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Corps Matters.

Well as the dust settles from 2014; the consensus is that the conference held late October was a worthwhile activity and the assembled masses have identified some areas for improvement in maintenance management of land materiel. Plan BEERSHEBA will challenge how Ground RAEME does work into the future and it was recognised that to run the status quo of doctrine, training and maintenance delivery into the future is risky. It was decided that Ground RAEME should review maintenance processes along similar lines as those recently conducted by the aviation maintainers during Plan PELICAN. Terms of Reference for this review are yet to be produced

If approved and progressed be prepared for some further discussion and change. Watch for the name for this venture, maybe Plan CENTAUR.

The Craftsman Magazine.

The Craftsman mag was produced and released before the conference. We only produced 1400 copies this year because the magazine is no longer able to be self funded. The mag cost IVO \$3500 paid for from Corps Funds. We think it important the mag continues and therefore the number of copies will reflect the approximate number of financial members in the Corps. I am not able to ensure individual copies make it to members therefore distribution is made on a pro rata basis of members in regions for delivery. If you miss out due to a deployment or other reason and really want a copy than email me. I will do my best to meet your needs. The e copy is available from the publisher on his website and we also provide a copy on the DRN RAEME Web page. <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/armyweb/sites/raeme/comweb.asp?page=244067&Title=RAEME%20Craftsman%20Magazine&ListNum1=3#PagNav1>

I keep a master library of the magazine here in the HOC cell. I also have many copies of previous editions down here, sitting on shelves gathering dust. I would like to find them a new home. If you have a collection and miss a few copies write to me with the edition numbers you seek and I will try and fill your gaps.

I would also like to promote the idea of advertising in the mag by region. If you have had a good experience dealing with a supplier in your area and would like to tell others then let me know. I will provide you with a letter of introduction for your supplier. It will advise how that organisation can gain relatively cheap advertising for 12mths in a national magazine with coverage of up to 4500 personnel. Should they want to advertise they would contact the

publisher and negotiate the cost. That cost will reduce the production costs paid by the Corps for the magazine making it a win/win for all concerned. I signed the contract today to engage the publisher for another year. That means I am looking for articles from you **now!**
Lets have a good year and have plenty to read.

RAEME Port.

Everyone should now have received their order of 2014 RAEME Port. Maybe a little late but better than not at all. Thanks to 5 Avn for their efforts. In order to ensure significant lead time this year I want to throw the offer open to units to volunteer to manage this year's RAEME Port now. This is an excellent means to generate some funds for your unit. You are paid 25% of the overall take and history has shown this to be approx \$4000 for your unit coffers if the job is done well. Please read the Corps Instruction on the DRN webpage for details, however you can simply send me a minute justifying why your unit should get the job. I will advise you of your success/failure once the committee has reviewed all contenders.

If you intend to apply please ensure you are able to commit the time, you CoC approve and it doesn't interfere with training calendars etc.

Corps History Project (CHP)

The CHP is at the publisher and he has been locked down now to deliver mid March 2015. The intent is also for a release to be formalised sometime at the Australian War Memorial (more to follow). All of the books will be delivered to me here at Bandiana sometime late March or early April for distribution to mailing addresses indicated on PayPal. You have the ability to modify delivery addresses against your order however if you have moved and don't have the confidence to adjust your PayPal account then email paul.gibbs2@defence.gov.au for assistance.

Sales of the books have been relatively successful. Production has cost IVO \$70000 and at this point there is a shortfall of \$10000 approx to break even. There is potential to make in excess of \$80,000 when all books are sold. There are plenty of the hard cover \$80.00 versions of the books waiting to be sold and it is possible to pre-order/purchase through the following url using PayPal www.raeme.org.au

Pre-purchasers of the books are able to monitor progress by reviewing the url above for situation reports from the project. From Apr 2015 orders for further purchases will be accepted directly by the HOC Cell. An advertisement for this is included below.

Corps Funds post discretionary deduction cessation.

