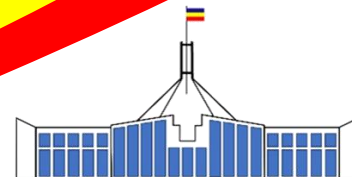


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

As ANZAC Day approaches, I encourage all members — serving and retired — to join us for the National Veterans' March at the Australian War Memorial and the fellowship that follows at Olim's Hotel. This day remains the day when we stand shoulder to shoulder to honour those who served before us and those who continue to serve today.

Looking ahead, I also urge all members to attend the RAEME Banner Parade at North Bandiana on 20 May 2026. This year's parade carries special significance — marking the 40th Anniversary of the presentation of the Prince Philip Banner to our Corps. Having been a member of that original parade, that moment in 1986 was a proud milestone, symbolising the craftsmanship, loyalty, and excellence that have long distinguished RAEME. Four decades on, the Banner remains a powerful emblem of our unity and purpose.

I look forward to seeing you on ANZAC Day and again at Bandiana in May. Bring your mates, wear your colours with pride, and help us make these occasions worthy of the Corps we serve.

Stay safe,

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IMPENDING ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES IN THE ACT

April

Wed 23rd

[RMC Lanyard Presentation](#) to our newest officers by the Head of Corps

RMC Golf Club from 1800h. RSVPs requested NLT 17 Apr 2026 via email to CAPT Alexander Rogers via email at: Alexander.Rogers1@defence.gov.au

Sat 25th

[ANZAC Day](#)

Phase 1 – Dawn Service under own arrangements:

- 0430h – ADF members commence reading excerpts from the letters and diaries of Australians who have experienced war first-hand
- 0530h – AWM [Dawn Service](#) and live broadcast commences for individual driveway services.
- Broadcast can be heard or watched via ABC TV, ABC NEWS channel, ABC iView, Radio National, ABC Local Radio and on the ABC listen app from 5.30am (AEST)
- 0630h – [AWM Breakfast](#) in Anzac Atrium (\$95)
- 0730h – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Association Commemorative Ceremony

Phase 2 – National Veteran's March

- 0900h – March form up at the Australian War Memorial. Contingent number and approximate location are **TBC**
- 0930h – [Veteran's March](#) Commences

Phase 3 – Post-march

- ~1130h – Reassemble at Olim's, in the RAEME Room (AKA the Limestone Room) near the bar for snacks and a chat over a drink.
- 1300h – The AWM opens to visitors
- 1630h – [Last Post Ceremony](#)



May

TBC	ASM's Golf Day	RMC Golf Club
Fri 01 st	Mixed Lunch	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
Tues 26 th	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

June

Fri 05 th	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 30 th	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

July

Fri 03 rd	Mixed Lunch	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
Tues 28 th	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

August

TBC	Maintainers Tour of Australian War Memorial	War Memorial Annex, Mitchell. This event is in the planning phase but is intended to cover a tour of the AWM facilities where equipment is maintained or prepared for display.
Fri 07 th	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 25 th	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

September

Fri 04 th	Mixed Lunch	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
Tues 29 th	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

October

Fri 02 nd	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 27 th	Mixed Drinks	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club from 1930h

November

Fri 06 th	End-of-Year Dinner	Gyphonn's Bar and Caffe
Fri 27 th	RAEME Birthday Celebrations	TBC

December

Fri 04 th	Final Mixed Lunch for 2026	Ainslie Football Club from 1230h
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WHAT ELSE IS ON IN THE REGION

April

Thurs 16 th	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Sat 18 th	Canberra Airport Open Day	Canberra Airport	Join us for a fun-filled day for the entire family! There will be thrilling aerobatic displays, carnival activities and more! ADF aircraft may be on display.

April continued

Fri 17 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Tues 21 st	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
Wed 22 nd	Free Exercise Physiology Class	JB Rehab	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1200-1245h
	Create and Caffeinate	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
Thurs 23 rd	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 24 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Tues 28 th	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h
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May

Fri 02 nd	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Mon 05 th	Dr Renne Robarts Veteran Consultancy	RSL Lifecare	Experienced DVA GP providing independent medical assessments for veterans.
Tues 05 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
Wed 06 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 08 th	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 09 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Mon 11 th	Dr Renne Robarts Veteran Consultancy	RSL Lifecare	Experienced DVA GP providing independent medical assessments for veterans.
Tues 12 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
Wed 13 th	Free Exercise Physiology Class	JB Rehab	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1200-1245h
Thurs 14 th	Zumba	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1100-1200h
Fri 15 th	Mind-Balance-Tai Chi	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 0930-1030h
Mon 18 th	Dr Renne Robarts Veteran Consultancy	RSL Lifecare	Experienced DVA GP providing independent medical assessments for veterans.
Tues 19 th	Veterans Guitar Group	RSL Lifecare	Queanbeyan Veteran Hub from 1000-1200h

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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 CAPT William Crain from 16 ASB after writing a short but interesting article on his Chinook Maintenance Support Troop.. You could be the next winner. Just start writing something. Truth is preferred but optional!

In case you missed it, 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/92483947e2.html>

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