



# The RAEME Newsletter



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## Message from the Colonel Commandant

Officers, Artificers and Craftsmen of RAEME,

To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – the Diamond Jubilee of the Corps – planning is underway to celebrate the Corps' many achievements. This will include a range of commemorative activities culminating in a RAEME Gala Dinner, Parade and Plaque laying at the Australian War Memorial in early Dec 17.

There is much to celebrate given the Corps' success and technical excellence over the last 75 years in maintaining the Army's equipment and systems in a battleworthy condition since its creation in the crucible of the Desert War in North Africa in 1942. The Corps has served with distinction in every modern theatre of war and peace keeping operation since that date and members of the "Can Do" Corps continue to serve, delivering technical excellence in Army's many operation theatres abroad today.

The Corps has also had a key role in nation building in modern Australia by generating over 50 thousand engineers, artificers and tradesmen for Australian Industry. During these celebrations we should take pause to recognise that we stand on the shoulders of giants, the men and women of the Corps that went before us in creating the outstanding organisation RAEME is today. Many of these former members will be at the 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations and I urge the current and former members of the Corps to celebrate together our many achievements on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Jubilee.

*Arte et Marte*

### Dave McGahey

Brigadier (Retired)

Representative Colonel Commandant RAEME

## The Head of Corps Cell

This is a quick Newsletter to update the Corps on the activities for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As you can see from the masthead, and a larger detail at the end of the Newsletter, we now have an official logo for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This logo is to be used for all official Corps material for the Anniversary events this year. It will form the basis of a commemorative pin that will be issued to all serving personnel later in the year.

I would like to note there have been an increased number of soldiers joining the Corps Fund. Thank you to all those that have joined in the past month.

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

### Perri Hobbs

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## Corps Fund Membership

While the membership of the Corps Funds has not kept pace with the times, there has been a small increase in the number of new soldiers joining the Corps Funds in the last month.

Only slightly over 8% of serving RAEME personnel are financial members of the Corps Funds. The Corps Funds are run for the benefit of the members and exists to promote RAEME *esprit-de-corps*. The Fund is contributing over \$30,000 in disbursements in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year to help units and the local associations in commemorating and celebrating 75 years of RAEME.

If you wish to join, re-contribute, or to find out how much you need to pay in order to reach life membership – 10 years worth of subscriptions – please email the editor at [perri.hobbs@defence.gov.au](mailto:perri.hobbs@defence.gov.au), or return the form located at the end of the newsletter.

A life subscription comes with a silver St Eligius medallion and a framed Corps print with embedded Corps coins.

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

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

### ACT

01 Dec 17 – Parade at the AWM, Canberra. RSVP TBA.

01 Dec 17 – Dinner at the AWM, Canberra. RSVP and Cost TBA.

### New South Wales

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

### Victoria

25 Aug 17 – Post ANZAC Day March function at The Palace Hotel, 505 City Road, South Melbourne.  
All welcome, No RSVP required.

11 Aug 17 at 1645 – Memorial Service at the Craftsman Memorial, South Bandiana hosted by ASEME.  
RSVP TBA.

11 Aug 17 at 1800 – Dinner Function at South Bandiana hosted by ASEME. RSVP and Cost TBA.

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

### Tasmania

26 Nov 17 – Dinner at the Anglesea Barracks Officer Mess. POC: Mr Russell Clark e: rclark44@bigpond.com

### Queensland

25 Apr 17 – Post ANZAC Day March function at Fix Restaurant, Brisbane. POC: RAEME Assoc QLD

26 Aug 17 – Dinner Function at the Townsville RSL. POC: MAJ M Fry e: michael.fry@defence.gov.au

01 Jul 17 – RAQ Gold Coast Lunch at AEME Mermaid Beach SLSC. POC: RAEME Assoc QLD

02 Sep 17 – RAQ Sunshine Coast Lunch at Maroochy RSL. POC: RAEME Assoc QLD

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

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

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

### Northern Territory

01 Dec 17 – 1 AVN RAEME Birthday event at Robertson Barracks. POC: LT E Kelderman  
e: elizabeth.kelderman@defence.gov.au

### South Australia

25 Apr 17 – 16ALR Post ANZAC Day March function. POC: LT T Davies e: tayla.davies@defence.gov.au

Aug/Sep 17 – RASA All Ranks Dinner at Naval Military Club. POC: MAJ R Moyses  
e: dick.moyses@defence.gov.au

01 Dec 17 – 16 ALR RAEME Birthday event at Woodside Barracks.  
POC: LT T Davies e: tayla.davies@defence.gov.au

### Western Australia

01 Dec 17 – Perth RAEME Birthday Event with “Harry the Horse”. POC: Michael Nolan  
e: michael.nolan@defence.gov.au

Further details will be released throughout the year. Please contact the nominated POC, the Regional RAEME Representatives or the local chapter of the RAEME Association for events in your area.

