



# The RAEME Newsletter



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Editor: SO2 Corps - MAJ Perri Hobbs

I am pleased to be writing to you in this newsletter as your new Head of Corps.

I would like to thank my predecessor BRIG Haydn Kohl and Corps RSM WO1 Robert Turnbull for their dedication and in particular their role in organising RAEME's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. It is an exciting time to be part of RAEME, and I encourage all of you to celebrate with pride what our Corps has achieved in the last 75 years.

While you reflect on our past, I would like you to consider what the next 25 years may look like for RAEME in the lead-up to our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. You may see correspondence disseminated through the Corps that details three pillars of modernisation: A Unified Maintenance Concept, Professional Military Education and Reform and Reassessment of RAEME base trades. Please take an active interest in these concepts and assist me in shaping the future of our Corps into the next 25 years.

I am also keen to be fully engaged and focused on Corps issues. I am in the fortunate position as the Commander of 17 CSS Bde to get away from the office and engage with you in your units and in the field. If you identify an opportunity where I can come and support you or just see our Corps proudly doing our business, please advise the Head of Corps staff and I will attend where my schedule enables me to do so.

I encourage you to proudly celebrate our legacy of providing a professional maintenance capability to Army for the last 75 years. This is a significant milestone that is worthy of reflection and commemoration and should be used as the basis to develop a bright future for our Corps. I look forward to your ideas to prepare RAEME for the next 25 years and hope to see you soon doing what RAEME does best.

*Arte et Marte*

**Andrew Freeman**

Brigadier  
Head of Corps

## **RAMS 2017 Subject 4 Aviation Technician Warrant Officer Course**

Recognition as an Artificer in the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers acknowledges the attainment of technical mastery within the Army Aviation technical trade profession. The Artificer badge qualification was authorised for reintroduction by the Australian Army in 1989; the badge is believed to have been removed as an embellishment after WWII.



Lto R: SGT Kris Lewis, SGT Jared Darby, SGT Andrew Harvey, WO2 Matthew MacKenzie (CM), SGT Matthew Wilson, SGT Kaine Brennan, LTCOL Brett Nelson (CO/CI), CAPT Karl Jilg (SI)

2017 sees five new Artificers graduated their capstone course after nine months of rigorous and challenging training, both within RAMS and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). The RMIT phase is a 5 month course of intense delivery, including subjects such as materials, aerodynamics, maths, physics, engineering and administration all leading to a Diploma in Aviation Maintenance Management; the RAMS component having a more operational focus involves scenario based training and

assessment within the regulatory framework.

These new graduates make up an alumnus of 121 Army artificers since the first 'partnership' course conducted by RMIT in 2005.

Changes to the Artificer training continuum in 2018 will see the Operations Phase (Part B) moved to the beginning of the calendar year and the RMIT component to the latter half of the year. The adjustment to the course program provides

*75 Years – "Reflecting on the Past to Maintain the Future"*

an opportunity to report on the strengths of each Artificer prior to posting and promotion and enhance the delivery of pre-course maths and physics.

At the recent graduation from RMIT CO RAMS thanked RMIT management and staff on their continual level of support and professional dedication to the delivery of this course—a sentiment which was shared by all students.

### **Karl Jilg**

CAPT

SI Tech Mastery Wing, RAMS

## **The Head of Corps Cell**

One of the functions of the Head of Corps Cell is to recognise the service that each and every RAEME soldier has given their country. The Head of Corps issues a signed “Certificate of Service” for discharging RAEME soldiers. The certificate is signed by the Head of Corps, framed, and acknowledges their service to the Corps and the Army. However, the HOC Cell is not informed of a soldier’s discharge; therefore Unit personnel need to contact the HOC Cell to arrange a signed and framed certificate. Please ensure that you allow up to six weeks between informing us and receiving the certificate.

Over the next six weeks, the HOC Cell will be issuing a Commemorative Lapel Pin to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Corps. All badges will be distributed through the Regional RAEME Reps. There are two types: a Commemorative keepsake consisting of gold badge with coloured enamel and a Corps themed backing card. One badge will be freely available to each RAEME soldier in the Corps, ARA and ARes. The second badge is a wearable badge with an antique metal finish. This badge and additional Commemorative badges can be purchased through the Head of Corps Cell.

