



Supplement to ANZAC Edition of Spanner News **2009**

Chairman's Desk

Before you can blink an eye the year is already well underway. For those that I have not spoken to recently, Happy New Year and all the best for the remainder of 2009.

RAEME Birthday and Luncheon

Your Association completed 2008 with a very successful RAEME Birthday All Ranks Luncheon at the Fix Restaurant in Brisbane. Great food, great company and a fun, relaxed afternoon was enjoyed by all. Both our current Deputy Heads of CORPS (Ground and Aero) attended and we were updated by LTCOL Todd Ashurst (DHOC Ground) on the current state of play within the CORPS and the great work our CORPS members are performing both within Australia and the many theatres of operations overseas. LTCOL Chris Hadzi from RAMS Oakey is the DHOC Aero.

Especially pleasing was the attendance of WO2 Kevin Bishop (now ASM 21 Const Sqn) and several of his other ranks and

partners. These soldiers had very recently returned home from operations in Afghanistan. When their attendance was announced they received a very warm and enthusiastic welcome from all. We look forward to seeing more and more serving all ranks at this and other Association functions. The 29th November 2009 is the date for your diary and the next luncheon and the very good news is the HOC elect BRIG David Creagh will be our special and honoured guest.

WO2 Paul Gibbs should be congratulated for organising and conducting a very professional RAEME Birthday activity at Enoggera. All the traditional sporting activities were strongly contested by the RAEME Elements within Enoggera Barracks. Some photos below. Well done Paul and team.

Committee

We are looking for some assistance and the injection of new blood and ideas into the Committee and sub committees of the Association. I would be very keen to here from anyone that feels that they can give a couple of hours of their time to assist the current Committees and to lessen the work load on the current hard working volunteers that make up your committee. Positions available are:

Assistant Webmaster

Assistant Anzac Day Sub Committee

Assistant Membership Sub Committee

Assistant RAEME Birthday Luncheon

Two Assistants, Operation Spanner Pack Sub Committee

Please give this offer a lot of thought and consideration. I know you will enjoy the experience and be doing your Association and RAEME mates a great service. All the positions are new and can be filled by serving or retired folk.

Please call me 54766254, norford.2@bigpond.com or any member of the Committee if you can assist in anyway.

Operation Spanner Pack

Most would be aware of the operation to send parcels of goodies to our troops on operations. We can now happily report that eight hundred and thirty one parcels were sent on your behalf in 2008, and to date in 2009, two hundred and twenty have been dispatched to our diggers on operations in the Middle East Timor and Solomon's. A great project that is supported by all RAEME Association nationally, the CORPS Committee and many Sponsors, (Logistic Solutions Australasia, Smiths Snack Foods, General Dynamics, Northern Golf Club Ex-Servicemen's Committee Glenroy Victoria, Lions Club Kalamunda Inc WA and other members of the CORPS. Some letters and photos of our RAEME soldiers enjoying the content of Spanner Packs in Spanner News attached.

ANZAC Day 2009

You are all most welcome to come along and march in the CBD and attend the after march function at the Port Office Hotel. It will greatly assist your entry to the function and save you time if you can pay the \$20 function entry fee and collect your ticket at the forming up point (FUP) prior to the march. Please bring correct money, as change can be a problem. Other details are contained in the ANZAC Day Flyer in Spanner News attached.