has been to keep the Constitution standard and simple with all non generic items covered by By-

Laws. Please read the proposed constitutional changes carefully and inform the Secretary if you have any concerns prior to ANZAC Day, we do not want our after march activities taken up with hours of debate - If you are happy, well and good; if not, let us know early.

I would like to welcome our new WA Regional Representative Captain Benjamin Oakes. We look forward to supporting Ben in his new position.

Congratulations to Craftsman Nathan Smith and Craftsman Rohan Borstel on their recognition as Craftsman of the Year award for 2014.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the \$1000.00 allocated to us from the corps fund for our ANZAC Day activities.

See you on ANZAC Day.

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ANZAC Day Activities

The Dawn Service

There will be a Dawn Service held at Irwin Barracks. Details as follows:

Anzac Day Service Karrakatta

POC: Alex Smithers – alex.smithers@defence.gov.au

Timings: 04:15 Coffee Royal

05:05 Service followed by breakfast (Bacon and Egg rolls at the mess)

Notes:

Access to the event is via pre-arrangement only. No walk-ins. Ensure you are registered with the POC (Alex Smithers) details above.

Photo ID required.

The Main Gate will be closed during the ceremony. No vehicle access will be permitted during the ceremony. Walking access will still be permitted.

****PLEASE NOTE****

As this is a base wide Service there are significant numbers attending (last year in excess of 250 people). The event is run and setup well....See you there.

Alex

The ANZAC Day Parade

The ANZAC Day parade Order Of March is displayed on page 3. Also, please be aware that there may be notices in the "Can You Help" section of The West Australian.

PLEASE NOTE - The RAEME Association will form up in St Georges Terrace in **Section H Location 106**.

For more details see a copy of the RSL periodical "The Listening Post" click on this link:

<http://www.rslwahq.org.au/Assets/files/listening-post/2015/LISTENING-POST-APRIL-2015.pdf>

The After March Reunion and Function

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE **** Please note that the After March Reunion will be held at the **Kings Hotel, Hay Street, Perth**. (Behind the RSL). Our function room is downstairs. When you enter the Kings Hotel from Hay street, turn left and go downstairs, our function room will be clearly defined. It is also important to note that this is a **PRIVATE** function and only MEMBERS and FAMILY will gain entry. There will be beer on tap (Little Creatures and Carlton Mid), there will also be a range of bottled beer, wine, spirits and soft drinks tea and coffee available. There will be a buffet service for meals at reasonable prices.

Entry to the function is FREE for financial members (and their family). For non financial members entry will be \$10.00 per head.

Once again we have an extraordinary license to open the bar at 1100 hours.

ANZAC Day - Order Of March

1. Defence Reps (RAN, Army, RAAF)

2. Mounted Police

DEFENCE FORCES CONTINGENT

3. RAN Band – WA Detachment

4. Royal Australian Navy

5. Australian Army Band Perth

6. Scotch College Pipe Band

7. Australian Army

8. Royal Australian Air Force

9. Floreat Park Salvation Army Band

10. Australian Navy Cadets

11. Australian Army Cadets

12. 7 Wing Air Force Cadet Drum Corps

13. 7 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets

14. WA Police Pipe Band

15. WA Police

16. Police Rangers

17. WA Fire & Emergency Services Concert

Band

18. Department of Fire & Emergency Services

19. Fire & Emergency Services Cadet Corps

EX-SERVICE CONTINGENT

A 20. Town Of Victoria Park Brass Band

21. State Presidents' of RSL, Naval Assoc &

RAAF Assoc of WA

22. 10 x Australian National Flags

10 x New Zealand National Flags

23. WW1 Banners & Victoria Cross Recipient

Banners - Escorted by Westralian Great

War Living History Assoc

24. Legacy Wards

25. War Widows Guild

2 26. Jeeps

3 27. Veteran Carrying Cars

NAVAL SECTION

B 28. Perth Fortress Salvation Army Band

29. Naval Assoc of Aust (WA) Section State

Executive

30. Naval Assoc (City of Perth Sub-Section)

31. Fleet Air Arm Assoc of Aust WA Division

32. Submarines Assoc

33. Naval Warfare Officers Assoc

34. HMAS Perth National Assoc

35. HMAS Brisbane Assoc

36. HMAS Hobart Assoc

37. Coastal Scottish Pipe Band

38. HMAS Sydney Assoc

39. RAN WWII Heavy Cruisers

(HMAS Canberra Assoc, HMAS Australia

Assoc, HMAS Shropshire Assoc)

