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Welcome

Welcome RATs your newsletter is back. Your Committee has decided to resurrect the RAT Newsletter as a means to keeping you abreast of what is happening in your Corp, what's happening in the RAT's and reports and photos of events that have occurred since the last newsletter.

It is proposed to publish newsletters bi-annually, October and March. Newsletters will be emailed out to all email addressees listed with the Association. There may be

some members not listed, with that in mind I am more than happy to forward hard copies, if requested by calling me on my mobile listed above.

Over the next two editions, the Committee thought it best to include Bios on your Committee members for your information.

I hope you enjoy this first edition in three years, I would appreciate comments on the content, good or bad and we are more than

happy to publish anything you see fit that should be included in the newsletter.

Presidents report – Mark Wilson

Mark was borne in western Queensland in 1967, he attended various schools in South East Qld prior to enlisting into the Australian Army



on 10 January 1983 as an Apprentice Electrical Fitter in the 38th Intake. Mark served in the following units until his Transfer from the regular Army in January 2003 to 2nd Force Support Battalion:

- 1983 – Army Apprentices School
- 1985 – 1 Base Wksp BN
- 1987 – 18 Tpt Sqn
- 1989 – 102 Fd Wksp
- 1991 = 9 Tpt Sqn
- 1991 – 3 BASB – Fd Wksp Coy
- 1992 – 1 Sig Regt Wksp
- 1996 - RAEME Training Centre
- 1996 – Army Logistic Training Centre
- 2001 – Defence Material Organisation
- 2003 – 2nd Force Support Battalion
- 2005 – Transfer to Emergency Reserve
- 2015 – Discharged from Australian Army

Mark was awarded The Soldiers Medallion in 1989 and 1993, The Defence Force Service Medal in 1998, The Australian Active Service Medal with East Timor Clasp in 2002.

Mark is married to his wife Jacqui and they have two children Matthew borne in 1990 and Sean borne in 1994.

Mark is currently employed as the Delivery Manager for Entura

From the COL COMDT-COL Andrew Herbert

To my RAEME brethren in Tasmania, it is a great privilege to have been appointed RAEME Colonel Commandant for South Australia and Tasmania with effect 01 July 2019, and I look



forward to engaging with you and supporting you during my tenure.

By way of a bit of a bio, I joined the Army Reserve in 1989 and after Recruit Training graduated as a 2LT from Officer Cadet Training Unit Course 22 in March 1991 into the Royal Australian Engineers. My initial postings included 6th Training Group as Platoon Commander Recruit Section, Logistic Support Force Workshop as a Platoon Commander and as Second in Command. I corps transferred to RAEME in 1993. The best move I ever made!

In 1999 I took up a Short Service Commission and was posted as the ADJT 2 FSB, at which time I was detached to the Force Support Group Darwin as the Operations Officer. I deployed to East Timor in December 2000 as the Workshop Troop Commander of the Force Logistic Squadron 2. The best job in the world! I returned to the role of ADJT 2 FSB in June 2001 and then in January 2003 I assumed the role of 2IC 2 FSB on promotion to Major. The following year I was posted as the Deputy Commandant Regional Training Centre Tasmania.

I transferred back to the Army Reserve in

2004 and was posted back to RTC Tasmania. In 2007 I was posted as OC 6 Logistic Supply Company, 2 FSB and deployed to Iraq in March 2007 with the Australian Army Training Team Iraq – 8. My role on deployment was OIC of the Iraqi Army Services and Support Institute Team which consisted of 18 Australian and 20

United States logistic staff, training Iraqi trainers at their logistic school. I was also Senior Coalition Advisor to the Iraqi Commandant. Another great job surrounded by plenty of RAEME colleagues.

On return from Iraq I assumed command of 2 FSB in December 2007 and commanded the unit until December 2010. In January 2011 I was appointed CO of 9 FSB for that year whilst the incumbent was deployed. I was then posted to HQ 17 CSS Brigade as a Project Officer. In September 2012 I deployed on OP Resolute to Manus Island, Papua New Guinea, as the Contract Manager. In January 2014 I was posted to Plans Branch of HQ 2 Div.

In September 2015 I deployed to Kuwait as an embed in Headquarters Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, as the Chief of Log Plans. Following this deployment I was promoted to Colonel and posted to the position of COL Capability and Workforce Plans, HQ 9 Bde and am currently still in that position.

On the personal front, Sandy and I have been married for 31 years and we have two adult daughters. Don't hold it against me but I am a Traffic Cop in civvie street. I love my golf and I referee in the local rugby competition in Tassie.

Again, it is a great privilege to be your Colonel Commandant and I hope I can serve you well.

Please feel free to correspond with me at andrew.herbert@defence.gov.au for any RAEME matters you need to raise with me or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Secretary- LT COL Paul Grey

Your secretary is LTCOL Paul Grey, who has just ticked over 30 years since enlisting in 1989.



