



106 Fd Wksp RAEME Association Inc.

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MAJ Cameron Aitken
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7 CSSB

Dear Cameron

We last corresponded with your unit on 5th December 2012.

Unit Association Membership

We previously indicated the 106 Association, established originally as a SVN veteran unit association, was to be changed to a broader unit association with membership to include both the 106 SVN veterans and all personnel, regardless of Corps, who had served with 106 Fd Wksp at Bonegilla, Coopers Plains or Enoggera before it was disbanded and elements absorbed into 7CSSB.

Naturally, past and present serving members of the re-established 106 Fd Wksp RAEME within 7CSSB at Enoggera fall within this eligibility criteria.

We also advised that, with the re-establishment of the workshop on the 5th December 2012, our association had voted that all current serving members of 106 at Enoggera would be offered 12 months membership at no charge. This offer covers any person of any Corps who is on the workshop strength now, or was in the last 12 months.

We would appreciate your assistance in now putting our offer "into play".

The inevitable forms that we would ask individuals to complete for membership are enclosed

While we have made this offer hoping all your soldiers will join, we are not suggesting in any way that any of your men and women should be compelled to do so; nor would we be badgering them to re-join after the initial 12 month membership period expires.

Hopefully they will take up our offer and perhaps, over time, they can be encouraged to add their own contributions to the 106 unit history through our website which is to be re-developed to allow for more interactive and general input.

We know that many of your soldiers are veterans in their own right from various operational deployments over past years. We would appreciate your advice as to whether any of their operational deployments were on a 106 detachment basis so this could be recognized on the website and the association banner.

We are also about to advertise the expanded membership details formally through the likes of DVA news, the RSL news outlets, the RAEME HOC and RAEME and unit Associations generally.

106 Reunion 2014

I have also enclosed correspondence concerning a 106 Reunion to be held in Hobart in October 2014. This event for members and partners is being advertised as an old meets new event.

We will be endeavouring to get some of the post-Vietnam “new” members there and hopefully some serving members may care to attend as well.

Norm Hicks-Hall Proficiency Award

Our December 2012 letter gave notice of this proposal. It is also ready to be put into “play”.

Background: MAJ W.I.N.S Hicks-Hall (Norm) was the inaugural Officer Commanding of 106 Fd Wksp RAEME when it was raised in SVN on 1 November 1968. He was promoted LTCOL in SVN and posted to Saigon as Comd EME HQ AFV. Norm retired from the Army as a Colonel.

Tragically, Norm died in a house fire on the Gold Coast in 2011. Norm’s wife Trish has gifted the Association an amount of money to establish a fitting memorial for Norm and his connections with 106 and RAEME. The Association decided it would like to use these funds to establish an annual Norm Hicks-Hall Proficiency Award for a young tradesman of 106.

The Award: To meet Trish Hicks-Hall’s wishes, our committee suggested these criteria:

- The award is limited to junior soldiers of CFN rank.
- Assessment criteria be based on trade proficiency and on-the-job performance/attitude but largely at the discretion of the workshop ASM
- The award will be in the form of an inscribed plaque together with a voucher in the amount of \$400 which can be spent on tools or other items which will help in the recipient’s trade development.

We are happy that the first award is made this year and the award in the future be allocated in the November of each year.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN STRACHAN

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