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**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 (Vice) Prez Sez*

For those of you still recovering from the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations it's time to ramp it up as ANZAC Day will soon be upon us. With numbers of Financial Members looking up since last year's congregation I expect to see you all there again this year, and hope that you are able to spread the word far and wide to see you all there again this year, and hope

that you are able to spread the word far and wide to ensure maximum attendance again this ANZAC Day.

Held at Maddog's Jungle Bar details below (**Après Marche**), this year will incorporate Raffles, Prizes, Bar Snacks, Farewells, Good Mates and undoubtedly a couple blokes you haven't seen in a while. So, get behind the Association by helping raise awareness and support, and I look forward to seeing you all there to share your tales Engineering Mastery and the ones that got away.

Arte Et Marte  
Peter

## *From the Editor*

Welcome to the pre ANZAC Day Horses Mouth.

Things are afoot. Shaun Fenn has returned to 113 and your Editor is once again just another one of the 6 ex 113 OCs in various places around 13 Bde. To avoid the Dame Nellie Melba comparisons, at the handover parade, I didn't say "goodbye", just "see you next time"

There are rumours that GE are putting together a large glass case, to be filled with rum, ready to put me into after my terminal posting - with an instruction "If OC required, please break glass (and collect rum)"

This edition is primarily related to ANZAC Day. Unfortunately, Dick will not be present as he will be in Villers-Brettoneaux. No, he is not visiting mates from an old posting; his Great Uncle is buried there. Having attended ANZAC Day there I can confirm that it is a very moving experience, different to Gallipoli but in many ways a lot more personal and moving. The French have never forgotten the five divisions of the First AIF who fought there for their freedom.

# SASR WKSP 75th RAEME Birthday Celebrations

## WA W01 M - ASM SASR

The WA 75th RAEME Birthday celebrations were held at Campbel Barracks, Swanbourne and involved serving ARA and ARes RAEME members from Pilbara Regt, 13CSSB (Ind SASR. Members of JLU(W) were asked to be judges for the days events and kicked off with a kart build/race challenge a 3 man team from each unit had 1 hr to build a kart from supplied components followed by a two lap race around a deSignated track which included a driver change. Not much skin was lost (nothing that the risk assessment didn't highlight) with winning unit of the kart challenge being SASR by a fair margin.



'Harry' taking pride of place in SASR WKSP for the 75th RAEME Birthday celebrations



**Fabrication of one of the karts prior to the race commencing**

appalling technique by all three units 13 CSSB were eventually crowned the winners. Members and invited guests assembled in the RAEME workshop for the evening's festivities, beginning with presentations to the winners of the day's events followed by a farewell to a long serving APS member of the workshop.

#### **The calm before the storm**

This was followed by a spanner toss (in this case it was an oversize Philips head screwdriver made from a single piece of billeted aluminium) which was Judged both as an individual effort and as a team cumulative distance achieved. The individual event was won by CPL B from SASR with the overall cumulative distance to win the event was SASR. Rounding out the day's activities was tug -o-war to determine who out of the three competing units had the most pull. After the appropriate sledging from the sidelines combined with some



#### **Trophies for the winners in each category and the overall winner's trophy (made from a SOV CV joint and brake disc)**

Following on from that, CAPT Oakes, the WA RAEME Corp representative gave a short but rousing speech on what the Corp of RAEME means today. Then there was the unveiling of the SASR RAEME Craftsman in the Field, a limited run of prints by the artist Mr Ian Coates to recognise the work done by RAEME personnel over the years within SASR but also the wider SOCOMO.



#### **The SASR RAEME craftsman in the Field print**

Toward the end of the evening there was the cutting of the cake by the youngest member in attendance, CFN R. The remainder of the evening, though short, provided an opportunity for those now not serving to catch up with mates from times gone by and provided an excellent opportunity for networking among current and former serving maintenance professionals. This event was aimed to not only celebrate the 75th birthday of The Corps of RAEME, but was also aimed at fostering esprit de corps, trade and professional development, physical fitness and a healthy competitive spirit across maintenance organisations in the WA region, all of which was achieved on the day.

## *113's 100/70th Birthday*

On 1 October 113 will celebrate its 70th Birthday since being reformed at Karrakatta as 2 Medium Workshop in 1948. However according to some documentation 2 Medium workshop was first formed in 1918 in the Western Front from Australian Tradesmen in the British 17 Mobile Ordnance Workshop - so it may well be our 100th Birthday. In any case some celebrations are planned so keep an eye on this space.

# ANZAC Day

## RAEME Vigil

There will be a RAEME Vigil on ANZAC Eve at the Sandakan Memorial in Kings Park commencing at 1930. We will as usual meet up in the car Park behind the Tennis club just beforehand and everyone is invited back to 113 for a few commemorative quieties later.

