



RAEME Association Queensland
Interim Spanner News
October 2009

Hi folks,

We are having some minor problems producing our regular Spanner News, so we thought we would get this important information off to you, so you do not miss any of the important time lines.

Chairman's Desk

General

It is that time again to bring you up to date on the recent past happenings and what important events are coming up for the remainder of this calendar year.

Our monthly meetings continue to be well supported and importantly we regularly see the odd new face around the table, this is a good trend and very encouraging for the future.

Except for January, June, November, and December the meetings are held at Victoria Barracks All Ranks Mess on the first Tuesday of each month commencing at 1700 hrs. January we hold a management meeting else where, June the AGM is held at Bulimba on the Queens Birthday Sunday, November the second Tuesday and December a mini meeting is held prior to the RAEME Birthday Luncheon if required. As I am sure you are aware, all are most welcome to attend. Many also have dinner and socialise at the LA Hotel adjacent to the Barracks at the conclusion of the meeting. Please feel free at any time to drop in.

ANZAC Day 2009

Thankyou to all those that attended the ANZAC March and function in Brisbane. The numbers just keep growing which is wonderful and to see so many Spanners celebrating and remembering those that have gone before us and those that have served and those that are currently serving this country both abroad and at home. I venture to say that the RAEME Contingent is now the biggest Association group in the Brisbane March. Well done to all.

Congratulation once again to Ian (Ernie) Hartshorn for organising a most successful and remember able day.

It was also great to see the members of 4th Field Regiment LAD nationally come together for a reunion and March with the Association behind their own Banner commanded by COL Peter Snowdon (Retd). This type of combined activity is very much encouraged. Like so many reunions that happen on this day, it is the perfect time to bring so many people together.

Annual General Meeting 2009

Unfortunately our Deputy Chairman LTCOL Tony Borg tendered his resignation as he felt he was unable to fully carry out the duties of the position, because of work and other commitments. His resignations was reluctantly accepted. The good new is that LTCOL Steve Evans accepted the position without hesitation and was duly elected. Tony from all the members, thankyou for your assistance in the past and continued support.

In accordance with the constitution all Committee positions were declared vacant and election were held. With the exception of the Deputy Chairman position all the current incumbents were re elected.

Reciprocal Rights Motion

The Constitution was amended to include Reciprocal Rights as follows.

It was:

Moved	Raymond Norman
Seconded	Peter Snowdon

That the following Para be included in the RAEME Association Queensland Constitution

Reciprocal Rights

Any financial member of all other State or Territory RAEME Associations will be granted reciprocal rights when visiting the state of Queensland. These members will be invited to attend meeting and functions of the RAEME Association Queensland.

Any costs associated are to be borne by the visiting member.

If another State or Territory member transfers/ moves to Queensland then Reciprocal rights will only be for the remainder of the current RAEME Association Queensland financial membership year and then the member will be invited to join the Queensland RAEME Association.

The motion was carried

Spanner Pack Update

As of the 16th September 2009 the Association has dispatched three hundred and seventy five Spanner Pack to our RAEME Diggers on operations in the Middle East and Timor. In every case each pack contained sufficient goodies for at least two soldiers and in some cases three soldiers. A further two hundred Christmas packs will be dispatched in late November. They will include a Christmas cake.

A typical thankyou letter/email from one of our diggers is reproduced below. As I have said to others many times in the past, these thankyou letters make Operation Spanner Pack very worthwhile, and to know that this small gesture lifts the moral of our diggers on operations is really pleasing to all our RAEME Members and Sponsors.

"hi raymond , my name is david powell and i am a technician electrical attached to mrtf 2. I received the spanner pack a while back and have been meaning to respond sooner but i have been on task. Anyway i just wanted to let you know how well recieved the packs are and that every little item reminds you of home and makes the days go that little bit quicker. So on behalf of myself and other spanners that have received the pack i would like to thank yourself , the RAEME Assoc and all the sponsors concerned with this great initiative."

Regards

Dave Powell

If you wish to get involved by way of donation of product, dollars or your time, please contact Raymond Norman 07 54766254 or

norford.2@bigpond.com you will be welcomed with open arms and you will be directly supporting our troops on operations.

