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**CELEBRATE OUR
CORPS BIRTHDAY**

Edinburgh - Horseshoe Lines
Friday 28th November

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RAEME-SA - West Adelaide FC
Saturday 29th November
(Following our AGM)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Our President WO1 John Prince
and his wife Ellen*

Dear Members,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

2025 has progressed as another outstanding year for the RAEME Association of South Australia (RAEME-SA). We have held numerous well-supported activities and shared some great moments with RAEME and REME brethren.

Membership numbers to our association have increased. We all hope that the growth will continue. Thank you for your vote of confidence and support throughout the past 12 months. It has been a very busy year with 2026 shaping up to be even bigger. Details of the new calendar will follow.

The RAEME Birthday and Christmas celebrations will soon be upon us. Please show your support by attending each event. Many people have spent a lot of time planning and arranging these events for you. The Association AGM will precede the Christmas Luncheon. Thank you to all committee members and support staff, both past and present. Thanks still go to MAJ Richard Moyses, watching over us from afar, and his lovely wife Judy for her continuing local support as assistant secretary.

I have been happy to represent our association along with other association members during the recent REME gathering at Coopers Ale House (Gepps Cross). The "RAEME table" scooped up many of the great raffle prizes on the day.

We are still waiting for regional nominations for the RAEME-SA Army Reserve Soldier of the Year Award. Please get your submissions in ASAP. It's always nice to read about the efforts of our young tradies.

There has been some mention of new units moving into Adelaide and along with them we hope to see an influx of skilled maintainers. We look forward to building strong new relationships with the next batch of tradies as they form the new maintenance teams in the Adelaide region.

[Defence emblems reflect new reign](#)

FYI, Chief of Army Lieutenant General Simon Stuart approved the new Rising Sun emblem (8th pattern) and the updated Army brand mark featuring the Tudor Crown. From 1 August 2025, these changes are being digitally rolled out. The

new RAEME emblem with the King's Tudor Crown has been released by the Army Brand Manager. Copyright restrictions apply to the use of any Australian Army emblem or flag. They are protected nationally and internationally by the Defence Act 1903 and the Trade Marks Act 1995. More information is available through the [Using Army emblems page](#). All representation is now to be updated to reflect the King's crown with formal requests to be submitted to army.brandmanager@defence.gov.au.

From the Army website: The most common circumstance where the public may wish to use an Australian Army emblem is for commemorative or ceremonial purposes. The following can be considered as an alternative to using an Australian Army emblem:

- a poppy
- rosemary
- a slouch hat or soldier resting on reversed arms
- the words 'lest we forget' or 'we will remember them'.

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Come On! Get Involved!! Contributions from members are always valued and given unbiased consideration. If you have suggestions that you feel will benefit and enhance the role and impact of the RAEME Association of SA and the greater RAEME National Network, please submit your ideas through any of the committee members and rest assured they will be heard. Please encourage your RAEME mates to join RAEME-SA and support the continuation of Esprit de Corps in the SA region. Any members, who would like to join us in implementing change to make the association more relevant for the new and emerging RAEME soldiers and build on a contemporary focus, are welcome to make suggestions for us all to act on.

Be prepared to actively be part of those changes.

Remember to invite and bring along your families and workmates to all our gatherings. Afterall we are a stronger family when we all stand together to reflect on our great achievements each year. Keep us informed of the milestones that you celebrate so that we can congratulate you along the way. Birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and promotions all need to be acknowledged as they occur, as families often do. Don't forget to let us know if you have news of illness or bereavement. We can support each other when the need arises.

I hope you are all in good health and well prepared for the year ahead. Take pride in everything you do along your journey. Keep your eyes on the upcoming RAEME activities planned for the end of this year and into the next. We hope to see maximum participation at every level. Again, we

hope to involve representatives from the REME Association and the numerous veteran support groups, clubs and affiliated families around SA. I have had recent phone conversations and contributed to email correspondence to discuss the National Corps growth and ways for the state-based Associations to embrace the enhancement of the Brotherhood and sustainment of our Specialized Technical Prowess. We have a proud heritage and a strong future.