40. RAN Communications Branch Assoc

41. 'N' Class Destroyers Assoc

42. Tribal Class Destroyers Assoc (HMAS

Arunta, HMAS Warramunga, HMAS Bataan)

C 43. Perth Metro Pipe Band

44. RAN Clearance Divers Assoc

45. Far East Strategic Reserve (Navy) Assoc

46. Vietnam Logistics Support Veterans Assoc (incl HMAS Sydney II)

47. Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships Assoc

48. Ex-WRANS Assoc

ARMY SECTION

D 49. The Royal Agricultural Society Of WA

Brass Band

50. 6th Aust Division Cavalry Regiment Assoc

(WA)

51. Royal Australian Armoured Corps Assoc

(WA Branch)

52. 1st Armoured Regiment Assoc

53. 3rd Cavalry Regiment Assoc

54. Royal Australian Armoured Corps Vietnam

Veterans Assoc

55. Royal Australian Artillery Assoc of WA

56. Churchlands Senior High School Band 1

57. 101 Field Battery Assoc

58. 102 Field Battery Assoc

59. 2/7th Field Regiment Artillery Assoc

60. 116 Light AA Assoc

61. 2/3rd Aust Composite AA Regiment Assoc

62. RAE Ex-Servicemen's Assoc (Engineer

Units)

63. Royal Australian Survey Corps Assoc

E 64. Churchlands Senior High School Band 2

65. Royal Australian Signals Assoc

66. 2/11th AIF Battalion Assoc

67. 2/16th AIF Battalion Assoc

68. 2/26th AIF Battalion

69. ACU Swan Regiment Drums & Pipes

70. 2/28th Battalion & 24th Anti Tank Coy Assoc

71. 2/32nd Battalion Assoc

72. 2/43rd Battalion Assoc

73. 48th & 2/48th Battalion Assoc

74. 2/3rd Machine Gunners Battalion Assoc

75. 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion Assoc

76. 13th Brigade AIF Group (16th AIF Battalion

Assoc, 11th AIF Battalion, 28th, 44th

Battalion Assoc's)

F 77. Presbyterian Ladies College

78. Royal Australia Regiment Association

on Assoc 79. 1 RAR

80. 2 RAR

81. 2/4 RAR

82. 3 RAR

83. 4 RAR

84. 5 RAR

85. 5/7 RAR

86. 6 RAR

87. City of Perth Brass Band

88. 7 RAR

89. 8 RAR

90. 8/9 RAR

91. 9 RAR

G 92. RAN Band 93. Combined Commandos Squadron Assoc

(incl 2/2 Commando Squadron)

94. Royal Western Australian Regiment Assoc

(incl 16th Btn Cameron Highlanders)

95. Australian SAS Assoc

96. City Of Cockburn Pipe Band

97. Australian Army Training Team Vietnam

Assoc (AATTV)

98. HQ 1 Australian Task Force Assoc

99. 161 (Indep) Recce Flight Assoc

100. Australian Intelligence Corps Assoc (WA)

101. Royal Australian Corps of Transport & Royal

Australian Army Service Corps Assoc

102. 1 Australian Field Hospital Assoc

103. Field Ambulance Assoc (incl 2/13th)

H 104. Australian Army Band Perth 93. Combined Commandos Squadron Assoc

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105. Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Assoc

106. Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical

Engineers Assoc

107. Royal Australian Army Pay Corps Assoc

108. Scotch College Pipe Band

109. Military Police Assoc

110. Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Assoc

111. Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS)