## **Congratulations to CFN R Lugg**

The Head of Corps, Brigadier Freeman, and the rest of the Head of Corps Cell offer their heartiest congratulations to CFN Rheanne Lugg of ASEME and to SPR Phoebe Monahan of SME (previously a carpenter at ASEME) for being drafted to the Adelaide Crows and Greater Western Sydney (respectively) in the AFLW.

All the best for the season ahead.

For more information visit the [AFLW website](#)

## **Corps Fund Membership**

Thank you also to all those that have joined the RAEME Corps Fund in the past two months. We have had well over 25 soldiers sign up for Life Membership. Your support of our Corps is most valued.

Over the past couple of months, several soldiers and officers have asked “What does the Corps Fund do for me, my workshop, or my mates?”.

The purpose of the Corps Fund is for the benefit and welfare of the members, and to promote *esprit-de-corps* among RAEME soldiers. The Corps Fund disburses money to the Regions to run Spanner Clubs, Birthday celebrations, and other activities.

This year we will have disbursed slightly over \$42,000 to various regions, units and associations.

However, if there is an event that you would like to see run that is open to all RAEME members, that promotes *esprit-de-corps*, can be used for Professional Development, or to build the brand of RAEME, please contact us with your proposal.

We are currently taking suggestions and requests for disbursements to the regions in 2018.



CFN Lugg playing in WA

## Technical Regulatory Framework Update

The next update of the TRAMM–L (Issue 5.6) will be released in Dec 17. It is a major rewrite with significant changes to regulations. Over the last year, DTR–A has undertaken a review of the policy in the TRAMM–L, taking into account changes to Army organisation and responsibilities, other Defence policy and the WHS legislation. As an example, fitness for service is now managed by AHQ’s Land Capability Division. The biggest change from the review is the definition of technical integrity, which will now focus solely on land materiel safety. Units must still ensure fitness for service and environmental compliance under other regulations. The new definition of technical integrity has led to reduction in the number of regulations in the TRAMM–L from 330 to 33.

Units will need to review, and possibly update, their Technical Integrity Management Directives (TIMD). To assist reviews and update of TIMD, awareness presentations will be delivered before the end of the year. The land materiel maintenance SOP will be updated and include maintenance processes and procedures previously published in TRAMM–L. The TRAMM–L webpage, including access to the new TRAMM–L and land materiel maintenance SOP, will move to the DTR–A SharePoint site at <http://drnet.defence.gov.au/Army/DTRA/TRAMM-L/Pages/TRAMM-L.aspx>

If you need further information please contact DTR-A via [tech.reg@defence.gov.au](mailto:tech.reg@defence.gov.au)

**Andrew Kelly**

LTCOL

SO1 Land Maintenance System

## A New Badge and Flag for the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering

Army and Air Force personnel at the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering assembled on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August to conduct a Unit Insignia, Flag and Unit Shoulder Patch change ceremony. The changes from the RAEME insignia to the current unit symbology have been brought about to display the bi-service nature of school training RAEME, RAE and RAAF technicians. The reference to the Army Apprentices School insignia; which was also used for the Army College of Tafe, reflects on the school’s history and is symbolic of the values that are required of all military technicians, values of which still remain unchanged to date.

At the apex of the badge is the Crown of the Sovereign, expressing allegiance to the Sovereign, Superiors, Duty and Country. Superimposed on a cogwheel which represents trade and



technical training, is the English Cross of St. George, depicting the virtues and development of character. The St. George’s Cross is then overlaid with crossed, doubled–edged swords, representing military qualities of courage, discipline and physical fitness. Superimposed upon the swords and the Cross is a flaming torch of learning.



The RAEME Training Centre was the Corps school of RAEME, where all members of the Corps gathered throughout their career to develop their technical mastery essential to maintain Army’s maintenance effect. Today ASEME conducts initial training for ground technicians; as well as Army aviation technicians as they progress through their careers. The future for ASEME may even include elements of the junior officer training to establish ASEME as the Corps school preparing RAEME personnel across all ranks and trades to provide Army’s maintenance capability.

