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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

Welcome to the spring edition of the Horse's Mouth for 2017. It is that time of year where we are preparing for the AGM. As you all know, we are a voluntary run organisation and as such, we need your help and support to keep the association alive. If you have a passion for our corps and are able to spare a couple of hours a month, we would really love to see you on the committee.

If you would like to see the association be involved in running more informal social function we would like to hear your points of view. The AGM provides a great opportunity to put forward your ideas for the members to hear.

Characteristically our AGMs are predominately a social activity! The meetings only forms a small part of it! It would be great to see our members and their families on the day to enjoy the spectacular location that is Mt Eliza House in Kings Park. I hope to see you all there.

Dick Fenton, President RAEME WA

From the Editor

Welcome to the pre AGM Horses Mouth.

More things have been afoot that may appear to the naked eye. For me the major one was that as Shaun Fenn has been shanghaied into some higher roles, yours truly is back at the helm of 113 until March next year. Any illusions I had about my eminent suitability of the role were cruelly shattered on my first night back when one of the old lags said, "Welcome back Boss, reckon you'll get it right this time?" It was delightful refreshing to be able to make a "suitable" reply and get a laugh – everyone has been too nice and polite to me since I left the workshop! Anyway, enough of me, now for a bit of a summary of what has been going and what is planned.

AGM

The AGM will be held at Mt Eliza House Kings Park on Sunday October 29 commencing at 11.00. Lunch will be provided. The following positions are open:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Webmaster
- Regional Representative
- Membership Officer
- Assistant Secretary / Editor Horse's Mouth
- Welfare Officer
- Committee Members

The plan for before the AGM is to carry out a "The Buddies Memorial Trail" as part of Veterans Health Week which has the theme of Physical Activity

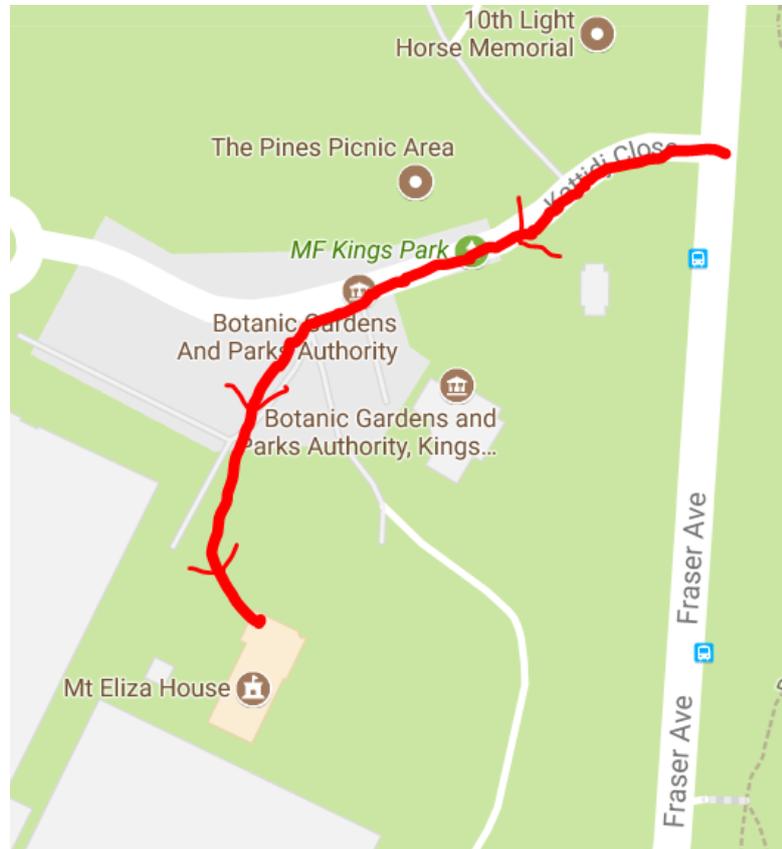
- Participants will meet at the venue and will be transported to their chosen walk site with transport suitable for their fitness. Guides will provide a commentary and will act as supervisors for that walk. The walk will conclude back at the House for a spit roast BBQ and guest speakers will address the audience on Veterans issues. The activity will conclude with the conduct of the AGM.