Assoc

112. Women's Royal Australian Army Corps

Assoc

113. Officer Training Unit Sch114. Australian Red Cross Assoc

AIR FORCE SECTION

I 115. WA Police Pipe Band

116. Royal Australian Air Force Assoc

117. Fighter Squadron Association & 3 Squadron

Assoc

118. Pathfinders Assoc

119. Bomber Command Veterans

120. Catalina Club of WA

121. 25 City of Perth Squadron Branch Assoc

122. RAAF Police Assoc

123. WA Fire & Emergency Services Concert

Band

124. No. 3 Telecommunications Assoc

125. RAAF Ubon Assoc

126. RAAF Vietnam Veterans Assoc

127. No 9 Squadron Assoc

128. Australian Air Force Cadets Branch RAAFA

Assoc

129. Women's Auxiliary Aust Air Force Branch

(WAAAF) Assoc

130. WRAAF Branch Assoc

TRI-SERVICE CONTINGENTS

J 131. Town of Victoria Park Brass Band

132. BCOF Assoc

133. Australian Ex-Services Atomic Survivors

Assoc

134. National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Assoc (including KSEAVA)

135. The Royal Agricultural Society Of WA Brass Band

136. Vietnam Veterans Assoc

K 137. Perth Metro Pipe Band

138. Honouring Indigenous War Graves

139. Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Assoc

140. Gulf War/Peacekeepers Assoc

141. Defence Reserves Assoc

142. Nation

COMMONWEALTH & ALLIED

FORCES SECTION

L 143. Churchlands Senior High School Band 1

144. New Zealand Ex-Service Men and Women

145. Ex-Royal New Zealand Navy

146. British Ex-Services Assoc & Royal Military

Police Assoc

147. Royal Marines Assoc

148. Royal Green Jackets Assoc

149. Airborne Forces Assoc of WA

150. RAF Apprentices Assoc

151. Indian Ex-Servicemen's Assoc

152. Churchlands Senior High School Band 2

153. North American Veterans' Unit

154. Rhodesian Assoc

155. South African Military Veterans Organisation of Australia

M 156. WA Sikh Band

157. Sikh Ex-Servicemen

158. Greek Australian Ex-Servicemen's Assoc

159. Korean Ex-Servicemen Assoc

160. Polish Ex-Servicemen

161. Turkish Ex-Servicemen

162. 7 Wing Air Force Cadets Drum Corps

163. Vietnamese Ex-Servicemen

164. Relatives of Deceased Veterans

165. St John Ambulance Cadets

166. Scouts

167. Girl Guides

The RAEME Association form up is at Section "H" Location "106".



The RAEME Vigil

Kings Park - RAEME Vigil Site

Address 21 Kings Park Road, West Perth WA 6005, Australia

URL <http://www.borneopow.info/memorials/kingspark.htm>

*All RAEME family and friends are invited to attend the **RAEME Vigil** to be held on Friday 24th April 2015 (ANZAC Eve) to commemorate those RAEME brethren who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.*

The vigil is held on the memorial walk where four of our fellow brethren have been remembered. The plaques are located near the Borneo Memorial. Turn into the Tennis Club driveway located on Kings Park Rd where Outram St intersects. Follow the road around and park in the Car Park next to the tennis club, form up is at 1830 hours.

The Vigil will be preceded by a Sunset Service being conducted around the Flame Of Remembrance Kings Park, commencing at 1700 hours.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend as this is a very somber and moving ceremony dedicated to members of the RAEME Family.

WX9135 Craftsman Leslie Prior, 2/10th Ordnance Workshop, Australian Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineers. He was one of over 2000 Allied prisoners of war (POW) held in the Sandakan POW camp in north Borneo, having been transferred there from Singapore as a part of B Force. The 1494 POW's that made up B Force, were transported from Changi on 7 July 1942 on board the tramp ship Ubi Maru, arriving in Sandakan Harbour on 18 July 1942. Craftsman Prior, aged 40, died as a prisoner of the Japanese on 18 April 1945. He was the son of Henry and Charlotte Prior, and the husband of Hetty Prior, of Mount Hawthorn



GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES MENTAL HEALTH APP FOR PAST AND PRESENT MILITARY PERSONNEL

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A new mobile phone app to help serving and ex-serving ADF personnel manage stress and build their psychological resilience is available to download for free from the iOS app store and Android Google Play.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson and Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Stuart Robert MP, officially launched the *High Res* app today saying it was part of the Australian Government's innovative approach to improving mental health outcomes for defence personnel and younger veterans.

