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"The Role of the RAEME Association (WA) Is to represent the RAEME family by enabling them to connect through a central hub with personal and professional networks both locally and nationally"

What The Prez Sez

Merry Christmas to all RAEME Association (WA) members and thank you for your support in 2014. It was a very successful year for the association as we had record new subscriptions and the current membership list reflects the strong community of which we are all a part.

Thanks to everyone for providing feedback on the questionnaire circulated earlier this year, this information has helped shape the future di-

rection of your association. The social calendar for the association will be simplified to conduct three events per year and provide indirect support to other corps related events as required. These events will be; ANZAC Day, a combined family Day/AGM (held during Veterans health week) and a formal dinner / ball for the corps birthday.

The ANZAC Centenary for the departure of the fleet in Albany was a remarkable event, a contingent went down and participated in the march and associated activities, a very good event and one that those in attendance enjoyed immensely. A full report compiled by CFN Alex Ravine is in a column in this issue.

A special thank you goes to the committee for driving the changes these past two years and getting the momentum needed to sustain it. A special mention goes to Mel Whelan in her capacity as Vice President who guided the committee through the changes. Also to Wade and Snow who provided the horsepower to get the events over the last two years up and running, we all appreciate your efforts.

So thanks again for your support and I encourage everyone to keep your eye on the website calendar and get involved in 2015.

Cheers

Annual General Meeting and Family Day

The Association held the AGM combined with a family day on Sunday 19th October at Kings Park. The event was held in conjunction with Veterans' Health Week and although the weather conditions were a little bleak, it did not stop a record number of members attending the AGM.

Major Julia MacKay-Koelen was in attendance to give a talk on Veterans' health, Julia was pleased that there were a number of wives/partners there as her talk was focused on the general health of veterans' and the impact it can and does have on families. A huge thank you to Julia for a great and informative session.

A goodies "Show Bag" was handed out to each person in attendance and was appreciated by all. A very healthy lunch was supplied and there was ample food for everyone.

After the luncheon, the AGM was held where the President thanked all those Committee Members who worked so hard over the last twelve months to achieve success. The following members were then duly elected to the committee.

President	Wez Lynch
Vice President	Grant Stinson
Secretary	Daniel Byles
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Assistant Secretary	Snow Whykes
Social Secretary	Phil Pitchers
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Congratulations to all Committee Members, keep the momentum going as we are now a very strong association and we need to keep going forward.

The Anzac Centenary in Albany by CFN Alex Ravine

At dawn on the 1st of November 1914, Albany was the gathering place for a convoy of 32 transport ships and four warships. Marking the start of Australia's direct involvement with the First World War, their task was to carry 30,000 of the first soldiers from Australia and New Zealand. Bound for the battlefields of the Western Front and Gallipoli, these were the first ANZACs.

This year marked the 100th anniversary of this event, and visitors from around the country came to Albany to be involved. An estimated 70,000 spectators were there to witness the commemorations; the last time that many people were there was for the original departure in 1914.

This year's events began on the 31st of October, with a ceremonial sunset parade conducted by the Royal Australian Navy. The service included several performances from the RAN band highlighted by the Beat to Quarters, a rifle volley and firing the evening gun, before saluting the lowering of the flag at sunset.

The next morning was the main event, the troop march. We followed the footsteps of the ANZACs by parading along York Street, the main street leading through Albany down to the water. Marching at the head of the division behind the Army Banner were 100 plus ADF personnel, with 13th Combat Service Support Battalion at the front. Amongst the contingent from 13 CSSB were eight members of the 113 Workshop Company, pictured afterwards in front of the GMV. Following on were soldiers from 11/28 Battalion, 16 Battalion, 10th Light Horse Regiment, 109 Signals Squadron, and veterans and other service personnel. A flyover from four of the Royal Australian Air Force's PC-9s added some extra flair to the event.

The feeling of being part of such an important event was humbling to say the least, and the connection of marching down the same street, amongst many of the same

buildings that the original ANZACs did 100 years before was amazing. The vibe of the town was incredibly positive; the streets were filled with supporters from all across the county and from overseas, with the Australian Prime Minister and delegates from New Zealand, France and Japan present as well.

Giving the eyes right to the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove AC MC was a particular highlight, as was being fortunate enough to have the honour of donning the white gloves and handling the Army Banner before the parade, when it was on display at the Albany depot. The march was televised live nationally, and from all reports the marching was to a high standard. Everyone who marched felt especially proud to be involved.