Some of you may still have pay being deducted and paid into Corps funds from your pay and If this is the case that will stop mid Feb 15. In order to simplify payments I have asked that you make a one off annual payment according to your rank and that payment should be made as close to 31 Mar each year as is possible. I will send reminders during March.

There is a simple reason for this. At present, Defence pay send me a print out of all allotments with all your names included. All I need to do to reconcile the account is receipt the bulk amount shown on that print out because I have your name and contribution already recorded on the print. If you elect to pay via your bank as a \$1 re occurring deposit to replace the allotment each pay it will generate a significant work load reconciling the account each fortnight. This could be as many as 2000 transactions.

Conversely I don't want you to cease making the deposits so I have introduced a life membership scheme as well. This works for those of you who intend a lengthy career in RAEME. For the sum of 10years subscriptions you will qualify for life membership. Each life member will receive silver St Eligius Badge numbered and a suitable memento on discharge. Presently this is a framed Corps print with embedded Corps Coins valued at \$250.00. For a craftsman, life membership is \$260 so I think this represents good value and goes a long way in explaining "what's in it for me"

Regional Representatives.

The Corps Fund business plan provides to regions through the regional representatives 50% of the fund capital gain each year. Larger regions like NQ and NT receive IVO \$2000. The use of the money is not controlled from HOC and expenditure is at the discretion of the regional representative. The criterion being that expenditure is to benefit members of the Corps. Regional representatives acquit the money with a Minute of explanation in the beginning of each year. It is permissible to carry funds forward.

Often the money is used up at RAEME Birthday however it should be available for units to bid against.

RAEME REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES 2014

Formation	Appointment	Rank	Name	Address	Region	Phone
6 Avn Regt	OC OP SPT SQN	MAJ	Miles Irving	Holsworthy Bks, Holsworthy, NSW	NSW	02 8782 7602
DOCM-A	CA - RAEME	MAJ	Brett Eaton	Russell Offices, Russell, ACT	ACT	02 61447831
1 CSSB	OC 101 WKSP COY	MAJ	Luke Siwek	Robertson Bks, Palmerston, NT	Northern Region	08 8925 9101
3 CSSB	OC 102 WKSP COY	MAJ	Peter Francis	Lavarack Bks, Townsville, QLD	North Queensland	07 4411 7678
7 CSSB	OC 7 106 Fd Wksp	MAJ	Peter Knowles	Gallipoli Bks, Enoggera, QLD	South Queensland	07 3332 9266
16 AD REGT	BC SPT BTY	MAJ	Rodney Fletcher	Woodside Bks, Woodside, SA	Central Region (South Australia)	08 8389 0290
ALTC	SO2 ECM RAEME	MAJ	Scott Babington	Latchford Bks, Bonegilla, VIC	Southern Region	02 6055 4053
CO RAMS	CO	LTCOL	Boughen	Army Avn Centre, Oakey, QLD	Darling Downs	07 4577 7801
TBC					Western Region	

TTMO CONTACT DETAILS – 2014

WO2	David	Oram	TTMO TVL	07 44111305
SGT	Tony	Franklin	ATTMO TVL	07 44111305
WO2	David	Shepherd	ATTMO BNE	07 3332 4292
SGT	Patrick	Marshall	ATTMO BNE	07 3332 4292
WO2	Malcolm	Goldner	TTMO DWN	08 8925 3104
SGT	Raymond	Allesa	ATTMO DWN	08 8925 3104
WO2	Russell	Haycock	TTMO ADEL	08 73892480
SGT	Steve	Anson	ATTMO ADEL	08 73892480

COL Comdt

Appointment	Officer	Remarks
Representative Colonel Comdt	BRIG David .F. McGahey, CSC	also VIC/TAS
Col Comdt Queensland Region	COL Tony. Borg	
Col Comdt Central Region	COL Dave Cocker	
Col Comdt Vic/Tas Region	BRIG D.F. McGahey, CSC	
Col Comdt Western Region	COL Dave Cocker	
Col Comdt Northern Region	Vacant	
Col Comdt Eastern Region	COL Tom Reynolds	