Arte et Marte
John Prince
President



RAEME Association of SA **DIARY DATES 2025**



Activity/Function

Date

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| - SA RAEME Corps Birthday Activity (Edinburgh) | Friday 28 th November |
| - 2025 RAEME-SA Annual General Meeting (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 29 th November (10.30am) |
| - 2025 RAEME-SA Corps Birthday Family Function (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 29 th November (noon) |

Allied Military Association Functions

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| - REME-SA Christmas Meeting (Coopers Alehouse – Gepps Cross) | Sunday 30 th November |
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To view all functions happening around Australia by the various **RAEME Associations**
[Hold down the Control button and Click on this link](#)

VALE – Lest We Forget



None reported in SA



Online lists of recent RAEME members Deaths and Illnesses are always available at:

- <http://www.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-alt>
- <http://www.sa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale->

Lest We Forget

Brian Holmes – LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Background story

Brian Holmes has been a member of our Association's Committee for the last 20(+) years and who with his good friend John Howard is renowned for his skills with a pair of BBQ tongs. He has been a regular attender and helper at most RAEME-SA activities and the association was planning on awarding him Life Membership at the 2025 AGM. Unfortunately, Brian developed cancer and has been undergoing treatment and his cancer has now been classed as untreatable and he has just been moved into the Mary Potter Hospice. Based on this assessment the Executive committee decided to bring forward the presentation and do it NOW.



Email from our Secretary to our President

John

As per your instruction I have completed the presentation of Life Membership to Brian Holmes.

Fortuitously John Howard was in the room when my wife and I got there. John Howard was wearing RAEME memorabilia. I took a RAEME baseball cap with me and I got a photo of Brian Holmes wearing that and holding his Certificate. Words cannot describe the emotion shown by Brian when he received and read the Life Membership Certificate. He was quite overcome with emotion. His spoken words at the time were, "O my, it's Life Membership", and with that he was quite overcome. John Howard was also quite emotional and thanked me for organizing the Certificate.

I thanked John Howard for bringing to my attention the situation of Brian's health and that had allowed me to contact the President and the Executive of the Committee of Management, wherein the Life Membership was approved. Brian's next of kin has since contacted me and was very grateful for the presentation of Life Membership.

I explained to all that we would have a photo of the presentation in the next edition of our Newsletter and that I would forward a copy to the n.o.k. Brian was pretty well on a high after receiving the Certificate and would not stop smiling and looking at it. I know 'we', meaning the Association, made his day. He was so uplifted that he jokingly apologized in advance for not being able to make the next AGM.

Brian's prognosis at the moment is that he is awaiting a bed at the Mary Potter Hospice at Calvary Hospital, he expects to be there later today or tomorrow. His cancer is so advanced that the only treatment they are giving him at the moment is Panadol. He is too ill for any other treatment including chemotherapy etc. The more powerful painkillers are on the way once he gets to the hospice. He has no expectations past the end of this week.

I think 'we', meaning the Association Committee, have done the right thing by him. He was very happy when my wife and I left him. John Howard remained with him.

Don Harvy, RAEME-SA Secretary
20 Oct 2025

RAEME 'HARRY THE HORSE' LUNCHEON

The last "HARRY THE HORSE" Luncheon was held on Tuesday 2nd September at the West Adelaide Football Clubrooms, 57 Milner Road, Richmond.

We had a good attendance but would always like more members of the RAEME Brethren to attend.



Above - The coordinator Bob Killoran. Bottom Right and the Local Crew

Below - some of Don's display of our RAEME Memorabilia.



The Luncheons are annual events and are held on the first Tuesday in March and the first Tuesday in September commencing at 12noon.

We hope to see you at the next Harry the Horse Luncheon on 3rd March 2026. Put the dates in your calendar/diary now and we hope to see you then.

WHY NOT JOIN US AND BRING SOME FRIENDS

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

In our July edition of the Newsletter (See Pages 10 & 11) we mentioned the RAEME National Network (RNN) and drew everyone's attention to the RAEME ACT Newsletter, talking about how it was an excellent production. It also had a prominent national focus and articles relevant to all RAEME soldiers and association members.



Since that time a number of the Associations have been talking about how this concept could become a national production and possibly be issued monthly. RAEMESA have agreed to be part of a trial of a new national news sheet. The aim is to develop and produce a regular newsletter relevant to all RAEME members past and present.

RAEME-SA will continue to have its own identity and member email distribution system which will still be available to provide immediate updates/news sheets relevant to any local functions and activities.

We hope this will prevent duplication of information and effort. *I must admit I have in the past "borrowed" relevant articles from other news sheets that I thought would be of interest to our members.* (Ed)

The first edition of the new national news sheet (yet to be named) will be available in February 2026 and we will send you all an email telling you it is available and providing the link to its location so you can all check it out. Our email will also provide details of any early Anzac Day information and details of unit and association functions.

My congratulations go to Ian Cook, the Secretary of ACT RAEME Association and his team in the ACT who spend a significant amount of time researching and compiling the information and putting together a monthly Newsletter of this quality and technical prowess.

RAEME-SA have agreed to be part of the new nationally produced Newsletter. Most members don't know how much time and effort is involved in producing, checking, proof reading and then getting the tick of approval by others before it can be shared with all our members.