"We recognise the unique nature of military service, which is why we are developing these specifically designed resources for the Defence and veteran community," Senator Ronaldson said.

"We also recognise the current generation of Defence personnel and younger veterans generally engage with support services differently to older veterans. That is why we are actively developing new products such as *High Res*."

The *High Res* app features two major functions:

"'Stress Management' helps users manage their immediate reactions to a stressful situation. The app prompts users to test their physical, cognitive, emotional and behavioural reactions and helps them adjust their response with the use of tools on the app.

"'Performance Training' helps to optimise mental performance with regular resilience training and will assist users to better respond to future challenges at work and in life.

The *High Res* app has been developed in collaboration with the Department of Defence and is based on Defence's BattleSMART self-management and resilience training program.

Minister Robert said the app used Cognitive Behavioural Therapy tools and applied them to daily stress management and resilience training.

"We know we need to exercise our bodies to get fit, but how often do we exercise our minds? Being resilient means having the ability to deal with difficult situations and knowing the right response to use at the right time," Minister Robert said.

"The *High Res* app is like having a resilience toolbox in your back pocket to use whenever you feel the need to. Ultimately, it will help manage stress and over time build mental strength."

High Res is the latest example of DVA and Defence using emerging technology to help the defence community, including families, to raise awareness of mental health issues and improve access to professional support.

Other samples include the *At Ease* website, the *PTSD Coach Australia* and *ON TRACK with the Right Mix* mobile apps.

For more information, people are encouraged to visit the *At Ease* website, www.at-ease.dva.gov.au

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Department of Veterans' Affairs Media: 02 6289 6203

Minister Robert: Richard Briedis 0477 391 174

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) and Veterans Line can be reached 24 hours a day across Australia for crisis support and free and confidential counselling. Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 8 8241 4546).

A Little bit of History

RAEME type units have existed in armies ever since a soldier first needed his armour repaired or a sword sharpened. Sun Tzu in his book on the Art of War even talks about the costs of repairing broken chariots, armour and weapons - and he was writing in the 5th Century BC!

In the Australian context, the Royal Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was initially formed as AEME on December 1, 1942 having arisen from the Mechanical Engineering Branch of the AOC and prior to that the Ordnance Department of the Army. We had already seen action in the first AIF as Ordnance Medium Workshops, Ordnance Mobile Workshops and Salvage Workshops, and had a lineage that dated back to the very first days of the country.

Captain Arthur Phillip himself in fact, when putting together the First Fleet, stipulated that some of the marines who were to accompany it were to be Artificers, and in 1800 Governor King appointed Captain Edward Abbot to the position of Engineer and Artillery Officer Superintending the Defences. We've certainly been around a long time but it is interesting to note just how long.

The earliest specific mention of a RAEME type organisation in antiquity comes from Vegetius, the bloke who wrote the first set of Pams for the Roman Army in the 4th century. He mentions that in the Praefecture of the Workmen (read CSSB), the Legion had a train of "*workmen of every kind... for making and repairing the wooden siege towers, arms carriages and the various sorts of machines and engines for the attack or defence of places*". He goes on to talk about "*travelling workshops in which shields, cuirasses, helmets, bows, arrows, javelins and offensive and defensive arms of all kinds were made and repaired*".

This sounds remarkably like a description of base workshop and a field workshop doesn't it?

You can almost imagine the AC (Artificer Centurion) having the following argument. "*Listen Squeezius Maximus I don't give a two denarii about what that bloody Numidian barbarian in the store says but if I don't get some new road wheels for the ballistae soon those Thracian dropshorts won't even be going out the front gate. Tell him to remove his digitanus from his rotunda and bring some up from the other cohort, or by Jupiter, I'll be having words with the Camp Praefect!*"

In fact the Legion had over one hundred and fifty specialist ECN's on its orbat. Each century also had its own tech support team consisting of an armourer and a cartwright. They were termed *imunes* and were paid at a higher rate than the rest of the legionaries and were immune from being called up for combat duties unless as part of an operation involving the full Legion.

Regarding our own origins, in the first AIF tradesmen on the Western front were initially seconded to British workshop companies under the control of Royal Ordnance. These were subsequently reabsorbed back into the AIF as purely Australian units. In our particular case 17 British Mobile Workshop became the AIF's 2 Mobile Ordnance Workshop (Medium) in Nov 1918. In World War Two, 113 Independent Brigade Workshop was formed in Port Moresby and later moved to Bougainville.

