



RAEME ASSOCIATION – QUEENSLAND

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CHAIRMAN'S DESK MAY 2011-05-17

I am pleased to report that your Association's year has started with a flourish. Several well-organised events and activities have brought together many members of our Corps, past and present, to celebrate in style the life of RAEME. May I express my thanks to all the organisers starting with the first Spanner Club activity at Enoggera; the 104 Fd Wksp Reunion at Bulimba; preparation and despatch of 170 Spanner Packs to RAEME personnel overseas; and finally the very successful ANZAC Day March, and subsequent gathering at the Port Office Hotel. Naturally there is much planning underway for our future events over the next six months. Well done to all concerned, both organisers and participants.

Your Committee has also been busy in other areas of the Association's life including considering the constitutional changes to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at Bulimba on the Queen's Birthday Weekend 10-12 Jun 11; our discussions with the Mermaid Beach (AEME) Surf-Life Saving Club to permanently record the Corps long-term relationship; the ongoing development of the RAEME (National) Association; and establishing better purchasing opportunities for our members here and in other parts of Australia. All these initiatives are outlined below and are moving forward.

Despite all these good activities and hard work, I must say I am a little disappointed at the current rate of membership renewal, as well as the participation rate of members in some activities. We undertake our many events to encourage your involvement, so come and join us. We also need your membership to be renewed and maintained so that the Association's viability and ability to deliver our services we are charged with is not compromised. To assist you renew your membership, or take out new membership, please use the attached membership form and return it to Stuart Bowles, pronto.

Finally, on your behalf, may I express my thanks to the Head of Corps (HOC), BRIG Dave Creagh, AM, for his participation in our ANZAC Day March in Brisbane and the Port Office gathering later in the day.

I look forward to the next few months and participating with you in our many new activities. Thank you for your support.

Regards,

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FROM THE COL COMDT

Since the last Spanner News the most significant activity on our Association's calendar has occurred – the ANZAC Day March and gathering. Yet again, it was an outstanding event. I was particularly pleased with the number that turned up especially considering that ANZAC Day, this year, coincided with the Easter break. Similarly it was pleasing to note the large number of spectators along the route during the march.

As in past years we were supported by the soldiers from the South Queensland On-the-Job Training Detachment of ASEME. As always, they were well turned out and a credit to themselves and the Corps. It is great to see these future soldier/tradesmen joining with us, the "olds and bolds", on such an important day. A special thank you to WO2 Troy Amy, SGT Chris Witteveen and all the Apprentices for their continued support.

We were also most fortunate to have the Australian Army Band - Brisbane immediately behind us in the order of march. This support certainly added to the quality of the marching!

Following the march and in accordance with a well established tradition, we all adjourned to the Port Office Hotel. There was the usual round of stories, reminiscences and the like about the good old days. It is always pleasing to be able to catch up with so many people and renew old acquaintances. During the afternoon BRIG Creagh presented the staff of the Port Office with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the wonderful support they have provided to RAEME over the years.



**BRIG Creagh, COL Titcume and Chairman Ray
During the Presentation of the Certificate of
Appreciation to the Staff of the Port Office Hotel**

A final point about ANZAC Day - I would like to especially acknowledge the efforts of Ernie Hartshorn in pulling this activity together. I know he is well supported by many others, but his drive and commitment ensures that it is always the great day it is. Well done, Ernie.

Finally, on Sunday 1st May I attended the 104th Field Workshop annual reunion. This event, as usual, was held at Bulimba, which I still consider to be the Home of RAEME in Qld. It was very well attended and gave me another opportunity to catch up with a number of "olds and bolds". Glen, thank you for the invitation.

I look forward to catching up with you all around the traps.

Arte et Marte .
Bryce Titcume
RAEME Colonel
Commandant - Queensland



**REPORT ON ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS**

ANZAC Day. Both Chairman Ray, and our COL COMDT, COL Bryce Titcume, have commented on the success of ANZAC Day, but for those who weren't there, it was especially pleasing to see so many of our colleagues and friends on parade and share in the other activities at the Port Office Hotel.

