



The word from the  
**Horse's Mouth**

The Newsletter of the RAEME Association of WA

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## What the Prez Sez

Welcome to the winter edition of the Horse's Mouth.

As we all know time waits for no one, so there is no reason not to live life to the fullest in the here and now! In terms of the Members of the RAEME Association, this means amongst other activities, getting together to celebrate our Corps birthday in the fantastic facility that is ANZAC House! I thank the Committee for their efforts in arranging a great deal for us all. Please take advantage of their efforts by your attendance and pay as soon as you can, otherwise time will march on... See you there.

All the Best

Ray Mizzi

## *ANZAC Day and RAEME Vigil*

The RAEME Vigil in Kings Park was one of the largest in recent years with well over 30 of us attending. Poignant as always with Rob Reeves piping and Kim Kuchel as the padre. In an earlier life Kim was a diesel mechanic and is always available to support us



The March was well attended and the celebration later at the IBIS even more so, with numbers growing every year. It is a testament that Spanners all, we always come through when the occasion demands.

## *RAEME Get Together*

Peter Dutton organised a great get together at the Last Drop Brewery Beeliiar last month of all of us who were part of XLH TST, which as we are talking WADF, means basically everyone. About 30 of us managed to roll up and a great time was had by all. Some of the stories even had a basis in fact!



