

The Horse's Mouth

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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 and nationally"

What The Prez Sez

The last few months has seen my major priorities focused in another direction, but with the current committee I have had a great back-up team and the Association has carried on with the surge forward to keep our "RAEME family" heading in the right direction.

ANZAC Day and the relevant activities has come and gone, the participation of members has grown over the past couple of years which is pleasing. This year we had a change of after-march venue and we have had a mixed bag on feed-back. Going forward, this information will be used to make decisions on improving our 2016 planning.

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At the ANZAC Day after march function I announced that this would be my last year as the Prez. I have been proud to serve in this role, particularly with the relevant committee members we have had during my reign.

As this will be my last "Prez Sez" article, I would like to thank all those who have supported me, in particular my family and wife Kim, who has been a rock and full of encouragement when times got tough. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and I encourage members to put their hand up when committee positions become vacant at the AGM.

To the incoming committee I would like offer my support and good wishes. A lot has been done, but there is still much to achieve.

Arte et Marte

Wez

ANZAC Day

Due to the renovations and unavailability of our regular post march meeting venue, the Melbourne Hotel; we had to find an alternate venue for this ANZAC Day. After vigorous searching and much hard negotiation, we settled on the Kings Hotel. For a first up function it turned out to be, in general, a fairly good decision.

The venue itself was modern, quite large and catered well for our swelling numbers. There was ample seating and standing tables available to patrons and certainly catered for any over-crowding problems.

We did observe a number of points that will be addressed for future functions. Not the least being beer on tap. Although we did run out of draft beer, there was plenty of packaged beer in reserve. This may have caused some inconvenience to members and if so, we do apologise for that inconvenience. One drawback is that the Kings is more an accommodation and function centre rather than a hotel, therefore they need to be precise with the ordering of draft beer as they do not have the ability to serve unused beer as that of an everyday hotel. So they were a little conservative with their estimates. Maybe the truth is that we have some big consumers of beer.

The next point we need to address is - do we want meals available for purchase? The Association put on snacks (free of charge) with the added convenience of purchasing a hot meal.

It may have been an over supply, but we must decide what food we want in future.

These issues will be addressed before next April, however, your feed-back would be greatly appreciated.

With everything taken into consideration, ANZAC Day can be classified as a success. And just to prove it, we have some photo's of the day.



Annual General Meeting Veterans Health Week and Family Day

Once again, our **Annual General Meeting** will be combined with a **Family Day** and **Veterans Health Week**. Based on the success of 2014 the committee agreed it was a great opportunity to bring the RAEME family together by combining these three events.

Saturday 17th October is the date and the venue is the Vietnam Memorial, Kings Park. The day will commence at 1100 hours and will include a light luncheon, activities for the kids and Veterans Health Week promotion as well as our Annual General Meeting.

All RAEME Association Committee positions will become vacant and nominations will be called for from the floor.

Our Association has grown rapidly over the past few years and we are now in a very good position to build further. New blood and new ideas are not only welcomed, but encouraged. Now that we have strength, give some serious thought as to how you may help improve our great Association and put your hand up. Keep the ball rolling.

As we get closer to the date further information will be available on our web site:
www.wa.raeme.org.au

ALL Welcome - Bring the family along

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A Change in Leadership

Going back nearly nine years now, the RAEME Association WA and the RAEME Vietnam Association WA were two separate entities. It was ANZAC Day and the RAEME Vietnam Association were forming up to march when a number of young veterans from later conflicts were spotted standing on the footpath. They were asked if they would like to join us in the march, but the consensus among the younger brigade was that they were not Vietnam veterans and so declined the offer. However, they did accept an invitation to join the Vietnam veterans at their after march function at the IBIS Hotel.

This simple initiative led to the RAEME Association WA becoming as strong as it is today. At the next meeting of the RAEME Vietnam Association, the decision was taken to change the banner by removing all reference to Vietnam and replacing it with simply "RAEME Veterans", this was followed by a drive to bring the two entities together and form one strong Association. Since then our numbers have swelled and our Association has gone from strength to strength. It also ensured that both Associations survived and would continue well into the future.

The underlying factor here was the appointment of Wez Lynch to the position of President of the RAEME Association WA. And so began a remarkable surge in interest in the RAEME family in WA.

Added to this was a huge input from Alex Smithers in developing our local and national RAEME websites and suddenly RAEME WA was a big player. Bring in Colonel Cocker from SA and a further link strengthened our status nationally. We were moving forward at a good sustainable pace with links being developed with other entities such as the RSL, Soldier On etc. Now we are pursuing further connections in the fields of Veterans Health as well as welfare. We are highlighting opportunities for members about to leave the service as well as looking after our retired veterans.

Wez has now decided to stand down from the position of President. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy, one which will live on for a long, long time.

I have had the absolute pleasure to work with Wez and the other team members of the Association over the years and I would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of Wez Lynch in leading us to where we are today.

We are about to elect a new leader - big boots to fill, but a great opportunity and foundation on which to continue our success.

Thanks Mate

Arte et Marte

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You Just Can't Make This Stuff Up

Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800-pound ball on his head

CHARLESTON (AP) — The state Division of Highways granted contracts to a He said he has trouble walking and suffers leg pains.

County to pay \$250,000 to advertise lack of funds

BY MATT COOPER
The Register-Guard

Lane County will spend up to \$250,000 this year publicizing its tight financial picture, in hopes that voters in November will approve higher taxes for public-safety services.

It's an amount for county spending on publicity that has been unparalleled in at least the past 10 years. And it illustrates the seriousness of the effort to reorganize...

Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons

Store Owner Arrested Previously

By Brian Barber
World Staff Writer

On July 2, undercover narcotics agents served a warrant at Taso's home, to search for searched a south Tulsa gun shop owned by the man who officials allege had kept in his of land mines, hand grenades, dynamite and other explo-

Man Accused of Killing Lawyer Receives a New Attorney

By Scott Simovic
SUN Staff Writer

Charged in the murder of his former attorney, Miguel Trujillo has been appointed another attorney from the public defender's office.

Judy Brest, from the Public Defender's Department in Albuquerque, had no comment, saying that she had just been given the case with no time to review it.

Trujillo had recently rejected his previous court-appointed attorney of six months, Marc Robert.

An attorney from out of district was hired because most the attorneys working for the Public Defender's Department out of Santa Fe knew Carlos M. if, the man Trujillo is accused of murdering in a drive-by shooting.

Vigil was murdered Aug. 13, 1999 a few blocks from his Stubb Street office while walking to District Court for a hearing.

A lime-green, early model Ford pickup was spotted in the area linking Trujillo to the scene.

Assistant District Attorney Richard Sklar said the court was waiting for an attorney to represent Trujillo to be found to schedule the next hearing.

All First District Court judges were disqualified from the hearings, with Judge Stephen Pfeffer excused. The Supreme Court appointed Second District Court Judge Neil Castellana from Albuquerque to oversee the hearings.

Trujillo is accused of an open charge of murder, two counts of extorting a witness or witness, one charge of tampering with evidence, and one charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Trujillo pled not guilty. He faces up to 90 years in prison.

Army vehicle disappears

AN Australian Army vehicle worth \$74,000 has gone missing after being painted with camouflage.

Police are seeking public help to find the four-wheel drive, which was

Hospitals resort to hiring doctors

PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE PROMPTING MOVE, ADMINISTRATORS SAY

SOUTH HAVEN

City unsure why the sewer smells

By KRISTIN HAY
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Stickland said he will discuss the strategy of putting a non-toxic smoke into the sewer to detect the path of the offensive gas emanat-

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Homicide victims rarely talk to police

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