It was interesting mix of people of all generations, and Chairman Ray, said, "It makes him incredible

proud to be a member of the Corps, in particular, seeing all attendees enjoying time together, catching up with old mates and making new friends in the Corps. This event is clearly popular and plays an important part in the Association's life and annual program."

The ANZAC Day Organising Committee, lead by Ernie Hartshorn, deserves a special "well done", for the smooth running of the day's activities. We are also grateful to the diggers from ASEME (ALTC) detachment, from Enoggera, who carried our Banner and formed the Guard at the front of the march led by the Hon COL COMDT Queensland Region, COL Bryce Titcume.

Spanner Pack. In March, a further one hundred and seventy Spanner Packs were despatched to our soldiers in all operational areas, bringing them some reminders of "home" with a wide variety of products and "goodies" in the packs.

The Association's aim is to ensure that every RAEME soldier receives at least one "Spanner Pack" on each deployment/posting overseas. With your help we planned for the first shipment in 2011 to be in the hands of our RAEME soldiers before ANZAC Day 2011 – this goal was achieved. It wouldn't have been as successful without your support. This important activity requires many donors and financial backers, not to mention the many volunteers, who packed and despatched the packages. You can be part of this enthusiastic team in the following ways: providing financial donations; becoming a commercial sponsor with appropriate products, and or dollars; putting us in touch with other possible sponsors, or packing items for despatch. We are also open to suggestions for items to be included in the packs in the future, to keep them relevant and useful, so please get in touch with one of the Committee.

More information can be obtained from any member of the Committee, or contact Ray Norman, directly on 07 54766254, or norford.2@bigpond.com.

Donations can be sent as follows:

- Post: Cheque/Money order to The Treasurer, RAEME Association QLD, PO Box 11 CANNON HILL, QLD, 4170, OR
- EFT: To DEFCREDIT BSB 803-205, Account Number 20682037 Member Number 82731.

Note: Please add your surname and initials to the reference box. If you use the direct deposit method, please email the Treasurer (Nico) treasurer@raemeqld.org to advise him that you have deposited the money for Operation Spanner. Ensure

you mark your cheque/money orders donations for "OPERATION SPANNER PACK" on the reverse side.



The Packs have Arrived!

We know from the many letters we receive from the troops that our efforts are appreciated; however we ran slightly short of some items for the packages this time, mainly because this was our largest consignment to date. The next round of packages will be packed and sent in July 2011. Thank you all for your generous support and we look forward to the next "Operation Spanner Pack".

Early Advice of a Constitutional Change. At a recent Monthly Meeting it was proposed that the Committee consider amendments to the Association's Constitution. The main desire was to widen the eligibility for any financial member to become the Patron of the Association. Previously it was limited to the Hon COL COMDT. As a result, the proposal to amend Paragraph 4 a. of the Association Constitution was drafted and will be put to the AGM in June. The following amendment was proposed by Andrew Nicolson and seconded by Gary Sargent:

"Patron. Any financial member of high standing within the Corps as determined and appointed by the Association Executive from time to time. The incumbent's tenure is for a two-year period however maybe extended."

June Monthly and Annual General Meetings. The June Monthly Meeting and the 2011 AGM will be held at Bulimba Barracks Riverside Conference Room at 0930hrs on the 12th June 2011. All members and potential members are not only welcome to attend, but are strongly encouraged to participate in an important part in the life of the Association. Please advise our Secretary of your attendance, as we

need to have the security arrangement in place for you to enter Bulimba Barracks. Remember for those who served at Bulimba, this gives you a chance to see how the Barracks have changed over recent years and if you'd like to, participate in the Army Apprentices' Annual Reunion later that day – make a day of it!

