

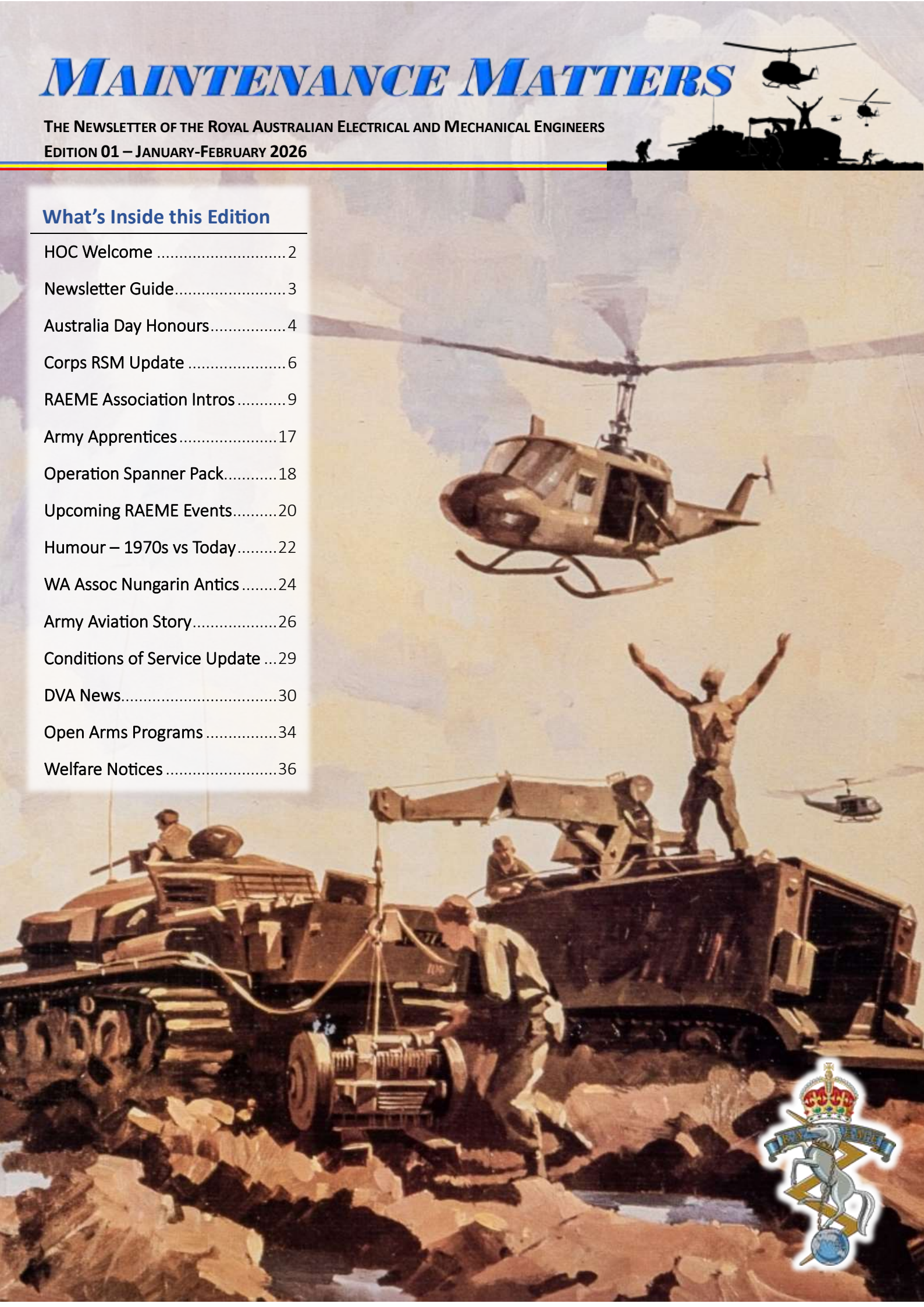
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A word from the top, RAEME Head of Corps, BRIG GM Follett, AM

As we start another year in our Corps' history, I am reflecting forward on what the future may hold for our Craftsmen. This year our [Army will celebrate our 125th Birthday](#), and our Corps will celebrate our 84th birthday. There are few national institutions that can reflect and build upon such a lengthy and respected history.

The 2024 National Defence Strategy provides clear direction from Government that Defence must transform into an integrated, focused force, to safeguard Australia's security and contribute to regional peace and prosperity. This means that our Army is in the midst of significant modernisation, which is exciting for our soldier tradesmen and their skills and training. Army is optimising for littoral manoeuvre and investment is being made in the equipment that is needed to achieve this. This means more highly technical and complex equipment, employed in challenging environments, requiring even more skills and problem-solving initiative to maintain and recover it.

The recently released [Defence Estate Audit](#) carries the potential for new facilities for the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (ASEME). The independent Estate Audit was undertaken to assess whether our infrastructure and bases meet Defence's requirements, now and in the future. As you may have seen in the Report, Latchford Barracks is listed for divestment. This means that ASEME will be relocated to another site in due course. While this comes with some nostalgia for all of us who have spent time there, Latchford is easily recognisable as having very old infrastructure, which is increasingly not fit for purpose. The establishment of ASEME at a new location is an exciting opportunity.

None of this future is possible without the foundation of our past and current serving members, and the esprit de corps that our RAEME Associations foster so well. As we look to the future of



our Corps, Army and the Australian Defence Force, our investment in maintaining connections between our people is incredibly important. It strengthens our capability, builds resilience for demanding environments, and ensures that knowledge, experience, and values are passed on. The coming together of serving and former-serving members is central to this. Our Veterans remain custodians of our history and our craft, and your continued involvement enriches the Corps in ways that cannot be replicated through strategies, policies or training alone. Likewise, our current generation of RAEME soldiers and officers carry forward the legacy with energy, innovation, and a clear-eyed understanding of the challenges ahead.

This newsletter will be one of the ways we maintain that connection. It is a place to share achievements, celebrate milestones, reflect on our history, and recognise the contributions of all who wear—or have worn—the RAEME badge. I encourage you to stay engaged with the Associations who publish this newsletter, stay connected, and continue strengthening the bonds that make our Corps what it is.

Arte et Marte

Gabrielle M Follett, AM

Brigadier

Head of Corps RAEME

Cover Image Description

The cover image this edition is our current Corps painting, *AFV Repair in the Light Green* by Mr KG McFadyen.

The caption to the artwork reads: "In November 1969 a troop of gun tanks supported by an ARV became bogged in the light green east of the Long Hai Hills in the Phouc Tuy Province of the Republic of Vietnam. In addition to the bogged vehicle, two gun tanks were immobilised, one with gear box failure and one with a final drive failure. Whilst the crews and the ARV, with sterling efforts on the 'Shovels, GS (AUS)' extricated the two serviceable gun tanks, a Forward Repair Team was deployed from the 106th Field Workshop to provide the lift necessary for replacement of two failed MUA's.

The M113A1 (Fitters) transported the gear box (inside the vehicle) while the final drive assembly was lifted in by CH47 Chinook. The repair and resupply operations were timed to enable the CH47 to back haul the two repairable assemblies. The operation was conducted over a seven-hour period. The organic RAEME commitment was an ARV, crewed by two Recovery Mechanics, one Electrician and three Vehicle Mechanics. The non-organic support was provided by the 106th Field Workshop Forward Repair Team comprising, one M113A1 (Fitters) crewed by three Vehicle Mechanics. Troops involved were from a 1st Armoured Regiment Troop consisting of four main battle tanks under command of SGT Browning (RAAC) on operation control to a company of Australian Infantry."



Introduction to Maintenance Matters

Overview

Maintenance Matters seeks to connect RAEME members everywhere, be they serving or former-serving; once a Crafty, always a Crafty.

The Corps was well-served by technical publications like *Maintenance News*, *The RAEME Newsletter* and a series of helpful regular Head of Corps update emails such as those that are sent by our Corps RSM, WO1 Jon Tynan. Likewise, our State and Territory Associations have always kept their members informed through their own newsletters or other email updates.

Maintenance Matters will build on the great work already done with a single publication intended to keep both RAEME members informed, regardless of how or when they served or continue to serve, regardless of trade or rank and importantly, regardless of their location.

Maintenance Matters will not replace any current publication like *The RAEME Craftsman* magazine or any State/Territory Association communications; it will complement them. *The RAEME Craftsman* records the history, efforts and activities of our Corps over the previous year. *Maintenance Matters* will capture what our Corps is doing now; it will provide a snapshot of Corps activities now. Associations will continue to carry news or matters of relevance only to that Association.

The Editorial Team

The editorial team will be broken into the following groups:

- **Managing editors.** ~3-4 members, including at least one serving member who actively prepare each edition.
- **Supporting editors.** At least 1-2 members from each Corps Association who provide all Committee-endorsed content.
- **Serving editors.** At least 1 serving member in each region who will encourage regional unit engagement or manage regional submissions.

If you wish to join any of these teams, please send your request to: Newsletter@raeme.org.au.

The publication timeline

Key dates along the monthly publication timeline include the following milestones each month:

- 05th – **Submission deadline** (late entries may be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- 12th – Clearance received from State/Territory Associations for selected articles (if required)
- 15th – Publication online and notification to all Associations and Head of Corps Cell for distribution.

How you can submit articles

Articles for consideration for inclusion may be submitted via an [online portal](#) on the RAEME National Network website. You will find a template and guide for compilation on this site. Serving members or workshops may also submit through their regional RAEME representatives.

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What will be included in each edition

This first edition is intended to be an introductory edition, however future editions may include some of the following:

- Any big news or plans for events such as ANZAC Day.
- Recognition of members receiving notable honours.
- Corps updates from Head of Corps Cell.
- Reports from recent RAEME Association events or plans for impending events, nationwide.
- **RAEME unit jottings.** These are intended to be a snapshot in time from serving units, for example, reports from recent field exercises, sports days, workshop restructures etc.

Whichever unit is featured in an edition will get priority for selection of the newsletter cover image.

- **Personal insights.** This may be from any individual who wishes to share a reflection on their service or a description of their current or recent posted position.
- Any identified reference to RAEME or our members in ADF or civilian media.
- Official ADF updates re conditions of service changes.
- Historical references, including from member experiences on recent deployments that were not captured by the last Corps History project.
- Details to support members of the Vietnam Veterans or Australian Army Apprentice Associations.
- Humorous content such as cartoons, jokes, puzzles.
- Veteran and veteran family support updates, including from agencies such as DVA, Open Arms, Defence Families Australia and more.
- Supporting information from selected Ex-service Organisations such as Invictus Australia, RAEMUS Rover, Soldier On and more.
- International EME Corps news, including from REME in the UK and RCEME in Canada.
- Guidance from policies that affect members such as from PACMAN, Corps Instructions or other publications.
- Welfare and Vale notifications.
- General Content including information or initiatives from companies with clear RAEME-links.

What won't be included

Certain items will automatically be excluded from publication or they will be considered on a case-by-case basis. These include:

- Security-sensitive information that could compromise ADF personnel, units, or operations.
- Material that is derogatory toward individuals, units, RAEME, or the ADF.
- Content that conflicts with Army, or ADF principles.
- Items relevant only to individual Associations, e.g., AGM minutes, financials, subscriptions etc.
- Personal political opinions or content promoting contentious issues

The RAQ will donate a \$50 store voucher to the author of the submission chosen as the best by the editorial team!



Australia Day Honours and Awards

We proudly acknowledge the outstanding achievements of all ADF members recognised in the Australia Day Honours. Their exceptional service and commitment exemplify the very best of our Defence Force.

Amongst the recipients, we acknowledge the following RAEME members:

Recipient: [Lieutenant Colonel Robert James CRAMP \(Retd\)](#)

Award title: [Medal of the Order of Australia \(OAM\)](#)

Citation: For service to the sport of shooting, and to the community.

Detail: **Pacific Rifle Club:** Treasurer, c2010-2015; Member, Electronic Targets Committee, since 2014; Life Member, since 2014; Member, since 2009. **Queensland Rifle Association, Belmont Shooting Complex:** Member, Electronic Targets Committee (S1), since 2012. Introduced, HEX Systems Pty Ltd Electronic Target System, 2013. Chair, Commemorations Committee, Armistice Centenary War Memorial (ACWM), c2021-2023. Deputy Chair, Commemorations Committee, ACWM, 2017-2020. Member, Commemorations Committee, ACWM, current. Chair, Project Management Team, Stage 2, ACWM, 2021. Community: Volunteer, Learning Support (Computers), Shorncliffe Primary School, 2018-2020. Volunteer, Audit Commission, Electoral Commission of Queensland, 2016-2017. Volunteer, Lourdes Hill School, 1996-1997. Volunteer, Antioch Ministry in Queensland. **Redlands Touch Football:** Player, 1988-2011. Referee and Member, Referee's Committee, c2003-2011. Queensland Public Service: IT Project Director/Officer, 1992-2013. **Australian Army:** Lieutenant Colonel (retired), Mechanical Engineer, Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, 1980-1991. **Awards and Recognition:** Recognition of Excellence Award, Leadership Category, Department of Public Works, 1999. Significant Achievement Award, Antioch Ministry in Queensland, 1994. Defence Force Service Medal, 1987, and Clasp 1991.



Recipient: [Colonel Lauren Elizabeth WRIGHT](#)

Award title: [Conspicuous Service Cross](#)

Citation: For outstanding devotion to duty as the Project Director for LAND 1508 GREYFIN Program and across the Land Systems Division.

Detail: Colonel Wright's transformational leadership and contribution to Land Systems Division has had a significant impact upon the successful introduction into service of key warfighting capability to Defence, over a sustained period. Her leadership, professional mastery and strategic understanding has assured the delivery of critical capabilities for Special Operations Command and supported the successful introduction of Protected Mobility Vehicles into the Australian Defence Force.