Hopefully this new system will reduce the amount of work done across all associations.

LTCOL Greg Rosser RFD (Retd) - Editor



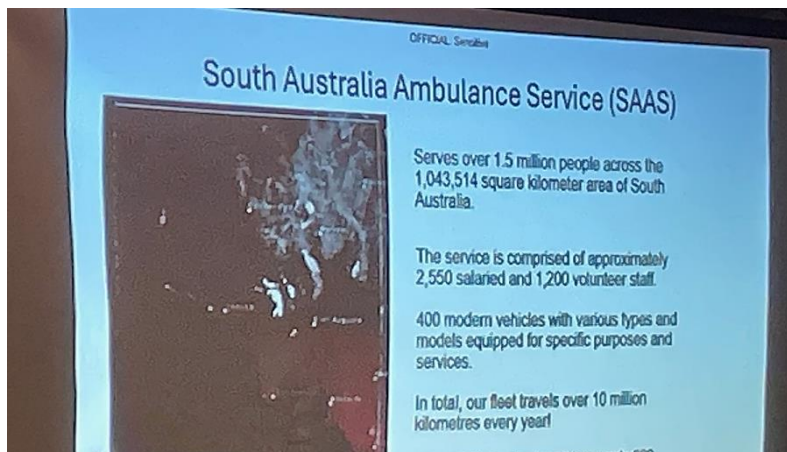
COMBINED LOGISTICS AND HEALTH SERVICES DINNER 2025

Another great event which this year was organised by RAAMC & Health Services Association of SA. The location was a change from previous more formal locations to help reduce costs and to make the Dinner more affordable for Other Ranks members of the various associations.

This year's event was held at the Caledonian Hotel in North Adelaide on Friday 31st October.



The Guest Speaker was Pat Stevenson ASM, Operations Manager, SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) who spoke about the development of their emergency services team and their involvement with SAPOL, MFS, SES and RFDS. A very interesting and enlightening talk. Well done Pat.



2025 SA RAEME Corps Birthday

@ Edinburgh – Horseshoe Lines

Friday 28 November 2025

While it may not be as large as in previous years it is still an opportunity for us all to celebrate the 83rd Birthday of our great Corps.

16 Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, will act as the host for the regional 2025 celebrations being held on 28 Nov 25. All regional current and ex-serving members of the Corps and associated personnel are invited to participate in the birthday celebrations held within Horseshoe Lines, RAAF Base Edinburgh around the 'Iron Keep', (the Pig Pen for those who have been in the SA region for a while).

Date : Friday 28 Nov 2025
Timings : 1000 – 1400hrs
Dress: Military - PT Gear, Civilians - Neat Casual
Food : BBQ, Coffee, etc will be run by the RTF
Trade Vendors : Milwaukee, Redarc, Welfare Displays, Army Museum etc

The trade and display areas will be open from 0930-1400. Concurrent activities conducted throughout the day will be the Volleyball, Spanner Toss, Chipping Challenge and the Monster Raffle.

Present serving military personnel and civilians with Defence ID Cards wishing to attend the 2025 RAEME Birthday Celebrations are required to present their Defence ID Card on entry to RAAF Base.

Ex-RAEME serving members are encouraged to attend. They are permitted to be signed in at the front gate and be escorted by current serving members. It is the responsibility of the serving member to ensure the visitor complies with all rules as outlined by Wilson Security and the pass is returned once the visitor has been escorted off.

If RAEME-SA members and any friends (incl. REME) wish to attend, **please let Don Harvy know before 14th November (m) 0412 021 441 (email) raeme.sa.association@gmail.com**
 Don will require the following information.

Surname	Given Name
Driver's Licence Number	Mobile Phone Number
Nationality	Vehicle Rego
Email	



RAEME OJT – Edinburgh SA - UPDATE

Write up from CFN Hunter on his time as an OJT in Adelaide

“During my On the Job Training (OJT) in Adelaide, I had the opportunity to work across a wide range of defence platforms and technologies, gaining invaluable hands-on experience. I was able to be a part of workshops at 16 Regiment, 1st Armoured, and JLU(s), as well as defence contractors such as BAE Systems and Supashock.

My first army unit I was detached to was 16 REGT, where I supported the NASAMS air defence system, learning about its operation and maintenance. The systems I had the opportunity to engage with were High Mobility Launcher (HML), canister launchers and Fire Distribution Centre (FDC). During my time with 1st Armoured Regiment I was introduced to the Hunter WOLF autonomous logistics vehicle, where I contributed to robotics integration and support.

I also spent time at BAE Systems where I worked on submarine electronics, where I used knowledge of my trade to provide maintenance and servicing for the Collins Class submarines. At Supashock, I assisted in the design and modification of Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) launcher cabling and actuators for the Rheinmetall Lynx KF41, which was a valuable experience in system design and prototyping.