The following walks are scheduled:

- Kokada Trail walk tour for fully fit members

- Lottery Federation Walkway Tour for the adventurist spirits
- Kings Park Memorial Walk For medical restricted pers

The chosen walks represent different physical Activity Levels and mates/buddies will enable those less able to be able to participate in an outdoor activity while renewing old mateships and bring the veterans together with newer members of the Association.



RAEME Birthday

The Western Australian RAEME 75th birthday celebration will be held on Friday the 1st of December from 1700h through to 2000h. Due to security concerns at the venue, participants will need to apply online via this website, with non-corp subscribers to RAEME Association WA required to pay a \$20 door fee. Further information will be sent out about this event closer to the date but it promises to be a huge affair and considerable subsidisation has been given from a number of sources – some of which are even legal.

Guest of Honour will be 'Harry' the Horse – all 4 ton of him. Harry was manufactured by several rotations of RAEME tradesman working as part of the Special Operations Task Group (SOTG) in Afghanistan.

Note that you will need to register to attend the event! If you do not register you will not be able to attend and you will miss out on what is shaping up to be an excellent event!

NOTE: If you are a financial association member, select the Wire/Bank transfer option but do not deposit any money when registering for the event. Membership will be verified!



New Members

The Association would like to welcome the following new members:

- Daren Sinclair;
- Russell Anderson;

Anzac Day

Once again an excellent march and the later celebration at Maddog's Jungle Bar (formerly The Howling's Bar) was if anything it was better than last years'.



Thanks to all those who attended and supported the activity. A special thanks to the committee who arranged the event.

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Vietnam Veterans Day Services

The commemoration of the battle of Long Tan (Vietnam Veterans Day Services) was held on the Sunday the 18th of August in Kings Park. RAEME was well represented and as usual a fine time was had by all.



75th Anniversary Spirits

The Association is running one last batch of 75th Anniversary RAEME Spiced Rum and American Bourbon with an intent to deliver in time for our Corp birthday. The orders will be from a different batch and will take approximately six weeks from order to delivery. Please note that we have a cut-off date as the 1st of November. Orders placed after mid-October may be delivered after 1st of December.

These bespoke small batch spirits are produced locally by The Grove Experience in Western Australia (<http://www.thegroveexperience.com.au>).

The normal sale price for these spirits at the distillery is normally \$90 per bottle. We are offering the spirits to our members at the sale price of \$70 per bottle



You can place your orders at our shop <http://wa.raeme.org.au/index.php/shop>

Vale



Lest we forget.....

Full details are on the RAEME Website: <http://www.wa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-alt>

Below are the list of Corp members who have fallen.....

Name: Ed, Jones
Rank: Not Provided
Regimental No: Not Provided
Trade: Not Provided
Year Joined: Not Provided
Years Served: Not Provided
Date Deceased: 13 Aug 17

Name: Ross, Mick
Rank: MAJ
Regimental No: 342587
Trade: Telecom Mech
Year Joined: Not Provided
Years Served: 30
Date Deceased: 17 Jul 17

Name: Lewis, Leigh
Rank: Not Provided
Regimental No: Not Provided
Trade: Not Provided
Year Joined: Not Provided
Years Served: Not Provided
Date Deceased: 28 Jul 17

Name: Keihne, Des
Rank: Unknown
Regimental No: N/A
Trade: Not Provided
Year Joined: Not Provided
Years Served: Not Provided
Date Deceased: 28 Jun 17

Name: McKeown, James William
Rank: WO1
Regimental No: Not Provided
Trade: Not Provided
Year Joined: Not Provided
Years Served: Not Provided
Date Deceased: 17 Jun 17

Name: Jervis, Ronald Vincent
Rank: LT
Regimental No: 243210
Trade: Vehicle Mechanic
Year Joined: 04 Jan 60
Years Served: 9
Date Deceased: 16 Jun 17

Sick Parade

Thankfully there is no one recorded for WA. If you know one of our brethren who is not travelling well and would benefit from a visit; email Welfare via the contact us page with their details.