Following the march was a sail past of the *HMAS ANZAC*, *HMAS Arunta*, submarine *HMAS Rankin* and *HMNZS Te Kaha*, where they ceremonially sailed out of King George Sound in convoy, following the path of the original convoy 100 years before.

The City of Albany did an outstanding job of putting on a show for the whole country, with massive community support and the population of the town almost doubling for the weekend. The shopfronts were all displaying messages about the ANZACs and uniforms from the past. In the evening the Albany council put on a free concert, which included performances from Dan Sultan and the Waifs backed up by the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, and punctuated with a flyover from a RAAF C-130 Hercules..

Following the march we were given the opportunity to enjoy the festivities, and all the workshop members had a quiet beer together in remembrance of the ANZACs. It was high in our minds that if we were born in a different time, we could all have been among the soldiers marching down to board the ships. To leave Australia and fight, and maybe not return.



Members of 13 CSSB marching behind the Australian Army Banner



Members of 113 WKSP after the march. From Left to Right, CFN P Mengler, CFN A Ravine, CFN H Diggins, CFN R Borstel, CFN R de Jong, CFN D Taylor, CPL R Schmidt and SGT A Smithers.

Finding RAEME Personnel

Hello, my name is Ian Johnston (RAE) who was with 24 Construction Squadron from 65 to 67 and did a tour of duty with the unit to Sabah, Borneo in the 2nd half of 65. Attached to the Sqn was 1 Indep Sqn Wksp.

I am trying to contact all members who were with the Sqn on that tour of duty. I have been able to contact many of the Wksp members and I am hoping you may be able to help locate those listed below -

*335100 Capt P H Roberts
15629 Cpl K L Jones
213013 Cpl W P Thompson
18657 LCpl W J Taylor
29842 Cfn G Broderick
48603 Cfn J D Monaghan
36876 Cfn F L Pickering*

Any contact details would be much appreciated.

Could you please pass this on to other RAEME Associations.

Kind regards

Ian Johnston

We do not have any contact details for Ian, but if you need to contact him please leave a message on our website and we can get the details for you.

Government Bureaucrats at Work



The IRS suspected a fishing boat owner wasn't paying proper wages to his deckhand and sent an agent to investigate him.

IRS AUDITOR: "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them".

Boat Owner: "Well, there's Clarence, my deckhand, he's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$1,000 a week plus free room and-board. Then there's the mentally challenged guy. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of Bacardi rum and a dozen Budweisers every Saturday night so he can cope with life. He also gets to sleep with my wife occasionally".

IRS AUDITOR: "That's the guy I want to talk to - the mentally challenged one".

Boat Owner: "That would be me. What would you like to know"?

Annual RAEME Birthday Golf Day

The 72nd RAEME Birthday was celebrated in style with an ASMs Golf Day on Friday 28th Nov 2014 at the Sea View Golf Club. In what is becoming an annual event, members from 13CSSB JLUW, SASR and other association members ranging from Vietnam to Afghanistan veterans attended the day. The golf was not quite Ozzie Open standard, but was enjoyed by everyone.

The day was won by the boys from SASR. After the golf, members enjoyed a few beers and a BBQ overlooking the ocean from the picturesque Golf Club.

It is hoped that next year will see more people attending. Even if you don't play golf, the after event activities are most enjoyable.



The grip of a monkey, eye on the ball - but wait, what's that behind me????



Now, 200 meters out - a seven iron should do it. Style is everything. (Not to mention the fashion)



Do Meerkat's play golf???

Go Get 'em Boys

Positions Vacant

My name is Barry Stevens, ex 6RAR. I am currently employed in PNG as a Construction Manager. The company I work for has asked me to find an ex-military workshop manager for our large fleet of plant equipment. We would specifically like to employ an ex SSM or Sgt simply because we need someone with the ability to train/improve the capability of our current national team of fitters as well as get in and get there hands dirty when needed. They must be able to plan ahead and schedule servicing, maintain a parts store and order in more as need be. We would prefer a single man simply because the position will include extended periods in the field living in man camps throughout PNG. This is a full time position (not FIFO). There is a very good salary package that includes 5 weeks paid leave a year and 2 return trips to Australia for leave breaks. Again we are looking for someone who knows there way around heavy machinery, manage a workshop and has the ability to work with and train our National Staff. Anyone interested can contact me on this address. Thanks for your help and I look forward to receiving some CV's soon. Regards and Merry X-Mass.

Barry Stevens

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Your support is very much appreciated. **THANK YOU**

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