**Nigel Kent**

LT

ASEME



## Events of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### RAEME Parade at the Australian War Memorial

The main event commemorating the formation of the Corps is the Parade at the Australian War Memorial on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Following this will be a Formal Dinner in ANZAC Hall. The Parade is open to all. In keeping with the theme of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—*Reflecting on the Past to Maintain the Future*—the Parade is made up of the new trade trainees from soldiers and officers from the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School, and the Royal Australian Air Force School of Technical Training. The parade appointments, including the Parade Commander through to the Parade Sergeant Major, represent the past—the history and the corporate knowledge—while the Parade body represents our future, and the promise of technology to come.



### Anniversary Dinner in ANZAC Hall, the Australian War Memorial

The prime social event on the calendar is an all-ranks dinner in the AWM's ANZAC Hall underneath the wings of 'G for George'. The dinner consists of a three course dinner with a four hour drinks package. Tickets are \$100, and attendees can put together tables with their friends and mates.

To book a seat, [click here](#), or google "Try Booking" and then search "RAEME". Just be careful not to book a seat at the RAMS All Ranks Dinner at Oakey.

### Commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pin

The Head of Corps Cell has put together a commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pin. It is shiny gold in colour with enamel colour on a backing card with the Corps paintings, Corps badges and photographs of tradesmen at work.

The Pin will be distributed through the Regional RAEME Representatives and direct to selected outlying areas.

Every RAEME soldier and officer, ARA and ARes, will receive a commemorative colour pin free of charge.

Coloured pins and a gold lapel pin with an antique finish, but no backing card, will be available for purchase. The price will be \$5 a pin plus postage if required. Details on ordering will be distributed soon.



### The Corps History Project Book

The Head of Corps Cell still has copies of the Corps History Project Book. This coffee table style book covers the history of RAEME, including Afghanistan and Iraq. It makes an ideal gift for a (ex)RAEME soldier interested in Corps history. If you are interested in ordering copies, please fill out the attached form and return to the Head of Corps Cell.

E: [raeme.hoccell@defence.gov.au](mailto:raeme.hoccell@defence.gov.au)

### Payment of money to the Corps Fund

Please use the following account details for payment of all monies into the RAEME Corps Funds. Please ensure that you include your PMKeys number, name and initials in the payment details that you can refer to in an accompanying email. Without your details in the bank statement and an accompanying email, we will not be able to match your payment with your request/purchase.

Bank:	Defence Bank
Account Name:	RAEME Corps Funds
BSB:	803-205
Account Number:	20509705

### Corps Fund Members Draw

As part of the benefits of RAEME Corps Fund membership, we will be regularly holding a lottery for prizes such as the one to the left. To enter, one must be a member of the RAEME Corps Funds – nothing more.

This prize, an MH2 LedLenser headlamp valued at \$80, has been won by CPL O'Brien of Norforce. Congratulations on your win – your prize is in the mail.



### The Craftsman – 2018

The Craftsman Magazine for 2018 will be published in mid to late Jan 2018. This is to ensure that the magazine marking our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary contains as many stories and pictures of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations as possible. As the editor of the magazine, I require stories and articles of RAEME units and tradesmen from across the Corps. I cannot publish this alone – it is a Corps effort.

There are two types of articles I need: Unit Jottings and Feature articles.

Unit Jottings are the stories and events from 2017 (and 2016) that sum up the experiences of the unit's tradesmen over that time. It is a chance to get your name, and pictures, in print for posterity.

I also require feature articles. Features are articles on specific events. Articles could be on many different topics; an aspiring author could write on the TRF and how they have used the TRF to their gain, an interesting equipment modification, a particularly heroic effort in maintenance or recovery – the choice is endless. The author could also write an argumentative piece pushing a particular point of view on why and how the Corps needs to change – maybe their view of Continuing Professional Education, or how particular new equipment and capabilities (Land400 etc) will change the way we operate, or how 3D printing or AI will change the way we conduct maintenance.

There is no wrong answer.

The best two articles and the best Unit Jottings will each win a Leathermans multi-tool.

The deadline for submission is 17 Nov 17.

