

# RAEME Head of Corps Newsletter



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**HEAD OF CORPS - RAEME**  
**BRIGADIER ANDREW MATHEWSON**

The year continues to present many challenges to the members of our Corps as the ADF substantially reduces operational deployments and we grapple with budget constraints and consequently, reduced activities. I am particularly concerned with retention of the experienced and well qualified members of our Corps. I ask that RAEME leaders at all levels, work closely with our craftsmen, NCOs and junior officers to ensure they make balanced and well informed decisions in relation to seeking alternative employment.

The Corps History Project (CHP) team, being energetically led by BRIG Ross Grant, is doing a fine job. I am delighted with the quality of stories being developed and provided. I thank everyone involved and I am confident that all members of the Corps will enjoy, and be amazed, by the achievements of so many of our colleagues and friends.

The important work we do in the support of materiel is every bit as important now as it was when our Corps was formed some 70 years ago. That said, it is important that we adapt to accommodate new technologies and contemplate better ways to deliver our support. I seek your support in generating ideas and contributing to the decisions being made as Army transforms the way we do business through Plan Beersheba.

Until we next meet.

Arte Et Marte

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## **CORPS RSM - RAEME**

### **WO1 CRAIG WEBB**

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Recently I have noticed an increase in the number of soldiers who are more comfortable wearing a belt of some description with their DPCU trousers. At present this is not an approved form of dress accouterment. There are two action items here; I am writing to the RSM Ceremonial requesting approval to wear belts with barracks dress and for approval for that belt to conform to a design I have in mind. The belt I imagine is predominately a standard web belt however it contains a buckle with a Corps Badge. The buckle is secured to the webbing with Velcro. I would be interested in feed back of this proposal.

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## SO2 CORPS - RAEME

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Well I suppose most of you have experienced the training period of Ex TALISMAN SABRE, won the war and all returned home safely for a while. It has been pleasing to see that the word on Corps Funds is trickling along and some of the younger members of the Corps are beginning to take a little more interest.

On that point, I have some copies of previous editions of the Craftsman Mag here and if you or unit has a collection and are missing editions please write to me and if available I will send you copies. I have also had all previous editions burnt to CD and they are available to anyone who requests them. We (HOC Cell) are working closely with the RAEME Assn in order to place electronic copies of the mag on the association web site. A link is included <http://www.raeme.org.au/> . Have a look at the merchandise available as well.

As for Corps funds disbursements, we expect to be able to advise regional representatives ball park figures NLT end of Sep 2013. That means the cheques should be in the mail early October. The amounts appear to be similar to that provided last year. Can I remind the reps of the requirement to provide an acquittal of the expenditure? I see it as providing due diligence of members funds and if not acquitted could be seen as simply handing out funds. We are not concerned if at the end of the year you hold a small positive balance.

Recently we received notification of DEFGRAM 477/2013 which relates to the new National Australian Defence Force Family Health Program. This is due to commence 1 jan 2014. Check it out.

The next Craftsman Magazine is due to be published in Sept/Oct 2013. It is presently in draft and looks like being a bumper edition with a good spread of contributions from across the Corps. Thankyou for all those who took the time to contribute.

J. Halstead  
MAJ  
SO2 Corps

G.M. Anderson  
MAJ  
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## RAEME REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES 2013

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13 CSSB	S3 OPS	MAJ	David Goldsworthy	Irwin Bks, WA	Western Region	08 9269 4305