Committee Elections. At the AGM, all RAEME Association Committee positions will be declared vacant in accordance with the Constitution. You are invited to nominate for any position. Currently we have vacancies on the committee resulting from resignations and existing vacancies. These positions are as follows:

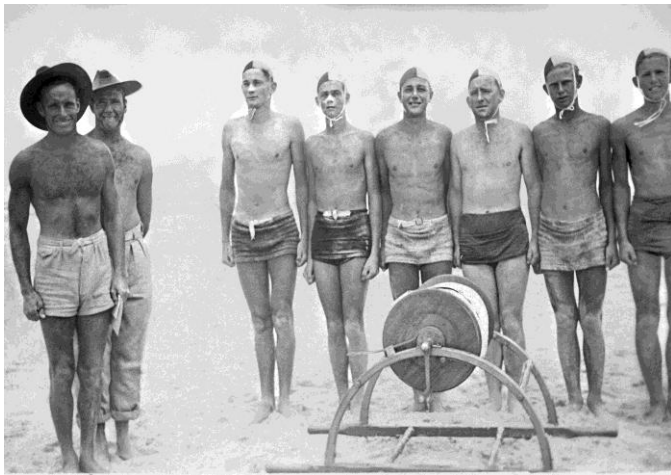
- Assistant Web Master- IT skills required
- Membership member
- Second Assistant Secretary
- Second Assistant Treasurer
- Welfare Officer
- Assistant Spanner Pack Sub Committee
- ASM Enoggera Representative
- 17 Const Sqn Wksp Representative

Please give some thought of assisting your Association Committee by becoming involved. Call Ray Norman on 07 54766254 for further information, or if you think you can make a contribution.

Mermaid Beach (AEME) Surf Life Saving Club.

Many of you may not be aware that the Corps of RAEME has had a long-term relationship with the Mermaid Beach AEME Surf-Life Saving Club, which started in 1945. Your Association has been in discussions with the Surf Club Committee to devise a suitable display to honour the memory of those who served in AEME/RAEME, and in the club, and literally started the club. These discussions culminated in April with a visit from the Committee of the RAEME Association-Queensland to the Surf-Club to discuss a suitable display for the newly renovated foyer of the Clubhouse.

The background to the relationship is that in 1945, a handful of AEME Craftsmen from the workshop at Bulimba, who regularly visited the Gold Coast on weekends, established the AEME Surf Lifesaving Club near Mermaid Beach. They built a clubhouse and other facilities out of material scrounged from the local area. In 1946 the Club was officially named the Mermaid Beach A.E.M.E Surf Life Saving Club and this name remains today emblazoned on the front of a more modern and permanent building - interestingly, some of the original members are still involved with the Club.



Members of our 1st Squad to Obtain their Bronze Medallions. Dec 23rd 1945. Left: Stan Irvine, Keith Doig, Lofty Kinghorn, Col Hill, Phil Oakley, Paul McNally, Bob Kipper and Paul Choqueno

In 1976 the RAEME Association - Queensland presented the Club with a plaque that has been proudly displayed in the foyer of the clubhouse ever since. Recently, the Club requested assistance from the RAEME Assoc-Qld to refurbish the plaque for their newly renovated Clubhouse and help them establish a more impressive display to honour the relationship. The Association's Committee has decided that this request is in keeping with our charter and has resolved to not only refurbish the existing plaque but to provide other fitting Corps items to the Club. These will be given pride of place in the newly renovated foyer of the Club.