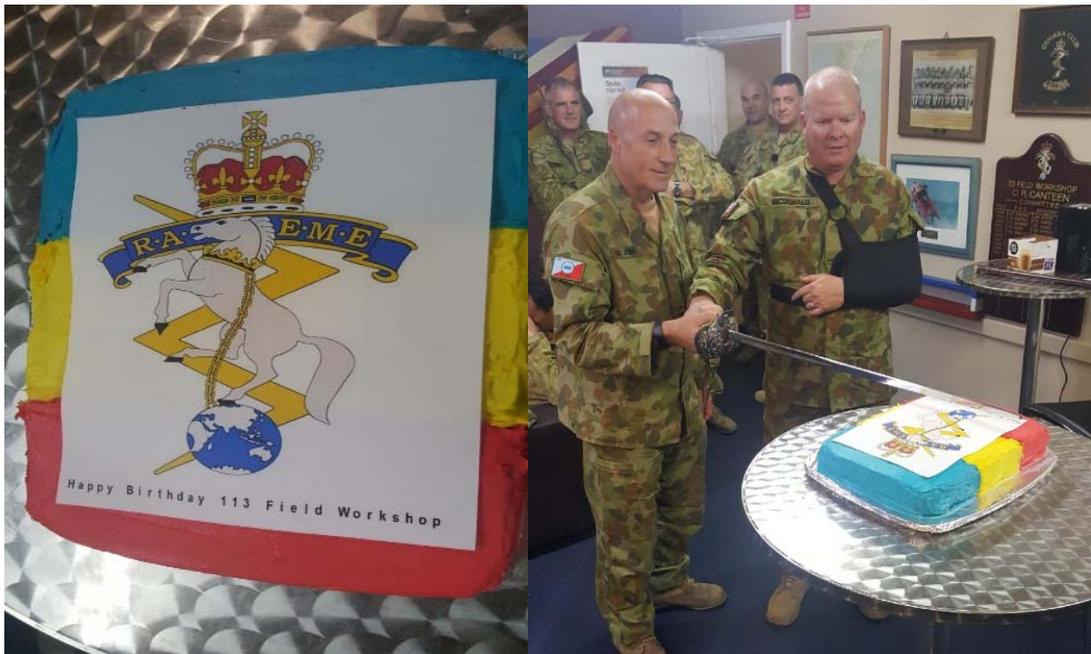
<http://wa.raeme.org.au/index.php/contact-us>

Check the website for the up to date listing.

<http://wa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/sick-parade>

113 Workshop Coy – Birthday

The members of 113 Workshop Coy celebrated the Unit's Birthday on Tuesday the 3rd of October. The Unit is celebrating its 69th Birthday since it was re-formed in on 1 Oct 1948 at Karrakatta as 2 Medium Workshop, and its 99th birthday since the AIF's 2nd Mobile Workshop (Medium) was formed in France in November 1918 from Australian personnel in the *British 17th Mobile Workshop (Light)*.



It was also an ideal opportunity to present a former Workshop OC, MAJ Stephen Sinclair (retired) with his Corp Certificate of Appreciation of more than 46 years of service and whose father, Jim Sinclair was one of the original 1948 members. The certificate was presented by the current OC MAJ (Flash... I move so quick I blur) Perry Beor.



Farewells

The Irwin Barracks SGT Mess farewelled two Workshop members from defence after providing over 40 years of combined service.