RAEME Corps Subscriptions Form

<u>Rank (retirement rank)</u>	<u>Lump Payment</u>
<u>CFN – SGT</u>	<u>\$26.00</u>
<u>WO2 – CAPT</u>	<u>\$39.00</u>
<u>MAJ +</u>	<u>\$52.00</u>

Methods of Contributions:

Option one payment - Annual direct deposit / funds transfer to RAEME Corps Funds DEFCREDIT account
DEFCREDIT
BSB: 803205
Account Name: RAEME Corps Fund
Membership Number: 11832
Account Number: 20509705, or


Option two payment - by cheque to RAEME Corps Fund or cash to SO2 Corps RAEME if paying in person.

Annual subscriptions will now be due wef 31 Mar each year and financial members will receive a reminder invoice prior to that date.

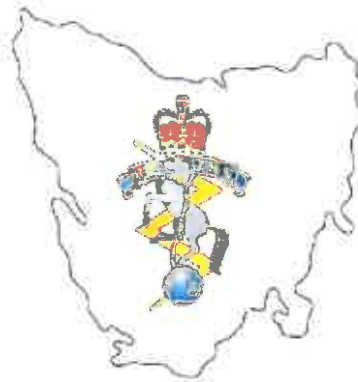
Each contributor to Corps Subscriptions will receive a uniquely numbered Corps Membership Medallion. The membership medallion, depicted below is designed on the St Eligius (Corps Patron Saint) coin.

Recently life membership was initiated for members at a rate of 10 years subscriptions. Credits are allowed for loyalty of previous year's payments if validated. Life membership includes the issue of a silver St Eligius badge and an entitlement to a numbered framed A3 Corps print with embedded coins on discharge. It is possible to negotiate issue of the print immediately.

Regardless of which method of contribution is chosen it is requested that this subscription form be completed and forward to SO2 Corps RAEME to ensure we have your correct contact details to enable us to send you your Corps medallion. If you choose to take up the life membership offer and elect to make a bank transfer please ensure you reference your transfer correctly. I will need your surname, initials and letters lfembr included (ie Halstead J lfembr).

RAEME CORPS SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTRIBUTIONS		
Name:	Initials:	Rank:
PMKEYS Number:*		
Appointment:*		
Unit:*		
Address:		
Suburb:	State:	Postcode:
EMAIL:		
Method of Payment:		
Amount of Contribution: \$		
<p>Forward this form to: SO2 Corps – RAEME Latchford Barracks, BANDIANA, Vic, 3688 Email: john.halstead@defence.gov.au Fax: (02) 6055 2436 Ph: (02) 6055 2193</p>		
		
(*: If Applicable)		

Of interest



RAEME Association of Tasmania

Association calendar

2015

Detailed below are the proposed dates for this year's events. Fliers will be emailed out prior to the event.

Date	Timings	Remarks
15 March 2015	1200-1500	BBQ and AGM
25 April 2015	TBA	Anzac day
14 June 2015	1200-1500	Lunch at "Richmond Arms" Ross
1 Aug 2015	1900-2359	Mixed dining in night venue TBA
13 Sep 2015	1200-1500	BBQ – venue TBA
6 Dec 2015	1200-1500	BBQ – venues TBA

RAT Association Committee

President	Russell Clark – 0419 313 910
Secretary	Amy Britten
Treasurer	Shane Rollins
Historian	John Lennox
Welfare	Paul Barrett
Membership	Russell Clark
Social	Peter Barrett
Social	Wayne Barber

RAEME Rings for sale.

Have been getting great response from Members both current and Ex Mbrs and was hoping if I can get an Ad in your RAEME Newsletter before the end of the year.