## Dawn Service

The Dawn Service at Irwin Barracks kicks off at 0600 but if you want to attend please contact the Association and we will get the details to you on parking/access timing and ensure your name is at the front gate.

## March

The Australian Defense Force will step off from the corner of Barrack Street and St Georges Terrace at 9.15am, followed by veteran-carrying vehicles and military jeeps, and the Ex-Services Unit, Corps, Regimental Associations. The March will head east along St Georges Terrace; turn right onto Victoria Avenue and into Langley Park to disperse.



We form up in **Section H**

Order of March:

103. City of Perth Brass Band

104. Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Assoc

**105. Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Assoc**

106. Royal Australian Army Pay Corps Assoc

107. Scotch College Pipe Band



## ANZAC Day Service

This year the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service will be held at the Perth Concert Hall commencing at 1100. This venue will allow those attending to enjoy a moving service in comfort as well as providing tea and coffee facilities before the service (after the march) and bar facilities on completion of the service.

The Commemorative Service program will feature the Salvation Army Perth Fortress Band and choir brought together from the Perth Modern School Chamber Choir and Perth Modern School Alumni Singers.

The Association will have limited free tickets available at the March.

## Après Marche

All RAEME Association of WA members and families are invited to attend the after March function at Maddog's Jungle Bar on the corner of Hay and Milligan Sts (across from the old Melbourne).

Please note a special license has been obtained to open at 1100 h.

Cost: As per last year - \$20 for members (and to renew) and \$20 for guests

For those that have paid membership / renewed prior to ANZAC Day - you get an extra ticket for the door prize.

Food will be available.

This year is bound to be even better than the last two so make sure you contact all your mates and get them there.

## Vale "Roughie"

### 4 January 1939 - 20 January 2018



Warrant Officer (Class One) Brian Cooper will be remembered for his long commitment not only to RDFWA (later DFWA) but also to the wider veteran community and their families. His kindness and empathy for others in need will be greatly missed as well as his forthright manner, persistence, sense of humour and loyalty.

Brian was born in Boulder and educated at the Eastern Goldfields High School in Kalgoorlie. He joined the Army in 1954 as an apprentice vehicle mechanic and had a distinguished career in various vehicle workshops spanning more than 22 years in the regular Army and a further 18 years in the Reserves. Brian served overseas in New Guinea, Thailand and completed two tours in Vietnam.

In post-service life, Brian was employed for a period of 17 years by the RAC of WA as a Country Inspector. This position involved travelling throughout the whole of WA examining garage mechanics to ensure they possessed the high level of technical knowledge required by the RAC for certification. During this time he continued with his military service in the Army Reserve serving at both Artillery Barracks in Fremantle and Irwin Barracks at Karrakatta in Perth, retiring as ASM of 113 Field Workshop in 1992.

When Brian applied for compensation from DVA in the early 1980s he experienced considerable difficulty with 'red-tape.' As a novice applicant he found the process very frustrating and vowed to help others navigate the system. With the help of DVA officers in Perth he commenced training as an advocate. He was a pioneer of the Training and Information Program (T.I.P) and became Chairman of the Perth committee in 1995. He served in that capacity until November 2004 during which time he gained invaluable insight into the problems,

concerns and issues of the veteran community and was a mentor for many new advocates. Over the years Brian has assisted hundreds of veterans lodging claims to DVA and as an advocate Level 4 assisted many with appeals at both the Veterans Review Board and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He was tenacious and tireless in his advocacy work for veterans and their families.

Brian's service to DFWA was selfless and outstanding. For more than 28 years he was the Secretary of WA Branch, and ran the Branch from an office which he set up in his home garage. On occasions, when there was a shortage of volunteers Brian almost single handed ran the Branch. He was made an Honorary Life Member during DFWA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2009. Brian was also awarded the well-deserved Medal of the Order of Australia for outstanding services to the veteran community.

The National President, David Jamison wrote *"We have lost a real warrior who fought hard for the serving and former ADF members. He was a stalwart of the Association in WA and nationwide for many years. He was gruff and to the point and he never left you in any doubt as to his point of view but had heart of gold and was a team player, qualities I always appreciated. He more than earned our gratitude for his contribution"*.

Brian became a Justice of the Peace and assisted many people in his community through his work in Perth's northern suburbs and in particular in the Joondalup and Warwick Courts. He was a long serving Chairman of Trustees of the WA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airman's Relief Fund – a fund which receives half of the Poppy Money collected by the RSLWA and dispenses funds to WA veterans in need.

## PLAN CENTAUR

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Plan CENTAUR, while making progress during its implementation phase, now has a broader focus that captures Army's goal of "improving land materiel effectiveness".