Our sponsors for Operation Spanner Pack 2009 are:
RAEME CORPS Committee (CORPS Fund);
All State and Territory RAEME Associations including Sub Branches and Chapters;
Smiths Snack Food Australia;
Logistic Solutions Australasia Pty Ltd;
General Dynamics Land Systems-Australia;
Lions Clubs of Buderim QLD and Kalamunda WA;
Northern Golf Club Glenroy Victoria; and
Donations from RAEME Members both serving retired and discharged.

We thank them all for their continued support.

Membership Fees 2009

Just a gentle reminder to members that fees are due on the 1st July each year. We would appreciate your annual fee sent to the Treasurer.

Financial members will receive discount on merchandise and most functions.

Bulimba Memorial

Most would now be aware of the dedication of the Bulimba Memorial on the 28th November 2009 the details of which are below.

We would encourage all to attend this activity. All RAEME nationally are invited. Please come along and catch up with some mates.

Representing the Head Of Corps will be Brig Ross Grant (Retd)



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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF THE RAEME MEMORIAL AT BULIMBA

28 NOVEMBER 2009

The ceremony to dedicate the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers memorial to the Units and their Craftsmen who served in the Bulimba Barracks since 1945 is to be held on 28 November 2009, commencing at 10.00 AM.

This Memorial will be a permanent reminder of the dedication and service to the Australian Army shown by the many thousands of soldier tradesmen and women who served in those units.

Timings: 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM

Location: Tugulawa Park, Apollo Road, Bulimba, adjacent to the entrance to Bulimba Barracks. Parking will be available within the Barracks.

Dress: Smart casual, medals optional

RSVP (Essential for Barracks Security and catering purposes. Include partners): **By NLT 20 November 2009**, to the Secretary: At the above address or email: secretary@raemeqld.org

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter G. Snowdon'.

Peter G. Snowdon
Chairman Memorial Sub-Committee

LIST OF BULIMBA RAEME UNITS

Qld LofC Wksp
RAEME Trg Depot
Brisbane Base Watercraft Wksp
1 Advanced Watercraft Wksp
Sth Qld Area Wksp
1 Military District Wksp
N Comd Wksp
1 Base Wksp
1 Base Wksp Bn
Support Area Wksp Bn
HQ 2 CRAEME (CommZ)
1 EME Svcs Unit
301 Fd Wksp
102 Fd Wksp
2/14 QMI LAD
5 Fd Regt LAD
11 Fd Regt LAD
5/11 Fd Regt LAD
21 Fd Regt LAD
2 Coy RAASC Wksp
2 Tpt Coy Wksp
5 Coy RAASC Wksp
5 Tpt Coy Wksp
41 Tpt Coy Wksp
7 Fd Sqn Wksp
4 Corps Engr Wksp
HQ 7 Bde LAD
HQ 7 TF LAD
104 Inf Wksp
104 Fd Wksp
1 EME Coy
1 CommZ Recovery Coy
1 Gen Tps Wksp
34 Water Tpt Sqn Wksp
Brisbane Water Tpt Unit Wksp
E.I.S

RAEME MEMORIAL

BULIMBA DEDICATION 28 November 2009

OUTLINE OF EVENTS

1000 – 1030 Arrival of Guests

1030 – 1100 Dedication Ceremony

1100 – 1200 Stroll Down Memory Lane

1200 – 1500 Sausage Sizzle and Refreshments

HISTORY OF BULIMBA BARRACKS

The Bulimba site was originally a quarry used for road building prior to 1940.

Bulimba Barracks was first occupied by the US Army in the 1940s by the Water Transport of 323rd QM Boat Company. The Bulimba site was released by the US Army to the Australian Army in early May 1945, the official march in / march out certificate being signed on 7 May 1945.

The Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers unit that first moved into the site had its origins in both the Queensland Line of Communication Area Workshop and the Brisbane Base Watercraft Workshop.

Bulimba Barracks was continuously occupied by a succession of RAEME units from 7 May 1945 until 2 Sep 1991, at which time RAEME units ceased to exist as a separate entity. The workshop function became absorbed into a logistic support group which became the present Joint Logistics Unit (South Queensland).

