



# The RAEME Association Tasmania Newsletter

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## **From the Editor's Desk – Russell Clark**

Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the RAT Newsletter. It's hard to believe it's been six months since the last newsletter, I hope all members have survived the cold blistery winter, at least we are now heading into the warmer months!

It's pleasing to report that the recent lunches planned for the Association was well received, in particular the one in Ross in August. It was great to see some of our northern Brethren attend. There are reports and photos of the events covered in this edition.



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### From the Editors desk Cont.

The main topic of discussion has no doubt been your Committee planning this year's Reunion for ex members of Hobart Wksp PI/Tas Comdt Wksp and members of the RAT Association during the period 15-17 November, which will coincide with this year's RAEME Birthday. There is more on the reunion in this edition.

As we go to press, we are still unsure who will succeed COL Andrew Herbert's position as COL COMDT TAS. His tenure was due to expire in June this year, but I understand a decision has not been made to date. COL Herbert will be sadly missed, he has left some big shoes to fill by our incoming COL COMDT! We intend to farewell him in the RAT tradition in the near future.

Finally, I hope you enjoy this edition of the RAT Newsletter, sit back relax and enjoy.

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### Presidents Report – Mark Wilson

Well team it's that time of the year again, Shirl is herding the cats so he can compile the newsletter prior to the reunion, he does a fantastic job each time and I'm sure you all enjoy the read. I use our second newsletter to reflect on the year that has been and what a year we've had!



2024 is a year that many of wish we could just put behind us. To be perfectly honest world events in the last 12 months have me worried. The Ukraine / Russia conflict is fast approaching its third year, whilst Australian soldiers have been training Ukrainian recruits in Britain our equipment has been in demand on the battlefield, last week's announcement of 49 Abrahams soon to be heading to support the Ukrainian war effort is yet another sign to the people of Ukraine that tyranny will not be tolerated. From a logistic point of view, one can only imagine the logistic nightmares that will be faced by their maintainers in coming months. The Israel / Hamas action is now involving 4 countries with the potential more to join, with United Nations forces being shot at by Israeli forces with the last two weeks, one can only hope and pray that sane heads prevail.

Enough of the troubles overseas, your committee has been working hard and whilst the first function planned was cancelled due to numbers being down we have had great turn outs at the South Arm RSL and the Man O' Ross Hotel. We did cancel the October Claremont lunch, however, that was due to Claremont RSL not doing lunches on a Saturday at this point in time. We have the reunion coming up in November, I would like to remind all members that on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 24 we will be holding our AGM and celebrating RAEME Birthday, so come one come all and join us at Derwent Barracks. I am sure Shirl will send out something very soon for you to nominate your attendance.

Well that's enough from me, so grab your favourite beverage, sit back and enjoy the read and I will see you all over the weekend of the 15-17 November.

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## HOC CELL – UPDATE FROM CORPS RSM

**Introduction.** The Corps RSM, WO1 Jon Tynan, issues monthly updates on Corps matters – the RAT is pleased to feature excerpts from these important communications for our readers.



**“Corps Conference location for 2024 is 3 BDE Townsville.** This year’s conference will focus on work occurring around the restructure of the ADF, including base asset; how the BDE COMD sees the BDE being employed; and for those, who may not have the chance to attend previously, an opportunity to do so.

“At the time of drafting this email, the dates are as follows:

- 01 Oct – All ranks BBQ – dinner
- 02 Oct – Day 1 of conference
- 03 Oct – Day 2 of conference (mid-afternoon finish – all ranks dining-in night)

“The Corps RSM will release a ‘Warning Order’ shortly with the agenda and admin detail. The BDE ASM (WO1 Goninan) and WO2 Askew will complete the relevant administration requirements with assistance from HOC Cell.