After graduating from OCTU into RAEME he

was posted to 301 Fd Wksp COMMZ FRG in 1991, which became the LSF Wksp soon after.

Interspersed with courses and non-regimental training, recruiting and personnel postings, he returned as OC 6 LSC in 2004 and CO 2 FSB in 2011.

In 2014 he was posted into Contract Management 17 Bde and in 2015 he was deployed on OP ASLAN (South Sudan) and worked as a Contracts Officer in 17 CSS Bde. On return he was posted back to 17 Bde till 2017. In 2018 he was posted to AHQ.

Treasurer's report – Rolly

Bank balance as at 01 November 2018	\$1,211.24
Cash on hand	\$Nil
Stock on hand	\$250.00
Collection for dinner	\$480.00
Port on hand	\$120.00
Net Position	\$2,061.24

What's going on in the CORPS

Army Maintenance Effects

Conference September 2019

A report by COL Andrew Herbert

Fellow RAEME Association Tasmania members, It was my privilege to represent you at the recent annual Army Maintenance Effects Conference held at Enoggera Barracks from 16 – 18 Sep 19. While the conference was primarily focused on full time RAEME, there were a number of issues discussed that may be of interest to you.

The Head of Corps (BRIG Freeman) advised that the Corps remains well

regarded within Army, but that we need to be agile to change. An element of that change is that Defence Industry is a fundamental input to capability. An example of this being the ARH/MRH partnership with Airbus. Almost all maintenance, training, design and site management for ARH/MRH is conducted by Defence Industry. Army, and in particular RAEME, must accept the integration of Defence Industry into our day to day operations.

- Once endorsed, the Army Contribution to Joint Support Concept will replace the CSS CONOPS.
- The Tech Workforce Segment Review will replace the Maintenance CER. Potential segments are: mech systems, elec systems, construction, IT/comms, aviation, robotics/autonomy.

Of the four topics that were researched in the lead up to the conference, there are two of which I can report to you the agreed Corps position:

Topic: How does Army maintenance training reduce specialist courses?

The agreed Corps position and recommended COA is to take a systems-based approach to training with platform-based currency/proficiency tracking.

- **Topic: How does Army baseline the doctrinal roles, responsibilities and tasks for all key maintenance positions and ranks**

The agreed Corps position is that ground trades incorporate essential and desirable qualifications, experience and proficiencies within duty statements. This will provide a common baseline across ground and standardize roles. Submission of a user requirement for competency management system as a single repository within ground stream.

During the conference I was also able to report to the Corps Committee on the RAEME Association Tasmania covering the last 12 months.

I also had the opportunity to talk to the Corps RSM about the difficulty of growing/training ARES RAEME tradesmen and women. While he could not provide any immediate good news, he assured me that options are being worked on.

New generation RAEME support vehicles

There have been significant changes made recently to vehicles used by Defence in the past. I have attached two photos of the Heavy Recovery Vehicle (HRV) and General Maintenance Module (GMM), which have replaced the Mack HRV and Land Rover 6x6 General Maintenance Vehicle (GMV). And for some of us older and bolder members the HRV and GMV replaced the Land rover series 2a workshop wagon and 543/816 Kaiser Wrecker. We will provide further information on the vehicles in the next newsletter.

A simple question to ponder over, “How much fuel did the new GMV use to travel from Devonport to Derwent Barracks?” The answer in the next newsletter.



10x10 MAN Recovery Vehicle



6x6 Mercedes G Wagon GMM

Proposed new Wksp for Derwent Barracks

Following on with the new generation fleet vehicles introduced into the Army, in particular the MAN, which replaced the Mack fleet of vehicles. a state-of-the-art facility to support the new fleet of vehicles has been proposed for Derwent Barracks, ironically where a cutting was made back in the early eighties for what was then the proposed 6 EME PI workshop site.

Rolly has been involved in the development of this facility advising that it will be jointly used by the Defence Contracted Repairer and 6 Logistic Support Company (LSC) workshop to maintain the new medium/Heavy fleet. 6 LSC will relocate from 2 FSB to the new workshop once constructed.



Proposed workshop which will be located behind the old Hobart Wksp site



Floor plan

Mates 4 Mates

“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 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 www.mates4mates.org or call **13004 MATES (62837)**.

Defence Force Welfare Association



David Cantley is the RAEME Association of Tasmania Welfare Officer. David has been a member with RAEME for 24 years and his role includes Metal Smith, and Aircraft Structural Fitter.



David is now medically discharged from the Army, however he was a full serving member for approximately 25 years as a Corporal and Structural Fitter where he was posted in Queensland, Northern Territory and Victoria including tours to Timore Leste and Afghanistan.

