

# THE CLIPPED WINGS



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AIR DISPATCH ASSOCIATION OF  
AUSTRALIA

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## President's Report



Hello Everyone, is it Spring yet?

The winter months have been understandably quiet with only a few fundraising Sausage Sizzles and one major function. Behind the scenes, the UK ADA have been planning a reunion which is due to occur directly after Ron McCafferty's 10-day tour of Scotland and Ireland. The UK ADA reunion is to be based in Coventry with a few trips planned around the area. There is more inside this edition on that event.

Regarding the tour and UK Reunion, we have had a pretty half-hearted response from our members who are interested in attending. This is a far cry from those who were interested after the presentation Ron gave at the last International Reunion in Sydney. If you still want to attend I recommend you book ASAP this will ensure a seat at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

From October onwards, we have several activities planned both in NSW and QLD, so we should see the old year out in fine style and well into the new year. Our grants through the DVA are currently being assessed and we should have more information in the next edition about these activities.

Our Fundraising Account is looking good for one of our Honorary Members to travel to the UK Reunion next year. We have also looked at assisting a carer or partner to accompany the Honorary on the trip. A letter to all widows of our deceased members has been posted outlining the intentions of the ADAA and what is being offered. At this stage, we have had a few replies but a few ladies have "dropped off the radar" without leaving any forwarding addresses. We are still trying to locate Mrs Terri Kelly from Eastlakes in NSW, Mrs Linda Hay from Ellenbrook in WA, Mrs Carol May from Windsor NSW and a Mrs Luff from MacGregor in the ACT. If anybody knows how we can contact these ladies please let me know.

On Saturday night, the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, we had our second "Myola Day Ball". About 70 people turned up, and again a great night was had by all who attended. It was especially pleasing to see Ted and Glenda Weidner come down from QLD to attend the event. We have already identified the date for next year's Ball, being Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of August. This will still give plenty of time for those attending to make to Scotland by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August for the UK Reunion Tour.

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## **President's Report (cont.)**

In the last edition, I mentioned we visited the National Vietnam Veterans Museum in Phillip Island, Victoria. To date, nobody from the ADAA has contacted me, so I am now wondering whether members of the association are interested in being represented as 176 AD Coy Det in a dedicated section at the museum. If there are any individuals interested in assisting us in putting together a display at the NVVM, such as display design, memorabilia or anything pertinent, please contact me.

Our merchandising team, Geoff and Kim Harris have been busy, organising new polo shirts and beanies please check the website for orders. Those of you who wish to order any merchandise can either contact Geoff or myself and we will arrange it for you.

Finally, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, The Patron Brig Mick Ashleigh shall be the reviewing Officer for the March-out Parade for 22 Platoon at 1 RTB, Kapooka. The ADAA shall be presenting an award for the Most Improved Soldier during Recruit Training. If anybody would like to attend, please contact me so we can arrange access to the base.

Until the summer edition,

Take care

Cheers

Nicko

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## **Treasurer's Report**

As our Membership Year runs in line with the Financial year, memberships for the 2017/18 financial year become due on the 1st of July each year. An updated membership list is available on the ADAA website, if your name is missing from this list your membership requires renewal. If you believe your name is mistakenly missing please email me at [treasurer@adaa.net.au](mailto:treasurer@adaa.net.au) so that I can investigate why it may be missing from the list. When renewing memberships could all members please ensure a membership renewal form has been completed so that payments can be verified and, also to ensure that the details we have for all members are up to date. There has been a membership payment of \$50.00 made at the end of July, but as there was no corresponding paperwork I am unsure who it belongs to, if you believe it is your payment please email bank payment details to me to verify who the payment belongs to and then the register can be updated.

Fundraising has been continuing through BBQ's at Bunnings Wollongong, Kirrawee, Narellan and Valley Heights. The first BBQ held at Narellan was very successful - thankyou to all those members that helped on the day. Father's Day will see us at Bunnings North Penrith which was a busy day last year. A big thankyou goes out to all members who have helped us out at any of our BBQ's this year. These BBQ's help us to subsidise events for our Members.

Our Annual Myola Ball was held at Panthers Leagues Club on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August with the Army Band entertaining those that attended. Thank you to Anthony Eddie our Vice President for his organization of this Annual Event.

Regards

Geoff Harris.

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## Fund Raising Report

### Sausage Sizzles

Listed below are the fund-raising activities planned for the next 3 months. If you can, please contact the arranger to notify them that you are coming along and pick up a pair of tongs to help sell a few snags, you won't be disappointed.