Recipient: [Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Paul DENT](#)

Award title: Conspicuous Service Medal

Citation: For meritorious achievement in support of the Australian Army's international engagement with Japan, as Australian Army Liaison Officer to the Japan Ground Self-Defence Force.

Detail: Lieutenant Colonel Dent's remarkable professionalism, commitment, and cultural competence has greatly enhanced interoperability and the close strategic partnership between the Australian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defence Force. His achievements in supporting this important strategic relationship reflects great credit to himself, the Australian Army and is in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.



Recipient: [Lieutenant Colonel Julian David FLEMING](#)

Award title: Conspicuous Service Medal

Citation: For meritorious devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer of the 9th Force Support Battalion.

Details: Lieutenant Colonel Fleming displayed meritorious leadership, professional commitment and tireless dedication as Commanding Officer of the 9th Force Support Battalion. His capacity to create a culture of value and compassion through periods of overwhelming workforce and external pressures, while concurrently continuing to deliver and innovate force level logistics has been significant. His achievements have brought great credit on himself and is in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.



Recipient: [Lieutenant Colonel Shandelle Nicole WELBOURN](#)

Award title: Conspicuous Service Medal

Citation: For meritorious achievement in the realisation of rapid capability development through the Army Minors Program for the Australian Army.

Detail: Lieutenant Colonel Welbourn has demonstrated meritorious achievement in the field of capability development. Through her leadership of the Army Minors Program, Lieutenant Colonel Welbourn has delivered critical capability for the Australian Army. Alongside the realisation of immediate capability outcomes, she has developed the governance frameworks for longevity of success for this Program. She has displayed outstanding achievement in accelerating capability that will drive long-term benefits for the Australian Army.



Recipient: [Warrant Officer Class Two Corey James ROCCA](#)

Award title: Conspicuous Service Medal

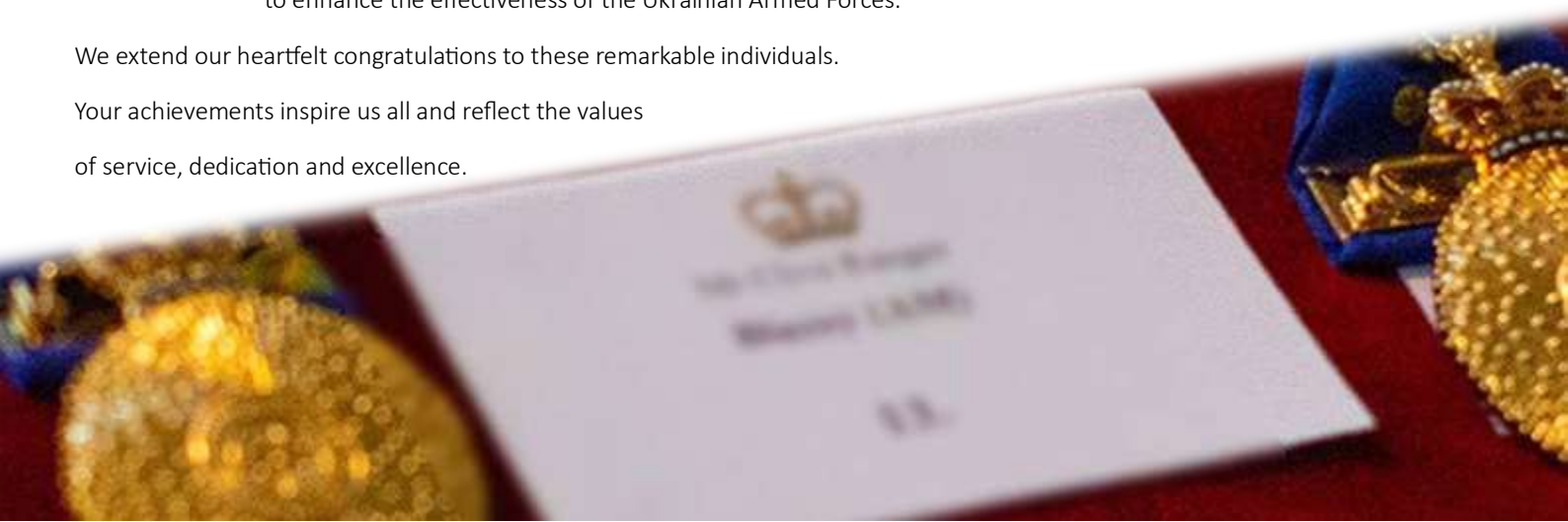
Citation: For meritorious achievement in developing equipment viability and maintenance processes within the International Donation Coordination Centre, in support of Ukrainian Armed Forces on SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM–EUROPE from December 2023 to July 2024.

Detail: Warrant Officer Class Two Rocca, through extraordinary technical insight, innovation, and professionalism developed an artillery barrel wear prediction tool, a platform health check system and a platform viability tool, which revolutionised equipment management within the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the International Donation Coordination Centre; delivering innovative maintenance solutions and improved equipment availability across the large fleet of diverse platforms. The systems and tools that he developed continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these remarkable individuals.

Your achievements inspire us all and reflect the values
of service, dedication and excellence.



Corps RSM Update

The following report was extracted from an email provided by the Corps RSM on 11 February 2026. Additional information for serving Corps members may be found on the RSM's page on the Defence Protected Network (Objective number: BQ87750527).

2026 and beyond

It has been my absolute privilege to remain the Corps RSM for the fourth year; I will be continuing with the monthly email updates and providing as much information to the Corps on changes. I hope each of you had a chance to get a well-deserved break, spent time with family and friends, and relaxed as we head into another busy year (the new normal). As a Corps, we need to continue to strengthen our professional bonds, reflect on our achievements, and chart the course for the years ahead.

Not often do we witness the transition of the **Corps RSM**, the **Head of Corps**, and **both Deputy Heads of Corps** in the same cycle. Such a moment reminds us that renewal is not just inevitable—it is essential. It is through this renewal that we maintain our relevance, adapt to the Army's evolving needs, and uphold the standards that define us as the **technical heart of Army**.

Before we look forward, it is right that we acknowledge the leaders who have carried the Corps through recent years—leaders who guided us through complex modernisation programs, through the expansion of our heavy and aviation capabilities, and through a period where technical mastery has never been more vital. Their contributions will remain embedded in our doctrine, our workforce, and our culture. We thank them for leaving the Corps in a stronger position than they found it.

The Army we serve is changing. The character of conflict is changing. And therefore, RAEME must continue to change.

The Corps faces a future defined by:

- Increasingly complex land combat systems
- Transition to heavy, integrated, and autonomous platforms
- Deep maintenance demands in both conventional and hybrid environments
- A workforce that must remain skilled, adaptable, and certified

“**Heavy**” is not just a descriptor of weight—it is a descriptor of responsibility.

As new armoured and mechanised platforms enter service, as aviation and ISR fleets grow in sophistication, and as the Army modernises at pace, RAEME will shoulder an expanded role across sustainment, diagnostics, battle damage repair, and technical command and control. Our technicians, recovery teams, and maintenance leaders must not only fix equipment—they must understand the systems that enable our combat formations to fight and win.

This future demands:

- Higher levels of technical accreditation
- Greater integration with industry and OEM partners
- More robust training pipelines

- Forward maintenance teams capable of operating in contested environments

We are no longer simply turning spanners. We are enabling Army's most complex capabilities to remain lethal, reliable, and ready. As always, our greatest asset is our people. No matter how advanced our platforms become, they will still rely on the ingenuity, resilience, and professionalism of RAEME technicians—from apprentices to warrant officers, from workshops to deployed operations.

We must continue to:

- Attract and retain technically-minded soldiers
- Invest in supervisors and senior trades
- Strengthen partnerships with TAFE, industry, and Defence contractors
- Maintain a culture that values excellence, integrity, and mateship

The Corps has always adapted. But adaptation must now be constant, deliberate, and strategically aligned with the Army we are supporting.

With three senior Corps appointments transitioning simultaneously, some may call this a period of disruption. I call it a period of **renewal**. A chance to harness new ideas. A chance to reinvigorate leadership. A chance to reaffirm our identity.

To every RAEME soldier, NCO, officer, and APS professional—your work matters. You keep the Army moving, shooting, communicating, and surviving. You are the quiet backbone of operational capability.

As we look to 2026 and beyond, let us commit to a Corps that remains:

- Technically superior.
- Professionally trusted.
- Operationally indispensable.

Honours and Awards

The RSM also passed on his personal regards to the award recipients listed above.

Corps Associations

We (RAEME) have been privileged to have serving and ex-serving members take on the challenge of retaining a connection to the Corps through the respective state associations.

These associations work tirelessly for their members, through the distribution of welfare packs, coordination of social functions & a professional network.

I ask that all members do their best to support the associations back in return, do something as simple as attend a function, engage with Corps members young and old.

Colonel-in-Chief Update

I have again written to Army Ceremonial requesting an update on the formal recognition of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, Princess Sophie as our Colonel-in-Chief.

For those not aware, this is so the Corps may remain aligned with REME, who have Her Royal Highness as their Colonel-in-Chief. The SO1 Army Ceremonial has replied and has actioned the request through ADFHQ, before submission to the Governor-General's Office.

I will keep the Corps posted as we move forward.

*Note – I included a request within the request for an update on the acquisition of a new Corps Banner, once we gain some fidelity I will pass on to you all.

Corps Conference – Heavy 2026

We have received two nominations to date (Melbourne (4 BDE) & Sydney), nominations will close 27 February 26. The HOC Cell will vote on the location within the first week of March, with the outcome announced immediately after. The Conference is planned to be conducted last week of September or first week October, this will allow us to avoid the end of year shuffle and rush.

Corps Shop

RAEME Clothing: <https://shop.hunterpp.com.au/raeme/>

HOC Cell Corps Shop: <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/shop>

We continue to build the shop with items as requested by yourselves. If you have suggestions, please let me know and we can do our best to make it available.

Course Information

Details are available in the full RSM's email which is available on the RSM's webpage regarding course availabilities for:

- Subject 1 for CPL – Army
- Subject 2 for CPL – RAEME
- Subject 4 for CPL – RAEME
- Subject 1 for SGT – Army
- Subject 2 for SGT – CSS
- Subject 4 for SGT – RAEME
- Subject 1 for WO – Army
- Subject 2 for WO – CSS

Marching the Distance of Courage

Corps member Geoff Clulow is marching 192km to support his fellow veterans and their families as part of [Soldier On's March On](#) challenge and he needs your support.

March On is a free virtual challenge that veterans can complete anywhere and anytime during the month of March. Soldier On is calling on members to walk (or run) 96km, symbolising the length of the Kokoda Track to honour the courage and sacrifice of our veterans and their families.

By joining the March On community, you'll show our brave heroes that they are not forgotten... we stand strong with them. If you can donate to support this cause, please visit [Geoff's page](#).

You can also find more info about the Challenge on the pages linked above.

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ASEME

20 May 2026: Save the date!

ASEME has commenced planning for a Ruby celebration of the consecration of the RAEME Prince Phillip Banner to be held on 20 May. The lead planner for the activity will be RSM ASEME, supported by our Corps RSM. Please rest assured that the planning will consult widely including personnel who were on the parade back in 1986!! I have been provided videos, photos and personal experiences of the day, which has been fascinating. More to follow with greater detail by the end of February. Whilst we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of our banner, I am also seeking to create a contemporary photo as close as possible to our Corps portrait. Participation will include key positions in the Corps, and representation from both ground and aviation personnel. Please wait out for the scheme of manoeuvre, when it is endorsed, invites will follow.

Workforce & Training Group

In 2025 WTG completed a transfer of the old two-part Employment Specifications to a new single document template. This work has been completed for all RAEME ground trades less ECN 222 and are now located on the MAE website. WTG will continue to work with AHQ G1 Cell and the L8710 Project to update the current ECN 222 ES to closer align to the current training taking place as HMAS Cerberus and the intended career path of a Marine Technician. This will be completed in two parts with an initial update to the ES released in Q1 26 and a subsequent update once the workforce review is conducted as part of the Littoral Manoeuvre Workforce Review.

Work continues on the Draft Land Engineering Officer (LEO) Employment Specification which aims to separate LEOs who hold appropriate Engineering Degrees from the Logistics Officer ES and provide them with a more tailored ES and career continuum.

The following POCs can be used to raise any RAEME ground Employment Category issues or ideas:

- **Employment Category Manager** – MAJ Penelope Neilson
- **Employment Category Advisor** – WO1 Terry Jones
- wtg.raeme.ecm@resources.defence.gov.au

Stay safe, Arte et Marte

WO1 Jon Tynan



The St Eligius Trophy 2025 – Showcasing RAEME Excellence



From 17–20 November 2025, Latchford Barracks hosted the second annual St Eligius Trophy (the top of which is pictured below); a competition designed to test and develop the Army's Land Domain Support System Methods of Employment, with a strong focus on tactical maintenance.

Named in honour of St Eligius, Patron Saint of the Corps, this event highlights the exceptional technical skills and leadership of our elite soldier-technicians and junior officers. Through challenges such as contingency maintenance, battle damage repair, recovery practices, controlled parts exchange and rapid adaptation, participants demonstrated the ingenuity and resilience that keeps Army moving forward.



This year saw fierce competition between teams from the 1st, 3rd and 7th Brigades. After a demanding day starting at 0400 and culminating in a social BBQ and presentation, 3 Bde emerged as the overall winner, with LT Zach Johnson (3 Bde) taking out the award for best individual performance.

The St Eligius Trophy is quickly becoming an enduring tradition—building skills, confidence, and capability for the future fight. Congratulations to all involved!



