

RAEME in ACTION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

You may be aware that our previous association president, Larry Foley, recently had a mishap when conducting a close reconnaissance of a South Coast boat ramp. Having been alerted to the incident, Ian and subsequently I, visited Larry in hospital. Despite the seriousness of his injuries, Larry was in fine form, having been through quite an ordeal to be transferred to Canberra and enduring a complex and lengthy operation that involved multiple stages and much ingenuity (rather fitting for an experienced tinkerer like Larry). Larry was highly complementary of his orthopaedic surgeon, albeit this was not the first time that they had crossed paths in the operating theatre. Latest advice is that Larry has been sent home to recover. We wish him and his wife all the best as he recuperates from this latest adventure!

Stay safe, APA

IMPENDING ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES IN THE ACT

June

Tues 30th

[Mixed Drinks](#)

Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

July

Fri 03rd

[Mixed Lunch](#)

Ainslie Football Club from 1230h

Tues 28th

[Mixed Drinks](#)

Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

August

Fri 07th

[Spanner Club and Sausage Sizzle](#)

From 1600h – Venue TBC being either the RMC Golf Club or Olim's Hotel. The Sausage sizzle will only occur if RMC Golf Club is selected

Tues 25th

[Mixed Drinks](#)

Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

September

Fri 04th

[Mixed Lunch](#)

Ainslie Football Club from 1230h

Tues 29th

[Mixed Drinks](#)

Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

October

Fri 02nd

[Spanner Club and Sausage Sizzle](#)

From 1600h – Venue TBC being either the RMC Golf Club or Olim's Hotel. The Sausage sizzle will only occur if RMC Golf Club is selected

Tues 27th

[Mixed Drinks](#)

Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

November

Fri 06th

[End-of-Year Dinner](#)

Gyphonn's Bar and Caffè

Fri 27th

[RAEME Birthday Celebrations](#)

TBC

December

Fri 04th

[Final Mixed Lunch for 2026](#)

Ainslie Football Club from 1230h

WHAT ELSE IS ON IN THE REGION

June

Daily until 30 Sept	Remembering the War Exhibition	National Library of Australia	From recruitment posters urging Australians to enlist and opposition to conscription by conscientious objectors, to espionage and the evolving role of women's work in the war effort, this exhibition highlights stories from our collections relating to the Second World War. Other items reveal the postwar reconstruction of nations whose citizens' lives had been irrevocably changed by the conflict. National Library of Australia, Parkes Place West, Parkes
Tues 16 th	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1900-2200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Burgmann School, Gungahlin from 1800-1900h
Weds 17 th	Create and Caffeinate	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Free Exercise Physiology Class	JB Rehab	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1200-1245h
Thurs 18 th	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 19 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Mon 22 nd	Dr Renne Robarts Veteran Consultancy	RSL Lifecare	Experienced DVA GP providing independent medical assessments for veterans.
Tues 23 rd	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1900-2200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Burgmann School, Gungahlin from 1800-1900h
Weds 24 th	Create and Caffeinate	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Free Exercise Physiology Class	JB Rehab	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1200-1245h
Thurs 25 th	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 26 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Mon 29 th	Dr Renne Robarts Veteran Consultancy	RSL Lifecare	Experienced DVA GP providing independent medical assessments for veterans.
Tues 30 th	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1900-2200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Burgmann School, Gungahlin from 1800-1900h

July

Weds 01 st	Create and Caffeinate	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Free Exercise Physiology Class	JB Rehab	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1200-1245h

July

Thurs 02 nd	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 03 rd	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Mon 06 th	Dr Renne Robarts Veteran Consultancy	RSL Lifecare	Experienced DVA GP providing independent medical assessments for veterans.
Tues 07 th	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1900-2200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Burgmann School, Gungahlin from 1800-1900h
Weds 08 th	Create and Caffeinate	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Free Exercise Physiology Class	JB Rehab	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1200-1245h
Thurs 09 th	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 10 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Mon 13 th	Dr Renne Robarts Veteran Consultancy	RSL Lifecare	Experienced DVA GP providing independent medical assessments for veterans.
Tues 14 th	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1900-2200h
	Yoga	Invictus CBR	Burgmann School, Gungahlin from 1800-1900h
Weds 15 th	Create and Caffeinate	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
	Free Exercise Physiology Class	JB Rehab	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1200-1245h
Thurs 16 th	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 17 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h

REGIONAL NEWS

Making ACT public school enrolment easier for Defence families

Australian Defence Force (ADF) families posted or returning to the ACT and nearby NSW region can now enrol their children in ACT public schools at the same time as other applicants.