RAEME Association Websites:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### The Corps History Project Book

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

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### Payment of money to the Corps Fund

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

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

### Corrections

It has been pointed out that the 31<sup>st</sup> Edition referred to BRIG Martins as our first DGEME and founding HOC. This is incorrect; the correct wording should be "...the first DEME, BRIG Martins, and the fifth HOC...". Thank you to Bert Barker from Queensland for spotting the mistake.

Included over the page is a list of Heads of Corps, whether in their full time roles as Directors of the Engineering Branch – Director Mechanical Engineering (DME), Director Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (DEME), or Director General, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (DGEME) – to the current system of a Head of Corps, whereby a Brigadier has the extra-Regimental duty of performing the Head of Corps role. Also included is a list of the Corps RSMs dating back to the first one – WO1 David Packer in 2002. Prior to 2000, the Senior Warrant Officer was usually the RSM of the RAEME Training Centre.



### Photos from ASEME's Obstacle Course Challenge

Clockwise from top-left: MAJ Hajenko, OC VTW, accepts the Perpetual Shield on behalf of VTW from COL Maclean, COMDT ALTC; ASEME trainees climbing the cargo net; leopard crawling through an obstacle.

## **RAEME History**

The following is a list of the AEME/RAEME Heads of Corps from BRIG F Field, the HOC at our formation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec 1942 through to BRIG HJ Kohl, the current HOC. The position of Corps RSM as an extra-Regimental duty was instituted in 2000, with the first being WO1 Packer. Prior to that, the Senior Warrant Officer was usually the RSM of RTC. The list is not complete and any contributions will be gratefully accepted.

### **AEME/RAEME Heads of Corps**

Dec 42 to Dec 44 – BRIG F Field, DME  
 Dec 44 to Feb 52 – BRIG CA Geyton, OBE, DME  
 Feb 52 to Aug 55 – BRIG GHS Moran, OBE, DME  
 Aug 55 to Jun 58 – BRIG JC Bendall, CBE, DME  
 Jun 58 to Jan 67 – BRIG JC Bendall, CBE, DME  
 Jan 67 to Dec 69 – BRIG HLC Martins, OBE, DME  
 Dec 69 to Jul 75 – BRIG JC Dean, OBE, DME  
 Aug 75 to Jan 76 – BRIG RD White, DGEME  
 Jan 76 to Jan 78 – BRIG KA Gibson, DGEME  
 Jan 78 to Aug 80 – BRIG AD Powell, DGEME (Later MAJGEN Powell)  
 Aug 80 to Feb 85 – BRIG JF Faulks, AM, DGEME  
 Feb 85 to Dec 88 – BRIG C Emert, DGEME  
 Dec 88 to Jan 91 – BRIG RM Millar, MID, ADC, DGEME  
 Jan 91 to Dec 92 – BRIG JW Kingston, AM, DGEME (Later MAJGEN Kingston, AM)  
 Dec 92 to 1994 – COL LJ Foley, DEME–A  
 1994 to 1995 – COL RLG Grant, DEME–A  
 1996 to 1997 – COL BT Amor, DEME–A  
 Transition to Head of Corps as extra-Regimental Duty  
 1998 – BRIG RLG Grant, AM, DG Engineering – Army  
 1999 to 2003 – BRIG CMC Sharp, AM, CSC, DG Engineering  
 2003 to 2007 – BRIG DF McGahey, CSC, DG Materiel Information Systems  
 2008 to 2009 – BRIG B Welch  
 2009 to 2010 – BRIG DF Creagh, AM, CSC, COMD 17 CSS Bde  
 2011 to 2014 – BRIG AJ Mathewson, AM, DG Army Aviation Systems (Now MAJGEN AJ Mathewson, AM)  
 2015 to current – BRIG HJ Kohl, DG Land Manoeuvre Systems