Note: in this instance the term 'best' encompasses thought provoking, interesting, funny and amusing, as well as skilfully written. The best article does not have to align with current doctrine.

All articles should be in MS Word with all photos and diagrams in jpeg or TIFF format attached to the email with the Word doc. Pictures are not to be in MS Word or Powerpoint.

## Upcoming Events of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RAEME

There are a number of events that will be used to celebrate the formation of the Corps:

### ACT

01 Dec 17 – Parade at the AWM, Canberra. Start 1300.

No RSVP required. Free to all to attend.

01 Dec 17 – Dinner at the AWM, Canberra. Start 1900 for 1930.

For Info: [Stephen Howells](#); For Booking: [Click Here](#) or search “TryBooking RAEME”

### New South Wales

30 Nov 17 – Mixed Ranks Dining In night at Holsworthy Barracks. RSVP and Cost TBA.

### Victoria

01 Dec 17 – Dinner at the Clayton RSL. POC: Mr Alan Rogers e: [secretary@vic.raeme.org.au](mailto:secretary@vic.raeme.org.au)

01 Dec 17 – RAEME Birthday. Hosted by EC&TD Group – Latchford Barracks. RSVP TBA.

### Tasmania

18 Nov 17 – Dinner at 1830 in the Anglesea Barracks Officer Mess.

POC: Mr Russell Clark e: [rclark44@bigpond.com](mailto:rclark44@bigpond.com)

### Queensland

12 Nov 17 – RAQ All Ranks Lunch at Fix Restaurant, Brisbane. POC: RAEME Assoc QLD

24 Nov 17 – RAMS Formal Mess Dinner – POC WO1 T Chudziak e: [torsten.chudziak@defence.gov.au](mailto:torsten.chudziak@defence.gov.au)

01 Dec 17 – 7 Bde RAEME Birthday Event – POC MAJ J Fleming e: [julian.fleming@defence.gov.au](mailto:julian.fleming@defence.gov.au)

### Northern Territory

01 Dec 17 – 1 AVN RAEME Birthday event at Robertson Barracks. POC: LT E Kelderman

e: [elizabeth.kelderman@defence.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.kelderman@defence.gov.au)

### South Australia

01 Dec 17 – 16 ALR RAEME Birthday event at Woodside Barracks.

POC: LT T Davies e: [tayla.davies@defence.gov.au](mailto:tayla.davies@defence.gov.au)

### Western Australia

01 Dec 17 – Perth RAEME Birthday Event with “Harry the Horse”. POC: Michael Nolan

e: [michael.nolan@defence.gov.au](mailto:michael.nolan@defence.gov.au)

Please contact the nominated POC, the Regional RAEME Representatives or the local chapter of the RAEME Association for further information on events in your area.

RAEME Association Websites:

RAEME National Association: <http://www.raeme.org.au/>

RAEME Association NSW: <http://www.nsw.raeme.org.au/index.php>

RAEME Association ACT: <http://www.act.raeme.org.au/>

RAEME Association Vic: <http://www.vic.raeme.org.au/>

RAEME Association NT: <http://www.nt.raeme.org.au/>

RAEME Association Qld: <http://www.qld.raeme.org.au/>

RAEME Association SA: <http://www.sa.raeme.org.au/>

RAEME Association WA: <http://www.wa.raeme.org.au/index.php>

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RAEME Port

The orders have been placed with Buller Wines. All personnel that have ordered bottles have been allocated their requests – however, not all requests for particular bottles were successful. We are still waiting final payments for over fifty orders – if you have ordered, please ensure that you have paid for your full order as soon as possible.



The \$30 2017 General Release is the Fine Old Tawny Port 750ml by Buller Wines, with an average age of 10 years.



The \$75 2017 Limited Release is the Grand Muscat 500ml by Buller Wines with only 500 being produced.