Above: The winning 3 Bde team on receiving the St Eligius Trophy from Head of Corps, BRIG Gabby Follett.

Source: Text adapted from [ALTC Facebook Post](#), 23 Jan 2026. Photos left and below by FSGT Wright



Introduction

The RAEME National Network (RNN) was established in 2017 after concerted efforts to bring all State and Territory Associations under a single banner was met with seemingly insurmountable challenges. The RNN was realised with thanks to the vision of many Corps members who fought for the unification of Associations, including the unwavering support and encouragement of the former Coordinator of RNN, BRIG Ross Grant, Retd and the late MAJ Ray Norman OAM.

The current Coordinator of the RNN is COL Steve Evans, Retd. Whilst Steve will assess and enhance the running of the RNN throughout the year, the fundamental support it provides to members and associations (detailed below) is unlikely to change in the short term.

Vision

The RNN draws on the reputation enjoyed by RAEME for its service and technical excellence: a reputation hard-won and highly valued. It results from several generations of officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and craftsmen committing themselves to a culture of service and support to combat arms and services through the delivery of outstanding materiel maintenance, maintenance engineering and recovery support.

War-fighters of the future will continue to depend on this traditional support, but increasingly, they will depend on the technological edge provided by RAEME members to enhance equipment on modern, complex and fluid battlefields. Thus, the Corps' future on the modern battlefield is assured. Most importantly, the Corps' reputation, as an active member of an integrated combat-team, contributing to the defence of our Nation, will only grow richer: its spirit is in the hands of the people who comprise our Corps – past, present and future.

Mission

The RNN's mission as a volunteer organization is to promote and preserve the esprit de corps, reputation and history of RAEME through its past, present and future members.

Goals

To meet this mission, the RNN has set its goals as:

- Promote the Corps' identity and reputation.
- Recognise and celebrate the achievements of the members of the Corps.
- Provide a focal point for Corps activities nationally and regionally.
- Foster relationships between Head of Corps, RAEME Corps Committee, Serving Members and all RAEME Affiliated Associations and other RAEME groups.
- Encourage all RAEME Associations and RAEME Groups to join the RAEME Electronic Network.
- Undertake tasks that are mutually agreed by the majority of affiliates and members that will assist and support the majority of members.

The RNN also provides a voice for all Associations to the RAEME Corps Committee (per Corps Instruction No 4), which is chaired by the Representative Colonel Commandant. It also actively seeks to support the work of Honorary Colonels nationwide.

The Corps Committee guides and manages the activities and domestic affairs of the Corps (with the exception of those matters relating to discipline, capability, and the military and technical functions of the Corps) and to make recommendations affecting them to the Head of Corps. The RAEME Corps Committee is responsible for:

- the strategic direction of the Corps' traditional and ex-regimental activities
- advising the HOC on matters affecting the general well-being, esprit de corps and such activities which support the development of Corps tradition
- providing advice on Corps celebrations, e.g. RAEME birthday
- preparation of Corps Instructions for HOC approval and review
- oversight of Corps Fund Committee in accordance with Corps Instruction Number 3
- providing assistance to the Army Museum, Bandiana on Corps matters
- providing assistance to the Army History Unit in recording the history of the Corps
- investigating changes to RAEME dress embellishments initiating action to obtain distinctive Corps items not available through the supply system
- initiating action on any other matter which may be of value in promoting esprit de corps, maintaining traditions, and promoting the Corps image
- considering items raised by Colonels Commandant.

Some of the less-recognised work of the RNN is that which occurs behind the scenes to support both serving and retired members. This includes liaison with corporate sponsors at the highest level to develop enduring support mechanisms.

Noting the importance of sharing information, the RNN has also assumed responsibility for the management of the National IT Network, primarily the establishment of the national website and all State and Territory Association sites. This has been facilitated thanks to the generosity of a RAEME member, Richard Legge, who owns <https://www.prerequisiteit.com.au/>, a company dedicated to the provision of quality IT services. Whilst website's management is undergoing a review, Richard's unwavering support has been invaluable.



Introduction

The ACT RAEME Association is more than just an organization; it is a community built on the shared experiences, camaraderie, and unwavering commitment to the values that define RAEME. As we step into each new year, we embark on a journey to strengthen the bonds that tie our serving and retired RAEME members together in the ACT Region.

It is all about our people.

Our mission. Bringing together the RAEME family to create a stronger, united community of RAEME members and supporters regardless of when or where you served or continue to serve.

What we envision:

- **Networking.** Engage with fellow members through regular events to facilitate connections and build lasting relationships.
- **Mentorship.** Bridge the gap between generations by offering informal mentorship that allows retired members to share their wisdom and experiences with those currently in service.
- **Support.** Provide a platform for members to offer support during and after their service, ensuring that no one feels alone on their journey.
- **Celebrating Achievements.** Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members, both past and present, fostering a sense of pride in the RAEME community.

When we meet. Gatherings are held on the first Friday of each month (less January) with either afternoon Spanner Clubs or informal mixed lunches on alternate months. We have informal drinks on the last Tuesday of every month (less April and December), plus we gather for key events such as ANZAC Day and lanyard presentations to new officers. This year, we hope to introduce visits to key organisations such as Defence industry participants so we can see how our community is supporting Defence. All events will be uploaded under [events](#).

How to join. Joining is super simple; any person who lives or works in the ACT region is already considered a member. All we need is your name and an email address. That can be provided through our [online portal](#).

What membership costs. Nothing but your time. We charge no subscription fees, nor do we sell merchandise. All of our functions are self-funded so you can spend as much or as little as you want on meals or drinks. We will occasionally run a raffle with all funds raised going to provide snack-trays at gatherings such as ANZAC Day. If we run sausage sizzles as part of Spanner Clubs, the cost for that is by gold coin donation.

Our newsletter. Our monthly newsletter is called RAEME in ACTION however with the introduction of Maintenance Matters, it will be much more abbreviated from this point on. It will only capture information that is of relevance only to ACT-based members. This may include updates about activities planned by

any of the regional ESOs or general news regarding local events. If you have something to share, we welcome that as well.

Earlier editions of RAEME in ACTION can be found on our [website](#).

Our website. Our Association website provides a great summary of upcoming events, some of which will include a simple RSVP option. The website will continue to evolve to make it user friendly. Your ideas are welcome.

How we communicate. We run a couple of distinctly different email lists to ease transmission of important information:

- **Corps Newsletters** (monthly). Members in this group will only receive the monthly newsletter, Maintenance Matters along with any supplementary information that is only of relevance to the ACT region. This group will include RAEME members who may be overseas as well as our EME brethren in partner-nation armies. At present, this includes Heads of Corps Cell for REME in the UK and RCEME in Canada but this will grow to include other EME nations as contact details are found.
- **ACT-based events** (per event). This group will receive notifications of impending events and gatherings. Members in this group will typically include those who live or work in the ACT region but it is open to anyone who visits the region frequently. Emails are typically provided approximately 5-10 days before each event.
- **Significant Corps Matters** (as appropriate). This group will receive information relating to our broader Corps in general, including Welfare or Vale notifications when received or other matters as they arise. These will not be regular emails, but only sent when required.

RAEME members and supporters are welcome to join any or all of these email lists. Our combined mailing lists include over 2,000 recipients (and growing). Get involved, share your experiences, and contribute to the rich tapestry of our Corps community. You don't even need to live in the ACT region to stay informed.

To join a group or manage your group subscriptions, visit our [online portal](#).

Joining us. Whether you are a serving or former member, you are an integral part of the RAEME family. You can join by either following the membership link on our website or by sending your contact details to our [Secretary](#).



Reach out today, especially if you are new to the ACT Region!



With the largest contingent of serving RAEME members posted to units in Queensland and an active veteran community, the RAEME Association of Queensland Inc (RAQ) is the largest Association within the RAEME National Network (RNN).

We play an active role in supporting our serving RAEME members, veterans and the wider Corps community across the State, providing leadership, recognition and connection at every stage of their service.

Supporting RAEME members

RAQ benefits from a well-established committee structure, with dedicated volunteers managing Association activities, while contributing to broader RNN initiatives, including:

- [Operation Spanner Pack](#) — Administered on behalf of the RNN to support our serving RAEME members deployed on operations, has delivered 4,891 packs (10,065 kg) worldwide since 2007. In 2026, RAQ has budgeted \$1,500 to continue this vital support.
- **Community Service Fund** — Launched by the RAQ in 2025, the inaugural \$5,000 allocation supported a new defibrillator at Mermaid Beach AEME SLSC and a significant contribution to Quilts of Valour, recognising RAEME veterans and their families.



Governance and purpose

The RAQ operates under its Constitution as a not-for-profit, volunteer community service organisation throughout Queensland. Promoting and recognising the Corps and its achievements via independent memorial, celebratory, social, fundraising, sporting and other community-based activities, guided by our Strategic Plan.

Membership

In 2025, Membership grew by over 7%, reaching a record 854 active subscribers.

Membership is inclusive and affordable, costing just \$10/year or \$100 for Life Subscription. Annual subscriptions run for the financial year. 100% of contributions allow the RAQ to fulfil our purpose. Joining is easy, the simplest and easiest way is complete [online registration](#) and pay via PayPal or EFT.

Financial members also enjoy Lifetime Membership of the [Mermaid Beach AEME Surf Life Saving Club](#), established in 1945 by AEME servicemen from Bulimba Workshops, an enduring link between RAEME and community service.

Meetings and functions

- **Monthly Meetings** — First Wednesday of each month (except January), commencing at 1730h at Kedron Wavell Services Club. All are welcome to attend the meeting and post-meeting dinner.
- **Events** — Regional luncheons, RAEME Birthday celebrations, Women in RAEME, and social gatherings.



The RAQ saw record attendance at events in 2025 across Townsville, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs, and Far North Queensland, with ANZAC Day seeing particularly strong RAEME representation.

Communication

Ensuring communication is timely, accessible, and relevant and to keep members informed at the state level, we provide Spanner News Weekly email updates to over 1000 addresses, an active presence on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and a dedicated [Webpage](#). The RAQ proudly supports the Maintenance Matters national newsletter, strengthening communication and connection across the Corps.

Looking ahead to 2026

Our success is built on the commitment of our members and serving soldiers, together, the RAQ moves into 2026 with momentum, focused on, promoting the Corps, supporting our people, and strengthening the RAEME community across Queensland

The RAEME Association of SA (originally the AEME/RAEME Association of SA) was established to support all serving and ex-RAEME members residing in South Australia. This is done by organising several functions throughout the year on/or near Corps or Army related important days. The key activities generally revolve around ANZAC Day and the Corps Birthday.



ANZAC Day

Part of the 2025 ANZAC March Group including OJT members

RAEME-SA takes the responsibility for registering any RAEME groups who wish to march and these generally relate to a Vietnam RAEME group and an Association group where all RAEME and ex-RAEME members are welcome to march. In recent years the association has been joined by the OJT group from Edinburgh making us one of the largest Association groups in the march. The OJT soldiers all enjoy the day and the comradeship of marching with RAEME soldiers of all ages and experience and chatting about the various times and things that each have done.

After the march everyone gathers at the Torrens Parade Ground for a beer and a light meal (BBQ and other snacks). Those who are available can then head to a previously nominated hotel for more celebrations.

The Association also conducts an ANZAC function for all members, ex RAEME soldiers and friends of the Corps at a local football club which offers separate function rooms and space for displays etc. The activity includes a meal, memorabilia display and a monster raffle, an event enjoyed by all attendees.



2025 ANZAC March Group

Corps Birthday

The Corps Birthday is celebrated with gusto every year. The regular component has a games day activity, most recently at Edinburgh, the reserve component celebrates with an evening activity including a meal. RAEME-SA organise their own Corps Birthday function, usually at the same local football club venue, which ensures non-serving members also have a chance to celebrate all things Corps.

All activities include awards, promotions and presentations. Association members are invited to the regular and reserve functions and vice versa.

Each year RAEME-SA presents a "Soldier of the Year" Award to the best CFN/CPL in both the SERCAT 5 and SERCAT 7 levels and these are generally presented at one of the Corps Birthday functions.

General

RAEME-SA have developed a good relationship the REME Association (SA Chapter) and we enjoy being invited to each other's activities. Sharing a common bond through our technical abilities helps create an internal rivalry resulting in lots of good-humoured banter. We also share activities with other Logistic Corps and run a combined All Ranks dinner each year. We have supported the local cadet unit for a number of years with financial assistance and an award.

We also have a good ongoing relationship with the Army Museum of SA as they are helping us with identification, storage and recording of Association memorabilia and photographs. A mutually rewarding outcome.

Summary

I am a strong supporter of the National Corps Association and am always looking for ways for the state-based Associations to embrace the enhancement of the Brotherhood and sustainment of our Specialised Technical Prowess. I believe the introduction of the new Maintenance Matters newsletter is a way of helping to develop a greater esprit de corps amongst our regular, reserve and association members.

Together we have a proud heritage and a strong future.

Arte et Marte

WO1 John Prince

President





The RAEME Association of Tasmania (RATs) undoubtedly would be the smallest RAEME Association in Australia. The purpose of the Association is to promote and reinforce the spirit, reputation, image, and competencies of the Corps through its past, present and future members.

Goals

The goals of the RAEME Association of Tasmania are to:

- Promote the Corps' identity and reputation in Tasmania,
- Recognise and celebrate achievements of members of the Corps in Tasmania, and
- Provide a focal point for Corps activities in Tasmania.

When do we meet

Gatherings are commonly held quarterly. We utilize local RSLs throughout the State and endeavour to capture as many members as possible during these gatherings. We meet for key events such as ANZAC Day and RAEME birthday. A calendar of events is emailed to all members in the new year as well as posting on Facebook and our Website should any interstate brethren be visiting our state. This is intended to give them an opportunity to catch up for a meet and greet.