### **Senior Corps WO1/Corps RSM**

Jun 53 - Jul 54 – WO1 CC Hocking, RSM RTC  
 Jun 55 - Jul 58 – WO1 RM McCall, RSM RTC  
 Jul 58 – Mar 61 – WO1 CJ Lucas, RSM RTC  
 Mar 61 – Jul 64 – WO1 M Putland, RSM RTC  
 Jul 64 – Jun 67 – WO1 KW Hanlin, RSM RTC  
 Jul 67 to Sep 68 – WO1 WJ Fisher, RSM RTC  
 Nov 68 – Jul 74 – WO1 LW Lilley, RSM RTC  
 Jul 74 – May 76 – WO1 RE Mills, RSM RTC  
 Oct 76 to Feb 79 – WO1 MC Pearson, RSM RTC  
 Jun 79 to Dec 81 – WO1 MJ Kusternig, RSM RTC  
 Jan 82 to Dec 84 – WO1 RG Norman, RSM RTC  
 Jan 85 to 1987 – WO1 G O'Brian, RSM RTC  
 May 88 to Jan 93 – WO1 GM Lowe, RSM RTC  
 Jan 02 to Dec 03 – WO1 D Packer, RSM MSD  
 Jan 04 to Jun 04 – WO1 T Fekete, RSM MSD  
 Jun 04 to Dec 05 – WO1 T Fekete, RSM ASEME  
 Jan 06 to Oct 07 – WO1 D Clarke, Senior Corps WO1  
 Oct 07 to Jan 10 – WO1 MF Burgess, RSM ASEME  
 Jan 10 to Jan 13 – WO1 J Ballard, RSM ASEME  
 Jan 13 to Dec 15 – WO1 CA Webb, RSM ASEME  
 Jan 16 to current – WO1 RP Turnbull, RSM ASEME

### Regional RAEME Representatives

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

The Representative for NT has changed recently due to the deployment of MAJ Paul Bellas. Good luck to MAJ Bellas; the duties of Regional RAEME Rep will be assumed by MAJ Alexander McDonald.

### Regional RAEME Representatives 2017

Region	Unit	Appointment	Rank	Name	Address	Phone
NSW	6 Avn Regt	OC OP SPT SQN	MAJ	Liam Cunningham	Holsworthy Bks, Holsworthy, NSW	02 8782 7505
ACT	DOCM-A	CA RAEME-A	MAJ	Troy Wilson	Russell Offices, Russell, ACT	02 6144 7831
North Queensland	3 CSSB	OC 102 FD WKSP COY	MAJ	Michael Fry	Lavarack Bks, Townsville, QLD	07 4411 7678
South Queensland	7 CSSB	OC 106 FD WKSP COY	MAJ	Julian Fleming	Gallipoli Bks, Enoggera, QLD	07 3332 9266
Northern Territory	8/12 Regt, RAA	BC CSS Bty	MAJ	Alexander McDonald	Robertson Bks, Holtze, NT	08 8925 2822
Darling Downs	RAMS	CO	LTCOL	Brett Nelson	Army Avn Centre, Oakey, QLD	07 4577 7801
South Australia	16 ALR	BC CSS BTY	MAJ	Daniel Irwin	Woodside Bks, Woodside, SA	08 8389 0290
Victoria & Tasmania	ALTC	SO2 ECM RAEME	MAJ	Bart Smith	Latchford Bks, Bonegilla, VIC	02 6055 4053
Western Australia	JLU-W	OPSO	CAPT	Ben Oakes	Palmer Bks, Barker Rd, Guildford	08 9377 8205




“Harry the Horse” prepared for Return To Australia. The sculpture is currently housed at the Army Museum – Bandiana.

## The RAEME 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo



The logo is the traditional RAEME Corps emblem with the formation and current year, and the Anniversary number formed in a circular fashion with the RAEME emblem scroll and wattle. This emblem has been used for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1992 when the Colonel-in-Chief, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh attended the parade at the Australian War Memorial. This emblem provides a strong link with the past while remaining current with Army's Branding rules.

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WO2 – CAPT	\$39	\$390
MAJ+	\$52	\$520
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