Eligible Defence families can submit their enrolment by providing a Defence Housing Authority (DHA) Lockdown Confirmation letter or a Rent Allowance Commencement Confirmation letter as 100 points of Proof of Residence.

This allows Defence families to secure school placements before arriving in the ACT, supporting smoother transitions for students and enabling schools to better plan for orientation, subject selection, and learning support.

The change responds to Recommendation 4 of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, helping to reduce the impacts of the ADF posting cycle on Defence personnel and their families.

Defence families planning a move to the ACT in 2027 are encouraged to lodge an application when ready.

For assistance, contact the ACT Education Directorate's Enrolment Helpline on 02 6205 5429 or email education.enrolment@act.gov.au.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA DONATIONS

To complete payment

SCAN TO SUPPORT

- 01. Activate your camera or QR code scanner.
- 02. Point your camera or app at the QR code until it is recognized.
- 03. Review the details and provide the required information.
- 04. Verify the details and finalise your payment.

WE ALSO ACCEPT

Cash

Google Pay

Apple Pay

Credit Card

Paypal



VETERAN SUPPORT IN THE ACT

Open Arms. Call 1800 011 046 (24/7 phone service) or visit their [website](#)

RSL National. Call 6280 4079 or visit their [website](#)

ACT TPI Association. Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Call 0417 291 546, email: secretary@acttpi.org or visit their [website](#)

Veterans Support Centre. Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. For more information call 6255 1599 or email: office@vscact.org.au

RSL – ACT Branch Office. Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 9am to 3:30pm. For more information call 6106 9554, email: admin@actrsl.org.au, or visit their [website](#)

ACT Sub-Branches. For contacts and meeting venues and times, visit their [website](#)

Canberra Legacy. Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm Friday 9am to 12pm. Location: 33 Geils Court Deakin ACT 2600. Call 6285 1800, email: executive@canberralegacy.com.au, or visit their [website](#)

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The latest *Maintenance Matters* includes a comprehensive report about the recent parade in Bandiana to mark the 40th anniversary of the presentation of the Prince Philip Banner to our Corps.

Also included in this edition are details of members who were recognised with the recent King's Birthday Honours.

You can get your copy of *Maintenance Matters* at either:

- **PDF** – <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletter>
- **Flipbook** – <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/406986d572.html>
- **Easy-Read Version** – <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/3e528185a0.html>

Request for Articles

The editorial team are also looking for stories about:

- **Multiple Generations in RAEME.** If you have family linkages to the Corps, iemore than one generation of the same family who have served in the Corps, or of you know of others with family linkages, please send the editors an email at Newsletter@raeme.org.au They are very keen to hear from you.
- **Above and Beyond.** If you know of any former-serving Corps member who has worked to support their community, we want to be able to celebrate their service. You can find more details at: <https://raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletter/article-submission>
- **You and Your Role.** The editorial team want to include stories about the impact serving RAEME members have on the Army. Noting that many serving people in Canberra work in roles that the bulk of the Corps may not even know exists, or they may not understand what you do, this is your chance to share what you do. From the same link above, you will find templates for submission.



CLOSING COMMENTS

That's about it for this edition. Future editions will follow a similar format with regular sharing of activities that may be of interest to both serving and retired members in the ACT region.

If you would like to submit something for future editions, or it you would like to see something in particular published that is relevant to the Corps, please email me at: Secretary@act.raeme.org.au.

You can also send your submissions for *Maintenance Matters* to me via Newsletter@raeme.org.au or preferably lodge them online on the [RNN website](#) where you will also find templates and further guidance. We would love to see some reports about the work done by RAEME members here in the ACT region, especially from those in roles that many in the Corps may never have heard of.

Remember too that the member submission chosen by the editors as the best will receive a \$50 gift voucher. The most recent winner was Brian Daley after writing a short but interesting report from a recent Apprentice Reunion.. You could be the next winner. Just start writing something. Truth is preferred but optional!

Arte et Marte,

Ian Cook
Secretary, ACT RAEME Association



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Membership of the ACT RAEME Association is free to all serving or former members with a connection to RAEME who also live or work within the ACT region.