



RAE CORPS NEWSLETTER

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THIRD MILITARY DISTRICT
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS - NEWSLETTER
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3MD RAE CORPS SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Once again there have been a number of changes to the 3MD RAE Corps Sub-Committee. As a result of postings there are two new members for 1984. The current composition is now:

Chairman

Colonel Commandant

Colonel B. Addis

Members

Chief Engineer 3MD
Comd 6 Engr Gp
Secretary
Treasurer

Colonel W.D. Petrass
Colonel E.J. Wertheimer
Major G.R. Webb
Captain R.A. Wright

THE INSTITUTION OF ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

2. The Institution of Royal Australian Engineers conducted a tour of the State Electricity Commission's power installation in the Latrobe Valley in September 1983. Although the attendance was less than originally anticipated the visit was a great success. The 34 members and their wives who took advantage of the conducted tour and lunch had a most enjoyable day.

3. Although activities for 1984 have yet to be finalised, it is proposed to conduct a tour/meeting in the August-October period. All members will be advised in due course.

RAE CORPS SUBSCRIPTIONS

4. Subscriptions to the RAE Corps Fund are collected by the MD Sub-Committees each year. 60% of the monies collected are forwarded to the RAE Corps Fund and the remaining monies stay in the MD. These monies are used to support activities conducted by the Corps Committee and are their sole source of income.

5. Subscriptions are now due and all officers are requested to forward their remittance to the Secretary before the end of Jun 84. It is hoped that serving officers will contribute 20% of a days pay, and retired officers are invited to contribute \$10 per annum. The rates for 1984 are attached at Annex A.

6. You may find it convenient to forward your remittance with your acceptance for the Waterloo Dinner. This is encouraged as it will ease the paper work.

WATERLOO DINNER - 1984

7. Once again the Waterloo Dinner will be held at the Swan Street Training Depot. This function has always been a great success and your continued support is requested. Details of the dinner are:

Day/Date: Saturday 16 Jun 84.
Time: 1915 hrs for 2000 hrs
Place: RAE Officers Mess
6 Engr Gp
Swan Street
MELBOURNE
Dress: Mess Dress
Mess Undress
Black Tie with Miniatures
Cost: \$23.50
Returns: As per Annex B by 1 Jun 84

MAILING LIST

8. There is concern that the 3MD mailing list may not be as accurate or as comprehensive as we would like. Attached as Annex C is a proforma which we request you complete and return to the Secretary if there has been a change in your address over the last two years.

9. We are continually hearing of ex Sappers who would like to be added to our mailing list. If you are aware of such members please return the attached proforma with details or telephone Major G. Webb on 697 4214.

SAPPER MAGAZINE

10. There are a limited number of the December 1983 edition of Sapper Magazine. Those members interested in obtaining a copy, please contact the Secretary. Cost of each magazine is \$1.00.

CORPS HISTORY

11. Copies of the Corps History are available from the RAE Officers Mess 6 Engr Gp at the following costs:

Volume 1 - \$9.00
Volume 2 - \$11.00
Volume 3 - \$21.00
Set of three volumes - \$35.00

RAE CORPS MUSEUM

12. For those members who travel to Sydney, the RAE Corps Museum located at the School of Military Engineering is worth a visit. The Museum provides an insight into the history of the Corps from its early days and contains a variety of exhibits, many of which have been donated by ex members and their estates.

13. The museum is open for inspection during the following periods:

Weekdays 0800 - 1600 hrs

Weekends Normally closed but access may be granted by the
Duty Officer

1st Sunday of each month from 1000 - 1600 hrs.

DIORAMA BUILDING FUND

14. The response to the Diorama Building Fund in 1983 was excellent and \$675.90 was donated through the Chief Engineer 3MD. Throughout Australia, a total of \$13,000 was collected, however this was well short of the revised \$20,000 for phase 1.

15. Due to the shortfall in funds the Corps Committee has deferred a start to the construction of the Diorama Building Project while the Directorate of Engineers examines the feasibility of a number of suggested options for raising the funds for all phases of the project. It is anticipated that a final decision will be made in the near future.

PURCHASE OF MESS SILVER

16. In 1983, the Sub-Committee allocated \$750 for the purchase of a silver coffee service for the 3MD RAE Corps Mess. The coffee service was purchased and presented to the Mess on 3 December 1983. For those members wishing to see the coffee service, it will be in use at the 1984 Waterloo Dinner.

17. The coffee service comprises:

2 coffee pots
2 hot water jugs
2 cream jugs
2 sugar bowls.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

18. The Chief of the General Staff has accepted an invitation for the Army to participate in various activities planned by the Institution of Engineers Australia for the bi-centenary year.

19. Although details have yet to be finalised part of the celebrations will include recognition of outstanding Army Engineers, both past and present. In addition, recognition will be given to those sites and/or developments of particular engineering or historical significance. Members will be kept posted of further details as they become available.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - MILITARY DIVISION

20. The following members of the Corps received awards in the recent Australia Day honours list:

MAJGEN P.C. Gration - AO
COL R.W. Fisher - AM
LTCOL D.J. George - AM
LTCOL R.L. McCann was awarded the OBE for service in Papua New Guinea.

- Annexes: A. Subscriptions to the RAE Corps Fund 1984
B. Waterloo Dinner Return
C. 3MD RAE Corps Mailing List