The Club has also invited all members of RAEME to make use of its facilities, join-in their programs and take advantage of the amenities the Club has on offer. This is virtually your "Corps" Club, on the Gold Coast, and we encourage you to use the wonderful relationship. Already, some of the local military units are considering using the facilities for adventurous training and to obtain surfing and first aid qualifications for their unit members. Much more will follow on this initiative, but in the mean time we encourage you to visit the Club, which is located at end of Ocean Streets, Mermaid Beach; or visit the Mermaid Beach AEME SLSC website at: www.mermaidbeachslsc.org.au/SurfClubHome/tabid/54/Default.aspx

Developing a National Association – "The RAEME Association". This important activity took a step forward in March 2011, when our Chairman, Ray Norman, was appointed by the RAEME HOC to the RAEME Corps Committee as the inaugural RAEME Association National Representative (RANR). Amongst other things, Ray is charged with moving the new national organisation forward in line

with the Terms of Reference outlined by the HOC as the inaugural President of "The RAEME Association". The aims of the Association outlined in BRIG Creagh's letter of appointment directed Ray to:

- Develop an agreed RAEME Association Charter
- Develop an agreed succession plan for the appointment of RANR, noting the guide lines outlined in Corps Instruction 31 – The RAEME Association
- Act as an advocate for all RAEME Associations
- Act as an advisor to the RAEME Head of Corps, the Colonels Commandant and the Corps Committee on Corps issues in general

Other Forms of Communications. Your Association often receives inquiries about how to best keep in touch with what the Corps and other Corps are doing in the life of the modern Army. We can do no more than recommend you obtain a copy of the Craftsman Magazine by contacting SO2 Corps Heritage, 02 6055 4308, or reading the ARMY Newspaper, which is available on line at the following site:

http://digital.realviewtechnologies.com/default.aspx?xml=defencenews_army.xml

The ARMY Newspaper is still available each fortnight, but unfortunately the Craftsman is only available once a year – the next publication is due for release on July 2011.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Firstly, a very large thanks to all those members who updated their information recently. Without accurate details, it is very difficult to get information to you and ensure you are able to consider attending our many activities, so I am grateful to those who contacted me.

However, there are a large number of members whose information may not have been updated for some time, and I am appealing to you if you fall into this category, to get in touch. This is especially true of Life Subscribers, who are probably saying "I haven't moved in years, why should I bother"? I know you know where you live, and you know where you live, but I don't know if you have moved in the last few years. To illustrate the problem, we presently have over 40 members whose contact details are either rejected by e-mail, or Australia Post, and as such are considered LOST. I accept that some people no longer wish to renew their subscriptions, but unless you do not want to receive any information from the Organisation, please send me an update.

Secondly, it's that time of year for Annual Subscribers to pay their fees – and it's still only \$10 per annum! The form (there is now only one form, regardless of whether you are renewing an existing membership, or wishing to become a new member), and all the details can be found on the website www.raemeqld.org, or by using the attached form. We'd appreciate your responses by 12 Jun 11 to ensure the report to the AGM outlines the status of our membership. So let's have a big effort to find our LOST colleagues and get them back into the fold.

Finally, my tenure on the Membership Committee is fast drawing to a close. It is my hope that an existing member will take over from me at the AGM. Thanks for all the support.

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VALE

The following notifications were received:

- MAJ Stuart Meiklejohn (Rtd) passed away in Greenslopes Hospital on 28 Mar 11
- WO1 Anthony (Tony) Kendrick (Rtd) passed away at the Mercy Hospital in Albury on 11th May aged 84

- Mrs Doreen (Mavis)Myler passed away on 15th Apr 2011 aged 94 years
- LTCOL Jim Burke (Rtd), previously, CO of 1 EME SVC Unit. More detail to be provided

Our thoughts go out to family and friends

COMING EVENTS

RAEME Reserve/CMF Reunion. A RAEME Reserve/CMF Reunion is planned for Sunday 14 Aug 11. It is open to all serving and ex members of RAEME (Army Reserve or Regular Army) or associated Corps, who served with RAEME Res/CMF units, their families and other people, who were associated with RAEME and who wish to renew past friendships. Ex cadre staff members are especially welcome. Details to note are as follows:

- **Date:** Sunday 14 August 2011
- **Venue:** Sherwood/Indooroopilly RSLA Sub Branch, 2 Clewley Street, CORINDA
- **Note:** The venue is next to Corinda railway station, not the Sherwood Services Club across the road. Bring a folding chair if you wish to sit outside in the grassed area
- **Timings:** 1100 – 1600
- **Dress:** Casual
- **Cost:** \$5/ person
- **Catering:** Sausage Sizzle on the grassed area with drinks at Bar prices
- **RSVP:** 7 Aug 11 to John Parfitt Tel: 3376 1778 or Email: jparfitt@bigpond.com 17 Elinga St, Jindalee, 4074.