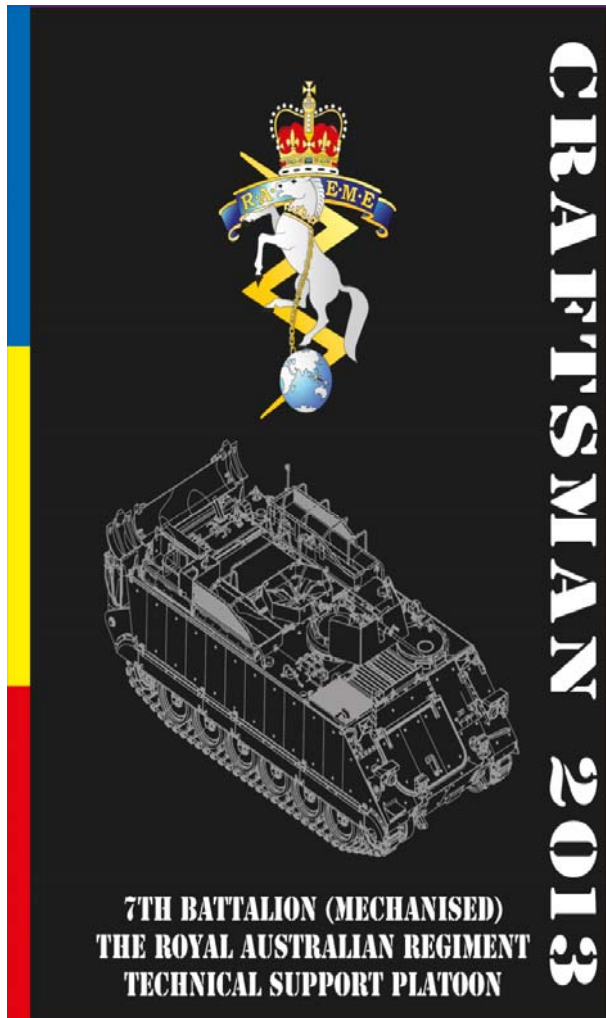
## TTMO CONTACT DETAILS – 2013

WO2	Tony	Earwacker	T	ATTMO TVL	07 44111305
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SGT	David	Oram	D	ATTMO BNE	
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## CORPS MERCHANDISE

### RAEME Craftsman Port 2012

The long standing tradition of the annual Craftsman Port is alive and well with large orders and productions over the past few years. The 2012 RAEME Craftsman Port is to be produced by EME element at 7 RAR. With the Barossa Valley at their back door it is sure to be one not to be missed. By now you should all have your orders into your local representatives.



*This years RAEME Craftsman Port is a delicious Dark Tawny from the well renowned Martin Cellars winery, found in the respectable Barossa Valley wine region.*

*The Port Bottle will be 750 ml and will be selling for \$20. This Port Bottle is ideal for collectors and the delicious Dark Tawny is ready to drink.*

**<<\$20 a Bottle>>**

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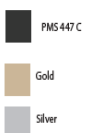
Just a quick update on the RAEME port 13, all orders have been received and paid for. We are ordering the port and labels mid Sept. It should take a couple of weeks to get the port and labels. 7RAR will carry out the labelling to cut down on costs. Delivery is expected from early October 13.

Congratulations to regional representatives for orders received. Please ensure you know who your local representative is.

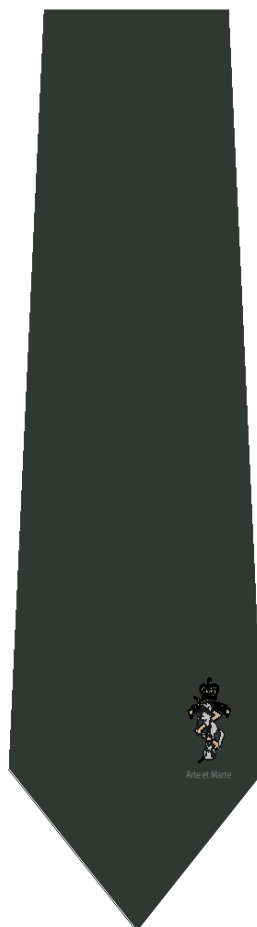
REGION	REP	UNIT	BOTTLES ORDERED
NTH QUEENSLAND	LT CHRIS COURT	3 CSSB	<b>387</b>
TASMANIA	MR SHANE ROLLINS	JLUV	<b>16</b>
STH QUEENSLAND	LT MATTHEW MARSHALL	7 CSSB	<b>348</b>
NSW	WO2 ANDREW WEAL	154 SIG SQN	<b>152</b>
BANDIANA	LT PENELOPE MEETH	ALTC	<b>285</b>
STH AUST	CFN DANIEL HARPER	7 RAR	<b>171</b>
WEST AUST	WO2 MARK ALLANSON	13 CSSB	<b>93</b>
NT	LT EAMON McGINNISS	1 CSSB	<b>288</b>
ACT	CHRIS HODGE	DMO	<b>30</b>
VICTORIA	TONY MINETT	AFV SPO	<b>92</b>
PILBARA	SGT DARRYL PORTER	PILBARA REGT	<b>12</b>
PUCKAPUNYAL	CPL CHRIS WEYLAND	SCHOOL OF ARTY	<b>13</b>

Thanks to CPL Ireson who was motivated to request an opportunity to have another tie made available for purchase. This tie is not intended to replace the official Corps tie rather it is seen as a contemporary option with modern suits. This is the final design.

CODE NAME  
R-003



Logo Size: 2.7cm x 1.6 cm



### RAEME CASUAL TIE

Tie Dark Charcol Grey with Corps Hat badge Logo

This RAEME Casual Tie requested and designed by our soldiers/tradesman.

Only available only on pre order and payment.

Cost \$25.00 includes Postage, Packaging and Handling. Bulk orders recommended from Military Area and Units.

Ties are made from high quality silk (made in Australia).

EFT details BSB 803205 Account Number 20364111, Account Name RAEME National Association.

In reference box enter Tie and Unit/ Area/surname as appropriate.

Request first batch orders to be submitted by 28th September 2013. Delivery target 15th November 2013.

Send Email to rgnorman1944@gmail.com with details of purchase (QTY, Organisation, Names etc) when EFT approved.

For this to succeed we need a minimum order of 100 ties nationally. If target is not reached all monies will be refunded through EFT.

