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FROM THE DESK OF THE CORPS RSM

WO1 JON TYNAN

Following are extracts from the Corps RSM's update of 21 May 24

CORPS

Eligius Cup

Saint Eligius has been the Patron Saint of our Corps since 1990 and characterises the soldier-tradesman.

Saint Eligius (Known as Saint Éloi in France) is well known on the European Continent and is the patron saint of horses and those who work with them. He is also the patron saint of goldsmiths, metalworkers, coin collectors, veterinarians and is popular with farriers and mechanics.

The Eligius Cup will be a skills competition between three teams of nine, held here at ASEME around the week 25-28 Nov 24. Teams will have all trades of CFN-CPL rank led by a Lieutenant and this year teams will come from 1, 3, 7 BDEs.

At this point in time, the competition design has been ongoing, with the Master Artificers meeting last month to get the finer details down on paper and ready for submission to HOC our intent is to use 2024 as the trial to gauge interest and build on the design for the future. We are working tirelessly to ensure there will be no cost impost on BDEs or units for travel etc (more to follow). MAJ Howells is working with a manufacturing company to design a new trophy to be awarded to winning team (more to follow also).

An IPC will be held late May at ALTC.

SharePoint page

The Corps web site (<http://drnet/Army/RAEME/Pages/Home.aspx>) is being updated. WO1 Grant O'Leary will take the lead on upgrading and improving our page. Send him any ideas of what you would like to see included.

The page will include a tab where I place the Corps email, the tab will contain a snap shot of the pertinent points in bullet form, if any information takes your interest, then you will be able to expand it to gain greater insight into the talking point.

Corps Subscription – The increased uptake has seen an increase in the time taken to prepare the scrolls / parchments & certificates to be presented to our deserving members. I ask that you provide us plenty of lead time and remain patient as we work through the increased workload (we have 1 person managing it all).

I wish to gain members interest in what we (the Corps) should present to members (subscribers & non-subscribers) when their time within the Corps or the ADF has come to an end. Currently the Corps Instruction states: members either receive a ‘Recognition of Service’ or an ‘in Appreciation of Service’ certificate. These are based on time of service and/or Corps subscription level.

I would like to change this. We (the Corps) should be able to better recognise the achievements of those that have served. To this end; what would you as the Corps members like to see as a farewell/parting gift from the Corps at the end of your service? (I can’t/won’t promise anything yet, but need ideas).

Master Artificers

The long awaited Master Artificer (MA) Badge design is approved in concept. Clothing SPO has sent the design to our industry partners to make some prototype samples. Once we review those and are happy, they will be able to be distributed to those eligible to wear them (MAs)



Our Decision Brief for the implementation and wearing of the badge is with the Ceremonial Cell for review prior to submission to CA for endorsement.

COL-in-CHIEF

Unfortunately, I was not able to get any forward movement on our application, there is a back log of requests within the Monarch Administration, therefore our request may take longer than originally anticipated.

Workforce and Training Group

LCPL Promotion

During the last Employment Category Management Board (ECMB) it was identified that there is a 70% deficiency of LCPLs across all ground RAEME ECNs. Although promotion to LCPL is not required for promotion to CPL, it offers an opportunity for our Technicians to be given recognition for their efforts, have identified career progression points and a pay rise of over \$1,100 p.a. To help reduce the number of vacant LCPL positions as well as provide career progression at the CFN rank, it is recommended that units consider their CFN for promotion to LCPL upon successful completion of [Subject One for Corporal](#).

Further analysis has identified that there are approximately 50 vacant LCPL positions in units where there are CFN who are SUB 1 CPL qualified. With consultation through CMA to ensure there are no unintentional impacts on future postings, supervisors are recommended to raise an AC162 for consideration by ASMs/OCs for the unit CO.

The [JNCO Growth Plan](#) that was endorsed by Directorate of People and Culture – Army in June 2022 changes the requirement of a vacant APN for the member to promote into and allows a CO to promote a LCPL to 20% above establishment positions.

Historically the LCPL rank is underutilised within RAEME; however, with retention at the junior ranks becoming an increasing issue we need to look at more ways to recognise the work of our junior ranks within the workshop and encourage people onto their second posting beyond the initial minimum period of service.

