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ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

THIS EDITION

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ANZAC DAY

...and more

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President's Report for 2023

The year kicked off with the AGM again being held at The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel with 14 members attending. This year saw an amendment to The Constitution being passed allowing spouses/partners of deceased members being able to join The Association as Associate Members.

ANZAC Day commenced with me laying a wreath, on behalf of the Assn, at the Dawn Service at 5BASB Holsworthy. Attention then turned to the march in the Sydney CBD with 72 past and present RAEME members taking part. It was one of the largest contingents we have seen on parade for a number of years. 50 members and partners then adjourned to The Castlereagh Club for lunch which was well organised by Bob Joseph. Our thanks again go to the members of 103 Fd Wksp Coy 5BASB for providing the banner party.

Our Christmas in July Luncheon, this year, was held at The Ingleburn RSL Club where 36 members and their partners attended. Those who were able to attend had a very enjoyable afternoon and again Santa was able to put a smile on everyone's face. Our thanks go to Win and Leonie Coles for their hard work in organising the luncheon. The Ingleburn RSL Club has already been booked for the 2024 luncheon on 14 Jul 24.

The Assn was able to celebrate the Corps Birthday with a BBQ in the Memorial Gardens Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch on 01 Dec. 36 members and partners had a very enjoyable afternoon. Our thanks go to the Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch for the work they put in and making their facilities able for us.

Throughout 2023, The Association received 2 invitations for members to attend Spanner Club get togethers at the Maxwell Club Holsworthy Barracks. A number of members were able to attend.

In addition to ANZAC Day, planning has already commenced for two major functions in 2023.

These being; Midyear Christmas Luncheon, Ingleburn RSL Club on 14 July, and Corps Birthday BBQ, location to be advise, on 22 November.

Finally, my thanks go out to the Committee Members for getting us through yet another year and look forward to an even better 2024.



ANZAC Day in Sydney CBD 2024

Dawn Service

5CSSB is conducting a Dawn Service in the Holsworthy Barracks assembling at the Barracks front gate at 0500hrs. All members of the NSW Assn and their partners are invited to attend. Those wanting to attend are to email their details to president@nsw.raeme.org.au by **12 April 2024**.

March

The March in the CBD will commence at 0900hrs with RAEME Personnel past and present assembling in **O'Connell Street at 0930 for 1000hrs**.

We encourage all RAEME Personnel past and present to attend. There was a good turnout in 2023 and it is hoping this year could be bigger displaying the pride and camaraderie we have in our Corps.

Reunion Luncheon

This year's ANZAC Day Luncheon is again being held at **The Castlereagh Club, 199 Castlereagh Street**. Cost for the Luncheon is \$35/head and tickets must be purchased by **12 April 2024**. For full details refer to the attached flyer.

The Luncheon is open to **all** RAEME Personnel past and present, their partners, family and friends of RAEME.



RAEME ASSOCIATION NSW Inc.

2024 ANZAC DAY LUNCHEON

**“The Sportsman’s Bar”
Ground Floor**

THE CASTLEREAGH CLUB

199 Castlereagh Street Sydney

Commencing at 1130hrs

😊 COST \$35 per head 😊

A CASH BAR WILL BE IN OPERATION

Please Note - closing date for tickets is FRIDAY

12th April 2024 🕒

ENTRY IS BY TICKET ONLY AS WE HAVE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE ROOM.

☎ Enquiries to Treasurer, Bob Joseph...Mobile 0418 215 182 ☎

For Tickets, please see tear off section below

If paying by direct deposit go to BSB: 062-196 Account No: 0091 6051

Account Name: RAEME Association NSW INC. Reference: NAME & POST CODE

Please advise by sending slip below 📄 or email 📧 details to

treasurer@nsw.raeme.org.au



For tickets please complete, detach and send WITH CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER or DETAILS OF DEPOSIT to

The Treasurer

RAEME ASSN NSW

6 Magney Place, BELLA VISTA 2153.

Please find enclosed a cheque/money order for \$.....forTicket(s) at **\$35 each**

Please send Tickets to this address.....

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Signed..... Phone number ☎

ANZAC Day in Canberra

4.30am: Serving and retired ADF members read excerpts from letters and diaries of Australians who have experienced war first-hand.

5:30am: The Dawn Service

9:30am: The National Veteran's March commences with the ACT Association marching proudly behind our banner. The Anzac Day address to the nation will conclude the commemorations.