Sherwood /Indooroopilly RSL

If you know of anyone interested in attending, who may not be aware of the function, please make an effort to pass on this information. To assist with future planning, kindly provide email addresses where possible.

Annual Army Apprentices Reunion – Bulimba – Queen’s Birthday Weekend 2011. Details of the next reunion are as follows:

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- **Format:** Sausage Sizzle
 - **Date:** 12 Jun 11
 - **Venue:** Quarry Club, Bulimba Barracks
 - **Timings:** Commences 1100 hours
 - **Dress:** Casual
 - **Cost:** \$5.00 per head
 - **Drinks:** Quarry Club prices from the bar
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All Appys, their partners and friends are welcome.

Apprentices Together 2011. The Australian Army Apprentices Association (AAAA) is organising a reunion of Apprentices and AAS Staff in Canberra, set for 27-31 Oct 2011. The reunion theme, “Apprentices Together”, seeks to bring all Intakes together for a number of activities, the detail of which is available at:

www.austarmyapprentice.org.au

Call Frank Maloney on 0418 728 181, or Frank Poole 0416 193 387.

History of the Army Apprentices School (AAS). Don’t forget the history of the AAS is still available as shown below:

A View of the Army Apprentice Scheme 1948 - 1998
by S. H. Cheeseman AM JP



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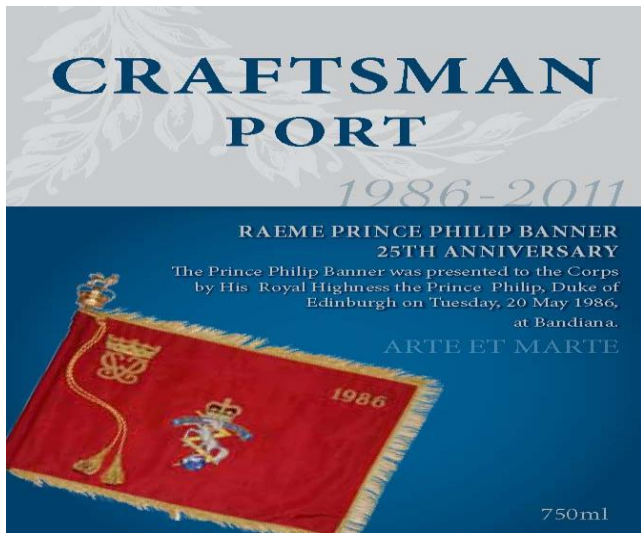
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RAEME Corps Conference and Officers’ and Warrant Officers’ and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers’ Annual Dinners. Please note that this year’s Corps Conference is to be held at Bandiana over the period 19-21 Oct 11. The Corps Committee will meet on the 19th, and the Conference will commence on the 20th, with the Officers Dinner being held on the evening of the 20th in the ALTC Officers’ Mess and the WOs and SNCO’s Dinner being held in the same mess on 21 Oct 11. The theme for the 2011 Conference is “RAEME, Strength in Diversity”. Use of the word “Diversity” in the theme is to recognise and highlight the diversified environments in which today’s maintenance capability is delivered. It also recognises the diverse nature of our maintenance equipment liability and the equally diverse maintenance capability being applied today – this includes our people.

