



NORTH QUEENSLAND RAEME ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2005

COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT: BRIAN TUOHY

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Happy New Year!!! Unbelievable as it may sound, it's February already and at time of writing, there is only 328 days to Christmas.

As you can see from the front cover, we have a few new committee members for 2005 and beyond. Thanks to those who volunteered for the positions and we would like to thank the out going committee members for their assistance in 2004. We still have vacancies on the committee so if you would like to assist, please give Dave or Brian a ring.

The new committee met for the first time mid January and discussed old and new issues. In short, the president welcomed new members and got down to the nitty gritty of organising functions and activities for 2005. The treasurer informed the meeting that we currently had \$1194.45 at the bank with nil outstanding debts. That's always a good thing to start off a new year with. Other agenda items included

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Brian is having discussions with the Townsville City Council in ref to the NQ RAEME Association marching in the Anzac parade this year. This has been approved in principle by the Townsville City Council Protocol Officer and Brian will attend a TCC meeting to discuss the when/where etc soon. Brian will also approach the Commander 3 Bde to gain approval for a half guard to march with the association.

NEWSLETTER

Brian will put together the first news letter for the year and the committee agreed that an editor is required to maintain the newsletters. A volunteer will be needed for this job.

MEMERSHIP FEES (LIFE MEMBERSHIP)

The committee discussed the introduction of life membership fees. The only draw back is those that are posted interstate could not carry over there membership to the gaining association. Brian will discuss this issue with the QLD RAEME Association (main) and endeavour to instigate a memorandum of understanding Australia wide for life time members.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was decided to have committee meetings every two months at Brian place. They will be held on the last Sunday of that month and ordinary members are encouraged to attend.

GENERAL MEETING

The committee agreed that there should be general meetings held and be in conjunction with a social get activity. Time and place TBA.

SOCIAL CALENDER

Shayne Phelps and Mick Harris are to put together a social calendar for 2005. Once calendar finalized to be sent out to all members. President requested that the social calendar be made available for the first newsletter.

ADOPT A PUB

Brian suggested to the committee that the NQ RAEME ASSOCIATION adopt a pub for a meeting place for members and families. After a lot of discussion the decision was made on the FEDERAL TAVERN and the committee also decided to meet for a meal at the pub on the 20th Jan to check out and talk to the hotel management.

Since the committee meeting, the committee and some of our spouses met with the Manager and Owners of the Federal Tavern, had a meal that all agreed was very good value for money and very tasty as well. We discussed the possibility of adopting the pub for the NQ RAEME Association and after lengthy talks and a few cold soft drinks the management agreed on us adopting the pub. Shayne and Mick have suggested a function at the pub for all members to gauge the reaction and to see if it is a viable proposition for both parties. To that end, all members are invited to the Federal Tavern, 2 McIlwraith Street, South Townsville on Saturday 26th February at 1700. We will have a general meeting at this time and if you so desire, hang around and have dinner with the committee. So that we can let the pub know how many will be attending for dinner, **it is imperative that you ring either Dave Sterritt on 47888870 or Brian Tuohy on 47891160 as soon as possible to let us know how many will be attending. We need your support to make this work.**

As previously stated, the Anzac Day March organising committee through the Protocol Officer of Townsville City Council have given us a position in the March for 2005. It is the intention that the day will start at the Dawn Memorial Service Cenotaph on the Strand and afterwards move to Federal Tavern for a Gunfire Breakfast. Those that cannot attend the Dawn Service in Townsville can meet up with us at the Federal Tavern and we will then move en-mass to the form up point for the march. After the march, all are invited back to the Federal Tavern for a few coldies and lunch. This will be discussed in greater detail at the General Meeting on 26th Feb at the Federal Tavern.

If everything goes to plan, we hope to have a half guard of serving RAEME members to lead us in the march. Does anybody out there have a RAEME Banner or Flag that we could use for the March, if so let Brian know.

Also, as previously stated, the committee is looking at a life membership for the association. This would be a one off payment of \$100. For serving members, this is probably not a viable solution as they get posted in and out of North Queensland but Brian is trying to co-ordinate with the other RAEME associations around Australia to have a reciprocal membership rights without any money changing hands. More info as it comes to hand.

WE have run out of NQ RAEME Association membership badges and are in the process of procuring more. Please be patient and as soon as they are available, we will get them out to you.

Are there any budding news reporters/editors out there. We would like to get a newsletter out approx every three months but we need someone with a bit of flair to compile/edit/send out the newsletter. If you have a bit of time up your sleeve, -please let Dave or Brian know.

DON'T FORGET THE GENERAL MEETING ON 26 FEB AT THE FEDERAL TAVERN AT 1700. BRING YOUR SPOUSE ALONG FOR A CHEAP NIGHT OUT. THE FOOD IS GREAT AND THE BEER IS COLD...WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR.

PLEASE RING DAVE ON 47888870 OR BRIAN ON 47891160 TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING AND IF YOU ARE STAYING FOR DINNER

**NQ RAEME ASSOCIATION
2005 SOCIAL CALENDAR**

Saturday

**26 February 05 General Meeting/Dinner - Start at 1700 at Federal Tavern
(Bring the Spouse)**

Thursday

24 March 05

Federal Hotel Drinks/raffles/meals –1800

Monday

25 April 05 ANZAC Day

Sunday

12 June 05 Family BBQ - TBA

Friday

22 July 05 RAEME Association dinner - TBA

Sunday

7 August 05 Members golf day -TBA

Sunday

25 September 05 Mini golf BBQ - TBA

Friday

4 November 05

Federal Hotel Drinks/raffles/ meals

Friday

9 December 05 Major raffle draw, Christmas drinks - TBA