Bulimba Barracks RAEME units were both Regular Army and Army Reserve / CMF. They were of various sizes and function, the largest being 1 Base Workshop Battalion and Headquarters 2 CRAEME with its attendant units commanded by Lt Cols, down to the smaller Light Aid Detachments commanded by junior officers.

All of the RAEME units listed have served the Army with distinction. This memorial will preserve their memory and recognise the dedication of the thousands of RAEME Craftsmen who served in those units over the years.

May their service never be forgotten.

Arte et Marte

[RAEME Birthday 2009](#)

Once again the Association will be conducting the very popular RAEME ALL Ranks RAEME Birthday Luncheon on the 29th November 2009 at the FIX Restaurant in Brisbane CBD. Your invitation to attend is below.

Our Spanner Pack Sponsors will be attending.

The Head of CORPS will be represented by BRIG Ross Grant (Retd).

There is only sufficient seating for **Fifty couples** so first in and paid will secure their place around the table. Make up a table of friends if you wish. The majority of tables are eight seats and you can book and pay for any number of those seats.

The meal will consist of four courses and you will have a selection of at least two choices for the final three courses. White tablecloth, silver service and CORPS decorations will be provided.

The cost will be \$50 a head for financial members, spouse/partner or one friend, all others \$55 a head. Some refreshments will be provided at the table.

Bookings open **6th October 2009**. Please book and pay early to avoid disappointment.



RAEME ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND CORPS
BIRTHDAY ALL RANKS LUNCHEON
Sunday 29th November 2009

Venue: FIX Restaurant, Brisbane CBD
Corner Edward and Margaret Street. Guests Welcome.

Timings: 1230hrs for 1300hrs pre luncheon drinks- end 1530hrs

Cost: \$50 per person financial members, spouse/partner, \$55 all others.

Meal four courses, table service at least two
Selections on last three courses. Wonderful Tasty Food

Dress: Neat Casual : Gents, Collar please

RSVP: NLT **13th November 2008, if not sold out prior**. Bookings open **6th October**. Be quick, great day, only fifty couples.

Come along and enjoy your CORPS Birthday with your Partner and mates. Make up a table of RAEME friends. Limited numbers be quick!!!!

Contact details: Raymond 07 54766254, norford.2@bigpond.com

Payment methods and Details:

Post: Cheque/Money order to The Treasurer, RAEME Association QLD, PO

Box 11 CANNON HILL, QLD, 4170 with tear off below **or**

EFT: BSB 803-205

Account Number 82731

Add your surname and initials to the reference box.

If you use the direct deposit method please email the Treasurer

treasurer@raemeqld.org to advise that you have deposited the money. Or post the tear off below to the above address with your payment and contact details.

I.....will be attending the All
Ranks RAEME Birthday Luncheon 29th November 2009

No of Guests..... Payment method..... Total Amount: \$.00

Contact (phone/email).....

Calendar

Below our latest Calendar for your information.

October 2009	
6	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
14	All Ranks BBQ - Bandiana
14	CORPS Committee Meeting - Bandiana
15/16	CORPS Seminar - Bandiana
15	CORPS Officer's Dinner – Bandiana
16	CORPS WOs and SNCOs Dinner - Bandiana

November 2009	
10	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
28	Bulimba Memorial Dedication
29	RAEME Birthday All Ranks Luncheon -Port Office
27	RAEME Birthday Dinner Oakey
TBA	RAEME Birthday Enoggera

December 2009	
1	CORPS Birthday
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January 2010	
19	Management Planning Meeting

February 2010	
2	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting

March 2010	
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April 2010	
6	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
25	ANZAC Day March - Brisbane
25	ANZAC Day Function – Port Office Hotel

May 2010	
4	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting

June 2010	
13	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
13	RAEME Association AGM – Bulimba
13	Army Apprentice Reunion – Bulimba
TBA	Reserve Forces Day

July 2010	
6	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting

August 2010	
3	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
TBA	RAEME Reserve Reunion

September 2010	
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1	Army Birthday
2	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting

7	RAEME Association Monthly Meeting
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All Spanner Club Events are TBA

Conclusion

If we do not see you before the festive season, on behalf of your Committee, all the very best for Christmas to you and your family and lets hope the New Year is a good one for all.

Raymond G. Norman OAM
Chairman
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