11:30am: RAEME Association gathering at Olim's Hotel for fellowship.

4:30pm: The Anzac Day Last Post Ceremony at the War Memorial. Full details will be promulgated as they are locked in

And, also from our Canberra Mob:

Legal Support to Veterans

Whilst serving members can generally receive legal support through Defence Legal, additional free legal support is available for veterans and their families through the Defence & Veterans Legal Service (DAVLS). DAVLS was originally established to provide support to people lodging submissions for the Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide however that support has now been extended to now include provision of free legal support to serving and ex-serving Australians. That support can include information, general legal advice, preliminary assistance and guided referrals regarding issues such as:

- family law problems (including parenting arrangements and the division of assets)
- veteran entitlements and compensation
- family violence and domestic violence orders
- employment law (including discrimination, harassment, unfair dismissal, and the transition into civilian industries)
- consumer law (including issues relating to insurance, consumer credit and debt)
- wills and estates
- redress for abuse in the Defence Force
- mental health rights
- traffic issues and more.

For more info, visit <https://www.defenceveteranslegalservice.org.au/> or call 1800-33-1800.

Monaro Billycart Race



Saturday the 24th of February Members of 5CSSB/16CSST left for Cooma to attend the Monaro Billycart race. CFN Hugh POLSON was the driver for 5CSSB with CFN Zac MCCLOY driving for the 16CSST team.

Sunday was race day and with all the preparation done in just 2 weeks to build the carts, expectations were not too high. As more of the entrants arrived our drivers were scoping out the competition and thought they were in with a

chance. Scrutineering started at 9:00, with the race kicking off at 11:00.

57 entrants in different age groups and classes were entered with our two entered in the 18+ or open category. Expectations were not very high with our carts thrown together and having minimal testing. With four downhill runs each, the fastest time would win the event. There were prizes for each age group and category as well as the fastest cart.

CFN McCloy was the first to go down the run with a top speed of 24kph on his first run, followed soon after by CFN Polson, who recorded a top speed of 39kph just 3km short of the tracks speed record of 42, which was set on the day.

On CFN McCloy's second run the cart had to be pushed over the line by one of the track marshals, but CFN Polson powered down registering 37kph. CPL Eddie DEWILDE took over from CFN McCloy for the third and fourth runs, but fared no better with his highest speed being 24kph, confirming that the cart built by 16CSST was one of the slowest on the course, with some of the 5-8yr age group reaching top speeds of 34kph. CFN Polson completed his next two runs and managed to maintain a consistent speed of 39kph on each of the last two runs and managed to secure second place overall.



5CSSB also had our GMM set up as a display vehicle with LCPL David LAMBOURNE being the king of the kids and trying his best to recruit for the defence force. The 300 or so locals really enjoyed having the army come in and join the competition.



FROM THE DESK OF THE CORPS RSM

WO1 JON TYNAN

The year has kicked off strong with the Corps leading the way through innovation and change (some forced, others through great foresight).

As the year progresses the Army will see huge changes IOT align to the [Defence Strategic Review](#) (DSR). We as a Corps will need to remain resolute and strong, as some of the changes will see us (the Corps) uprooted and /or in new roles not seen in the Australian Army before (more to follow).

CORPS

Corps Instructions have undergone a review / rewrite and have been sent to the HOC for signature.

WO1 Richard Colefax has surpassed his 40 years of service to Army and been presented his Federation Star. Great career Rick (including time (3 years) as the Corps RSM).

WO1 David Clarke has also surpassed his 40 years of service to Army. His Federation Star will be presented in the near future. Congratulations Dave on a stellar career.

WO1 Ben Munro has continued his fantastic work as the conduit between Matt Stone Racing and the Corps (and widely the Australian Army), with a formal announcement being released [MSR announces formal partnership with the Australian Army – Matt Stone Racing](#).

On behalf of the HOC Cell, great work Ben, the opportunities you have opened up for our Vehicle Technicians to gain invaluable experience in a high profile V8 Supercar race team is beyond fantastic. For those not aware, WO1 Munro has instigated a linkage where up to 2 Vehicle Technicians (local to race locations) will be positioned within MSR for the majority of races throughout the 2024 V8 Supercar season. This will see the Vehicle Technicians attend the workup days (Thursday / Friday) as an induction, followed by the Saturday and Sunday as an integral part of the mechanical team working side by side with the team's race mechanics.