RAEME Corps Port – 2011. The production and sale of the next RAEME Corps Port is about to get underway. Ordering and distribution is done on a regional basis through regional representatives. The theme of this year’s port is to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the presentation of the Prince Philip Banner by his Royal Highness the Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh on 26 May 1986. The Port featured this year is a White Port from the same Winery from where the Commemorative Banner Port was chosen at that time – Stanton and Killeen Winery, Rutherglenn. The cost per bottle is \$20. If you wish to avail yourself of this offer please contact the representatives listed below:

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- North Queensland – LT A Babu M0401 839 752 or abushankar@defence.gov.au
 - South Queensland – SGT Wayne Davis M0416 088 149 or wayne.davis@defence.gov.au
 - Darling Downs – WO2 Brett Thoma M0413 132 553 or brett.thomas@defence.gov.au
 - RAEME Association – Bruce Hermann – merchandise@raemeqld.org or 07 3399 6602
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Reunion of National Servicemen. Please be advised that Townsville will host Australia's biggest reunion of National Servicemen with four days of celebrations between 8-11 Sep 2011 . For more information go to www.townsville.qld.gov.au or ring 07 4727 9000. Events include:

- Meet and Greet
- Public Concert
- Dinner Dance
- Commemorative Service
- Parade
- Farewell BBQ

The cost of the event are as follows:

- National Service 60th
- Anniversary registration \$50
- Dinner Dance \$62

Recognising the Value of Volunteer Service to the Nation – Reserve Forces day. Dates and activities to Note:

- 1 July, RFD Cocktail Party and Wine Tasting.
 - Queensland Maritime Museum, “Ceremonial Sunset” on the Diamantina. 1830-2030 \$20.00 per head.
 - All Welcome: Tri-Service, All Ranks.
- 2 July, “Recognition Ceremony” ANZAC Sq
 - All Welcome, Tri-Service, All Ranks.
- 3 July, RFD Parade, Ipswich, 1000.
 - Form Up at Ipswich Grammar School at 0930 “Recognition Ceremony” in RSL Park following Parade.
 - All Welcome, Tri-Service, All Ranks.

Further details will be published closer to the date.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Spanner News provides a lot of information to digest about past and future events and activities. This function of the newsletter is important, but I would like to move to the next stage and include more interesting articles of relevance to the members of the Association in Queensland. There would have to be a limit on the number of words – say 500– and be well written, so if you have suitable article, then please submit them in the next two months. The next Spanner News will be published at the end of September 2011.

If you have larger articles of general or specific interest to our members, like the very good summary of recent initiatives in the Veterans' Affairs area, provided to me by Frank Benfield, then these will be published outside the routine cycle of the Spanner News. Such an article will be forthcoming shortly.

When submitting your articles, please ensure they are on a “clean sheet” in Microsoft Word format because I do not wish to import any “bugs” or poor templates – this issue of the Spanner News frustratingly suffers from some of the latter.

I look forward to your contributions.

Regards,
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 Chairman of the Communications
 Committee
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CALENDAR 2011**

January 2011	

February 2011	
1	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting

March 2011	
1	Army Birthday
1	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
11	Spanner Club – 1 Sig Regt

April 2011	
5	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
25	ANZAC Day March - Brisbane
25	ANZAC Day Function – Port Office Hotel

May 2011	
3	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
TBA	Spanner Club

June 2011	
12	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
12	RAEME Association AGM – Bulimba
12	Army Apprentice Reunion – Bulimba
TBA	Reserve Forces Day

July 2011	
5	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
TBA	Spanner Club

August 2011	
2	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
14	RAEME Reserve Reunion

September 2011	
6	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
TBA	Spanner Club

October 2011	
4	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
19	RAEME Pre-Corps Conference All
20/21	Ranks BBQ
20	RAEME Corps Conference
21	Officers Corps Dinner
	WO/SNCOs Corps Dinner

November 2011	
8	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
27	All Ranks RAEME Birthday Luncheon – Fix Restaurant (Port Office Hotel)

December 2011	
1	RAEME Birthday