How to join

We encourage all persons that qualify for membership to apply online at our [Website](https://tas.raeme.org.au). It is a simple process that only takes a few minutes.

What membership costs

We charge no subscription fees as we rely on the sale of our merchandise, and raffles at our gatherings to keep our Association viable. All of our functions are self-funded so you can spend as much as you want on meals or drinks.

How we communicate

Our main means of Communication is by Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298829660299171>. Emails and Newsletters. We maintain two mailing lists; one for people who live in the TAS region, and one for key members from other RAEME Associations around Australia. We send out a bi-annual newsletter to everyone including Secretaries of all RAEME Associations.

Our newsletter

Our bi-annual newsletter (April-October) is called "The RAEME Association Tasmania Newsletter". It captures key activities held or planned in Tasmania. It includes messages from our President, COL COMDT, a status of the Corps as provided by the Head of Corps Cell, Corps History, Special interest info (eg DVA, AWM or other veteran-specific info), other happenings within Tasmania, and photos from the past, as well as plans for functions.

Our website

Our Association [website](https://tas.raeme.org.au) is similar to other states. It includes previous editions of "The RAEME Association Tasmania Newsletter", photos of previous gatherings, merchandise for sale, and membership information etc.

Join us today!

We currently have a mailing list of around 102 members. Whether you are a serving or former member you can join, we always encourage new membership.

Interested? To join follow the [Membership link](https://tas.raeme.org.au) on our website, or send your contact details to Secretary@tas.raeme.org.au to be added to our mailing list! You don't need to live in Tasmania.



Who we are

We are here for the welfare of our members. We truly believe in creating and maintaining friendly connections with all members past, present and their families, while maintaining the traditions of the RAEME Corps.

There are times to celebrate, times to commemorate and times to reflect. We at RAV Inc are preserving these moments for you and hope that you will join us. We are always hoping to grow our membership and attract new members that don't know that we exist.

What we are doing this year

Harry the Horse Luncheon

Meetings for a meal with RAEME Corps brethren are announced via social media. Our last event was held on 18 January 2026 which saw a good turnout of members, past & present.



Spanner Club

Our Spanner Club functions exist to strengthen and uphold the Esprit de Corps across the Corps by fostering genuine fellowship between Regular, Reserve, retired, and currently serving RAEME personnel. It provides a welcoming space to reconnect with old friends, build new relationships, and maintain the bonds that define our community. The gathering is held from 4pm to 6pm on the second Friday of each month at Ladida, 577 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne.

RAV Morning Tea

To have light morning tea, and a strong coffee have a chat with some mates. Will be held on 25 February at 1000h. Frankston RSL, 183 Cranbourne Road, Frankston VIC. May change venues to meet with others. Stay tuned.

RAEME Association Commemorative Service

Held this year on 15 February, a commemorative occasion to remember our corps members, past and present, their families

and the sacrifice they have made to serve the Australian Army, without them that Army could not perform at their best. We appreciate all the work that is done now has been done in the past and in the future.

Craftsman of the Year Ceremony

Dates to be confirmed (TBC). Submissions from the units are encouraged until September 2026 for the current year. Ready for the Nomination Committee to decide by start of October. If you are serving and know someone that is deserving, mention it to your COC.

Anzac Day

The ANZAC Day program includes a Dawn Service at the Clayton RSL or the Melbourne City Dawn Service and the opportunity to march beneath the RAEME Vietnam Veterans banner (details to be confirmed). After the formal commemorations, members are invited to gather at Ladida, 577 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne, from 11am onwards (details to be confirmed).

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day program includes a service at the Clayton RSL, located at 171 Carinish Road, Clayton, with an additional service planned at the Korumburra War Memorial, 39 Queen Street, Korumburra (to be confirmed).

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place between August and September 2026, with specific dates and further details to be confirmed.

RAEME Birthday Dinner

The RAEME Birthday Dinner and the RAV End of Year Dinner for 2026 are planned for late November to early December, scheduled to avoid any overlap with other RAEME Birthday celebrations. The event is intended to be held at the Clayton RSL, 171 Carinish Road, Clayton, with final details to be confirmed.

RAV Bandiana Chapter Dinner, Bandiana VIC.

The RAV maintains an active Chapter of veterans in the Bandiana Region. They hold monthly coffee catch-ups at the Wodonga Plant Farm on the first Wednesday of each month and they also hold an end of year Chapter Dinner. Details of the dinner are confirmed closer to the event.



The RAEME Association of NSW — <https://nsw.raeme.org.au>

The NSW RAEME Association was founded in October 1972 in Victoria Barracks Paddington. The objectives of the Association, in part, are to;

- Preserve the memory of comrades;
- Develop and maintain fellowship and camaraderie between people who are serving and those who have served in the Corps;
- Promote the welfare of Corps members, former Corps members and their dependants, and
- Do all such acts as may promote the welfare of the Association.

At present, we have approximately 200 members both serving and retired.

To this end the Association is organising 4 functions in 2026 which all RAEME members past, present and their partners and friends of RAEME are welcome to attend.

These are;

- **AGM.** AGM followed by a casual luncheon on Saturday 14 March at the Ingleburn RSL Club Ingleburn commencing at 1030h;
- **ANZAC Day Sydney CBD.** Form up for the march in O'Connell Street at 1000h;
- **ANZAC Day Reunion** in the Castlereagh Club, 199 Castlereagh Street, commencing at 1130h, cost is \$30/head.



- **Christmas in July Luncheon.** Christmas in July Luncheon on Saturday 26 July at the Ingleburn RSL Club commencing at 1200h, cost is \$50/head.



- **Corps Birthday BBQ.** Corps Birthday BBQ on Friday 27 November in the Memorial Gardens Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch commencing at 1200h, cost is \$15/head.



The NSW RAEME Assn meets 5 times a year in several RSL Clubs. Dates and locations can be obtained from the [NSW Web Page](#). These meetings are followed by a casual luncheon commencing at approx. 1200h. Attendees purchase lunch from the available menu at their own cost.

Recent events

In 2025 members of the NSW RAEME Assn were able to join up with the current serving members of the Corps to celebrate the Corps' 83rd birthday in Holsworthy Barracks. The Association, in conjunction with the Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, was able to make presentations to both the ARA and ARES Craftsman of the year, as selected by the ASMs within Holsworthy.



About

The RAEME Association of the Northern Territory “RANT” is the junior association within the RNN and has been a pivotal organisation in supporting and organising RAEME events for serving members and veterans, bridging the gap between past and present.

Our main focus each year is supporting ANZAC Day through the march and gathering, by providing a formation for veterans and serving members of the Corps. The On-the-Job trainees make up majority of personnel in the formation; however, we have seen more veterans and senior serving members choose to march with the association in recent years.

RAEME Birthday is the largest event on the calendar for us and we support the 1st Brigade through financial assistance and personnel to help with the organising and running of the day.

Goals

The associations’ goal is to grow and be a hub for Top End RAEME members whilst preserving the history and supporting local events.

Gatherings

The association supports and organises the following events:

- AGM – 27 February
- ANZAC Day March and Gathering – 25 April
- Spanner Clubs – TBC
- Catch ups – TBC
- RAEME Birthday – 1 December and usually held closest Friday to the date

Communication

Communication is primarily conducted via social media and email. Please follow this link to our Facebook page named, [NT RAEME Association](#) or contact us by email at president@nt.raeme.org.au

Membership

We have an annual membership cost of \$20. To become a member please follow this link [RANT Membership Form](#), use the QR code provided or contact us via email for a hardcopy form.



2025 in Review

We commenced the year with our largest ANZAC Day gathering to date. Sincere thanks are extended to MAJ Kate Thorne and her team from 101 Fd Wksp Coy, 1 CSSB, for their outstanding support. MAJ Thorne successfully secured funding assistance from the corps and RAQLD, and we are grateful for their contributions. It was excellent to see such a strong turnout, including the attendance of Comd 1 Bde and the USMC Pacific Commander, who joined us in celebrating the esprit de corps of RANT members. Some definitely had more spirit than others on the day.



RAEME Birthday 2025 was marked in a slightly different format, with the 1 Bde ASM, WO1 Malcolm Goldner, organising an afternoon event at One Mile Brewery. Additional support was provided by 5/7 RAR, who secured raffle prizes from Milwaukee. The occasion also provided an opportunity to congratulate the Craftsman of the Year for the NT, CFN Samuel Johnston, and to farewell WO2 Mick Boucher following a long and dedicated career of service.



The Future

As 2026 brings a number of challenges, the posting cycle has seen two highly valued committee members depart the NT, leaving the President as the sole remaining committee member. It is hoped that the upcoming AGM will attract new volunteers to support the committee. Additionally, RANT merchandise is currently in the design phase and we are hoping to roll that out this year.

The Australian Army Apprentices Association (AAAA) is focused on the wellbeing and connectivity of Army Apprentices from all trades and corps.

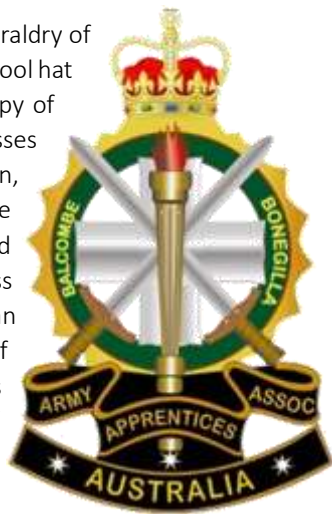
Objectives

The objectives of the AAAA include:

- To enable constant communication between members to promote the interest of members through the Association.
- To promote the welfare of members and their partners.
- To promote the maintenance of the Army Apprentices Memorial at Bandiana, the Marine Gates and plaques, Mace Oval, Citation Oval and the Parade Ground at Balcombe, the Apprentice Active Service Memorial at Bonegilla, the intake trees at Bonegilla, the Apprentice Governor-General's Banner, the Apprentice collection and display at the Army Museum Bandiana, and the products of the Special Project for Army Apprentice School Special Material (SPAASSM). With respect to the Army Apprentices Memorial at Bandiana, the Association is responsible for its ongoing maintenance.
- To create and maintain a record of the history of the Association, the members, and the School.
- To support any related museum and relics.
- To promote the recognition of the contribution of members to Australia and the Army.

The Badge

The AAAA badge replicates the heraldry of the original Army Apprentices School hat badges without being a direct copy of them. The Crown expresses allegiance to the Sovereign, Superiors, Duty and Country; the cogwheel represents trade and technical training; the English Cross of Saint George depicts Christian virtues and development of character; the crossed swords represent military qualities of courage, discipline and physical fitness; and the flaming torch represents learning.



Communications

The AAAA quarterly newsletter, The Apprentice About (TAA), much like RAEME in ACTION, seeks to inform members of planned events or reports from recent ones. It openly celebrates the achievements of members, including any honours or awards and other significant undertakings by members. Again, emphasising the close sense of connection felt by Apprentices everywhere, TAA provides significant reference to impending reunions, of which there are numerous each year, particularly as different intakes celebrate milestone anniversaries. Editions are typically published each February, May, August and November. Current and previous editions can be found on the [Association's Website](#).

AAAA Contacts

To communicate with the AAAA, including for Vale notifications, use one of the following:

- Web: <https://austarmyapprentice.org/contact/>
- email news@austarmyapprentice.org
- email secretary@austarmyapprentice.org or write to the Secretary at the address on the Website.

Gatherings

To further promote connectivity, the AAAA runs, sponsors or supports regular events and reunions. This was seen in force for the 70th anniversary of the Army Apprentices School when over 900 apprentices, including some 1st Intake Apprentices, led the National Veteran's March at the Australian War Memorial on Anzac Day 2018. The contingent was so large that it took over 6 minutes to finish marching past the dais! This was a gathering that will be hard to replicate in the future, but it was one that demonstrated the close bond shared by all Apprentices.

Support

In provision of welfare support to members, the AAAA provides supplementary advice on welfare and other support from Commonwealth and State Government agencies.

AAAA Website

The [AAAA Website](#) is the main source of information for members and the public. Pages include the Objectives, Committee makeup, Constitution, Welfare support, and the Apprentice Prayer.

The ["ABOUT" page](#) covers the Apprentices Memorial at Bandiana, "All About" documents, an Honour Board, and access to many stored photographs. AAAA Members have access to Intake, Vale and Membership lists, meeting minutes and agenda.

Apprentice or not, your time will be well spent checking out TAA and even visiting the Website to review some of the information available there.



Army Apprentices Memorial, Bandiana

Supporting Our Own

Starting in NSW in 2007, *Operation Spanner Pack* continues to be one of the most tangible and valued ways the RAEME Associations support our serving members, delivering a morale boost to RAEME personnel deployed on operations, overseas postings, and long-term training activities.



Administered on behalf of the RAEME National Network and coordinated by MAJ Tom Cross (Retd) in Queensland. Operation Spanner Pack ensures that anywhere our people are serving, they know the wider RAEME family is thinking of them and appreciates their service.

2025 snapshot

During 2025, Spanner Packs were delivered to a wide range of operational and deployment locations including Malaysia, PNG, Timor-Leste, Pakistan, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Operation Sovereign Borders, Germany, the United Kingdom, and AACAP detachments in the Torres Strait Islands. These small but meaningful care packs continue to carry enormous value, particularly for those serving away from home during extended or arduous deployments.

Operation Spanner Pack has over many years provided as of the end of 2025 a total of 4,891 Spanner Packs, weighing 10,065 kilograms, that have been distributed globally to locations as varied as Kuwait, the Middle East, Sinai, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, South Sudan, PNG, Fiji, East Timor, Darwin (Domestic Operations), the Torres Strait Islands, Germany, and the UK.



