



# The RAEME Association Tasmania Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome Bluebells to the eighth edition of the RAT newsletter. I apologize for the extended time delay between newsletters, however JL kick started a newsletter in March which has prompted me to continue with the RAT newsletter.

My reason for not continuing with the newsletter is that there has been little to report and the support amongst members to continue with our Association has been poor. None the

less there are still some members out there who are keen to see the RAT Association survive, in particular John Lennox and Shane Rollins.

On a brighter side your committee is proceeding with the mid year dinner which will be held once again at the Claremont RS&L in July. This is addressed further in the newsletter.

Read and enjoy.

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## What's happening this year?

It was proposed at the last BBQ following the museum tour that we cut back on quarterly BBQ's and concentrate only on the following important venues;

- RAEME day of remembrance,
- ANZAC day,
- Mid year dinner, and
- Corp birthday.

As discussed on the day it is difficult to organize other functions, this is mainly due to the fact that it is always the same members who seem to have to organize these functions, which is sad, however it is a fact.

Information in future on upcoming events will only be sent out electronically. As we are a non profit organization we cannot afford to continue with mail outs. We have attempted to update the email list to assist in getting information out to you.

Should you need to update your email address, or now of someone who has not forwarded their details, please send those email addresses to me at [robandruss@iprimus.com.au](mailto:robandruss@iprimus.com.au)

If you consider that we should have additional functions, that's great but do not be offended if we say "Go ahead and organize it on behalf of the Association".

## ANZAC Day 2009,

This year's ANZAC day was once again a great day, although the weather threatened, but held off, there was an increase of members, including some new ones who marched in the Parade at Hobart. From there we met with the RAE Association at a new venue The Theatre Royal Hotel. In total 45

members from both Associations met consumed a few beers and enjoyed a great lunch. It was unanimously decided that we would re-book the venue for next year.

It was great to see Trump attend the parade and lunch. Although we initially lost him in the crowd he managed to hitch a ride in Sapper Turners jeep and was dropped off at the Theatre Royal. As per normal, trump was not short for words and kept us entertained. Not bad for a 93 year old lad.

George Norris also attended the parade, but the cold weather kept him away from lunch. I was speaking to George leading up to the Parade and he advised me that he had just had his drivers license renewed and was still capable of driving himself around the eastern shore, George is 97. Well done George.

It is great to see that we still have some members from the AEME Association still manage to attend the parade.

Some members who will remain anonymous kicked on after the lunch ending up at the Hobart RSL to the wee dark hours.

I hear that it was also a great day out at the Claremont RSL, I have not received information on the day, no doubt it was a good day and the tin hat stories got better.

I have attached some photos of the march in Hobart at the end of the newsletter.

## Mid year dinner

This year, our mid year dinner will be held again at the Claremont RS&L on

Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Please mark this of on your calendar.

As in previous years, it is a mixed semi informal RAT style dinner The RSL prepares an excellent menu and provides an excellent service.

Once again Pop, Fred and Shack have been busy in the background preparing for the night.

It is proposed that the new COLCOMDT Tas/Vic Region, Colonel Brian Jones will be our guest at the dinner. This will be his first visit to the Island since taking up this important role following the sad resignation of Colonel Terry Beaton.

Invitations will be sent to all members in mid June.

### **RAE dinner**

An invitation for this years Engineers dinner has been extended to the RAT's which will be held on Saturday the 4 July 2009 at the Glenorchy RSL, 1900 for 1930. If you would like to attend please contact me with your details ASAP.

At this stage both Rolly and I will be attending the dinner with our wife's.

In return some members of the Engineers Association will be attending our dinner.

### **Why ?**

Like us the Engineers Association are filling the pinch with the lack of members and support etc, this will be discussed at both the dinners. More to follow on this.

### **Deployments**

**Warrant Officer Class 1 Tony Rich**

I think most of you would know. Tony is on full time service in East Timor. His posting is for 8 months. Tony was deployed in late January and is expected home sometime in September. I am not quiet sure what his posting was, but I am sure his presence is being felt in Dili. I hope to have more on his deployment in the next issue.

Tony's presence/habits was missed on ANZAC day

### **CFN Nigel Fox**

Nigel continues to push for deployment to Afghanistan. Why might you ask? Two extra medals says Nigel.

### **Where's Mick Koerber?**

People asked at ANZAC day, where's Mick? Mick has transferred to West Australia with Armaguard as Security Manager.

I was speaking to Mick on ANZAC day and he was having a quiet ale (or two if you know Mick) with the RAEME Association in WA and had just joined up as a member.

I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing Mick well.

### **Vale**

It is regret that we announce the recent passing away of (name)Chandler. Although (name) was not a member of our Association he was the father of Mark and Scotty two valued members of our Association. On behalf of the Association we offer our condolences to both Mark and Scotts families.

### **Conclusion**

Well that all folks make an effort and attend the dinner in July, see you then.

### ANZAC Day 2009

