



The RAEME Association Tasmania Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome Bluebells to our fifth edition of the RAT Newsletter.

I have decided to go from a three monthly newsletter to six monthly newsletters. From here on in we they will be sent out in May and November.

The winter months have been a quiet time for the Association. The numbers for our September BBQ was moderately down. I feel that we can put it down to the inclement weather on the day.

Most of you would of heard by now that we are have our own website, I would like to personally thank both Tony Rich and Peter McDonough on achieving this. More on the website later in the newsletter.

December the 1st is nearly here. Once again we will be celebrating our corp birthday after the event, this is mainly due to 2 FSB holding their AFX and members from the unit will not be in a position to celebrate the day.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a safe and merry Christmas. See you all on the 10th.

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RAEME Birthday

It's here again. I hope everyone toasts the corp on Friday. This year we will be holding two birthdays, one in the south and one in the north. From this we hope to open a new chapter in Launceston.

Venues will be as follows;

South

Assemble 1130h at 2 FSB "the Lair" for a BBQ followed by cutting the cake. Cost \$5.00 per head.

North

Assemble at Bob Gillows (Blue) at 1200h for a BBQ (BYO) followed by cutting of the cake. Bob can be contacted on Ph 6344 3136.

Bob has indicated that numbers attending at this stage is good. It is pleasing to see that there is still an interest in Launceston. Thanks Bob and Graeme.

RAEME Day of Remembrance

Earlier this year we held the inaugural RAEME day of Remembrance at "the piston" at 2 FSB. The date for next year is **Sunday the 4th February 2007**. Please put this date in your calendar, this is a day that we can remember our fallen comrades. The venue will be similar to this year's. Form up at "the piston" at 1055h for a short service and the laying of a wreath. From this there will be refreshments at the Claremont RSL.

Fort Direction weekend

Earlier this year we had a weekend at fort Direction, which incorporated the AGM. It is still our intention to have a weekend next year at the Fort, however we will not hold

the AGM at the same time. We will discuss our annual trip to the Fort on the birthday BBQ.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Sunday the 25th March 07. We are not sure of the location as yet, we may try the Claremont RSL. This gives members an opportunity to nominate members for committee positions, don't be shy.

Anzac Day

Anzac day will be upon us before we know it. We have two options;

1. Continue to march in Hobart, or
2. March at Claremont.

I would like to discuss this at the Birthday BBQ and get members ideas on what we should do. Whatever it is I believe that we should march as one association behind the RAEME flag, over to you.

Proposed new chapters

The association has now been up and running for approximately two years. We have been discussing expanding the association to the northern end of the state. Indications are that we should be in a position to achieve this with a bit of help from a few members. After speaking to both Bob Gillow and Graeme Bourne (GOC) I believe we can achieve this. I will be forwarding on application forms and old newsletters to the corp birthday at Bobs place and hopefully there should be enough members to raise a chapter of the association in Launceston.

With Steve Wilson now living on the North West and parading in Devonport, I believe that Steve will be in a position to generate interest in forming another chapter of the association, most likely at the Booza at 44 TPT SQN in Devonport.

Australian Army Apprentices Association (AAAA)



Since the inception and formalization of the AAAA, in July 2006 the association has attracted some eighty paid up members from all intakes.

The Association was raised for the purpose of fostering the interests of all Australian Army Apprentices.

The patron of the Association is Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie AO, DSC, CSM. Vice Chief of the Defence Force, himself an ex apprentice of the 23rd intake.

Membership is open to all Australian Army Apprentices

Information on membership can be found on the web at www.austarmyapprentice.org, including a membership form.

The membership email address is:

membership@austarmyapprentice.org

Mailing address is:

Australian Army Apprentices
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42 Denny St, Latham, ACT 2615

Also on this web site copies of minutes of committee meetings can be found to read.

Any enquiries in relation to AAAA speak to Mick Koerber.

Australian Defence Medal (ADM)

In the last newsletter Phantom advised members on the procedure in which they could qualify to receive their ADM.

At this point in time it takes around four months to receive your ADM.

Most members no doubt are entitled to the medal, if you have not made application at this stage, we recommend you do so ASAP.

Website

Membership.

Phantom advises us that membership stands

Summary

Well that completes the fourth edition of the RAT. After the inaugural mixed dining in night I believe we have reached an important milestone in the formation of our association, and like fellow bluebells we are here to stay.

See you all in September.

Arte et Marte

Inaugural Mixed Dining in Night

Clarmont RS&LA Saturday 24th June 2006