Recent Spanner Pack deliveries to regional and overseas locations have been confirmed as safely received, with images and feedback from deployed members highlighting the positive impact these packs continue to have on morale. Follow-ups remain ongoing for a small number of recent deliveries to ensure all packs reach their intended recipients. As another positive benefit, the Spanner Packs operation is a tangible demonstration to the rest of the ADF of how the veteran RAEME community supports our Corps members overseas.

No new Spanner Pack requests were received during the couple of months leading into the Christmas period. It is requested that current serving RAEME Officers and SNCOs that maybe aware of any deployed – or upcoming deployed- RAEME personnel are encouraged to notify the Spanner Pack Coordinator via [email](#). Particularly for periods over holidays, so packs can be organised in a timely manner.

Cost of supporting the program

We have been significantly affected like the rest of the Australian society with the continuing cost of living. Rising costs continue to affect the delivery of Spanner Packs. During 2025, the cost of merchandise and food items has varied between \$50 and \$70 per pack, with prices generally trending toward the upper end of this range.

An additional cost outlay has been postage.



With the expanded support in 2025 to RAEME personnel on long-term overseas training activities and postings, many of the locations, due to not being a declared operation, are therefore not eligible for free AFPO postage, resulting in postage costs ranging from \$19 to \$60 per pack.

Despite this, the expanded scope of support has been extremely well received and has reinforced the Associations' commitment to supporting RAEME members wherever they serve, not just on declared operations.

Supporting Operation Spanner Pack in 2026

For 2026, RAEME Association Queensland has committed \$1,500 to directly support *Operation Spanner Pack*.

Members and supporters who wish to further assist the program can also make voluntary donations via this link (<https://qld.raeme.org.au/index.php/shop/spanner-pack-donation/spanner-pack-donation-detail>) or directly to:

- **Bank:** Defence Bank
- **BSB:** 833205
- **Account Number:** 20682037
- **Account Name:** RAEME Association Queensland.
- **Member Number** 82731 (For other Defence Bank Transfers only)

Every contribution directly assists in getting Spanner Packs to serving RAEME personnel and maintaining this highly valued connection with those deployed.



Feedback, photos and stories welcome

We are always keen to receive feedback on *Operation Spanner Pack* and greatly appreciate any photos, letters, or messages from members when packs are received. These contributions



allow us to highlight the outstanding work our soldiers are doing and to continually improve the contents and delivery of future packs.

Feedback and imagery also help demonstrate the real impact this program has on morale across the RAEME community.



Deployed? Let us know

If you are currently deployed on operations, posted overseas, undertaking long-term training, or if you know of a fellow RAEME member who is, please ensure the Spanner Pack Coordinator is informed.

MAJ Tom Cross (Retd) will do his best to organise a Spanner Pack and ensure our deployed members receive a reminder that the RAEME family stands firmly behind them.

Operation Spanner Pack remains a proud example of what the RAEME community does best, looking after its own wherever they serve.

MAJ Tom Cross (Retd),

Spanner Pack Coordinator

Contact: Spannerpack@qld.raeme.org.au

Photos (from the start of article):

1. Contents of a recent Spanner Pack
2. Spanner Pack recipients in Fiji, 2025: LCPL Jackson Brough, LT Bec Rasmussen, CPL Aaron Primavera
3. Spanner Pack recipient in Torres Strait, 2025: Ben Laubsher
4. Spanner Pack recipients in PNG, 2025: CPL Ben Woodhouse, CFN Jakob Vickers, L/CPL Todd Kitching, L/CPL Joseph Reaney -RNZALR welder, CFN Angus Frost
5. Spanner Pack recipients in PNG, 2025: CPL Michael Miller, CFN Jordan Stevens gifted their Spanner Packs from WO2 David Shepherd, Workshop Logistic Advisor, DCP
6. Spanner Pack founders, Clyde Cook & Fred Jolly proudly displaying a plaque and framed letter of gratitude presented by President RANSW in 2008.

Upcoming Events

Planned RAEME gatherings across Australia for the next few months are summarised below. For further details on any events, either click on the link within the listing below or contact the relevant State or Territory Association as required.

To provide an update to this list, including any new events or events that have changed, please pass details to the Newsletter editors as follows:

- **Serving members** – Send details through your Senior Regional Representative who will be able to inform the Newsletter Editors to confirm details and on-base access requirements as applicable
- **Former-serving members** – Send details through your State or Territory Association Representative for on-forwarding to the Newsletter Editors.
- **Other members** – Please send details directly to Newsletter@raeme.org.au or upload them to the submission portal at: <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletter/article-submission>

Note: Significant Events that require considerable advanced planning, including reunions, may be highlighted below

February

Fri 13 th	Melbourne	Monthly Spanner Club	Ladida, 557 Little Bourke St from 1600h
Sun 15 th	Toowoomba	RAEME Darling Downs Luncheon	City Golf Club from 1200h
	Melbourne	Honouring the Serving and Memory of our Corps Members	Shrine of Remembrance from 1045h
Fri 20 th Mon 23 rd	SE-Qld	RAEME Annual Get Together Camp	Bjelke-Petersen Dam, Moffatvale
Sat 21 st	Townsville	RAEME NQ Gathering	The Bellevue Hotel from 1200h
Tues 24 th	Canberra	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h
Fri 27 th	Darwin	NT Association AGM	Palmerston Golf Club from 1800h

March

Tues 03 rd	Adelaide	Harry the Horse Luncheon	West Adelaide Football Club from 1200h
Wed 04 th	Adelaide	SA Committee of Management Meeting	Plympton/Glenelg RSL From 1700h
	Wodonga	Coffee Morning	Wodonga Plant Farm from 1000h
	Brisbane	RAQ Monthly Meeting	Kedron Wavell Services Club from 1730h
Fri 06 th	Canberra	Mixed Lunch	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
Fri 13 th	Melbourne	Monthly Spanner Club	Ladida, 557 Little Bourke Street from 1600
	Hobart	Meet and Greet	Anglesea Barracks Sergeants Mess 1600
Sat 14 th	Sydney	NSW Association AGM	Ingleburn RSL Club from 1030h

20-22 nd	Wodonga	26th Intake Apprentices – 55th Year Reunion	RSVPs are required to Michael Thompspon NLT 18 March 2026
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Tues 31 st	Canberra	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h
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April

TBC	Canberra	ASM's Golf Day	RMC Golf Club
Wed 01 st	Wodonga	Coffee Morning	Wodonga Plant Farm from 1000h
	Brisbane	RAQ Monthly Meeting	Kedron Wavell Services Club from 1730h
Thurs 09 th	Campbelltown	NSW Committee Meeting & Casual Luncheon	Campbelltown RSL Club
Fri 10 th	Melbourne	Monthly Spanner Club	Ladida, 557 Little Bourke Street from 1600-1900h
Sun 12 th	Sunshine Coast	RAQ Sunshine Coast Gathering	Alex Surf Club, Alexandra Headland
Sat 18 th	Adelaide	RAEME-SA ANZAC Day function	West Adelaide Football Club from 1130 for 1200h

23-25 th	SE-Qld	31 st Intake Apprentices – 50 th Year Reunion	Maroochy RSL
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Sat 25 th	Nationwide	ANZAC Day	March & gathering details nationwide will be provided separately closer to the date
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May

Fri 01 st	Canberra	Mixed Lunch	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
Wed 06 th	Wodonga	Coffee Morning	Wodonga Plant Farm from 1000h
	Brisbane	RAQ Monthly Meeting	Kedron Wavell Services Club from 1730h
Fri 08 th	Melbourne	Monthly Spanner Club	Ladida, 557 Little Bourke St from 1600h
Wed 13 th	Keswick	Army Museum (Keswick) History Week Lunch	See Museum website for details when published
Thurs 14 th	Thirlmere	NSW Committee Meeting & Casual Luncheon	Wollondilly RSL, Thirlmere
Sat 16 th	South Arm	RAT Luncheon	South Arm RSL South Arm
Sun 17 th	Toowoomba	Darling Downs Luncheon	Toowoomba Golf Club from 1200h
Tues 26 th	Canberra	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

June

Wed 03 rd	Wodonga	Coffee Morning	Wodonga Plant Farm from 1000h
	Adelaide	SA Committee of Management Meeting	Plympton/Glenelg RSL from 1700h
	Brisbane	RAQ Monthly Meeting	Kedron Wavell Services Club from 1730h
Fri 05 th	Canberra	Spanner Club and Sausage Sizzle	RMC Golf Club from 1600h
Fri 12 th	Melbourne	Monthly Spanner Club	Ladida, 557 Little Bourke Street from 1600-1900h
Tues 30 th	Canberra	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

July

Wed 01 st	Brisbane	RAQ Monthly Meeting	Kedron Wavell Services Club from 1730h
Fri 03 rd	Canberra	Mixed Lunch	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
Sun 26 th	Ingleburn	NSW Christmas in July Function	Ingleburn RSL Club
	Sunshine Coast	Sunshine Coast Gathering	Alex Surf Club, Alexandra Headland
Tues 28 th	Canberra	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

August

Wed 05 th	Brisbane	RAQ Monthly Meeting	Kedron Wavell Services Club from 1730h
Fri 07 th	Canberra	Spanner Club and Sausage Sizzle	RMC Golf Club from 1600h
Fri 15 th – Sun 17 th	Currumbin RSL, Gold Coast	101 Fd Wksp Reunion Weekend	14 August – Catch up from 1700h 15 August – Dinner from 1700h 16 August – Farewells from 1100h Cost \$70 per pers. Contact Michelle Lafferty on 0404-004-775 for more details.
Sun 16 th	Toowoomba	Darling Downs Luncheon	Toowoomba Golf Club from 1200h
	Ross, Tas	Statewide Luncheon	Man of Ross hotel, Ross
Sat 22 nd	Gold Coast	RAEME Luncheon	Mermaid Beach AEME SLSC from 1200h
Sun 23 rd	SE-Qld	RAEME Reserve Reunion	Indooroopilly Sherwood RSL Club from 1100h
Tues 25 th	Canberra	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

September

Tues 01 st	Adelaide	Harry the Horse Luncheon	West Adelaide Football Club from 1200h
Wed 02 nd	Adelaide	SA Committee of Management Meeting	Plympton/Glenelg RSL from 1700h
	Brisbane	RAQ Monthly Meeting	Kedron Wavell Services Club from 1730h
Fri 04 th	Canberra	Mixed Lunch	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
Thurs 10 th	Ingleburn	NSW Committee Meeting & Casual Luncheon	Ingleburn RSL Club
Sat 12 th	Maroochydore	RAQ Sunshine Coast Luncheon	Maroochy RSL from 1230h

How times have changed

Following the recent transition of a couple of Corps notables who joined in the 1970s, we thought it was worth a look at how the Army had changed since they enlisted.

Were they really the “good old days”???

Uniforms



1970s — Sun’s out, guns out. Don’t want to wear a shirt, no problems! Work on your tan whilst working. Jungle green uniforms that stood out in every environment except if you are in a broccoli farm.

Nowadays — Multi-terrain pattern uniforms so confusing that you occasionally lost yourself in the mirror. Time to try to confuse the local mob of kangaroos with the latest “ideal” camouflage pattern.



Radios



1970s — Backpack-sized bricks where the signal was only slightly stronger than yelling loudly but if you knew the right frequency and if you could get in a good spot, you might be able to pick up audio from ABC TV.

Nowadays — Encrypted, palm-sized comms complete with GPS, Bluetooth and probably tinder if you swipe hard enough. You also get to hope that whoever you are trying to talk to has the same codes loaded.



Fitness



1970s — You ran everywhere, climbed everything and lifted every heavy thing because it was Tuesday.

Nowadays — You train with heart-rate monitors, protein smoothies and injury-prevention yoga. “Toughness” is now measured by DTSG scientists with performance metrics.



Discipline

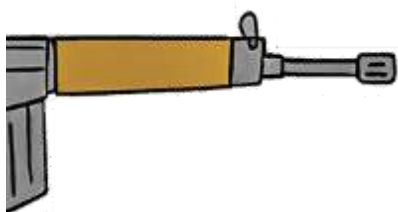


1970s — Barking Sergeants wearing spit-polished boots and moustaches with more rank than most junior officers.

Nowadays — Encouraged with a wellness survey and a mandatory hour-long PowerPoint presentation on “Respectful communication”.



Weapons



1970s — Long, loud and liable to bruise your shoulder into next week but it will stop any moving thing, regardless of size.

Nowadays — Compact, modular and looks like something designed for use on the set of Starship troopers.



Tanks



1970s — Big, British and only slightly faster than a koala waking from a nap. They were the kings of the battlefield.

Nowadays — Bigger and louder than a V8 ute at Bathurst and just as thirsty for fuel. They make good targets for drones.



Tattoos



1970s — A way of showing commitment to the Corps and possibly some girl you met at a bar in Townsville.

Nowadays — Every tattoo tells a story, mostly about cross-fit along with something in Chinese.





Night Vision

1970s — You had a mix of moonlight and a lot of hope.

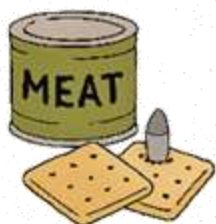
Nowadays — You now have goggles that can see a possum blink at 500m and probably detect sarcasm too.



Nicknames

1970s — Common nicknames were things like “Shagger”, “Knuckles”, or “Killa”, typically earned through some questionable deeds.

Nowadays — Modern nicknames include “DroneDaddy473”, “GameSlayer” or “TacticalTrev”, typically earned through Xbox gamer handles



Rations

1970s — Tins of mystery that have “meat” stamped on them but you can never recognise what it really was. The ration pack biscuits could double as body armour.