- Friday, 1 September Bunnings Kirrawee – arranged by Nick and Joyce
- Sunday, 3 September Bunnings North Penrith – arranged by Fozzie
- Tuesday, 5 September Bunnings Wollongong – arranged by Nick and Joyce
- Sunday, 10 September Bunnings Valley Heights – arranged by Fozzie
- Tuesday, 3 October Bunnings Wollongong – arranged by Nick and Joyce
- Friday, 6 October Bunnings Kirrawee – arranged by Nick and Joyce
- Sunday, 15 October Bunnings Valley Heights – arranged by Fozzie
- Friday, 3 November Bunnings Kirrawee – arranged by Nick and Joyce
- Tuesday, 7 November Bunnings Wollongong – arranged by Nick and Joyce
- Sunday, 12 November Bunnings Valley Heights – arranged by Fozzie
- Friday, 1 December Bunnings Kirrawee – arranged by Nick and Joyce

Another very busy 3 months coming up.

If you wish to organise an event in your area, please let us know and we will assist where possible.



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## **Merchandise Report**

New ADAA logo Beanies are available for sale on the website, they are available in both black or navy and have a retail price of \$20.00 each.

We will also have New ADAA Polo shirts available soon, they are currently being embroidered, and will be available in Maroon /white or Navy/white. Prices on these will be confirmed later and they will be available through the website very soon. Anyone wishing to order either of these new items, please order through the website. Only orders through the website will be processed, so that an accurate stock control and accounting of payments and the register of stock sent out can be maintained.

Kind Regards Kim Harris



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## EVENTS

### The Annual RACT Air Dispatch Ball

05 August 2017

The Annual RACT Air Dispatch Ball has once again been held at Penrith Panthers function room. With many past and present Air Dispatchers and guests in attendance, it was bound to be a well-received event. It was a night of relaxed atmosphere, music, good food, drink and the chance to catch up with your mates, made for a great evening. Pte Althea Messis, presented a highly professional Audio-Visual display of "The History of Air Dispatch", followed by speeches and toasts, it was then off to the dance floor for some fun. It was all too soon that the band played their final song and it was time to say our farewells.

On behalf of the ADAA I would like to thank all those that attended, the Australian Army Band (Sydney) and in particular our invited special guests:

Regimental Sergeant Major 9th Force Support Battalion; **Warrant Officer Class One Andrew Walford.**

Executive Officer Air Mobility Training and Development Unit (AMTDU); **Major Russ Wood and his wife Yolandi.**

Officer Commanding 176 Air Dispatch Squadron - **Major Francesca Molnar.**

Commanding Officer 9th Force Support Battalion – **Lieutenant Colonel Andy Harrison-Whyatt**

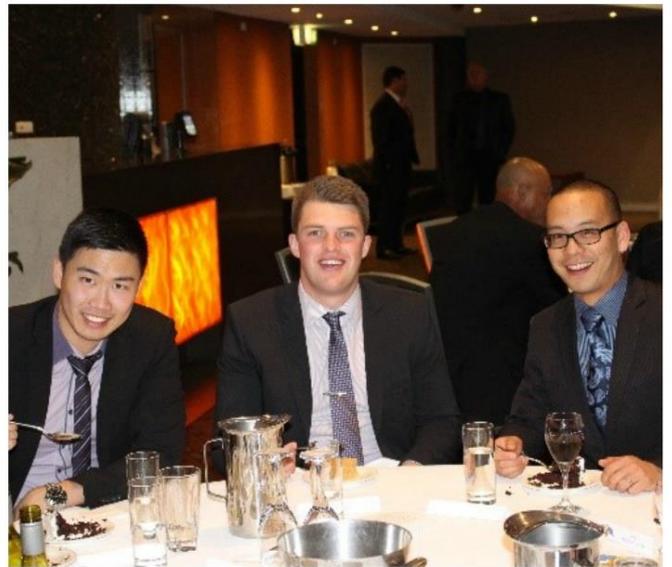
The ADAA Patron - **Brigadier Mick Ashleigh & Karen**



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## ARTICLES

### WHERE TO FOR THE LEAGUE?

An honourable death for “The Returned and Services League of Australia.” What!! Shock!! Horror!! It does not bear thinking about. Nothing lasts forever! And who wants this unique organisation bastardised further.