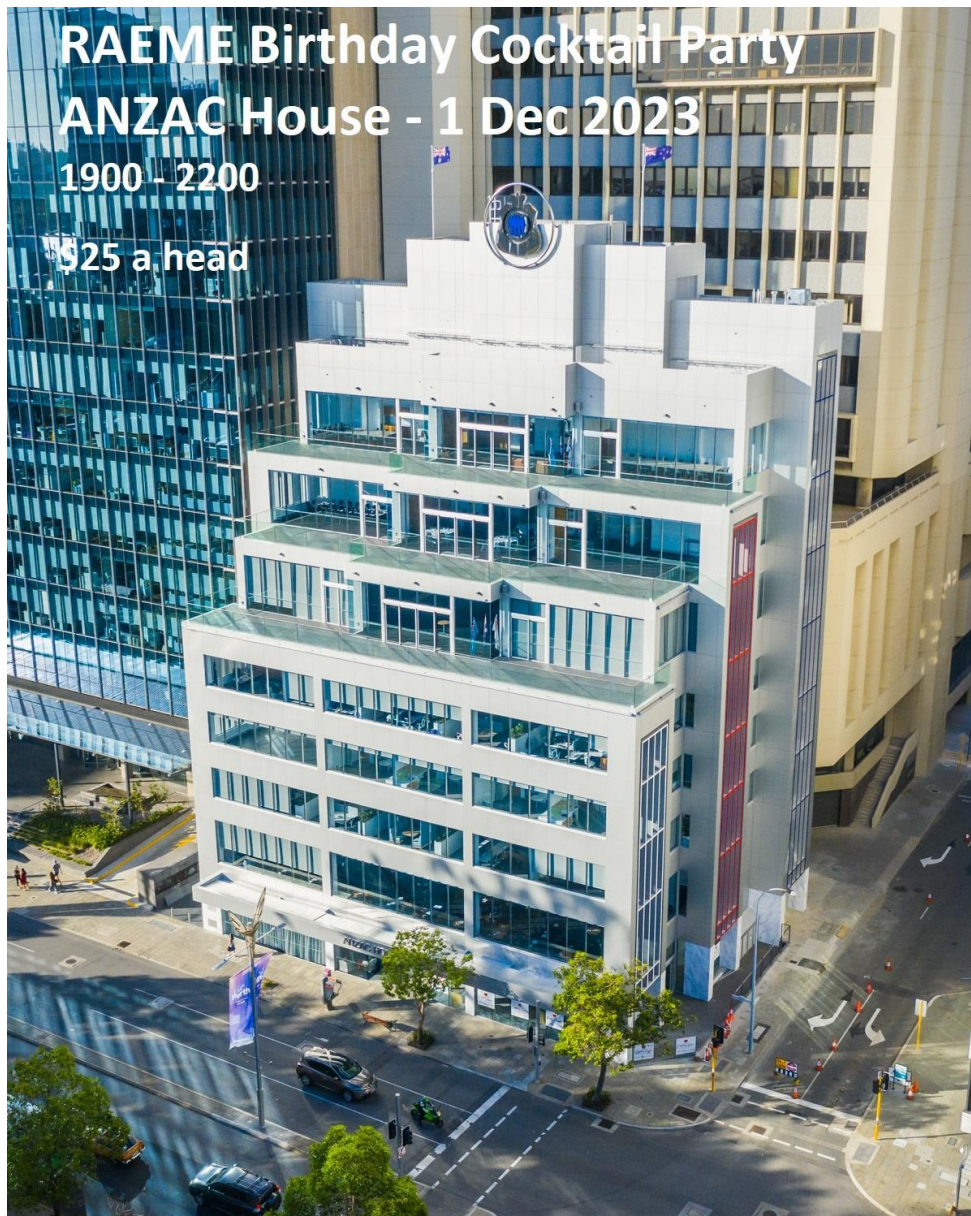
# AGM

We have booked the IBIS again for a catchup up and AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> October. It will be a good chance to catch up and the IBIS always looks after us. Do not worry, we will be reminding you before then!

## *Corps Birthday*

We have booked ANZAC House for a Cocktail Party for the Corps Birthday. Food and drink are being subsidised by the Association, resulting in a cost to members (and a partner) of only \$25 a head. The flyer is below but we do need you to pay up front for catering and bar purposes – the Link below allows both PayPal and Bank Transfer.

<https://wa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/eventsmenu/event/363-raeme-birthday-coctail-party>



## *Social Functions*

The committee is looking at the possibility of some additional social functions for the remainder of the year. These include:

- A visit to the SASR Museum (possibly in September due to access issues).
- Army Museum Sunset Concert – 1 Oct – flyer attached
- A visit to Leighton Battery now the 5.25” replica turret has been installed



## *Vietnam Day*

Once again our RAEME Vietnam Vets did us proud at Vietnam Day, with our Banner in pride of place (as well it should be for the Parade).



## *LTCOL Vivian Strathan*

The Australian War Memorial has unveiled a sculpture of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO, MBE, ARRC, ED, in the grounds of the Australian War Memorial, the first of an individual nurse or woman. A collaborative project with the Australian College of Nursing, the sculpture recognises not only Bullwinkel, but all Australian nurses who have lost their lives, survived atrocities or made sacrifices while serving their country. Viv and her husband COL Frank Strathan were stalwarts of the WA RAEME Officer's Association for many years.

The sculpture, created by Brisbane-based artist Dr Charles Robb, includes 22 inlaid stainless-steel discs reflecting the 22 women killed in the Banka Island Massacre, of which Vivian Bullwinkel was the sole survivor. The discs are arranged at the base of the sculpture as a reflection of the stars that would have been visible in the night sky on 16 February 1942. Australian War Memorial Director, Matt Anderson said: "We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to commemorate Vivian Bullwinkel." "Vivian's name should be renowned in every Australian household, as should the story of her inspirational life as a courageous leader, a proud nurse and the first woman to serve on the Council of the Australian War Memorial."



The sculpture will be installed into the forecourt of Poppy's Café.

For more details, visit: <https://www.awm.gov.au/vivian-bullwinkel-commemorative-sculpture>

# *RAEME Corps Shop*

RAEME HOC Merchandise

The Head of Corps Shop has just opened. Here you will find a range of RAEME products. 100% of all proceeds of this shop go directly to supporting activities for RAEME Personnel through the Corps Committee.