Nowadays — Vacuum-sealed meals with options like “Lamb Korma” or “Vegan Pasta”, all served with artisanal regret



Navigation

1970s — Maps, compass and a lot of “she’ll be right”

Nowadays — Satellite-guided precision until someone forgets the spare batteries or the monthly firmware update



Barracks Entertainment

1970s — A dodgy B&W TV with an antenna made from a coat hanger and someone’s old guitar that is missing a couple of strings.

Nowadays — High-speed Wi-Fi, gaming consoles and Netflix accounts passed down like family heirlooms.



Recruitment

1970s — Join the Army, travel the world, meet interesting people and be part of a world-class team. You might even catch a yabbie with a tank!

Nowadays — Defend Australia’s interest with a degree in military strategy provided you successfully complete the 84-page enlistment application.



Writing Home

1970s — Finding time between patrols to scratch out notes on field message notebook pages that are crinkled from the never-ending rain.

Nowadays — WhatsApp from a secure base Wi-Fi using emojis that do the bulk of the heavy emotional lifting.



Helicopters

1970s — Bell UH-1H Hueys loud enough to announce your arrival to the next three postcodes.

Nowadays — Helos so sleek and stealthy that you never hear them coming, more than likely because they are grounded for maintenance that will last longer than a Netflix subscription



WA Jottings – Nungarin Antics

Now where's my 5/8" Whitworth?

Not many people appreciate just how important Western Australia was to the Allied war effort during the War. Apart from Fremantle being second only to Pearl Harbou as the busiest Allied submarine base, fully a third of the Australian Army - approximately 100,000 troops were based in southern WA – the 2nd and 4th Infantry divisions and 1st Armoured division as part of III Corps under Lieutenant General Gordon Bennett of Singapore fame.

What is of interest was that the Corps stores were based at Nungarin, 270 km east of Perth which was considered out of enemy carrier aircraft range. This facility, 5 Base Ordnance Depot consisted of numerous very very large warehouses and supporting buildings and was constructed 1942-44 at a cost which today would be in the vicinity of \$300 million. The only surviving building is the old workshop, which is still one of the largest timber clad buildings in the southern hemisphere and was used for many years as the Shire works depot.

In 1994 the building was refurbished and turned into an agricultural and military museum and then the collecting started... So far it has two Stuarts, a couple of Grants and numerous Blitz wagons, Studebakers, Chevs and Whites. In fact, examples of practically everything we used during the war.

Over the last year or so, a number of current and Ex 113 members have made the 3-hr trek to Nungarin a few times to swing some serious spanners (all of which sized are in fractions of an inch – none of this new-fangled metric stuff). In fact, we worked out on our last trip there were more RAEME Tradies in-situ than at any time since the war. We have worked on quite a few different bits of kit to various degrees and the results to date are quite something.

Here are details of some of the items we worked on to support the museum.

T17E1 Staghound Armoured Car (right) – our main effort. The Stag was an innovative design that incorporated some advanced features. It had two rear-facing 6-cylinder 97hp (72kW) GMC 270 engines with automatic transmissions (4 forward and 1 reverse gears) feeding through a transfer case to drive both axles. Either two or four-wheel drive could be selected and either engine could be shut down while in motion and taken out of the drive train.

We first found it with both engines out after refurbishment. What this meant in



practice was we had to bolt the torque converter/transmission and T-case back on the engine and then sling it into the engine bay, virtually vertically and then, while slung, tilt it up to horizontal while simultaneously pushing the whole thing forward under the turret. 3 hrs, much inventive language, lots of bar work and the biggest bloke standing on the tranny to push it down and in went the right-hand engine.

Since then, we have connected up the trannies, fuel system, wiring, starter motors and radiators. Just before stumps on our last day this year we got both motors running. Hopefully we can connect up the drivetrain on our next visit and take it for a hoot.

Bell UH-1 Iroquois (left) – another mob (including some more ex 113 blokes) rolled up with a Huey on one of our weekends. After giving stick to RAEMEation for years we thought "how hard can it be" Got the transmission in and a lot of other bits and although it didn't look like we made much progress... It is rather deceptive! The team worked hard on "Find the part in the haystack" challenge.... Searching for the parts was both entertaining and rewarding!



Diamond T M3 Halftrack (right) – one of over 54,000 built in 1941-45. With a 148 hp (110 kW) White 160AX engine, the 8 tonne M3 was driven through a manual constant-mesh (non-synchromesh) transmission with four forward and one reverse gear, as well as a two-speed transfer case at a top speed of 45mph (70km/hr). The front suspension uses leaf springs, while the tracks use vertical volute springs. While braking is hydraulic assisted, the steering is manual. It runs, but an expected small repair to the brake lights to get it on-road legal uncovered the need for a full rewire. It was however fun for a hoon and channelling James Mason as Rommel.



Studebaker US6 5 Tonne Truck (left) – got it going but someone in the past has cooked the donk with cylinders 1 and 6 showing no compression, some work for next time

Ferret Mk II Scout Car (right)– Wes and his boys got stuck into this and got it turning over but a lot more work is needed to get it running safely (brakes, what brakes?)



M3 Stuart Light Tank (left)- just needed a quick going over but was very useful to give some potential CFN a bit of a thank you for helping Dad on the Ferret

54" Coastal Defence Searchlight (below) – based on an American Sperry Design but modified and produced in Australia, the locals had rebuilt it from a photograph but could only get it to operate for a couple of

minutes. Our resident boffin, Alex, found the trouble and it is now fully operative – though using a crank handle to start the genny is fun. Also watch out when a boffin after dinner at the pub says “check this out”.

The next trip will be in early 2026 – hopefully the Stag will be moving by the end of it.

Everyone is welcome.



With Skill and Fighting – A tribute to RAEME

The following article was published in the newsletter of the Australian Army Aviation Association (AAAA), *Air Mail*. It is presented here with AAAA permission.

The following is a speech delivered by my wife, WGCDR Sharon Bown (Retd), as part of her role as a member of the Council of the Australian War Memorial on the occasion of the RAEME dedication. — Ed.

“When I was asked to give the welcome to the RAEME dedication here at the AWM, I asked my husband, an Army helicopter pilot, for as much information on RAEME as he had. These were his words:

‘RAEME is outstanding. If you are looking for Bluebell out in the field, look for the red, yellow and blue tri-colour above the largest Taj Mahoochie around. There you’ll see a bunch of proud soldiers drinking ice-cold goffas. Ice cold! Even if the temperature is 40 degrees in the shade. They are some of the Army’s smartest soldiers who work very hard but don’t believe in doing it hard if they can help it.’

As a RAAFie, this type of field deployment appealed to me, but it also seemed confusing to me. I was not sure what a ‘Taj Mahoochie’ was nor what a ‘goffa’ was. So, I asked my husband for some historical information. My husband is an avid military historian and artist and worked closely with RAEME in Army Aviation as a helicopter maintenance test pilot, so I knew he would have a deep insight into how the corps worked.



He said the following:

‘RAEME was formed after all the individual arms and services were told to give up their mechanics and electrical trades to form a new corps which was to be modelled on the British REME (pr REE-MEE), Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, in 1942.

RAEME is closely related to REME in its form and function, and has a similar badge: a horse standing on the globe backed by a lightning bolt and chain representing RAEME’s shackling of energy and electricity to have it serve our needs, all over the world.

They created a new rank — Craftsman — to denote that they were men and women who worked the craft of maintaining the Army’s complex machinery, weapons and electrical equipment.’

Now we were getting somewhere, I thought. This was more the information I needed to help me with this speech.

I then asked him: ‘What does their motto — Arte et Marte (Ar-tay et Mar-tay) mean?’... My husband studied Latin at school — yes, he is that old.

He replied:

‘Arte et Marte is Latin for ‘Twist to Open’

"Again, I was a bit confused. He could see my pained expression, so he took pity on me and translated some Army-specific terms so I could understand it from my RAAF background.

"So, apparently, Bluebell is the radio callsign for RAEME; a Taj Mahoochie is a tent—or series of conjoined tents—that are so big they may as well be the Taj Mahal; a goffa is a soft drink; and Arte et Marte actually means: With skill and fighting.

And this is what he also said:

'RAEME tradies were the first up in the mornings to get the vehicles, equipment, helicopters working... and they worked late into the night to ensure they were serviceable for the next day. So, whilst we may see them sitting around drinking soft drinks, it's only because they were waiting for the soldier operating his weapon system... or the pilot flying his helicopter... or the trooper driving his tank, to break it and bring it to them to fix.

Or maybe they'd send out an SOS to have RAEME come and recover the poor unfortunate from wherever they were stuck. That's when they were worth their weight in gold!'

'RAEME personnel drove trucks, armoured vehicles, crewed aircraft, manned machine guns, and could fix them all when they stopped working. If you bogged your Bushmaster in a river, they'd turn up with a Heavy Recovery Vehicle. If your APC needed a powerpack change, they'd turn up in an Armoured Recovery

Vehicle with a new one and do a change-out in the field.

If your aircraft radio had nothing but hash, they'd chase squiggly amps until it was fixed. That's when RAEME blokes can walk on water.'

He then told me a quote often said to him by the Aircrew Technician responsible of whom he had great esteem. The wise words from a cheeky RAEME black hander – an aircraft technician responsible for crewing them and fixing them – was as follows:

Sir, you can teach a monkey to ride a bicycle... but you can't teach him to fix it.

So, to our friends who are here today—on behalf of the Australian War Memorial—welcome to the spiritual home of Australia's fighting men and women.

And to those amongst you who claim a proud association with RAEME we say: 'With Skill and Fighting'."



Say 'Cheese'...

RAEME Photographic Competition

We know RAEME members are out there doing incredible work every day—now it's your turn to show it off. We're launching a brand-new RAEME Photography Competition, and we want to see the Corps through your lens.

Whether you're maintaining, recovering, fabricating, diagnosing, testing, or solving the impossible with a bit of RAEME ingenuity, capture the moment and send it in. Action, teamwork, problem-solving, craftsmanship—if it's real RAEME work, we want to see it.

The winner will be on the cover of the December Maintenance Matters.

✔ Photo Requirements

Portrait orientation preferred

The photo should have been taken recently

✔ How to Enter

Submit your photo using the link below:

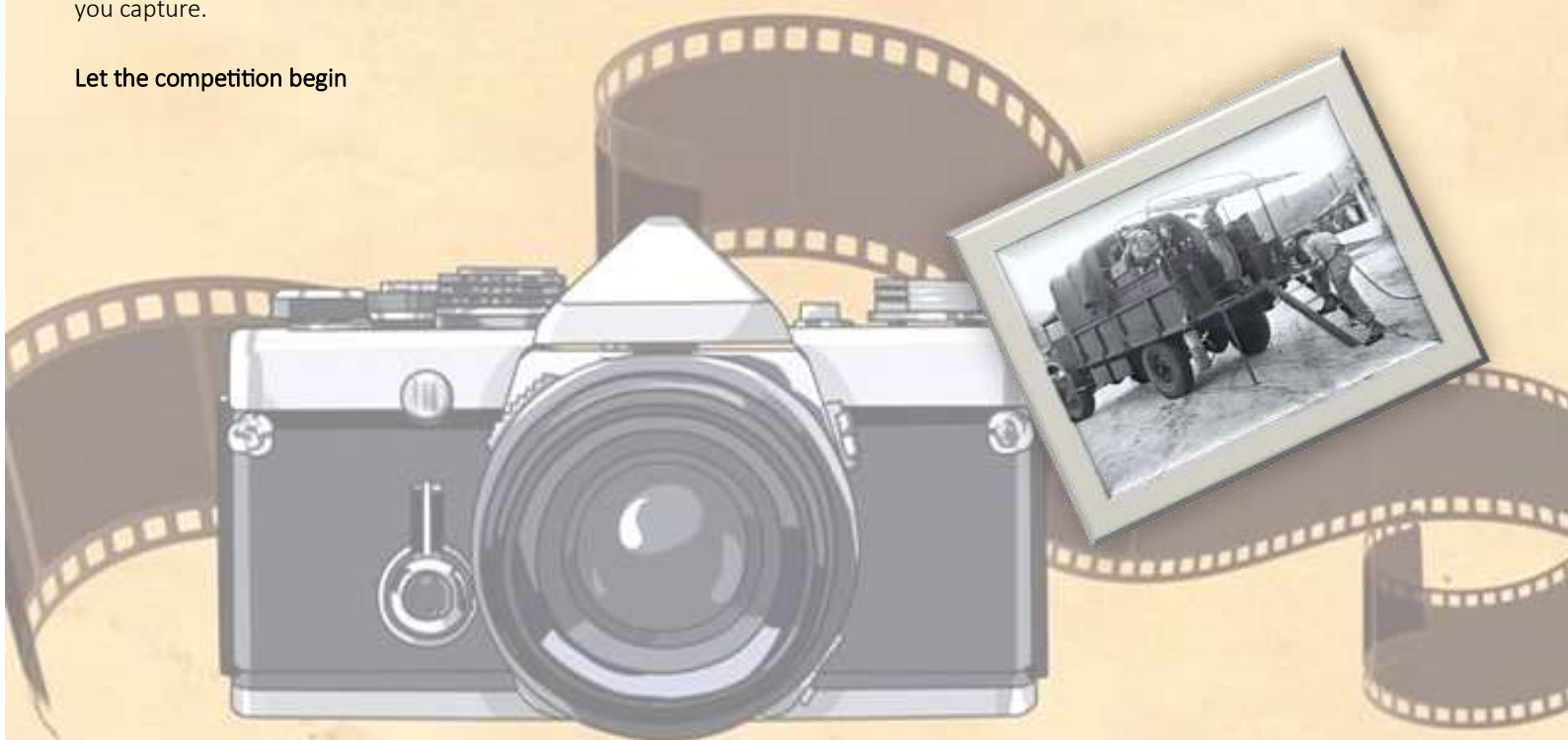
<https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletter/article-submission>.

