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Welcome

Welcome Bluebells to the tenth edition of the RAT newsletter. I apologize for the long delay between editions. It is our intention to put together two newsletters a year, January and July.

Read and enjoy.

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What's happening this year?

You should have received a calendar advising of proposed events for 2013. If you require a copy please contact the

editor who will send it out either electronically or hard copy. Our next event is the annual formal mixed dinner at the end of August, and finally our CORP Birthday in December. I will provide more details on the dinner later in the newsletter.

Colonel Commandant Victoria and Tasmania Article for the RAT Newsletter

Firstly I wish to congratulate our Craftsman of the Year ARES: 8254014 CFN John McKenna, 105 Wksp Coy,

4CSSB. He is also the recipient of the award for Craftsman of the Year AGRES VIC/TAS. I apologize to him for not being able to be in attendance at the presentation of his awards by the Representative Colonel Commandant BRIG David McGahey at the RAEME Corps 70th Birthday Dinner 2012 held at the Clayton RSL Club on Friday, 30th November 2012. These awards recognize outstanding achievement as a soldier and tradesman, so his efforts epitomize the very best of our skills in fighting and fixing - and of our esprit de corps.

Secondly, and on your behalf, I offer a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing Head of Corps BRIG David Creagh. And I warmly congratulate, on his appointment by Chief of Army as the incoming HOC RAEME, BRIG Andrew Mathewson. He comes to the role from an Army Aviation and Army Apprentice background. BRIG David Creagh has served two terms as our HOC. He has guided the Corps from strength to strength as evidenced by the morale of our soldiers and their excellence on operations, the outstanding performance of our training schools and the standard of their graduates, as well as the strong fraternal relationship that exists across all Corps organizations - including in its Ground and Air environments and Regular, Reserve and Association memberships.

And finally, this year I want to applaud several significant events that will have a long-lasting effect on the Corps and its members. They include: the formation of The RAEME Association – National, which has had a long and difficult but successful birth; the charter of the RAEME Association Victoria - Victoria Barracks Chapter, which is a

long overdue expansion of our Association that will ensure the next generation of RAV leaders; and the launch of the RAEME Corps Pictorial History Book on which I would like to share with you a few of my thoughts.

The RAEME Corps Pictorial History Book is a Corps Committee funded project directed by BRIG Ross Grant. Its aim is to publish an up-to-date history of the Corps in a similar format to the recently issued Army-in-Profile pictorial history book, which can be viewed in full at:

<http://www.army.gov.au/Our-history/Army-in-Profile>.



A browse through this book will give you an idea of the vision for the RAEME Pictorial Corps History - and hopefully inspire you to contribute your photographs and stories to it. The deadline and places for submission of photographically illustrated articles for the book is the 1st April 2013 through either the:

- RAEME Facebook page banner on <http://www.raeme.org.au/>;
- email address for contributions raemebookproject@hotmail.com; or
- slow but easy 'snail mail' to:
HOC Cell – RAEME
Latchford Barracks
BANDIANA, Vic, 3694.

In my role as Colonel Commandant I have heard many stories over lunches, dinners, barbeques and a few beers, which are worthy of inclusion in the book. I challenge all Corps yarn-spinners to plan for and submit 'their yarn' for publication using the RAEME production planning approach to the job - as outlined below.

1. Set the DAR (Date Article Required) - April fool's Day
2. Consult your technical support network - invite your mates to a barbecue
3. Plan the job - enter it into your To Do List and Diary
4. Order the parts - BYOG, CIT and best 'Spanners-in-Action' photos to the barbie
5. Research the technical data - tell your stories and record the best of them over a few beers
6. Do the Work - write-up the stories as told and recorded on the day
7. Finalise the Paperwork - submit the article and photos to the editor - on time and on budget!

Compliments of the Season to all Spanners and their families,

RAEME birthday 2012

Last year we celebrated our Corp birthday on Sunday 2 December 2013 at 2 FSB's Griffins Lair.

It was great to see a record number of members and partners celebrate the day.

Special thanks to the CO 2FSB for the use of his facility, and 6LSC TSP members, in particular Amy for making the day a success.

I have attached some photos of the day on page 5 of the newsletter.

Annual General Meeting 2013

March saw our first AGM for two years resulting in a changing of the guard of the Committee which is highlighted on the first page of the newsletter.

It is once again disappointing that the same members seem to be re-elected none the less we do have a new social committee which should take the burden of the old crew, thank you.

ANZAC Day 2013,

This year's ANZAC day was once again a great day. Approximately 35 members marched from the forming up point in Macquarie St Hobart to the cenotaph. It is great to see that numbers continue to expand on this important date.

Lunch was at Customs House with our close friends the RAE Association. It was a great meal, a few old stories rekindled over a few beers. From there it was to the Sergeants Mess for a few final cleansing ales.

I have attached a photo of the march in Hobart on page 6 of the newsletter.

Mid year dinner

This year, our mid-year mixed dinner will be at the Lenah Valley RS&L on Saturday the 31 August 2013. Please mark this on your calendar.

It has been three years since our last dinner so please make an effort to make it to the dinner. Your social committee is busy in planning the night so let's support them by making the night a success

An invitation has been extended to COLCOMDT Tas/Vic Region, Colonel Brian Jones and his wife. Colonel Jones has indicated if funds are available he will attend the dinner. This will be his first visit to the Island since our last dinner.

Invitations will be sent to all members in the second week of August. It is important that you RSVP to help cater for the dinner so please ensure that you do. At this stage we are proposing to charge \$45.00 per person that will cover for a three course menu and selected wines for the tables.

RAEME Port 2013

This year's RAEME port 2013 is now available for \$20.00. The port this year is sponsored by &RAR (Mech) Tech Spt and is a delicious dark tawny port from the well known Martin Cellars Winery from the Barossa Valley.

I sent an email to members last month regarding the port and we will receive the port in October and distribute to those members who have placed and paid their order

Dave (Shack) Millhouse

I was recently advised that Shack has had a setback with his health and is currently being cared for at Mary's Grange, Taroona. Knowing Shack he would still be keeping the nurses on their toes. No doubt I am sure you join me in wishing Shack well.

Vale

It is regret that we announce the passing away of two of our close friends and comrades:-

Eric Glidden (staff), and
Peter Burns (boof).

I'm sure you will join me in passing on our thoughts to Marg, Billy and families.

Conclusion

Well that's it bluebells, if you have any stories for the editor, or photos please forward them to the editor for our next newsletter. See you all at the dinner in August.

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