As a result of his career in Defence David has had the opportunity to be involved in many projects including touring with

Sydney Theatre Company in a production called The Long Way Home (a production about the life of veterans when deployed and returned to Australia and their struggle with PTSD and physical wounds) and returning to Timore Leste with Timor Awakening

Since leaving ADF in 2015 David has continued to stay connected to his defence family by continuing to be a member of RAEME Association of Tasmania, and a life member of RAEME Association Queensland. and as a Director with the St Helens RSL. Recently David visited a military hospital in Texas where he was able to visit with those veterans who were injured.

David and Buddy (Assistance Dog) have worked with media and community groups to increase the understanding of veterans and the issues they face upon their return and when they leave the ADF. David's extensive time in defence, volunteer roles and the community provide him with the knowledge and experiences to provide caring support to members, veterans and family alike

Sick list

Good news nil report.

Valuable links you may be interested in

RAEME National Website, RNA and RATs Web Site.

Just put 'RAEME' on your browser, select 'RAEME National', go to the map of Australia and select a State or Territory on the right of the home page.

On the National site www.raeme.org.au go to 'Join the Social Network' on right of Home page. This is where all the RAEME family (YOU) can log in. You may join for free and you can find mates present and past with their email contact. This Social Network will grow to be a very useful tool for you and your friends.

The latest '**Craftsmen**' magazine can be found at:

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

The latest **Australian Army Apprentices Association Newsletter** can be accessed at:

<http://austarmyapprentice.org/>

Veteran's Link:

<https://www.army.gov.au/army-life/veterans>

Merchandise Officer

Mick reports the following merchandise is available for purchase:-

- Polo shirts (available by order)
- Stubby holders - \$5
- RAEME ties -\$25
- RAEME cap - \$10
- RAEME decals - \$2
- RAT cap - \$20
- Spanner cap - \$10
- RAT decals - \$2

All our merchandise is available at RAT functions, or alternatively feel free to give Mick a call on 6227 1050 to purchase any of the merchandise listed above.

An order form is attached the newsletter.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Hobart /Tas Command Workshop reunion

During the weekend 14-16 June this year saw the reunion of former members of Tas Command/Hobart Wksp PI and current RAT members.

Prior to the "meet ang greet" John Lennox arranged to open the Museum at Anglesea Barracks for members to visit which was well received. Thanks JL.

Friday night saw approximately 40 members assemble for the "meet and greet" at the Anglesea Barracks Sergeants Mess, some of whom had traveled as far from Harvey Bay, Adelaide

and Melbourne. Approximately (some of whom had not seen each other for 40 years) enjoyed a great night where reminiscing of days at the Wksp, the atmosphere of the Mess and the visit by the PMC capped of a great night.



Friday night at the Sergeants Mess



Garry Siepen, Garry Weir, Peter Broomfield, Kevin Smith, Bob Keenan, Russell Clark



Mick Koerber, Jack Radcliffe, Peter Foley, Wayne Cubitt, Terry Cassidy



Bob Keenan, Brian McDermott, Ken Dobie



Andrew Barnett, Russell Clark, Garry Siepen, Jim Ross



Mark Wilson, John Lennox, Rodney Gillett

Saturday night members and partners assembled at the Carlyle Hotel, an old haunt for counter meals in the Wksp days.

Another great night saw a chance for partners to reacquaint with friends and members to reminisce the good times had by all, some of the stories of which got better and better.



Carlyle Hotel



Carlyle Hotel



Scott Chandler Wayne Cubitt

Sunday was an opportunity for members to visit Derwent Barracks (Dowsing Point) where Shane Rollins (Rolly) gave a guided tour of the Barracks current Wksp, the old 611 Sup Coy HQ which holds a lot of old Wksp memorabilia. the old Wksp sadly was dismantled some years ago. A final visit to 2 FSB and a tour of the 6LSC Wksp followed by a BBQ at the Griffins Lair. Thank you and well done Rolly

Our President, Mark Wilson had arranged and put on a fantastic spread of selected food which was enjoyed by all.



Russell Clark, Colin Smith

A raffle was held over the weekend which saw Peter Foley take out the major price raffle "With skill and fighting" Craftsman of the Australian Army- 1942-2015.

It was agreed by all that the weekend was a huge success and it is planned to gather again in two years. Photos of members and the weekend are included in the newsletter.



Peter Foley, Rodney Gillett



Russell Clark, Wayne Cubitt



Members and partners

If you have any photos or reports for the next newsletter please forward them to the editor NLT 30 March 2020.



Former members Tas Command/Hobart Wksp PI

Calendar of events till December 2019

Included with the newsletter is this year’s calendar. You will note that the counter meal at Ross has been removed, but counter meals at respective regions has been included. As a reminder:-

Date	Timings	Remarks
7 Dec 2019	1800-1830	Semi-Formal dinner and AGM Balmoral Motel

Conclusion

Well that’s it bluebells. Please make an effort to attend our Semi Formal dinner to celebrate our Corp birthday. There is accommodation available at the Motel which is located on the Brooker Hwy in Goodwood, adjacent to Bunnings.