**“Key Corps Points.** A little-known fact is the range of positions available to Corps members via the link below:

- Overseas Postings. [Pages - Overseas Postings](#) is a one stop shop for all information on preparing an application for an overseas posting. This link will also take numerous positions available for CFN up to WO1 (especially our Aviation brethren). As always, make sure you use the chain of command for advice and guidance. Make sure when checking for positions you filter for ‘Any Corps & RAEME’.

**Matt Stone Racing Team.** The affiliation with Matt Stone Racing has got off to a flying start in 2024, with ASEME providing two JNCOs integrated into the crew for the Bathurst Race Weekend 22-25 Feb 24. WO1 Ben Munro has been in consultation with ASMs in all regions IOT to inform persons interested in being part of the program. Please go through your ASMs to have your name put forward.

**“Craftsman Magazine.** There has been a fantastic response for articles for the next edition of the magazine, with the Editor, Dave Clarke, expressing his gratitude to those who have taken the time to submit articles. Dave will commence putting the magazine together for release later this year.

**“Corps Shop.** The shop is live [Welcome to HOC Corps Shop \(raeme.org.au\)](#), Please continue to provide feedback IOT for the Corps Cell to build a stock of items you want to see for sale.

**“RAEME Corps Awards.** Please consider nominations for the awards. The Corps RSM will release more information relating to the changes within the relevant Corps Instruction.

**“Development of ECN 222, the Marine Technician trade** has progressed to a point where ASEME has a basic understanding of the training requirement for in-service transfer and IET. In summary:

- In-service transfer for ‘big boat’ qualified pers (83 within Army) will be considered. Those pers will receive an offer to trade transfer once the L8710 workforce plan is approved and Army Position Numbers (APN) are converted to ECN 222 Marine Technician. This will be merit based (lead by Workforce and Training Group and offer distributed by CMA). At this point in time, the ‘Gap’ training for transfer into the category will be minimal (based on qualifications and currency).
- In-service transfers (fully qualified) will not incur a ‘ROSO’

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## HOC Cell – Update from CORP RSM Cont.

- The analysis for Introduction into service (IIS) training for L8710 Littoral Manoeuvre capability is still to be conducted for the new Landing Craft Medium – LC-M (details here), Landing Craft Heavy – LC-H and Amphibious Vehicle - Logistics – AV-L.

**“Development of ECN 418 – Energy Technicians with Auto Elec qualification.** It seems there is some confusion surrounding the employment of ECN 418 for rectifying Auto Elec issues. Auto Elec is no longer taught as part of the ECN 418 IET continuum; however, this does not automatically preclude already qualified technicians (deemed competent during their IET) from conducting analysis, repair or replacement, as their qualification remains extant. If wishing to mitigate risk, ASMs can assess and provide Tech Authority.

**“Workforce and Training Group.** The W&TG web page has been updated with information on each of the employment categories. See [Workforce and Training Group - Maintenance](#). The Manual of Army Employments RAEME page with your employment specification has changed and is now [here](#).

“W&TG are working on the new Land Engineering Officer Employment Specification to simplify and clarify the management of RAEME Ground Officers. LEO are currently managed under the [Logistics Officer ES](#) with an excessive number of skill grades.”

Arte et Marte

**Jon Tynan**

**WO1**

**Corps RSM**

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## Treasurer’s Report – Shane Rollins

Rolly reports that as at 16 October 2024:

Bank Balance:           \$1257.87

Cash on Hand:           \$950.00

**Net Position:           \$2207.87**




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## Sick List

### Vale

It is with deep regret that we advise of the following:

**Parker, Brian** WO2 (Rtd) aged 82, passed away on 19 June 24 after a short illness. Brian enlisted in the Army in 1952 and transferred to the CMF after his National Service period. A celebration of Brian’s life was held at Bellerive, on 16 July 24.

**Brown, Reg** Passed away on 17 August 24 after a short illness. Reg enlisted as a 18<sup>th</sup> apprentice intake blacksmith. Reg did two tours to Vietnam, joining the Tasmania Police Force after discharge ending up his career as a sergeant instructor at the Police Academy.