ADF Careers web page

The ADF careers page has a new look. If you have any photos or videos that are better or more modern than the content you see there, please share an accessible objective link with us at wtg.raeme.ecm@dpe.protected.mil.au. **We will share with DFR and try to improve the only method we have of attracting new people. We are also trying to resolve incorrect pay information on some of the trades pages.**

ECN 034 Technician Assistant and ECN 222 Marine Technician will soon be active on the [ADF Careers](#) web page to commence recruiting. ECN 235 Material Technician will also gain an unqualified entry pathway so we can train technicians with no prior qualification. The public facing trade names may be different to the category name as we are trying to maximise search results using standard trade terminology.

Arte et Marte

ANZAC Day Sydney CBD



A crisp morning greeted the 5 members of the Association who attended the Dawn Service at 5CSSB where our President, Richard Boyce, laid a wreath on behalf of the NSW Association. Following the Service a gunfire breakfast was held in the Maxwell Club. Other members of the Association attended the numerous Dawn Services around the Sydney Metropolitan area and Regional areas around the State.



Following the various Dawn Services a large contingent of past and present headed towards the city for the march in the CBD. Expectations were high that the number of those taking part in the march would exceed 72 that took part in 2023 This was well and truly exceeded with 116 filling the ranks. The Banner Party was supplied by members of 103 Fd Wksp Coy 5CSSB Holsworthy.



Following the march, 54 gathered at The Castlereagh Club for lunch and to sort out the problems of the world. This also was an increase in numbers from 2023.



Photos courtesy of Stefan Hreszczuk and our roving photographer Leonie Jackson.

Blast From The Past

Back in the 1950s the Army had a motor bike riding team that put on displays for the public in Sydney including the Royal Easter Show. A member of this team was Allen Sindell, RAEME. They rode Harley Davidson bikes.

Allen enlisted into the Army along with his younger brother, Rodger, who was under age but had his father's consent. Allen and Rodger were sent to Japan as part of the occupation forces following WWII. He went on to serve in numerous postings during his Army career including 2 tours of SVN. Allen finally retired in Oct 1978 at the age of 55. His final posting being RSM 2 Base Wksp Bn.



Allen showing his skills



1 of Allens mates at work



Allen & mates at the Sydney Showground



Allen following his retirement

Details and photos supplied by Chris Brindell, Allen's nephew.

Social Calendar 2024

RAEME Association NSW

Christmas in July to be held in the Ingleburn RSL Club 21 Jul 2024

All past and present RAEME Members, the partners, friends and friends of RAEME are invited. Cost is \$50/head

Full details can be found in the flyer attached to this Newsletter

101st Field Workshop Cocktail Reunion

All past and present members of 101 Fd Wksp

Where: Ingleburn RSL Club – The Bardia Room

When: Sat 17 Aug 2024 from 1700h Cost: \$60 per person

RSVP ASAP to:

Rebecca Yoxall, Rebecca.Yoxall@defence.gov.au, 0414-438-302

Karen Cairns, karencairns@bigpond.com, 0438-385-1

Michelle Lafferty (nee Bond), dmjjj@bigpond.com, 0404-004-775

RAQ Sunshine Coast Luncheon

Lunch Details. A formal invitation will be promulgated in August, but the following important details should be put in your calendars now:

Venue - Room M4 Maroochy RSL, corner Memorial and First Avenues, Maroochydhore.

Timings - 1200 for 1230 hours on Saturday 21 September 2024 – **not AFL Grand Final Day.**

Dress - Neat casual.

Parking - Free parking is available in the multi floor car park directly opposite the RSL.

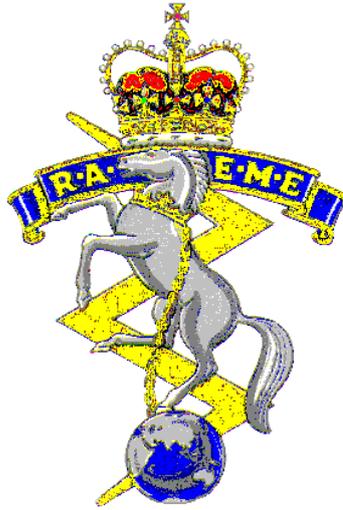
Cost- \$28.00 per head for **RAQ members and Serving RAEME Members**, including partners; and \$48.00 per head for **non-members**

Corps Birthday BBQ

To be held in the Memorial Gardens Ingleburn RSL 22 Nov 2024

All past and present RAEME Members, the partners, friends and friends of RAEME are invited.