Queries to Raymond Norman, President RAEME National Association 07 54766254

### Corps Fund Disbursement

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<b>Disbursement:</b>	<b>2013</b>
Nth Qld	\$ 1,800
Sth Qld	\$ 1,800
D/Downs	\$ 800
NT	\$ 1,800
SA	\$ 1,100
ACT	\$ 800
NSW	\$ 1,100
WA	\$ 900
Vic/Tas	\$ 800
Bandiana	\$ 800
	<b>\$ 11,700</b>

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The small table above is the approved regional disbursement for 2013. This money will be released in the near future. Regional Reps should contact Graham Anderson for admin details.



## RAEME Corps Subscriptions Form


Corps Subscriptions Contribution Rates:		
Rank (retirement rank)	Fortnightly Allotment	Lump Payment
CFN – SGT	\$1.00	\$26.00
WO2 – CAPT	\$1.50	\$39.00
MAJ +	\$2.00	\$52.00

### Methods of Contributions:

1. **Allotment from pay (for serving ARA members) *Allotment is the Preferred Method***
  - Allotment to be made to **RAEME Corps Fund Non-BSB Allottee number 460** via PMKeys Portal.
  
2. **Annual lump-sum payment - made out to RAEME Corps Funds**
  - Forward Payment to:
    - MAJ G.M. Anderson
    - SO to HOC – RAEME,
    - HOC Cell,
    - Latchford Barracks,
    - BONEGILLA,
    - Vic, 3694
  
3. **Direct deposit / funds transfer to RAEME Corps Funds DEFCREDIT account**
  - **DEFCREDIT**
  - **BSB:** 803205
  - **Account Name:** RAEME Corps Fund
  - **Membership Number:** 11832
  - **Account Number:** 20509705

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

Regardless of which method of contribution is chosen it is requested that this subscription form be completed and forward to SO2 Corps RAEME to ensure we have your correct contact details to enable us to send you your Corps Medallion.

RAEME CORPS SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTRIBUTIONS		
<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Initials:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank:</u></b>
<b><u>PMKEYS Number:*</u></b>		
<b><u>Appointment:*</u></b>		
<b><u>Unit:*</u></b>		
<b><u>Address:</u></b>		
<b><u>Suburb:</u></b>	<b><u>State:</u></b>	<b><u>Postcode:</u></b>
<b><u>EMAIL:</u></b>		
<b><u>Method of Payment:</u></b>		
<b><u>Amount of Contribution: \$</u></b>		
Forward this form to: MAJ G.M. Anderson HOC Cell - RAEME Latchford Barracks, BONEGILLA, Vic, 3694 Email: <a href="mailto:graham.anderson@defence.gov.au">graham.anderson@defence.gov.au</a> Fax: (02) 6055 2436 Ph: (02) 6055 4308 (*: If Applicable)		
		

## Kids get RAEME push



*FAST KART... Explorers check out the RAEME billykart (before modifications) last month. Pictured are Jody Buswell (left) and Cassie Gallagher with (from the back) Taylor Buswell, Tyson Gallagher, Lindsay and Harrison Buswell, and twins Isaac (driving) and Corey Gallagher*

**T**HE RAEME members in the 3CSSB workshops are big, boofy blokes who love the fact they bested RAAF in the Townsville Billykart Dash last year. And they're keen to repeat the win this year and, hopefully extend the margin.

But they also proved they're big-hearted blokes - CFN Adam "Quinno" Quinton and CFN Michael "Scotty" Scotman particularly - when they contacted the Explorers and offered their kart for the kids.

Quinno and his team represent a highly-qualified pit crew for the excited young Explorers and, assuming they want to go as quickly as possible, good men to have pushing at the start.

The 3CSSB workshop boys have started fundraising and have already raised the money to cover the entry fee for the Explorers.

They have now set their sights on the materials needed to kit out the billykart for a younger, smaller driver.

## Watch this Space

### Health and usage monitoring systems.

#### Assumptions:

When the vehicles were designed the engineers identified and confirmed through testing how the vehicle subsystems could fail and then within the limits of technology, budget and schedule they engineered out the critical failures (reliability growth). The remaining expected failures were mitigated through the application of preventive maintenance.

If you are OK with those assumptions then ask yourself why it is that 83% of maintenance recorded in MILIS is unscheduled corrective maintenance.

#### Question:

Would it be reasonable to question the effectiveness of our maintenance system?

Maybe the original maintenance plan was developed against a mission profile provided from the early Operational Concept Document. What happens if Army doesn't use the vehicle as it was intended or if it is overloaded and being driven harshly by inexperienced operators? What if the manufacture increased the frequency of servicing to offset their risks due to insufficient detail about how the vehicles would actually be used. What if this over servicing was actually introducing a % of failures? How would we know if any of this is true without the data to confirm or disprove these assertions? Army owns the platforms but who in Army is responsible for the integrity of the maintenance data in MILIS?

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