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## Sick list Cont.

### Welfare

RAT has been advised of the following: -

**McKerrow, Bob** (Big Bird) continues to battle with his health since open heart surgery last year, Big Bird is making a steady progress and we wish him well.

**Barrett, Peter**, (Speedy) was recently diagnosed with cancer, he has received treatment and received a positive result from his Doctor, once again we wish him well.

**Brooksbank, Neil** has been unwell for some time fighting his illness and his treatment continues. Neil has a positive attitude and is making a steady progress.

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## Merchandise Officer – Mick Moran

Mick is currently interstate in his motorhome living the dream, but will be back for the reunion. Rest assured he will have the latest supply of merchandise available for purchase on RAEME birthday.

You can view and order our latest merchandise on line via the attached link: <https://tas.raeme.org.au/index.php/shop>



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## VALE TO A LEADER – Brigadier Herbert W Barker

On 17 Jun 2024, our Corps lost one of its founding members, Brigadier Herbert “Bert” Barker.

He passed in Melbourne, aged 102. Until recently, Bert was a resident in aged care at Banora Point on the Gold Coast, moving back to Melbourne to be closer to family, he was focused on making sure his wife Nona was settled in the Victorian retirement village with their daughter. They would have celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and Nona, herself a WWII veteran, turns 100 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October this year.



BRIG Bert belongs to a rare cohort of servicemen because he was an original member of our proud Corps at our foundation in 1942. He served in WWII on operations in PNG and through his many postings, his various commands, training and staff appointments over 33 years' service, it is clear he made a huge contribution to the Corps, the Army and the ADF. He served as Colonel Commandant 1 Military District from 1980 to 1984 before retiring.

The following tribute was written in 2021 to mark BRIG Bert's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



### Vale to a leader – Brigadier Herbert W Barker Cont.

BRIG Herbert “Bert” W Barker (Retd) joined the Army in 1941, following completion of the second year of a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering course at Melbourne University. Although he didn’t complete his degree, he had Previously completed a Diploma of Mechanical Engineering, and as a result, he was allocated to Australian Army Ordnance Corps (AOC), as a Private. He then attended an Infantry Officer Training Course at Bonegilla. Bert was commissioned in June 1942 and appointed to raise and command 320 Aust LAD attached to a major Signals unit at Balcombe, Victoria. A short time later, while attending an Ordnance Mechanical Engineering Wireless Course at the AOC School, Broadmeadows, Victoria, he was transferred to the newly formed AEME Corps on 1 Dec 42. He celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on 13 Dec 42. Lieutenant, and later, Captain Barker, spent most of his time at Oatlands Golf Course, Parramatta, then the Atherton Tablelands (1943) before heading to New Britain in 1944, where he served with 1 Infantry Troops Workshops till War’s end.



*1 Infantry Troops Workshops Pamalmal Plantation, Jaquinet Bay, New Britain, 1944-1945. CAPT Barker and Sergeant S Aaron review vehicle repair and maintenance Production.*

Post WW2, BRIG Bert continued his service in several workshop postings in Australia until 1950, when he was sent to UK for two and a half years, to attend the Long Electronics Courses at REME Training Centre. He attended Army Staff College, Queenscliff, Victoria, in 1956 and was appointed CO & CI RAEME Training Centre from 1959 – 64.



*LTCOL “Bert” Barker (left) handing over command of RAEME Training Centre (RTC) in 1964 to LTCOL Bruce C. Sefton, signified by a tree planting in the grounds of RTC.*

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### Vale to a leader – Brigadier Herbert W Barker Cont.