Program Director General, BRIG Dave McGahey, said "That while the program will continue to have a RAEME focus, it is now ready to engage wider land materiel reform efforts with the tools and data developed through the initial stages of the Project."

"Much of what CENTAUR has been doing in the early phases has been to understand Army's materiel management requirement and the tactical-level change vital to maintenance system effectiveness," BRIG McGahey said.

"One of our focus areas over coming weeks is the need for operator and maintainer synchronisation in planning as well as the development of a Capability Realisation Plan to engage the likes of CASG, JLC, CIOG, and Army HQ agencies to achieve structural reforms," BRIG McGahey said.

CENTAUR is aligning its projects and activities around three Lines of Operation (LOO): enhanced decision making, reducing the cost of ownership, and modernising the maintenance system. Each project for the remainder of the current stage, and into the next financial year (subject to approval), will be strongly linked to the LOOs.

The program's current focus areas include:

- Implementing the first phase of a new maintenance enabled Vulcan dashboard that integrates ACMS and MILIS data to enable decision making at all organisational levels;
- Determining options for Army to reduce the cost of ownership of major platforms; and
- Training/mentoring commanders, operations staff and maintenance personnel to drive improvements in equipment forecasting and maintenance planning.

Following the completion of a Mid-Point Review and executive consideration of the Capability Realisation Plan, the program will strive to ensure the long-term benefits it is driving are realised.

For more information on CENTAUR projects and to get involved, contact the team via email to [plan.centaur@defence.gov.au](mailto:plan.centaur@defence.gov.au)

Regards,

BRIG D.F. McGahey

Program Director General

Plan CENTAUR

## *Updated Corps Badge*

Army Brand Management is updating and modernising all Army logos and badges; all the Corps badges have been standardised. Below is an example of the new RAEME badge alongside two of the older versions. The most noticeable measure is the block colouring now used instead of the older graduated colouring. This is done to make it easier to represent the correct colouring in an embroidered representation. Graduated colouring will now no longer be used in Army logos.



**Old styles of RAEME Corps Badge.**  
Note the graduated colouring on the scroll  
the horse's belly and tail, and on the globe.

# *RAEME National Network Née National RAEME Association*

The National RAEME Association was initially formed in 2014. From 2014 to 2017 attempts were made to produce an Association Constitution that was agreed by all State and Territory RAEME Associations. It was evident by early 2017 that an agreed constitution was unlikely. A proposal was submitted to move away from the Association construct to an integrated work group that seeks to meet the goals and objectives as originally envisaged by the National Association. In November 2017 the new restructure of the then National RAEME Association to the RAEME National Network was voted in.

The following is the proposal that was accepted by the Regional Associations in November 2017. Alex Smithers was voted in as the Network Administrator - Co-Ordinator and Communicator (NACC).

## **Proposed Restructure of the RAEME Association National Organisation**

**(Revision 3 – Oct 2017)**

### **ORGANISATION NAME**

1. It is proposed that the restructured organisation shall be known as the **RAEME National Network (RNN)**.
2. This recognises that the members who comprise the network, operate within the State/Territory or Unit Associations, but with a primary role of coordinating and communicating national projects or matters with national impact or interest.

### **ROLE**

3. It is not the intention of the RNN to direct or oversee the role, responsibilities and administration of the various state or unit associations. Rather it is intended that the RNN simply be seen as an organisation which facilitates the coordination and communication nationally of the activities, events and projects that further the aims and goals of the various state and unit organisations.
4. The following roles shall be adopted by the new organisation:
  - a. co-ordinate Corps activities, events and projects and matters of national importance, interest and application;
  - b. to represent State/Territory and Unit associations at RAEME Corps Seminars and Corps Committee Meetings;
  - c. to liaise with HOC Cell (SO2 Corps) on matters of interest to all associations; and
  - d. co-ordinate the ongoing development of the National and State based websites and related IT matters, including funding arrangements, with the National Webmaster, as necessary;



## **MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK**

5. Each State or Territory Association shall appoint a representative, who shall be known as the RAEME National Network Representative (RNNR), to be a working member of the RNN. Each representative shall have their State/Territory abbreviation as a suffix to their title; e.g. RNNR-Vic

## **APPOINTMENT OF THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR - CO-ORDINATOR AND COMMUNICATOR (NACC)**

6. The NACC should ideally be a State President\* or senior Committee Member, who has sound experience in the operation and protocols of the State Associations.

7. The NACC shall occupy this position for a minimum of two years or a maximum of five years and be re-appointed every year. A longer term would be by consensus of the incumbent and the endorsement of the majority of State and Territory Associations.

