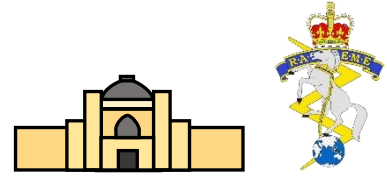


ACT RAEME ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY UPDATE
NOVEMBER 2022



TO: Members of the ACT RAEME Association
FOR INFO: Members of all other RAEME Associations

Impending functions

Your attendance at the following events will be warmly welcomed:

Tuesday 29 Nov – Informal drinks

Who: All Association members, families and visitors
Where: Gungahlin Lakes Gold Club
When: 1930-2030h
Dress: Smart casual
Cost: Self-funded

Thursday 01 Dec – RAEME Birthday:

Who: All Association members, families and visitors
Where: The Kingston Hotel (The Kingo) Veranda Area
When: 1600-1800h
Dress: Smart casual
Cost: Self-funded

Monday 05 Dec – RMC Lanyard Parade

Who: All Association RAEME Officers or Warrant Officers
What: An informal evening to welcome our newest officers to the Corps. RAEME Head of Corps will be in attendance to present RAEME Lanyards to the new RMC graduates. Light food will be served.
Where: RMC Golf Club (Duntroon Garrison)
When: 1730h
RSVP: If attending only, RSVP to CAPT Alexandra Harrison-Wolff (Alexandra.Harrison-Wolff@defence.gov.au). Please note that numbers are limited so don't be offended if Alex responds that she is unable to accept your request to attend. Non-attendees do not need to advise Alex.
Dress: Smart casual

Impending functions continued

Friday 03 Feb 2023 – Welcome Spanner Club

- Who:** All serving and retired members
- What:** First Spanner Club for 2023
- Why:** To welcome all new and returning members
- Where:** TBA. Details to follow separately.
- When:** 1600-1800h
- Dress:** Smart casual
- Cost:** Self-funded

Tuesday 25 Apr – ANZAC Day

- Who:** All Association members, visitors and their families
- What:** ANZAC Day Commemorations including marching as part of the National Veteran's March following by a time for reflection with mates
- Where:** Veteran March - Australian War Memorial (AWM)
Post-march gathering - The Mecure Hotel, Ainslie (formerly known as Olims)
- Note:** The AWM is undergoing significant renovations. This has reduced the distance of the march to approximately 200-300m only. Aid is typically available for those with mobility limitations.
- When:** Phase 1 - Dawn Service. Under own arrangements. Options include:
- 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)
- Phase 2 - National Veteran's March
- 0900h RV at AWM. Exact RV location TBA
 - 0930h Veteran's March Commences
- Phase 3 - Reflection post-march
- ~1100h Reassemble at Olims
 - 1101h Commence sharing stories of our mates or individual greatness
- Dress:** Conservative dress (smart/business attire) with honours and awards as appropriate
- Cost:** Self-funded

Request for function ideas. If any member, serving or retired, has an impending workplace activity that may be of interest to other members, for example, equipment demonstrations or open days, please let me know so I can advise all members.

Other News

ACT Association Constitution. The current ACT Association is currently under review. It will be updated to meet mandated requirements whilst also noting the streamlined approach employed in the ACT. Any recommendations are welcome as is anyone with experience in drafting such documents to meet regulatory requirements.

Corps Conference. A Corps Conference was held in Brisbane over 02-04 Nov. Attached is a detailed report from the event as compiled by head of the RAEME National Network, BRIG Ross Grant (ret'd).

Craftsman Magazine. You can find the latest issue of the Crafty Magazine at:

<https://act.raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/raeme-craftsman>. If you have any stories of interest for the next edition, please let me know so I can link you in with the editors.

Other State/Territory Associations. Items of interest from around the Nation include:

Queensland. The Qld Association has recently released the latest copy of their newsletter, *Spanner News*. You can find a copy at: <https://qld.raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/spanner-news>. The latest issue includes a farewell letter from outgoing Head of Corps, BRIG Allen who will be retiring at the end of this year. They also include interesting updates from a couple of unit Workshops and details of planned reunions.

Western Australia. The WA Association has recently released the latest copy of their newsletter, *Horse's Mouth*. They have included some interesting historical information as well as a very interesting artwork commissioned by 13 CSSB. You can find a copy at: <https://wa.raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/horsemouth>

South Australia. The SA Association has recently released the latest copy of their newsletter. The latest issue includes the usual interesting stories as well as a RAEME Crossword as a tributes to a recently deceased member, Geoff Parker. You can find a copy at: <https://sa.raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletters?folder=2022>.

Northern Territory. The NT Association is going through an exciting period of change at the moment. Further details will follow but considering that the NT Association is still relatively young, they are kicking goals with building esprit de Corps.

New South Wales. Like all regions, the NSW Association is planning for RAEME Birthday celebrations. Should you find yourself in the Sydney region on Thurs 01 Dec, you will be welcome to join the NSW team at the Memorial Gardens Ingleburn RSL Club. You can find full details at: <https://nsw.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/events/event/43-raeme-corps-80th-birthday-bbq>.

Victoria. RAEME Birthday in Victoria will be celebrated on Sunday 04 Dec. If you happen to be in town that day, email the Victorian Secretary (secretary@vic.raeme.org.au) for details.

Tasmania. The RAEME Association Tasmania (the RATs) released their lasty Newsletter in October. In that, you will find a very interesting recount of the Late Prince Phillip's memorial service in Westminster Abbey, UK, which was attended by a RAT member, CAPT Frank de Waard. They also have submissions from a local workshop and details of a reunion being planned in Bandiana for Adult Tradesmen. You can find a copy at: <https://tas.raeme.org.au/index.php/publications/newsletters>

That's about it for this month. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the impending events, especially the celebrations of our Corps' 80th birthday.

Arte et Marte,

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