After three years as DDEME Eastern Command, Bert was promoted to Brigadier and appointed as Chief Superintendent Army Design Establishment (ADE),



*BRIG Barker, COL COMDT 1 MD visiting 5 Base Wksp Bn 1981, Oakey, discussing repairs to an aerofoil with CO, LTCOL Bob Millar.*

After three years as DDEME Eastern Command, Bert was promoted to Brigadier and appointed as Chief Superintendent Army Design Establishment (ADE), Maribyrnong, Victoria. He served for a further three years until resigning from the Army in 1974. During his time at ADE, he took part in the Rapier trials in Darwin.

In his subsequent civilian career, BRIG Bert worked as Regional Engineering Manager for STC, 1975, the Boy Scout Jamboree Executive Officer and CEO of Australian Fire Protection Association, each for about a year before relocating from Melbourne to a warmer climate in Northern NSW in late 1977. He served as Colonel Commandant 1 Military District from 1980 to 1984.



*BRIG Barker taking the salute on the occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 5 Base Wksp Bn, Oakey 31<sup>st</sup> July 1981.*

Bert married Nona in 1944, and they have three daughters, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He and Nona live in Darlington Retirement Village, Banora Point, NSW. Whilst Nona receives full time care, he enjoys semi-care in the same facility and is still driving his car and routinely attends local RAQ events.

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### Vale to a leader – Brigadier Herbert W Barker Cont.

Bert turned 100 on 13 Dec 21. BRIG Bert belongs to a rare surviving cohort of servicemen, not just because they are closing in on their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthdays, but also because they are original members of the proud Corps of RAEME, which will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday in December 2022. Bert is indeed a pioneer of the Corps and through his many postings, his various commands, training and staff appointments, over 33 years' service, it is clear he made a huge contribution to the Corps, the Army and the ADF.

BRIG Bert is much admired by his peers but also by those members of the Corps who came later. Most recently, he has been an inspiration to a new generation of RAEME servicemen and women (serving and retired), as an active member of RAEME Association Queensland, where he regularly attends its many activities and lunches in Brisbane, and on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. Congratulations Bert on this most important Anniversary.



*A recent photograph of two RAEME Brigadiers, old and new, BRIG Bert Barker and BRIG (now MAJ GEN) Andrew Freeman AMat an RAEME Association Queensland Lunch, Sunshine Coast Maroochy RSL, 2019.*

Lest we forget.

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### RAEME (Army) History Tasmania – John Lennox

#### ARMY LIFE BEFORE RAEME

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jul 1942, being only months prior to our Corp's formation, the *Army News* released stories about what was important at that time. Some of the more interesting stories have been partially extracted below for your reading pleasure. To see full details, visit: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/page/3350626>





Army life before RAEME Cont.



DVA NEWS – AN ESO PEAK BODY – TELL DVA WHAT YOU THINK

Source: <https://www.dva.gov.au/news/latest-stories/eso-peak-body-tell-us-what-you-think>

Correct as at: 5 July 2024

DVA is working with the veteran community to develop options for a new Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) Peak Body that meets the needs of veterans, families, ESOs and other organisations providing veterans and families with advocacy support.



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## DVA NEWS Cont.

An independent ESO Peak Body has the potential to become a unified and representative voice to strengthen advocacy across the ESO sector on issues affecting veterans and veteran families. By fostering consensus and collaboration, it would help to streamline consultation processes, reducing duplication of efforts.

To ensure DVA get this right, an ESO Peak Body Options Paper will present multiple options for the new body that consider work already undertaken by the sector, including insights and feedback from stakeholders on various options for a model.

Rather than looking for a single solution, this project will consider proposals that have already been put forward while further exploring options for a future ESO Peak Body to inform DVA's response. The Department has engaged Nous Group to conduct the latest round of consultation, including through a survey

([https://nousgroupau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1AfcJSDMoQkHP4W](https://nousgroupau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1AfcJSDMoQkHP4W)) that seeks feedback from a range of stakeholders to understand how veterans and families interact with organisations that provide veteran and family advocacy support.