Full details will be in the September issue of the Newsletter



RAEME CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON

The RAEME Association NSW Inc. invites you to join us at the above function to celebrate Christmas in July

WHEN: Sunday 21st July 2024

WHERE: Ingleburn RSL Club 70 Chester Road Ingleburn NSW
Private Function Room, 1st floor - disabled lift access

Note: All guests will be required to sign into the Club (photo ID).

TIMINGS: 1130hrs for 1200hrs
Entree served 1230hrs

COST: \$50 per person
Will include a complimentary beer, wine or soft drink on arrival

MEAL: Lunch will be a 3 course meal with full table service.
Tea and Coffee

Please advise of any special dietary requirements or allergies

DRESS: Smart Casual. Normal club dress standards apply

INVITEES: All Corps members, past and present their partners, family and friends
of RAEME

RSVP: Notice of attendance and payment by **Friday 12th July 2024**

SEATING: Will be tables of 8

If you wish to organise a full table it will be reserved for your party

PAYMENT: Cheque/Money Order to: RAEME ASSOCIATION NSW Inc.

6 Magney Place BELLA VISTA NSW 2153

OR

Direct deposit to RAEME ASSOC NSW INC.

BSB: 062 196

A/C: 0091 6051

Reference: Surname and postcode

Please include names of those attending, with cheque/money order.

NOTE: If paying by direct deposit please ensure you inform the Association

Treasurer at: treasurer@nsw.raeme.org.au with details of your payment, and those attending

Name(s).....

Address.....
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Email address.....

Contact phone number.....

Public Transport: The Club is 1.8 Km from Ingleburn railway station

The Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets 2024 (SAMS) Bill

The following is a copy of an email sent out, for wide distribution, by Peter West, Chief Security Officer, Department of Defence.

OFFICIAL

Colleagues

The Australian Parliament has passed the Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets 2024 (SAMS) Bill. The SAMS Bill is the Government's legislative response following an Inquiry directed by the Deputy Prime Minister into current policies and controls to prevent former Defence personnel providing military training to foreign powers.

The Bill amends the Defence Act 1903, with consequential amendments to the Criminal Code Act 1995, to ensure consistency between the two sets of amendments.

These changes are designed to ensure that Australia's national secrets stay in Australian hands.

The legislation applies to the following individuals:

- Former members of the Australian Defence Force including:
 - o the Chief of the Defence Force or the Vice Chief of the Defence Force;
 - o the Chief of Navy, the Chief of Army or the Chief of Air Force;
 - o a member of the Permanent Forces; and
 - o a member of the Reserves who is rendering continuous full time service.

- Former members of the Department of Defence including:
 - o The Secretary of the Department of Defence; and
 - o Australian Public Service employees of the Department of Defence.

- Former members of the Australian Submarine Agency including the:
 - o Head of the Australian Submarine Agency; and
 - o Australian Public Service employees of the Australian Submarine Agency.

- All Australian citizens and permanent residents seeking to provide training to foreign militaries in relation to:
 - o goods, software or technology within the scope of Part 1 of the Defence and Strategic Goods List or
 - o military tactics, military techniques or military procedures.

The Bill requires individuals meeting any of these criteria to seek authorisation from the Minister for Defence to perform work for, or on behalf of, a military organisation or government body of a relevant foreign country. This includes undertaking such work or training via another entity, such as a company or organisation, or as a contractor.

A number of exemptions apply to limit the impact of this legislation on individuals undertaking work with low security risks, including work for the United Nations or the International Committee of the Red Cross, or where the work is part of employment or engagement by the Commonwealth. Additional exemptions around low risk countries and the period of time since working in Defence will be established through legislative instruments before the law comes into effect.

The Bill will come into effect 28 days after it receives Royal Assent and is signed into law by the Governor-General. Those currently undertaking such work or training will have 90 days to apply to Defence for a Foreign Work Authorisation to continue to undertake their work or training without committing an offence. All others will need to apply prior to undertaking that work or training. The Foreign Work Authorisation form, supporting information and examples will be available on the Defence SAMS website in the near future.

Defence staff members transitioning from Defence are reminded of their enduring obligation to protect information accessed during their employment. Existing offences apply to individuals that fail to protect Australia's national secrets under the Criminal Code Act 1995.

I also strongly encourage all Defence personnel to let former Defence colleagues know about this new law.

You can view the legislation on the Parliament of Australia [website](#).

More information including a link to the SAMS Bill is available via the SAMS [webpage](#).

Please refer any questions to the SAMS team via sams.info@defence.gov.au

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