8. Nominations for the position of NACC shall be promulgated to all associations (as the position becomes vacant by either completion of term or personal circumstances of the incumbent). Should more than one nomination be received, a Returning Officer shall be appointed. Each association shall have one vote for their preferred candidate.

\* Note: If the NACC is a State President/Chairman, a RNN Secretary shall be nominated within the local association to deal with the necessary coordination and communication tasks at the State President/Chairman/Co-ordinator's direction.

## **OPERATIONAL COORDINATION TASKS and PROCEDURES**

9. Dealing with Meetings and Reports.

Matters within the purview of the RNN shall be dealt with by the NACC and RNNRs. Liaison and coordination matters across the network shall be reported by the respective RNNRs through their State/Territory or Unit Association Committee meetings.

10. NACC Reports.

The NACC shall provide a report summary of RNN activity to all State/Territory Associations no less frequently than quarterly as an adjunct to the Co-ordinator's Local Committee Meeting. Any matters which are time critical shall be communicated immediately via out of session emails Skype meetings, tele-conferences or physical meetings with an agreed time/place.

11. Financial Reports.

These shall be provided to all State/Territory Associations and HOC SO2 quarterly (commencing 30 September each FY) only if there have been transactions during the preceding quarter. Otherwise an annual financial statement shall be presented as at the end of each Financial Year as a Profit & Loss Statement.

12. Managing Business.

All State/Territory or Unit Associations that wish to raise matters at the Corps Committee Meeting shall submit reports to the NACC in accordance with the requested response time.

## **COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES**

13. Wherever possible, "action" emails and other correspondence within the network shall be copied by the NACC/RNN Secretary to a dedicated folder to provide an on-going record of activities and events etc. Such action would also provide a picture of the NACC's work at any given period and a historical record of the RNN activities and actions to date when the appointment is passed on to another association.

## **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

14. Existing account for the Spanner Pack project shall be managed by the Spanner Pack Team, RAQId and statement details included in RAQId Committee Minutes.

15. Wherever possible, projects, merchandise or memorabilia involving financial transactions between associations should be managed through the sponsoring State Associations accounts.

16. The existing RNA account be closed/transferred and retitled as RNN with fresh authorities raised to record signatures of the nominated RNN Treasurer together with three (3) counter-signatories from (for legal reasons) State Associations.

17. Authorisation protocol shall be the Treasurer and one additional signatory.

18. This account shall manage transactions between the RNN and

a. the RAEME IT Support Team;

b. the Service Provider; and

c. any external organisation which provides financial support or donations to a RNN project and central administration is deemed most appropriate.

19. Should it be considered necessary to seek financial support from the State/Territory Associations or other body, to administer a special project, the NACC shall approach the associations with details of the project and the support required.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

20. NACC shall co-ordinate, as necessary, the actions of the HOC Cell and each State or Unit Association, to forward copies of their newsletters to all other associations.

21. HOC Newsletters to be distributed to all associations in accordance with existing arrangements.

## **NATIONAL WEBSITE & IT MANAGEMENT**

22. The following arrangements shall apply:

a. the National Website and Facebook Page be retained with suitable amendments that reflect changes to the role and operation of the national network;

- b. the RAEME IT Support Team continue to assist, support and coordinate developments with the National/State and Regional Websites in liaison with the RNN;
- c. the Service Provider be retained under terms and conditions as accepted by the former RNA executive; and

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- d. the RAEME Network Module, within the National Website, be retained and developed as originally planned.

### **SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING**

23. Sponsorship and advertising in support of the National/State and Regional websites shall be managed by the National Webmaster under arrangements agreed between the Webmaster and the former RNA executive.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

24. It is suggested that the RNN not have a membership roll in its own right. All new members would be through the most appropriate State Association. Transfer of membership shall be in accordance with current arrangements agreed between State Associations.

### **25. CONCLUSION**

The RNN shall at all times seek to promote the Corps reputation and grow the RAEME family by the best modern means, with 'best endeavours' as its guiding philosophy. Collaboration, communications and coordination are the key words for future success.



*Complete service for all hose,  
fittings, fluid connection and motion  
control technology.*



**ENZED Welshpool provide the most  
complete services for all hose, fittings, fluid  
connection and motion control technology  
available anywhere today.**

## *SASR RAEME in the Field Artwork – Limited Edition*

The artist Ian Coate was commissioned by SASR to produce a limited edition SASR RAEME Craftsman in the Field. The special edition print has been produced to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> RAEME birthday. The artwork depicts a RAEME Craftsman conducting heavy repair in the field.

There are only 75 prints in the run, of which a number were sold on the day of the unveiling. Only a limited number remain. Prints can be purchased via the association website at [www.wa.raeme.org.au](http://www.wa.raeme.org.au). All proceeds from the sales will go the SASR Museum Fund.