Your views are important to DVA and will help to develop a shortlist of viable options for the establishment of an ESO Peak Body. Please complete the short 10-minute survey ([https://nousgroupau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1AfcJSDMoQkHP4W](https://nousgroupau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1AfcJSDMoQkHP4W)).

The survey is open until 19 July 2024. The information from this survey will be stored securely and kept confidential. No personal details will be collected –all responses are anonymous and will be used only for research purposes. Your opinion will help to inform what a future peak body does and how.

DVA thank you for your support.

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## Mates4Mates

### “The Power of Mateship”.

Mates4Mates is a not-for-profit organisation committed to providing holistic welfare and treatment programs that give direct support to current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members who have suffered physical or psychological wounds, injuries and illnesses as a result of their service, either in Australia, or overseas. Integral to supporting our brave mates is the provision of support to their families.

**MATES4MATES**  
Here for those  
impacted by service.

Mates4Mates provides a wide range of services including psychological counselling, career coaching programs, wellbeing workshops, family support meetings, physical rehabilitation and conditioning programs including individual recovery plans and physical training sessions for adventure challenges.

For help or to support our wounded, injured and ill ADF mates;

visit [mates4mates.org](https://mates4mates.org) or call **13004 MATES (62837)**.



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## Defence Force Welfare Association

No report from the Welfare Officer this edition.



The Defence Force Welfare Association can be found at [www.dfw.org.au/](http://www.dfw.org.au/)

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## Army Apprentice's Report

The latest Australian Army Apprentices Association Newsletter can be accessed at

<http://austarmyapprentice.org/>



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## Links to other Resources

### Veteran's Affairs

Veterans Affairs support those who serve or have served in defence of our nation, and their families.

[www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au)

### Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Association

The Association provides for the comfort and assistance with welfare and entitlements for ADF Veterans and Peacekeepers, including their families.

[peacekeepers.asn.au](http://peacekeepers.asn.au)

### RSL (Tasmania Branch)

The RSL offers support to the wellbeing and betterment of our members, former and serving members of the ADF, and their dependants. Find your local Sub-Branch here;

[www.rsltas.org.au/sub-branch-directory](http://www.rsltas.org.au/sub-branch-directory)

### Australian Partners of Defence

The Australian Partners of Defence will provide discounts from 2.2 to 40% on production of the Veteran Card. More information on can be found at;

[www.APOD.com.au](http://www.APOD.com.au)

### Links to other Resources Cont.

#### Soldier On

Soldier On's mission is to enable veterans and their families to thrive.

[soldieron.org.au/about-us](http://soldieron.org.au/about-us)

#### Craftsman Magazine

The latest 'Craftsmen' magazine can be found at:

<https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/raeme-craftman-mag>



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Links to other resources Cont.

Army News

[www.defence.gov.au/news/armynews](http://www.defence.gov.au/news/armynews)

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## Other happenings and general business

### South Arm RSL Luncheon 18 May 2024



Saturday 18 May 2024 saw 32 RAT members and partners seated at the South Arm RSL for lunch. This was the first opportunity for members and partners to meet for the year, once again affirming friendship.

It also gave an opportunity for merchandise to be displayed and made available for members to purchase. A job well done by Mick and Rolly.



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### Man O' Ross Hotel Luncheon 17 August 2024

Saturday 17 August 2024 was an opportunity for members and partners from the North and South to meet at a central location, what better place than the Ross Hotel, not so much central for both the northern and southern members to meet but close!

Once again it was an opportunity to canvas our merchandise to our northern brethren who took the opportunity to purchase our latest merchandise.

It was agreed by all attending that this should become an annual event.



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### Man O' Ross Hotel luncheon cont.



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### Hobart Wksp PI/Tas Command Wksp Reunion November 2024

As members would be aware we are holding a reunion of personnel who were posted to Hobart Wksp PI, Tas Command Wksp, 611 Sup PI Tech Support and current RAT members next month.