SGT Simon Jean



SGT Darren (Nugget) Andrews

Thanks for all your dedication and support to RAEME over the years and we wish you well in your future endeavours.

???Did You Know???

RAEME Military Medals

Prior to the Tobruk battle, 2/2 Army Field Workshop were asked to supply three men to accompany the Tank Corps for the purpose of effecting minor repairs during the battle.

Their after action report merely stated the repairs carried out on 6 x Matilda tanks (out of 18) – what wasn't mentioned was that:

- this work was of a nature which would normally only be carried out in a full workshop;
- it enabled 5 of the tanks to return to the battle; and
- was carried out under heavy enemy shellfire.

In fact these men can claim to be the first ever to carry out welding in the front lines during an action. As a result of this action SGT W Allison, Pte E Dunning and Pte K Smith of 6 Recovery Section were awarded the military medal



Land Rover

With the replacement of the venerable Land Rover by the G Wagen, it pays us to look back on our history with the "Landy". Land Rovers entered production in 1948 and we received our first Series 1s in that year. The Series 2s followed in 1958, the 2a in 1963 and the 3 in 1973. Strangely enough there seems to be no record of the Series V.

The ubiquitous 110 came into the system in 1988, with a follow up build in 1998. During that time we have also had the LRPV's and various other specialist types.

As a bit of trivia, did you know that all our 110s, both the 4x4s and the 6x6s are actually Perenties rather than Defenders - as the Defender name was only coined in 1990?

Anyway with the phasing out of the fleet planned to be completed by 2018, it is interesting note that by the time the last one is gone we have been using Landies for 70 years.

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WWII in WA

After his return from Singapore, MAJGEN Gordon Bennett was promoted to LTGEN and given command of III Corps which was based in the old 5MD (Western Australian) at Mt Lawley High School

At that time the Corps consisted of:

- 1st Armoured Division
 - 1st Armoured Brigade
 - 3rd Motor Brigade
- 2nd Division
 - 5th Brigade
 - 8th Brigade
 - 13th Brigade
- 4th Division
 - 2nd Brigade

- 6th Brigade
- 11th Brigade

and amounted to over a third of the fighting strength of the Australian Army. Throughout the war the units attached to the divisions changed repeatedly to suit operational requirements with the Corps itself finally being disbanded in November 1944

Upcoming Events

For all upcoming events you can visit the Association Website at www.wa.raeme.org.au



2017 Annual General Meeting

From **October 29, 2017 11:00** until **October 29, 2017 14:00**

At [Mt Eliza House Kings Park](#) Categories: [RAEME Association WA](#)

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75th RAEME Birthday Celebration

From **December 01, 2017 17:00** until **December 01, 2017**

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For those of us who will not be in WA, you are welcome to the Corps Celebration at the Australian War Memorial as per the details below:



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL - 1ST DECEMBER 2017

Activities:

1430 – 1600 Parade and Plaque Unveiling
1900 – 2330 Gala Dinner

Details:

Parade and Plaque unveiling will be held on the Parade Ground of the Australian War Memorial. All welcome.

No returns required.

The Gala Dinner will be held around the "G for George" exhibit in the Australian War Memorial's ANZAC Hall.

The Dinner is open to all current and past members of the Corps.

Three course Dinner & four hour drinks package.

Tickets: \$100 per person

Mess Dress: 6B/C/D or Black Tie/Cocktail Dress

Apologies, however, due to restricted numbers the Dinner is not open to partners/guests.

Limited numbers (approx. 330), so reserve your seat now.

Why not organise a table or two (tables of 10) within your Unit or with past friends/colleagues?

Bookings and payment thru Trybooking at (from 15 Sep to 17 Nov): <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=313074&>

Sponsors: The Dinner is being sponsored by the following companies:

- Logistic Solutions Australasia
- ASPEN
- KPMG
- Thales Australia
- Mercedes Benz Australia/Pacific
- Volvo Group (Mack Trucks)
- Boeing

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