NT – SGT Rodney Chaffer, 8/12 Regiment, 0412 220 065  
 NQLD – LT Jordon Klowss, 3 CSSB, 0400 266 800  
 QLD – CAPT Darian White, 7 CSSB, 0400 622 016  
 QLD (Darling Downs) – WO1 Tor Chudziak, RAMS, 0408 087 155.  
 NSW – LT Benjamin Somers, 6 AVN, 0425 155 046.  
 ACT – CAPT Jacques Brewis, HQJOC, 0439 985 580  
 TAS – CAPT Kyle Travers, 2FSB, 02 6237 7492

VIC – WO1 Stephen Burgess, CASG, 0420 374 015  
 VIC – WO2 Ian Van Lambaart, ASEME, 0407 734 761  
 VIC – WO2 Martin Fisher, 4 CSSB, 03 9358 1236  
 VIC – SGT Nick Rodway, HQ ALTC, EC&TD Gp, ASLO and other Vic, 0407 961 948  
 SA – SGT Tim Weyland, 16 ALR, 08 8389 0331  
 WA – WO2 Aris Ioannidis, JLU-W, 08 9377 8188

#### Payment to:

Account Name: RAEME Corps Port

BSB: 803–205

Account Number: 20771558

Reference: Region, Surname, PMKeyS

Order through your RAEME Corps Port Representatives:

#### Dates for Orders:

Orders are closed.

#### Delivery

All Port should be delivered to the regional representatives NLT 24 Nov 17, ready to be distributed during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

Questions and queries can be sent to the Head of Corps Cell: [raeme.hoccell@defence.gov.au](mailto:raeme.hoccell@defence.gov.au)


### Regional RAEME Representatives

The Regional RAEME Representatives provide advice to the HOC Cell on Corps capability matters as well as controlling the flow of grants and advances from the Corps Fund. These grants and advances are to be used to develop *esprit-de-corps* among former and current RAEME soldiers. Examples include support to RAEME Birthday activities and Spanner Clubs.

### Current Regional RAEME Representatives 2017

Region	Unit	Appointment	Rank	Name	Address	Phone
NSW	6 Avn Regt	OC OP SPT SQN	MAJ	Liam Cunningham	Holsworthy Bks, Holsworthy, NSW	02 8782 7505
ACT	DOCM-A	CA RAEME-A	MAJ	Troy Wilson	Russell Offices, Russell, ACT	02 6144 7831
	ADFA	DIV OFFR	CAPT	Wesley Bartlett	ADFA, Campbell ACT	02 6268 6256
	RMC	TDO	CAPT	Alistair Mclean	RMC-D, Campbell ACT	0476 351 579
North Queensland	3 CSSB	OC 102 FD WKSP COY	MAJ	Michael Fry	Lavarack Bks, Townsville, QLD	07 4411 7678
South Queensland	7 CSSB	OC 106 FD WKSP COY	MAJ	Julian Fleming	Gallipoli Bks, Enoggera, QLD	07 3332 9266
Northern Territory	8/12 Regt, RAA	BC CSS Bty	MAJ	Alexander McDonald	Robertson Bks, Holtze, NT	08 8925 2822
Darling Downs	RAMS	CO	LTCOL	Brett Nelson	Army Avn Centre, Oakey, QLD	07 4577 7801
South Australia	7 RAR	OC ADMIN COY	MAJ	Rodney Allen	Edinburgh, SA	08 7389 0601
Victoria	ALTC	SO2 ECM RAEME	MAJ	Bart Smith	Latchford Bks, Bonegilla, VIC	02 6055 4053
Western Australia	JLU-W	OPSO	CAPT	Ben Oakes	Palmer Bks, Barker Rd, Guildford	08 9377 8205



<b>RAEME CORPS SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
(Retirement) Rank	Instalment Subscription	Life Subscription
CFN – SGT	# ____ × \$ ____ (per) ____ = \$260	\$260
WO2 – CAPT	# ____ × \$ ____ (per) ____ = \$390	\$390
MAJ+	# ____ × \$ ____ (per) ____ = \$520	\$520
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<b>Forward this form to:</b> SO2 Corps – RAEME Latchford Barracks, BANDIANA, Vic, 3694 Email: raeme.hoccell@defence.gov.au Ph: (02) 6055 4325 or 4009		
(*: If Applicable)		
<b>Payment Details:</b>		
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BSB:	803-205	
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<b>RAEME CORPS HISTORY PROJECT BOOK</b>				
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BSB:	803-205			
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Email the HOC Cell to determine the postage rate				