The dates and location for the reunion are as follows: -

- **Friday 15 Nov 2024** – Meet and Greet, 1730 for 1800 start at the Anglesea Barracks Sergeants Mess. Drinks available over the bar and bar snacks will be provided,
- **Saturday 16 Nov 2024** –1800 for 1830h. An la carte Dinner at the Lenah Valley RSL. Menu with costs will be circulated closer to the event,
- **Sunday 17 Nov 2024** – 1100h tour of the new Wksp facility at Derwent Barracks, and
- **Sunday 17 Nov 2024** – 1230 for 1300h – Lunch and RAEME Birthday at “the Lair” Derwent Barracks.

Your Committee has been working tirelessly over the last few months ensuring that the reunion is a success. Emails will be sent to all those that have indicated their intentions to attend, the week leading up to the reunion. This will also include how to access both Anglesea Barracks/Derwent Barracks, and the menu for the Saturday night.

If you are still considering attending, but haven't indicated your intention to do so, I encourage you, please email me on [rclark-7@hotmail.com](mailto:rclark-7@hotmail.com) .

As indicated above RAEME Birthday has been included in the weekend reunion on the Sunday, this will also include the AGM. There no doubt some members who are not attending the reunion, but once again we encourage you to attend the birthday. In addition, a flier will be sent out shortly inviting all members of the RATs to attend the birthday.



## Meet our latest RAT Member

Glen Hay has recently painstakingly constructed our latest centrepiece, you will get an opportunity to view our latest member at the reunion and he will then be attending all future functions taking pride of place at the bar or our dining table.

Well done Glen he will certainly draw attention and be centre of attention for some time.

What we need now is a name which will suit our centre piece. We seek your thoughts on his/her name. Think about it and let us know your ideas of a name? I was thinking of "Arte"!



## RAEME Humour Book-Third Edition

The third editions of RAEME's humour book, Straight from the Horse's Mouth is currently being drafted. There is clearly a lot of funny stuff that happens in RAEME service but the editors need more stories!! This is your chance to share any funny stories you have from your service.

If you have any stories to share, new or old, factual or enhanced, please send them to the book editors at [FunnyStories@raeme.com](mailto:FunnyStories@raeme.com). Even if you have heard someone else's story or made it up, we want it! Stories don't have to be true, just believable! the editors understand that not everyone has the time or talent to write something funny so they will accept stories over the phone. All you need to do is to email your contact details to them at the above email address. Include your preferred days or times to receive a call from the editors and take it from there.

As a special incentive for this edition, the editors will be awarding a free edition to the member(s) who submits the funniest story for this edition. Depending on how many stories are received, this may be expanded to a series of prizes for funniest story in each category, e.g. service vs retired, barracks vs field, appy vs thick and so on. The editors will work that out based on the number of submissions they receive. Whilst all story contributors will be named in the book, this will be in the back and not listed against any particular story. This is to ensure your anonymity. Re anonymity, the editors will change all names provided to ensure the guilty are unidentifiable. Those who were there at the time will know the truth, but they don't plan on embarrassing individuals (too much). Likewise, any current unit name will also be changed as the purpose of this book is to have a laugh, not to embarrass the ADF.

If you didn't get your order in for Edition 1 or Edition 2, it is not too late. Our Head of Corps Cell was gifted several hundred copies for sale from the Corps shop with all funds raised to be made available to support serving and retired members of our Corps.



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### RAEME humour book - third edition Cont.

The Head of Corps Cell shop is up and running online (at <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/shop>) but at time of writing, they haven't as yet uploaded their books for sale. When they do, we will let you know but in the interim, requests for books can be sent to Head of Corps Cell at [RAEME.HOCCell@defence.gov.au](mailto:RAEME.HOCCell@defence.gov.au).

