



AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Head of Corps - Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers community, former staff and soldiers, families, friends, and supporters,

*It is with great pride and a deep sense of custodianship of our Corps' heritage that I write to you as the Commanding Officer of the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. In May 2026, we will mark a significant milestone in the history of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers—the **40th Anniversary of the presentation of the Prince Philip Banner**, originally bestowed upon the Corps on **20 May 1986**.*

The Prince Philip Banner represents excellence in technical mastery, esprit de corps, and unwavering service in support of the Australian Army. For four decades it has stood as a visible symbol of the professionalism and quiet competence that defines RAEME. This anniversary provides us with an important opportunity not only to commemorate the moment itself, but also to reconnect generations of soldiers, tradespeople, officers, and supporters who have contributed to the enduring legacy of our Corps.

*To recognise this occasion, the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering will host a commemorative event on **Wednesday, 20 May 2026**, at **North Bandiana**, commencing from **1200 hours**. The centrepiece of the day will be a **formal parade beginning at 1400 hours**, conducted in the presence of serving members, veterans, invited guests, and members of the extended RAEME family.*

*In addition to the parade, attendees will have the opportunity to view a **capability display showcasing contemporary RAEME technical skills and platforms**, highlighting how the Corps continues to evolve in support of Army's operational needs. Complementing this will be a **curated selection of museum items**, drawn from across RAEME history, providing tangible links between our past achievements and the soldiers who carry the Banner today.*

*To assist us in planning a fitting and inclusive commemoration, I respectfully request that you complete the accompanying **survey**, which includes an **expression of interest in attending the event**. The survey will ask how many people you intend to attend with in your party, whether you were present at the original Banner presentation on **20 May 1986**, and, if so, what role you undertook at that time. This information will help us appropriately acknowledge those who were part of that historic day and ensure event arrangements reflect the expected attendance.*

Your participation—whether as an attendee, a past contributor, or a supporter from afar—is important to us. The strength of RAEME has always rested in its people, and this anniversary offers a rare chance to honour that shared service.

I thank you in advance for your time, your continued interest, and your enduring connection to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Arte et Marte

LTCOL Hans Hamilton — Deputy Head of Corps (Ground)