Make sure you include **"Photo Competition Entry"** in the description box so we don't miss it.

Entries close: 05 November 2026

Grab your camera (or your phone), get creative, and show the Corps what RAEME looks like in action. We can't wait to see the moments you capture.

Let the competition begin



ADF Pay and Conditions News

Welcome to ADF Pay and Conditions News



Welcome to our dedicated pay and conditions news section! Stay informed about the latest updates to pay, benefits and policy changes. [Click here](#) to read more.

Can you find the pay information you're looking for?



Help us improve your experience and let us know if our website is easy to use. Share your feedback and help ensure ADF pay information is clear, accessible and easy to find. [Click here](#).

Explore our new superannuation pages



We've added new information to help you understand your superannuation.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Other Changes to Conditions of Service

Other changes to Defence Conditions of Service, as extracted from [official notification](#) provided on 20 December 2025 include:

Updates to domestic conditions

Storage entitlements. Storage entitlements now apply only if you're staying in living-in accommodation (LIA) and were also in LIA at your previous housing benefit location. Learn more about storage entitlements: [Perform duty in a remote location](#).

Family categorisations. We've clarified the definition for accompanied resident family (ARF) partners:

- partners who have applied for, or currently hold, a temporary visa leading to permanent residency can be considered ARF partners.
- visitor visas do not meet this requirement.

Learn more about [family categorisations](#).

Changes to travel benefits when you're overseas

Reunion travel. We've updated reunion travel benefits to clarify:

- how many reunion travel benefits you can access based on your family circumstances
- new requirements for reunion travel to another overseas location, providing greater certainty around eligibility and planning.

A new Reserves section is coming



Next year, you'll be able to find the Reserves information you need in once clear, easy-to-read section.

[Click here](#) to read more.

New tax resources to help shape your finances in 2026



Explore easy-to-read guides to better understand how your pay is impacted by tax, deductions, Fringe Benefits Tax, the Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy surcharge.

[Click here](#) to read more

New Sydney rental trial to support housing affordability



Defence is introducing a new initiative to help single members manage housing affordability in Sydney.

[Click here](#) to read more

Learn more about [reunion travel](#).

Housing and relocation

Removals when transitioning. Defence will now pay for a removal within the same housing benefit location when you move out of subsidised accommodation. If you organise your own removal, Defence may also reimburse the cost (contact Toll first to confirm eligibility).

For overseas moves, Defence will cover the cost of transporting your household items and vehicles from your housing benefit location to the nearest port of exit.

Learn more about transitioning from [Permanent or Reserves](#).

Casual meal costs in LIA. If you're staying in living-in accommodation (LIA) while on leave without pay, revised casual meal amounts will now apply to you. Learn more about [costs when you're in LIA](#).

Moving your towable items. We've clarified that hobby or recreational vehicles don't need to be registered or roadworthy to be towed — but the trailer used to transport them must meet registration and roadworthiness requirements. Find out more about [moving your towable items](#).

Dental changes leave veterans smiling

2 January 2026

The annual monetary limit for high cost, clinically needed restorative items, such as crowns or bridges, has been doubled and the time you have to use your capped amount has been extended from one to two years.

This means:

- From 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027 your total limit is \$5,980.30
- From 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2029 your limit is \$5,980.30 (subject to annual indexation).

This will be your new biennial monetary limit for Schedule C items. You don't need to do anything to activate the new biennial monetary limit.

Importantly, you will not be able to roll over the amount into the next two-year period because the monetary limit resets.

The capped amounts apply even if you hold a Veteran Gold Card or have dental related conditions accepted on your Veteran White Card.

Free legal and accounting masterclass

27 January 2026

A message from the King's Trust Australia

Are you a veteran looking to take your business from strength to strength? We are calling all veterans and the ADF community!

Start 2026 the smart way by registering for The King's Trust Australia 'Small Biz Must Knows: Legal & Accounting Masterclass for ADF Entrepreneurs'.

Created specifically for veterans and ADF community business owners, this brand-new masterclass delivers practical legal and financial guidance from experts who understand the ADF journey – no fluff, just real-world advice you can use immediately.

"I can safely say this course is worth its weight in gold. They deliver practical, high-quality expertise, alongside the chance to build valuable and relatable connections with others who understand the journey.

- Jen, 2025 participant"

You'll learn:

- how to choose the right business structure
- key steps when starting or buying a business
- smart record keeping and strategic planning habits
- common pitfalls to avoid when launching a new venture
- top financing options for small business
- when and where to seek expert help.



In addition, dental therapists, hygienists and oral health therapists have also been added to the approved list of dental service providers. This means it is now easier to access a dental practitioner suited to your needs.

To learn more about DVA's Dental Program, visit the [DVA website](#).



You'll also have the chance to network with other ADF community entrepreneurs, reflect on your learnings with the King's Trust team and create a simple action plan to move your business idea forward.

There are two sessions to choose from: Friday 20 February 2026 or Friday 20 March 2026, both running 10 am – 3 pm AEDT.

The *Small Biz Must Knows Masterclass* is free and delivered online.

Register here:

- 20 February → <https://bit.ly/4b2pec4>
- 20 March → <https://bit.ly/4pKGgQA>

Strengthening Veteran Wellbeing Through Sport

While the Invictus Games illuminates the healing power of sport, Invictus Australia helps all veterans and their families, even when the bright lights of the Games have dimmed.

Invictus Australia is owned and operated by Australian International Military Games, the not-for-profit responsible for organising Invictus Games Sydney 2018, and licensed from the Invictus Games Foundation. They carry on the legacy of the Games every day in local communities, as all veterans and their families can benefit from involvement with sporting communities, particularly 'at risk' veterans.

Invictus Australia are a not-for-profit registered charity and rely on the generous support of government, corporate Australia and the general public. As well as promoting the physical, social and emotional benefits of sport, they shine a light on the unique needs of younger veterans and the challenges they face as they transition from military to civilian life.

To hear from Invictus' Patron, The Hon General Sir Peter Cosgrove (Retd), their last Chairman, James Brown, and others, about our journey to becoming Invictus Australia, you can watch the launch webinar from 2021 on [YouTube](#). The Invictus Australia Chair is RAEME member, Mr Glenn Keys AO.

Invictus Games

Invictus Australia recently called for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the 2027 Adaptive Sports Program (ASP). This intake will prepare participants for the [Invictus Games Birmingham 2027](#), set to take place from the 10 – 17 July 2027.



Prince Harry joins the medal winners of the women's ISB5 open snowboarding event, including RAEME gold medallist, Katie Chapman

The Adaptive Sports Program is delivered in partnership between the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Invictus Australia. The program is for current and former serving personnel from the regular or reserve ADF who have become wounded, injured or ill (WII) during or as a direct consequence of their service.

Invictus Australia is responsible for the former serving contingent of the team and at this time, is calling for expressions of interest for former serving veterans. The ADF will confirm the process for current serving and reservist applications in the near

future, which will be communicated through DEFGRAM on the Defence Protected Network. For more information about this process, including who is eligible, [click here](#).



RAEME's own Adam Jackson rowing his way to a Gold Medal in the men's one-minute sprint indoor rowing event

To learn more about the program, and to apply, [click here](#).

Get Active

With their sporting partnerships, Invictus can help you find your tribe in local communities throughout Australia. Invictus partner with major and national sporting organisations to deliver opportunities for veterans and their families across sport at a local level. They also work together on programs, initiatives and offers to encourage the Australian Defence community to become involved – and stay involved – with some of the best sporting communities Australia has to offer. They also deliver teams to international events like the Invictus Games.

Invictus Nationwide

Invictus Australia currently have [Regional Veteran Engagement Managers](#) based around the Nation, with plans to grow our footprint around Australia. They also have partnerships and strong relationships with National Sporting Organisations across Australia, and actively encourage veterans & their families to reach out to us so we can find something that will work in your local community.

Across Australia, Invictus Australia hosts a wide range of activities—from yoga and pickleball to community sport days and family-friendly events—designed to help veterans stay active, connected, and supported. You can explore upcoming events and find activities near you through their [national events calendar](#).

Visit the [Invictus Australia website](#) to learn more about them and how you can get active in your region.



In One Page – How to maintain strong mental health, for you and your team

Serving in uniform asks a lot of you—your time, your focus, your resilience, your ability to push through when things get tough. Most of the time, you do it without hesitation. But even the strongest soldiers and officers can find themselves carrying more weight than they realise. This page is written by someone who has been around long enough to recognise the signs, someone who has lived through some of them and someone who wants you to stay sharp, stay grounded, and stay well.

Why Paying Attention to Your Mental Health Matters

You already know the importance of checking your gear, maintaining your weapon, and keeping your body in shape. Your mind deserves the same level of attention. Mental strain doesn't always show up dramatically. More often, it creeps in quietly, disguised as everyday stress or fatigue. The earlier you notice the signs, the easier it is to steady yourself and get back on track.

Subtle Signs You Might Be Carrying Too Much

You don't need to be in crisis for something to be worth paying attention to. Here are some common indicators that your mental load might be heavier than you think:

Changes in your Reactions

- Snapping at people over small things.
- Feeling irritated more often, even with mates you usually get along with.
- Losing patience quickly, especially in situations you'd normally handle calmly.

Feedback From the People Who Know You Best

- Your partner tells you that you're shouting at the kids like they're recruits.
- Friends saying you seem distant, distracted, or on edge.
- Teammates quietly checking in because you "don't seem like yourself."
- The people around you may notice changes before you do. Their comments aren't criticism—they're signals worth listening to.

Emotional Shifts

- Feeling confused, overwhelmed, or unable to make decisions you'd normally make easily.
- A sense of hopelessness or feeling stuck.
- Struggling to find motivation, even for things you usually enjoy.

Physical and Behavioural Changes

- Trouble sleeping—either too much or not enough.
- Drinking more than usual or relying on grog to unwind.
- Withdrawing from social activities or avoiding people.

These signs don't make you weak. They make you human. Recognising them early is a strength.

What You Can Do When You Notice These Signs

You don't have to overhaul your life to start feeling better. Small, steady steps can make a real difference.

Pause and Take Stock

- Give yourself a moment to acknowledge what's going on. You don't need to solve everything at once. Just noticing the signs is the first step toward regaining control.

- Talk to Someone You Trust
- This doesn't have to be a formal conversation. It can be as simple as saying, "I've been feeling off lately." A mate, a boss, a partner, a family member, a GP—anyone who knows you well can help you get perspective.

Reach Out for Support

- There are trained professionals who understand the pressures of military life. Speaking with them isn't a sign that you're failing—it's a way of keeping yourself mission-ready. They can help you sort through what you're feeling and offer practical strategies.

Look After the Basics

- Get enough rest. Eat regularly and stay hydrated. Move your body—exercise helps more than most people realise. Give yourself time to decompress.

These aren't small things. They're the foundation of resilience.

Don't Believe the Negative Self-Thoughts

When you're under emotional strain, your mind can trick you into believing things that just aren't true. You might think seeking mental health support will hurt your career, make your teammates see you as weak, cause your bosses to lose trust in you, or that you'll be letting the team down. You might even convince yourself you're tough enough to handle it alone, or worse, that the world would be better off without you. It won't.

But here's the truth: people under emotional strain don't think logically, even when it feels like they are. Imagine a football team with one player who's not as strong as the others. The coach doesn't replace that player; instead, they draw on that player's strengths and work to build up their weaknesses. That's how support works for you too. It's not about weakness or failure—it's about getting the right help to keep you in the game.

When to Take Things More Seriously

If you notice that the signs are getting stronger, lasting longer, or affecting your relationships, work, or daily functioning, it's time to reach out for more structured support. You don't need to wait until things feel unmanageable. Early action makes recovery easier.

If you ever feel overwhelmed by thoughts of harming yourself or others, it's important to speak with someone immediately. You're not alone, and there are people who want to help you stay safe.

You're Not Expected to Carry Everything Alone

Soldiers are trained to be strong, adaptable, and dependable. But strength doesn't mean silence. It doesn't mean pushing through until you break. Real strength is knowing when to steady yourself, when to lean on your team, and when to take a knee so you can stand up again.

Keep an eye on yourself the same way you'd look out for your mates. Notice the signs. Listen to the people who care about you. Take action early.

Remember—support is there for you, not as a last resort, but as part of staying healthy, capable, and for getting ready for whatever comes next.

Seeking former members of the 10th Terminal Regiment, Middle Head

Hello,

I am a curator researching the history of the 10 Terminal at Middle Head and am interested in learning more about the role of RAEME at the site.

I'm keen to speak to anyone who may have worked at the 10 Terminal Workshops and am also interested in their 'Ennie's Epistles' magazine. Are you able to assist at all?

