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Welcome

Greetings to all our Tasmanian RATS and welcome to the eleventh edition of the RAT newsletter.

It's been a great year for the Association seeing an increase of members attending the BBQs and dinner. It is important that you continue to support your Association.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the sub-committee for their continued support in particular Amy.

Lastly to our members, thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year'

Read and enjoy.

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What's happening in 2014?

Your RAT calendar 2014 will be emailed out in January 2014. At this stage it will be similar to this year. If

you have any ideas or suggestions feel free to contact me to discuss.

RAEME National Association update

You may not be aware but there has been a big push in the last twelve months to implement a National Association part of which is developing a national website.

Below is an update from Raymond Norman our first National President. Raymond has long been a key player of the RAEME Association Queensland and instrumental in implementing the RAEME spanner packs that are distributed to serving RAEME personnel overseas. Personally I believe that it is fitting that Raymond is our inaugural National President.

Report by Raymond Norman National President



Your National Association has achieved a lot behind the scenes over the past twelve months. One of the most important objectives this year was to establish a national website with all other State and Territory Associations linked, eventually becoming part of the RAEME National network.

Work is progressing very well thanks to the efforts of Dean Ellis, Richard Legge and other State/Territory Web Masters and Presidents. We hope that all will continue their support and see this important work to its conclusion for the benefit to all.

The current old RAEME National website can be found at www.raeme.org.au but you can also see the new site evolving concurrently. The National Facebook page can also be found on the website at:

www.facebook.com/RAEMEAssociation

Our next important step is to involve the serving soldiers, senior ranks and officers of the Corps in the process of improving the communications of the National Association. The three main reasons for establishing this Association are to bring together the full time serving folk, the Head of Corps organization and all of the Associations around the nation as one RAEME family.

We are well on the way to achieving our goals here, but need the support of all individual full time serving members. How?? Our full time members may not realize but you are automatically a member of the National Association, free of membership fees, because you are currently serving. What the association needs is for each member to provide his or her email address, so as we can communicate directly with you.

The Email address for the RAEME National Association is raemenational@gmail.com

Please send your email details to this address to assist in the communications process nationally.

RAT website

Following on from Raymond's report on the National Association I believe it is a fitting time to resurrect the thought of establishing our own website, you may recall that phantom established a

website in 2005 but overtime due to constraints a decision was made to phase out the website.

If we were to establish a new website it would require someone with experience in "IT" or something similar. With this in mind I can think of one or two of our members that fits this parameter and would like a volunteer to help us establish a website in the first half on next year. If you believe you can assist me in establishing the website please contact me to discuss?

Spanner packs – October 2013

**Report by Raymond Norman
Spanner Pack Coordinator**

As of October, Operation Spanner pack can report that we are just two packs short of delivering 3000 comfort packs to our troops and support staff on operations. The Christmas/New Year packs will push the numbers past 3000. Because we sometimes send a pack to two soldiers to share, the numbers of Corps members, who have received packs to date, now numbers well over 4000.

We wish to thank our sponsors for their continued support.

The RAEME Corp Pictorial History Book Project

**Report by Raymond Norman
National President**

Some of you would be aware the Corp is embarking on the production of a new History Book, this time with more photos and small stories covering the life and times of the Corps.

The RAEME Association nationally are a vital part of this project and are

requested to act as a conduit with our Committees assistance in getting information out to all members to allow them an opportunity to have their input into this very important Corps History Project.

We have established a FACEBOOK page www.facebook.com/RaemeAssociation as one of the vehicles to help get information out to members and others. We would appreciate you linking this page to your regional web site and ask members to look at the notes page to see submissions and writing guidelines which are also attached for your general publication on web sites and in newsletters.

I have attached the project plan for your information (see below) and ask that you pass this information to your membership, particularly the information that has a colored background. This document is still under development stage, however is mature enough for members to commence submitting stories, indeed this is already underway with several stories received.

You will also note that there is a dedicated email address for all electronic submissions and an address for hard copy submissions

Electronic copy
raemebookproject@hotmail.com

Coming event The 44th Intake of Army Apprentices' Reunion.

The 25th anniversary of the 44th Intake is being held in March 2014. Details are as follows: Invites are extended to ex apprentices, staff and partners.

Place: Brisbane CBD – Venues TBA
 Date: 01-02 March 2014
 POC: Jamie Sharpe Email Contact:
44thappyreunion@gmail.com.au

RSVP: by no later than 30 Jan 2014.

Mid-year dinner

This year's mid-year mixed dinner was held at the Lenah Valley RS&L on Saturday the 31 August 2013.

There was a good turn out with 45 members and partners attended the night. Comments made on the night demonstrated that everyone enjoyed the night.

At this stage it is planned to have a mid-year dinner in July at the Claremont RSL.

RAEME birthday 2013

This year our birthday was held firstly in Launceston on Sunday 24 November and secondly at Hobart on Sunday 1 December 2013.

As was last year the RAEME Historical Association donated money to help us celebrate the day. Thank you for the kind donation the money was used to pay for the cakes, lunch and raffle prizes. It was agreed on the day that monies taken from the raffle (\$300.00) would be donated to a suitable RAEME cause

Launceston

This year's function was held at Bob (Blue) Gillow's residence and was attended by approximately 15 members. Although the weather was not kind, everyone enjoyed the day, and yes the stories got better.

Special thanks to Bob and Kate for arranging the day and putting on some fine food. Photos of the day are on page 5

Hobart

Once again the birthday was held at the "Griffins Lair" and was attended by approximately 50 members, I believe this is a record.

This year 6LSC members elected to organize the day and excelled in the food preparation and BBQ, and the cake was second to none.

Special thanks to the CO 2FSB for the use of his facility, and 6LSC TSP members, in particular Andy, Amy, Speedy and Foxy for making the day a success. Photos of the day are on page6 and 7

Special awards

ARES CFN of the year

It is pleasing to report that this year's ARES Craftsman of the year Tasmania/Victoria was awarded to CFN Amy Britten. The award could not be presented to a better recipient. Amy has been with 6LSC for three years and has demonstrated time and time again her allegiance to both 2FSB and in particular RAEME. Nothing is a challenge and she is the first to put her hand up for any task irrespective of what it is and elected to be on the sub-committee of our Association. Well done Amy.

It was also only fitting that Amy was presented with the 6MD GRES CFN of the year 2013.

Amy is pictured with her awards



Vale

It is regret that we announce the passing away of one of our close friends and comrade David (Shack) Millhouse.

Shack was closely associated with the ARES in particular 47 TPT COY WKSP and 6 EME PL as a Recovery Mechanic and will surely be missed.

I'm sure you will join me in passing on our thoughts to his family.

Conclusion

Well that's it bluebells, I hope you and your family have a happy Christmas and a wonderful new year. See you in 2014.

RAEME birthday 2012

Launceston



Hobart