These two are the parent units of 113. With the disestablishment of the 2nd AIF in 1948, the "interim army" formed an AEME pool at Karrakatta on 1 Jul 1948. On establishment of the Australian Regular Army and the CMF, 2 Medium Workshop was formed from this pool on 1 October 1949, based where 16Bn Tech Spt is currently located. Unfortunately our new build workshops were taken over by XLH as their EsSalt lines and we were moved Artillery Barracks in 1956, being renamed as 113 Independent Brigade Workshop in 1957.

Article by Perry Beor

The Wearing Of The Returned From Active Service Badge (RASB)

*It has been noted that a number of members incorrectly wear the **Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB)**. Here, advice is provided on the wearing of this badge, through an excerpt from RSL State By-Law 14.6 and 14.7, which decrees:*

*“The Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB) is issued to Australian Defence Force personnel who have rendered warlike service. The badge enables individuals to display their involvement in warlike service when wearing civilian attire. **It is worn when the wearing of service awards is not appropriate or possible.** Conversely, it should not be worn when wearing service awards”.*

The RASB is only worn by the person to whom it has been issued.

*Rules also apply to Family members and others, who wear a deceased person's awards on appropriate occasions, they **do not** wear the RASB.”*

So ...simply.... the RAS Badge is NOT worn when wearing medals.



Notice of Lapsed Membership

One of the more urgent tasks undertaken by the committee was to become proactive with membership and membership fee renewals. A decision was made to do away with all membership being due on the same date. From last year, your membership year begins from the day you pay your membership fees. So - if you paid your fees on the 10th September 2014 you would be a financial member of the association from 10th September 2014 until 9th September 2015.

*Most of you would by now have received a “**Lapsed Membership**” notice. The reason for this is that in the past, most members have paid their fees on ANZAC Day. As we are coming up to that time of the year, notices are automatically generated to inform members of their due fees.*

*It would be greatly appreciated if members could pay their fees **BEFORE** ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day is our biggest day of the year and it is a day for all members to enjoy including members of your committee. So please, help take some pressure off the hard working committee members by paying your fees early. Not only will this help the committee, but it will reduce the waiting time getting into our function.*

Please note that fees can be paid in many ways including PayPal. Just go to the website and click on “Membership” and follow the instructions.

EME Association History

While sorting files ready for digitisation a folder containing the inaugural minutes WA Division of the Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (AEME) Association dating from 12 March 1946 were re-discovered.

A search of the RAEME websites reveals that the AEME Association as it was originally called was established from the top down. It began in Melbourne on November the 2nd 1944, with a well attended meeting. The meeting formed the Melbourne Division, an action that some thought was putting the cart before the horse as there was no federal body in existence at that time. This was rectified in Sydney in January the 3rd 1945, when Provisional Federal Council of AEME was founded.

The inaugural meeting of the WA Division was held at the 16 Battalion Drill Hall, Bazaar Terrace (now Mounts Bay road), Perth. The meeting was chaired by Mr (MAJ) Hudson and with Mr Few taking notes. The meeting elected Mr J. Davenport as President, Mr Moran as Secretary and Mr Few as the Treasurer. Committee members elected were: Miss Platt, Mr Frazer, Miss Bride and Mr Anderson. There were 61 financial members by the end of the meeting.

The main issues discussed were whether to approach other associations in order to approach the Government on post-war reconstruction and rehabilitation and where "Smoke social" events could be held.

To complete the history the association requests that members search their archives and see if they have copies of any minutes. The search is for any of the RAEME Associations. The RAEME Association WA has located copies of AGM and Committee meetings from the following periods:

1946 to 1957

1961

1963

1998 to 2015

5MD/Western Region RAEME CORPS Committee WA

1989 1993

1997 to 1999

RAEME Officers Association

1990

1992

1994 to 1995

1998 to 2003

If any member has copies of meeting minutes from other period please get in contact with Dick Fenton on 0488932179 or richard.fenton@defence.gov.au to arrange for a copy to be made.

Cheers

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