Corps Shop

The shop is live [Welcome to HOC Corps Shop \(raeme.org.au\)](http://raeme.org.au), please continue to provide feedback IOT for us to build the stock on items you (the Corps) want to see for sale.

We have stock of the funny book of RAEME stories and far-fetched tales 'From the Horses Mouth 2' available. If interested (prior to the shop selling them) please me know and I will assist in your purchase.

ASEME

Regional Trade Training (RTT) will be run as a trial for 2024, limited to in-service-transfers to ECN 229 Vehicle Technician in Darwin, Townsville and Brisbane, with successful candidates identified in late 2023. RTT is similar to a civilian apprenticeship with trainees undertaking their 'theoretical' learning at a regional TAFE and developing their trade skills in Defence workshops. RTT has enabled the 9 successful candidates identified for the trial to remain in their existing location to complete their trade training. The trial commenced in Townsville in January with 2 apprentices completing subjects at the Queensland TAFE campus in Townsville and On-the-Job Experience (OJE) with 102 Field Workshops at 3CSSB. A further 2 apprentices will commence their training in Townsville in March. The trial will commence in Darwin in May with 2 apprentices completing TAFE subjects at Charles Darwin University TAFE and OJE with 5RAR workshops. Finally, Brisbane will see 3 apprentices start in July completing TAFE through Queensland TAFE campuses in Brisbane and OJE with 8/9RAR workshops. ASEME is currently in discussion with other units in each location to bring on-board more OJE units for each location. The trial will enable ASEME and their JTTTS contracted partner, WIOT, to further develop this training model into a scalable solution for all trades into the future, providing an attractive option for potential in-service-transfer that contributes positively to retention, whilst also contributing to capability in unit workshops.

CO and myself will be traveling to OJT locations beginning March. We plan to update locations on the impacts we see affecting ASEME and the Corps as the DSR impacts begin to be felt, how trade training will be conducted into the future and an update on Corps matters.

ASEME have commenced training abinitio ECN 235 Material Technicians. No longer will members be required to have a pre-qualification prior to undertaking the role. We currently have 2 members in training, with expectations they will be out in units early 2025.

MakerSpace is fully operational, it is open for anyone to visit and interact with. A fantastic asset that will enhance the training of our young technicians moving into the future.

Workforce and Training Group

W&TG are working with ASEME to determine the pay trigger point for a member undergoing RTT. For example, currently an ECN 229 studying at ASEME will become ECN 229-2 (Pay Grade 3) at the completion of ASEME residential phase, prior to going on OJT. This is the same point that a trade transfer changes to RAEME and is promoted to CFN. The trigger point for RTT may be '2 years and a minimum of XX UoCs completed'; with the exact detail yet to be finalised, agreed to by AHQ and then published in the Employment Specifications (ES) at the Manual of Army Employments RAEME page. You can find your current ES by typing 'MAE' in the DPN search bar then select our Corps badge.

Arte et Marte

Corps Birthday BBQ 2023



A fine and sunny day greeted the 36 guests gathered in The Memorial Gardens Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch to celebrate the 81st birthday of the Corps. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all with a lot of old memories being revisited. Our thanks go to the Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch for the use of the gardens, setting up the gardens for the BBQ and the work they put in on the day.



Harry Cole & Barry McFayden



Kerry Tunbridge & Brendan Robertson

2024 CALENDAR

- 11 April - Committee Meeting & Casual Luncheon, Campbelltown RSL Club
1 Carberry Lane Campbelltown
- 25 April – ANZAC Day, The Castlereagh Club
199 Castlereagh Street Sydney
- 16 May - Committee Meeting & Casual Luncheon, Thirlmere RSL Sub Branch
1 Mason Street Thirlmere
- 14 July - Christmas in July Luncheon, Ingleburn RSL Club
70 Chester Road Ingleburn
- 12 September - Committee Meeting & Casual Luncheon, Ingleburn RSL Club
70 Chester Road Ingleburn
- 21 November – Committee Meeting & Casual Luncheon, Ingleburn RSL Club
70 Chester Road Ingleburn
- 22 November - Corps Birthday BBQ, TBA

And that's about all I have for you. Anecdotes, Unit Reports and photo's always welcome.