I also spent time at Joint Logistics Unit South (JLUs), conducting maintenance and upgrades on key military vehicles including the Bushmaster, 40M, and G-Wagon.

This diverse experience has strengthened my technical foundation and broadened my understanding of modern defence systems. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from skilled professionals and contribute to real-world projects that support the ADF’s mission.”



Thanks for the update, ed

Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal????

Subs are due on 1st July in the year your membership expires. Reminders have been sent out so if you have forgotten to pay **NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT.**

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years, eg \$50 for five years.

If in doubt please contact our Treasurer/Membership Member

CPL Bob Matthew (mobile) **0409 962 208**

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities are available.

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Please send an email to our Membership Member advising him of the payment.

robert.m1@bigpond.com

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING OUR ASSOCIATION?

You can join by applying on the website <https://sa.raeme.org.au/>

or contacting our Membership Member - Bob Matthew

Email: robert.m1@bigpond.com Mobile: 0409 962 208

REME Corps Birthday

REME are also celebrating their 83rd Birthday in 2025 so REME-SA celebrated in style and invited RAEME-SA members to join them to share their Birthday. The celebrations were held on Sunday 28th September in a private room at the Coopers Alehouse, Gepps Cross and a great time was had by all.

Our members did well again in their raffle, it seems to be the tradition they do well in our Raffle and we do well in theirs. Our President was invited to share in the cutting of their cake with their Chairman Alan Weeks.



*John Prince and
Alan Weeks cutting
the cake*



Chris Howard, the REME Standard Bearer



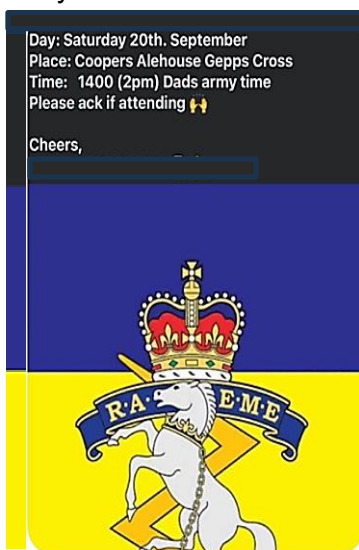
The RAEME-SA group

Gathering of RAEME Mates

After two previous gatherings at the Marion Sports Club, it was decided that one should be held North of the city and the selected venue was the Coopers Alehouse at Gepps Cross on Saturday 20 September 2025.

Day: Saturday 20th. September
Place: Coopers Alehouse Gepps Cross
Time: 1400 (2pm) Dads army time
Please ack if attending 🙋

Cheers,





RAEME Association of SA



DON'T FORGET OUR AGM

**JOIN US AND THEN STAY ON
FOR OUR CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**
(see page 12)

***This is your chance to have a say about how
the association is run and
make suggestions of other things we can do.***

To be held at the West Adelaide Football Club
57 Milner Road, Richmond
Plenty of onsite parking available

DATE Saturday 29th November 2025

TIME 10.30am



Attending the AGM does not mean that you will automatically find yourself on the committee. Most of the current committee members have indicated that they are willing to stand again, but new committee members are always welcome.

Committee meetings are held tri-monthly at Plympton Glenelg RSL, currently on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00pm (the date/time is subject to the agreement of the Committee members who are elected). The meetings are of a relaxed, informal nature and quite enjoyable.

Remember, the committee represents YOU and the AGM is your opportunity to raise anything you would like to see the Association do or stop doing, the committee welcomes new ideas, and we are always looking for better ways to do things.

NOTE:

**The Notice of the AGM, Agenda and 2024 AGM Minutes
will be forwarded to members in early November.**



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You are cordially invited to attend the
2025 RAEME CORPS BIRTHDAY

Help us CELEBRATE RAEME's 83rd Birthday on

Saturday 29th November 2025 at

West Adelaide Football Club

57 Milner Road, Richmond

Plenty of on-site parking available

After the AGM (approx. 12.00noon)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME

Neat casual attire

Meals: Extensive a la carte menu (including Seniors)

Drinks: Available from the bar

Members, guests, friends, and family are all welcome

Vast array of raffle prizes to be won

Central Region "RAEME Soldier of the Year" Awards to be announced.

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RSVP by Friday 21st November 2025

Please forward returns to: Don Harvy
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Or phone 0412 021 411
email raeme.sa.association@gmail.com

I.....will/will not be attending the RAEME Birthday
function

Total number of persons attending (including children).....

All Welcome
Invite any RAEME/REME Brethren and their family/friends.