<https://raeme.org.au/index.php/shop>

## *Leslie and Payne Memorial*

On 30 Aug 21 Warrant Officer Class 2 Ryan Leslie and Craftsman Brendon Payne were tragically lost in a training accident near Townsville Field Training Area. Over the last year efforts have been made by family, colleagues and friends to fund and construct a permanent memorial at the site of the accident.

This memorial will be formally unveiled by the families of WO2 Leslie and Craftsman Payne, supported by ADF senior officers and local dignitaries, on Wed 30 Aug 23: the second anniversary of their loss.

## *??Did You Know???*

### **Two Spanners and a Roach tour**

Many of you would have followed on the RAEME WA Facebook page the recent trip your author did around the great UK Military museums (I think the final count was over a dozen). Three locations do however warrant some more coverage.

### **REME Museum**

The **REME Museum** is within the MoD Lyneham site, in Lyneham, Wiltshire, England, about 9 miles (14 km) southwest of Swindon. The museum holds collections of technological and historical artefacts associated with the work of REME. Lots of very interesting exhibits and bits and pieces only we would understand. If you are in the area, do not miss it. Also, it serves the **ONLY** decent coffee in the UK. One thing worth a chuckle is a formal official birth certificate of the Corps.



Scammier Pioneer Wrecker and Sherman Beach Armoured Recovery Vehicle (Normandy Vet)

## RLC Museum

The **Royal Logistic Corps Museum** is based at Worthy Down near Winchester. It tells story of logistic support to the British Army from Agincourt to the modern day and includes early exhibits of its daughter corps, such as REME. Two items of note for us were a plaque from the WWI 899<sup>th</sup> Motorised Transport Royal Army Service Corps Company's Heavy Repair Shop and a Victorian era tunic of a Artificer Quarter Master Sergeant. Well worth a visit.





## HMS M33

Monitor M33 is one of only three surviving World War One Royal Navy Ships. What makes her important is that her first deployment was to support us at Gallipoli during the landings at Suvla Bay. In the early evening of 6 August 1915, she took up a position four miles offshore near Gaba Tepe and commenced firing. She continued to support the ANZAC position right up to the evacuation.

Following her service at Gallipoli, she supported the Salonika Front, the North Russia Campaign and in the 1920s was converted to a mine layer and a later a tender, office and workshop until 1987 when she was finally decommissioned, conserved and restored, an on-going process.

Tab Data

<b>Class and type:</b>	<a href="#">M29-class monitor</a>
<b>Displacement:</b>	580 tons deep load
<b>Length:</b>	177 ft 3 in (54.03 m)
<b>Beam:</b>	31 ft (9.4 m)
<b>Draught:</b>	5 ft 11 in (1.80 m)
<b>Installed power:</b>	4,000 hp (2,980 kW)
<b>Propulsion:</b>	Triple-expansion steam engines, twin screws
<b>Speed:</b>	9.6 knots (18 km/h)
<b>Range:</b>	1,440 nautical miles (2,670 km) at 8 knots (15 km/h)
<b>Complement:</b>	72
<b>Armament:</b>	2 × <a href="#">BL 6-inch (152 mm) Mk XII guns</a>

- 1 × [QF 6-pounder \(57 mm\) gun](#)
- 2 × [Maxim guns](#)





Haven't we all felt this way when asked to do the impossible by an arms corps client, and then doing it regardless?



AUSTRALIAN ARMY MUSEUM OF WA *Presents*

# SUNSET CONCERT

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, from 3pm  
Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle

## *Featuring*

Australian Army Band Perth

Royal Australian Navy Band WA

## *Including*

Pipes and Drums



Please see our website for details  
and Terms & Conditions



Tickets available through [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

Adults .....	\$25.00
Family (2+2) .....	\$60.00
Concession .....	\$20.00
Children under 18 .....	\$15.00

Booking fees apply

- This price includes free museum visit prior to the concert
- Seating provided
- BYO alcohol and food
- Plastic drinking glasses ONLY
- Ice creams and coffee available for purchase



[www.armymuseumwa.com.au](http://www.armymuseumwa.com.au)  

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