These ones are \$180 but there are cheaper versions all available through my store at

www.kirkiespreciousgems.com

Kindest regards

Brad Kirkwood



“WITH SKILL AND FIGHTING – CRAFTSMEN OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY 1942 -2014

Here is an exciting opportunity for all members of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps (RAEME), both past and present; the many friends of the Corps; and the general public to obtain a contemporary memoir of the Corps for your bookshelves and enjoyment.

This book celebrates the Corps achievements over many years, as it enters its seventy-third year of service, to the Australian Defence Forces (ADF). Importantly, it is being published in 2015, as we remember the sacrifices of servicemen and women in the First World War, and the 100th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli. Although RAEME didn't exist at that time, our forebears were present in numbers at all campaigns in one form or another. Since that time, but in particular, since 1942 when AEME came into being, the Corps has made a major contribution in many theatres of war, peace-keeping operations, warlike operations around the world, routinely trained for operations, mastered a range of technologies and brought its passion for maintaining Army's maritime, land and aerospace equipment to bear. The Corps' soldierly skills are a critical part of the support our Corps provides and the soldier and technical balance will ensure our well earned reputation will continue to grow as suggested in the Corps vision statement:

Until Apr 15 pre order books through the national RAEME website and paypal at

www.RAEME.org.au . With effect April 2015 and with supply from publisher, the Corps History Book purchases will be available directly from the Head of Corps (HOC) Cell, Latchford Barracks at a cost of \$80.00 for the hard cover edition. Depicted below is the front cover photograph of the book. The book is named “with Skill and Fighting”

\$80.00 includes postage anywhere in Australia and there is no dispensation for pickup in person.

Orders may be placed by direct deposit, cash, or cheque.

1. Cash will only be accepted in person and supply should be immediate. POC for cash purchases within the HOC Cell is MAJ John Halstead on 02 60552193 or john.halstead@defence.gov.au
2. Personal cheques should be made out to RAEME Corps Fund and the rear of the cheque is to include deliver address and contact details for the purchases. Books purchased using this method should be dispatched as soon as the cheque clear.
3. Direct deposits may be made into the RAEME Corps Fund Acct , 20509705, member number 11832 at Defence Bank BSB 803205. Please ensure the deposit is referenced correctly. The deposit is to include surname followed by initials of the purchaser and the letters CHP x the number of books requested. (ie Halstead, J CHPx 2). This will enable me to reconcile your order and provide delivery. Direct deposits are to also include an email to me from the purchaser preferably with a copy of the bank transfer scanned into and attached. In the email you must identify delivery addresses. I will be able to advise by return email when I dispatch to books.





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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Corps of The Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (RAEME) is pleased to announce that Walsh Media Services Pty Ltd, an established publisher of quality trade journals has been selected to publish our magazine "Craftsman".

"Craftsman" is the official magazine of the 2nd largest corps in the Australian Army and is a significant part of the long standing customs and traditions of RAEME. The magazine is received by Corps members from the newest trade trainee to the Corps Commandant, wherever they are stationed throughout the world. It is also distributed to ex RAEME members around Australia who maintain their connection with the Corps through very active state branches of RAEME Associations.

Quality editorial will address topics that are current and important, with articles of interest to all RAEME personnel. The magazine will also keep them informed and up to date with events and developments in their chosen branch of the service.

The Corps of RAEME perform a critical role in the provision of Maintenance Capability to Army. The Corps performs an integral role in the full cycle of materiel management from acquisition through to introduction in to service, and through life support.

Advertising in "Craftsman" is one way to make sure that the best trained and most competent technicians and tradespeople in Australia are aware of your products or services. It is received by Electrical Engineers, Electronics Engineers, Mechanical Engineers and tradesmen who fleet manage, maintain and repair all types of military hardware, from field ovens to fighter planes. They look forward to receiving their copy of "Craftsman", and value it highly.

Should you be interested in advertising in this significant magazine please contact the publisher at the above address.

John Halstead
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SO2 Corps RAEME

Feb 15