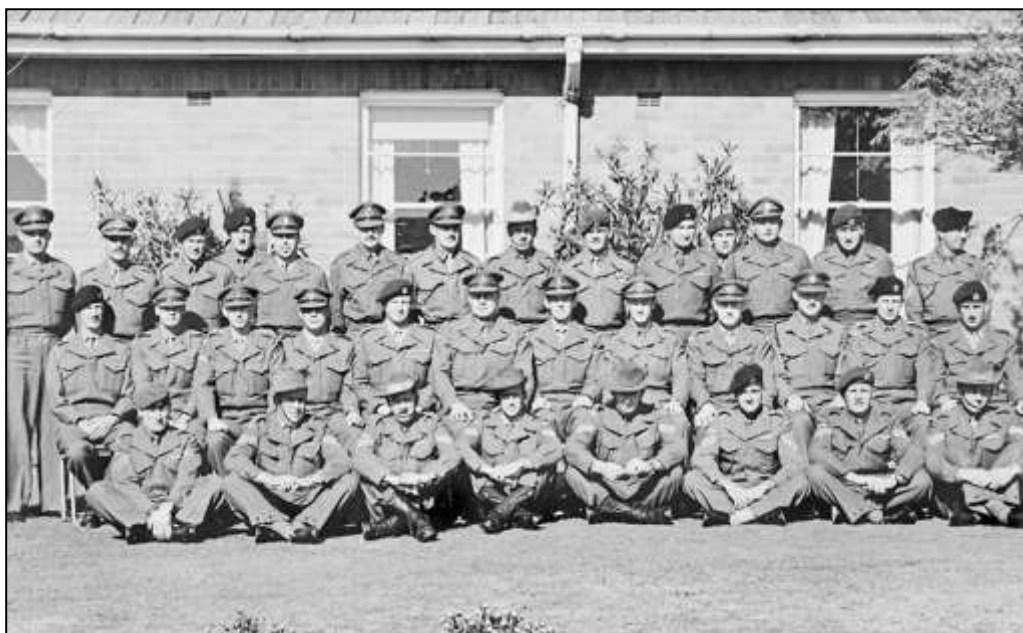
Any assistance you might provide would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Michelle DeCarteret

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ADF Cycling National Cycling Carnival

The ADF Cycling National Cycling Carnival (ADFC NCC) took place from 12-20 November 2025 at Mt. Stromlo, Canberra, ACT. The ADFC NCC is an ADF Sports sanctioned event and was attended by more than 100 ADF participants. The event spanned 9 days, and featured on road and off-road cycling disciplines, including road, criterium, BMX, downhill, enduro and cross-country events.

Craftsman Jack Elder (pictured) was a strong competitor during the downhill race event.

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Treatment programs and Workshops

Open Arms offers a range of free group programs to assist the serving and ex-serving community, as well as their families, live their best life. Call 1800 011 046 to speak with an Open Arms staff member for assistance in finding the right program for you.

The following online courses are open to all members. Consider them to be preventative maintenance for your mental health. [Click here](#) for further courses available in your region.

Course	Overview	Dates/Times
Sleeping Better 	A program to help you manage disturbed sleep Develop an understanding of the sleep process and factors impacting on sleep. Learn ways to reduce or eliminate factors detrimental to sleep and to introduce or enhance those beneficial to sleep. Explore and understand the impact of sleep disturbances on mood, behaviour and relationships.	Two 90-minute sessions on: • 17 & 19 February • 12 & 14 May • 26 May, & 2 June • 9 & 16 June • 23 & 30 June Click here for more details
Stepping Out 	Stepping Out is a free, two-day group program designed to increase the awareness of important wellbeing, personal and social adjustment factors and to support ADF members and partners as they are transitioning, or who have transitioned, from the military to civilian life. Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register interest for future courses	A two-day program is run online on: • 18 & 19 March • 21 & 22 May
Stronger we Stand 	Free, online workshops are designed to help families and carers who support veterans experiencing suicidal distress or those bereaved by suicide.	This course is run by Grand Pacific Health, a non-for-profit health care specialist agency. Click here for more details.
Managing Anger 	A program to help you understand your anger better Learn how the components of anger interrelate and recognise individual triggers. Understand how emotions and cognitions impact anger. Develop skills and strategies to effectively manage your anger response. Build communication skills to increase effective communication and relationship dynamics. Develop a Personal Anger Management Plan.	Online courses include: • 19 February • 19 March • 23 April Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register your interest
Understanding Anxiety 	A program that teaches you strategies and skills for managing anxiety. Understand the impact of military training and experiences on anxiety. Learn strategies to challenge/change unhelpful thoughts and behaviours. Discover lifestyle factors for managing anxiety. Develop a Relapse Prevention Plan.	Online courses include: • 24 February • 21 April • 02 June Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register interest for future courses

Course	Overview	Dates/Times
Recovery from Trauma 	A program to help understand and manage the impact of trauma on you and your family. Identify and reduce heightened physical responses to trauma. Manage avoidance behaviours and develop a strategy to safely confront fearful situations. Learn how to modify unhelpful thinking. Develop skills to improve relationships and meet healthy lifestyle goals.	Online course include: • 19 February • 05 May • 02 July Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register interest for future courses
Relaxation and stress management 	Practical skills that can be used in everyday life to de-stress. Discover mindfulness as a practice to shift focus from 'what has happened in the past' and 'what may happen in the future' to 'what is happening right now'. Learn strategies to alleviate a variety of conditions, including pain, stress and mild depression.	In-person only courses have been scheduled at this moment. Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register interest for future courses
Managing pain 	A program to help you learn about effective pain management strategies Understand the link between physical and psychological aspects of pain. Learn strategies to challenge/change unhelpful thoughts and behaviours. Discover important lifestyle factors for managing pain. Develop a Personal Pain Plan.	In-person only courses have been scheduled at this moment. Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register interest for future courses.
Building better relationships 	A program to help you rediscover what's important in your relationship and to rebuild a relationship with your partner. Focus on what works well to strengthen your relationship. Enhance the resilience of individual partners and the relationship. Create shared meaning through values and rituals of connection. Understand the emotions behind your partner's life dreams. Manage conflict positively and adopt a positive perspective.	In-person only courses have been scheduled at this moment. Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register interest for future courses.
Beating the blues 	A program to help you understand and manage depression. Understand the signs and symptoms, situations and thinking patterns that contribute to depression. Challenge unhelpful thinking patterns and behaviours. Learn techniques to manage stress and depressed moods	In-person only courses have been scheduled at this moment. Please visit the Open Arms site for more details or to register interest for future courses



Call Open Arms

24 hours

1800-011-046

Welfare Notices

Vale

Our Corps has lost the following members in recent times. Full details of each member may be found at the [RAEME Vale page](#).

1731678 CFN Bruce Thomas MILLS (Retd)

Bruce passed away peacefully on 7 February 2026, aged 80. Born on 10 November 1945 in Brisbane, Bruce enlisted in the Australian Army on 2 February 1966 as part of his National Service intake and proudly served in RAEME as a Vehicle Mechanic. Following his basic training, Bruce was posted to Northern Command Workshop, Bulimba. He served there from until his discharge on 1 February 1968. He served with professionalism and pride in the Corps.



2257728 LTCOL Brendan Charles ROBERTSON RFD (Retd)

Brendan passed away on 08 February aged 79 years old. Born on 16 August 1946, Brendan enlisted on 04 March 1966. Following a long and distinguished career in the Army, Brendan discharged in 1996 before continuing his service to the Corps through the NSW Association. He held various committee positions including the President which he held for over 14 years. He was also an active member of the Bathurst and Oberon RSL sub-branches. As per his wishes, Brendan was privately cremated by his family in Oberon. His tireless service will be missed by many.



323666 Allan David John WILBY (36th F&T)

Allan passed away on 05 February 2026 aged 61 years. Allan's RAEME service commenced as a 36th intake Fitter and Turner. Allans funeral service will be conducted at the Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium in Sydney on Monday the 16 February in the Camellia Chapel commencing at 10.30am. [Click here](#) for the livestream. Code: 2665



64320 WO2 Terry DILLON OAM (Retd)

WO2 Dillon passed away on 04 February 2026 in the Sunshine Coast University Hospital following an accident from which he was admitted. A proud RAEME soldier from his Apprentice days in 1958 to Vietnam service with 102 and 106 Field Workshops, he was known for ingenuity, leadership and unwavering commitment to supporting soldiers. He was awarded the OAM in 2003 for services to vocational education. A dedicated Legatee from 1979, he devoted his life to service and community. Terry's funeral will take place at Gregson & Weight on Wises Road, Maroochydore on Friday 6 March at 1000h. [Click here](#) for the livestream.



342673 MAJ Robert (Bob) Henry DRAPER (Retd)

MAJ Draper passed away on 01 February 2026, 1 week shy of his 89th birthday. Bob was a 9th Intake Vehicle Mechanic who served in Borneo and PNG in the 60s. He was diagnosed with dementia in December and deteriorated rapidly over the last two months. Bob's funeral will be held on Tuesday 17 February at 10am at Arthurs Creek Mechanics Institute Hall, 906 Arthurs Creek Road, Arthurs Creek. [Click here](#) for the livestream.



43715 CPL Brian Kenneth O'LOUGHLIN (Retd)

CPL O'Loughlin passed away on Saturday 24 January 2026 in an Aged Care facility in Gin Gin. Enlisting in December 1964, Brian was posted to 161 (Indep) Recce Flt as an Engine Fitter from 13 May 1970 until 12 May 1971. He served in Vietnam with 1 Fd Regt for 12 months from May 1966. He continued to serve until his discharge in November 1977. On discharge, Brian worked with Boeing where he was well-respected as an aircraft structural and systems engineer. Brian served as the Vice President of the Mt Perry RSL for six years, only stepping down last year. He will be missed.



CPL David Alan ROLLO (Retd)

The RAEME Aviation community has recently announced the passing of CPL David Alan Rollo, known to many as Dave, who passed away peacefully on 22 January 2026, aged 76 years. Dave would be well known to many through his service and time at Oakey, where he formed lasting friendships and earned respect across Army Aviation and RAEME circles.



342939 WO1 George REID (Retd)

WO1 Reid passed on Saturday 17 January 2026. Known well by most in the RAEME world, George was an 18th Intake Fitter and Turner by trade. His postings included the Jungle Training Centre, 12 Field Regiment LAD, Tropical Trials Establishment, HQ Logistics Command, RAEME Training Centre, Maintenance Engineering Agency, 4 Base Wksp Bn and Bandiana Logistics Group. He was the Secretary of RAEME Association Bandiana chapter for over 20 years. George was also a valued member of Wodonga RSL. His service leaves a true legacy for all.



42656 WO1 Michael NEAMRY (Retd)

WO1 Nearmy passed on 01 January 2026 aged 86 years old. Born in Gawler, SA on 26 February 1940, Michael started life as a mechanical apprentice before joining the Army on 24 April 1961. He served in South Vietnam from 1968 with 102 Field Workshop. A proud veteran who served for over 34 years in both the Regular Army and as a Reservist. He actively participated in the veteran community and was also an active member in his local bowls club in Narangba, Qld.



219146 WO2 Michael (Mick) James UNITT (Retd)

WO2 Unitt passed away on 19 December 2025, being his 74th birthday. Michael completed 23 years of service as a vehicle mechanic in the service before surviving 2 bouts of stage 4 lymphoma and prostate cancer post service. Sadly, after winning those battles which obviously took their toll, it was a severe case of pancreatitis that did the damage. He served at RTC, 4 Base Wksp Bn, B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt, Moorebank Log Group. He was a great mentor who will be missed.



WO1 Trevor John KERLIN (Retd)

WO1 Kerlin passed away peacefully at the Cairns Private Hospital on 11 December 2025, aged 83 years. Trevor served with distinction at Bulimba for many years, where he was an Artificer Gun, a Gun Instructor, and an instructor at the Army Technical School for Fitters and Turners. He also served at 2/14 LHR QMI, 4 Fd Regt, and 1 Base Workshops. Trevor was a RAEME Association Queensland Life Subscriber.



43782 CPL Jeffrey Carrington CLARKE (Retd)

CPL Clarke passed on 24 November 2025 in Adelaide after a long illness, aged 81 years. He served from 1966 as a Craftsman in the Airframe Section of the 161st (Independent) Reconnaissance Flight before being promoted to Corporal and posted to 5 RAR. Having deployed to Vietnam, Jeff's final posting was to the 2nd Advanced Ordnance Depot. He is survived by Frances his wife of 56 years, children James and Hayley and grandchildren Keith and Ariadne.



48655 WO2 Brian CALDER (Retd)

WO2 Calder passed away peacefully on 21 November 2025. He was 78. Brian was a 19th Intake Apprentice, graduating as a Vehicle Mechanic in 1966. From his Army Apprentice days, he transitioned to the Army Aviation environment in March 1968, beginning what would become a significant and highly respected 20-year career. Brian served in the Vietnam War, deploying with 161 (Independent) Reconnaissance Flight from 22 February 1969 to 11 February 1970.



CPL Chester Ray SCADDAN OAM (Retd)

CPL Scaddan OAM passed away on 14 November 2025, aged 78 years. Born on 5 May 1947, Chester served the Australian Army as a recovery mechanic with distinction. In recognition of his exemplary service, Corporal Scaddan was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division as part of the Australia Day Honours List on 26 January 1988. The citation recognised his service to the Australian Army in the field of mechanical recovery, an honour that reflected both his technical expertise and his devotion to duty.



Sick Parade

We have received notification that the following Corps member is facing significant health concerns at the moment.

LTCOL Claude Vivian Loftus PALMER (Retd)

LTCOL Palmer, being the man after whom the 106 Fd Wksp facility was named by the Governor-General in 2018 in recognition of his service to the Army and Corps, has been admitted to palliative care in the Gold Coast. He is 91 years old. Claude's family have requested any messages of support or any memories you may have of him be sent to him via his Granddaughter, Hayley. Her email address is: hayleydasilva123@gmail.com.



Danny CRUMP

Danny Crump (Crumpy) has recently been diagnosed with throat cancer and is about to start the fight of his life! He has had his fitting for his anti-radiation cap and starts his intense radiation treatment next week. As an ECN 235 the radiation should be a walk in the park for him. If you'd like to message or call please do as he is taking calls at the moment. His mobile number is 0417 053 136.

How to provide welfare notifications

Should you wish to report the passing of a member or the change in health circumstances for you or another Corps member, you can do so by entering all known details on the [RAEME Welfare Notification page](#).



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