Send your funny story or contact details today! [FunnyStories@raeme.org](mailto:FunnyStories@raeme.org)

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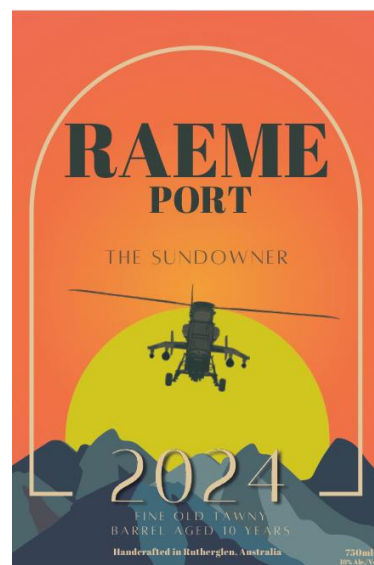
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### 2024 RAEME Port and Whisky 1 AVN Regt - available to Pre-Order now

The 1st Aviation Regiment is proud to have the opportunity to present the 2024 RAEME Port, and, for the first time offer a 2024 RAEME Whisky.

The theme that they have chosen for the port this year is 'The Sundowner'. The Sundowner holds a special place in the hearts of the craftsman that serve amongst the Regiment and they find it fitting with the circumstances 1 AVN currently finds itself in. With 1 AVN beginning its move to Townsville next year the theme sits well, the Sundowner bar has followed the Regiment around Australia throughout its many relocations.

Buller Wines (Rutherglen, Vic) has kindly taken on the job to supply this year's port and is well up for the task as they've supplied the RAEME port many times over the previous years. We've chosen a beautiful Old Fine Tawny this year. 2024 RAEME Port is valued at \$30. Ancient Wisdom Distillery (Pakenham, Vic) has offered a lovely Australian Whisky aged in Tawny Port barrels which is a captivating expression that marries the robust qualities of the whisky with the luxury of fortified wine casks. 2024 RAEME Whisky is valued at \$70.



Please use the following link to secure yourself a 2024 RAEME Port and/or Whisky; <https://www.trybooking.com/CUCVK>

**The sales event will close on 19 Oct 24, to allow for delivery by RAEME Birthday.**

Email Event Organiser CAPT Chris Burnell ([christopher.burnell@defence.gov.au](mailto:christopher.burnell@defence.gov.au)) with any queries.

Select your RAEME Regional Rep where you want your Port/Whisky delivered. The price includes delivery to your nominated RAEME Regional Rep. Bulk deliveries to garrison cities are encouraged

To have the 2024 RAEME Port/Whisky delivered to a Private address: Select 'Private Address' and notify event organiser via email, screenshot a copy of your order. Deliveries to private addresses will incur an extra fee dependant on location.

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### RAEME Recovery Mechanics Memorial - Dotswood, North Queensland

It is now three years since the tragic passing of WO2 Ryan Leslie and Craftsman Brendon Payne. We remember two superb soldiers who died while serving their country on a military exercise at the Townsville Field Training Area on 30 August 2021.

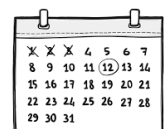
**RAEME Recovery Mechanics Memorial - Dotswood, North Queensland Cont.**

Ryan and Brendon were cherished by their families, friends, and military comrades. Their loss has been deeply felt across the RAEME community and beyond. Commemorations held at the accident site on the first anniversary of their passing highlighted the importance of having a place to remember them—a place to reflect on their lives and honour their memory. The RAEME Recovery Mechanics Memorial was formally unveiled by the families of Ryan and Brendon on Wednesday, 30 August 2023.



*A fitting tribute to not only Ryan and Brendon, but in memory of all past Recovery Mechanics.*

**Calendar of Events until December 2024**



Date	Timings	Remarks
15-17 Nov	Various	HBT Wksp/Tas Comdt Wksp reunion including RAEME birthday



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## Conclusion

On a final note please stay healthy and stay safe. See you in November

If you have any photos or reports for the next newsletter please forward them to the editor NLT 15 April 2025.