This is NOT intended as a Doomsday letter, but a realistic look at the present condition of the RSL. Many sub-Branches have closed and a good number of Regimental/Unit associations have had their final parade. Simple sums would indicate that by the year 2018, very few, if any, WW2, Korean Vets even, will be standing. The small number of veterans from the past and present conflicts will hardly fill the void, even including regular and reserve personnel currently serving.

Anzac Day 2018, at the end of current 100 year Commemoration Services, would seem an ideal time to conduct a Commemorative Service for the Returned & Services League and give birth to “The Services League of Australia”. Disposing of its body but, keeping its soul.

The advantages of this happening is that disbanded groups, associations, as well as current ones, such as ESOs, Legacy, Red Cross, War Widows etc., who have difficulty reforming, raising committees and enrolling members, would come under the umbrella of the “SLA”, supported by Regional Centres. Mobile teams could be raised to cover the far flung members, who could be in danger of falling through the cracks.

Terms like Honorary, Affiliate, Associate etc, would not be required as membership would not be as restrictive. Within the ‘SLA’, NOT separate to it, cells could be formed to maintain traditions and memorabilia of particular corps/units, etc.

With the proud record of the RSL proven over the years, it would be remiss of the members to let such an organisations drift into oblivion.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Visit to the Australian Army Flying Museum

#### Oakey- QLD (Oct 14)

We have booked a bus tour to visit the Australian Army Flying Museum which is located in Swartz Barracks at Oakey, Qld.

The museum houses an extensive collection of Military aircraft from WW1 through to the current day. There is also a large collection of engines, artefacts, weapons etc.

It is a full day tour which is set for Saturday 14th October this year.

Current planning is for a bus pick up from Nerang RSL at 0700, another pick up from Greenbank RSL 0800 and a quick stop at Toowoomba on the way.

Arrive at the Museum approx. 1030 followed by lunch at Oakey RSL 1300. Leaving Oakey by 1400 should have us back at Nerang by 1730.

All members and their partners are welcome. Could those members who would like to join us on this fabulous tour, please contact me ASAP by either email ( [qld@adaa.net.au](mailto:qld@adaa.net.au) ) or phone (0418 732 380)

The bus is limited to 28 so please book early

Kemm Baber



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## WARNING ORDERS

### Closing of BOQ bank accounts

To all members of the *Air Dispatch Association of Australia*

**WE HAVE CLOSED our Bank of Queensland accounts** as our transition to Westpac Banking is now complete.

Please amend any saved BOQ details you have saved in your records to the following *Westpac* account:

*Account Name - Air Dispatch Association of Australia (Administration Account)*

*BSB – 032-814*

*Account Number – 485891*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, as you will no longer be able to deposit into the Bank of Queensland accounts and changing the details now will save any issues with your deposits going to the correct account.

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## **2018 Tour to Scotland and Ireland**

Ron McCaffery of the UK Air Despatch Association has put together a tour to Scotland and Ireland. The UK ADA has organised the 2018 international reunion after this tour.

If you would like to view the itinerary you can by going to:

<http://www.tours-international.com/tours-for-individuals/air-dispatch-scotland-ireland-2018>

ADAA members are able to login to view the prices.



The password is – mccaferry



### **Itinerary**

- **Day 1 Friday August 10**

Arrival into Glasgow airport. Transfer to your hotel. Join your travel companions for a welcome drink before dinner and overnight.

- **Day 2 Saturday August 11**

Breakfast. Meet your tour guide and set out on an introductory tour of central Glasgow. This is a city that flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry and international trade. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers and visit Provand's Lordship, Glasgow's oldest house built in 1471. The house was originally part of a hospital and has been extensively restored and furnished. Dinner and overnight

- **Day 3 Sunday August 12**

Breakfast. Travel alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty and through the deep valley of Glen Coe, notorious for the Campbell massacre of the Clan Macdonald in 1692. Drive through Fort William and stop at the Spean Bridge Woollen Mill, which offers a good selection of quality Scottish goods. Short cruise on Loch Ness to keep an eye out for 'Nessie'. Dinner and overnight.

- **Day 4 Monday August 13**

Breakfast. We visit a whisky distillery, learn how its distilled and sample some. Continue south to St Andrews, renowned as the 'Home of Golf' and for its university, Scotland's oldest. Spend some time to explore on your own. Drive south to Edinburgh. Overnight

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## **2018 Tour to Scotland and Ireland (cont.)**

- **Day 5 Tuesday August 14**

Breakfast. This morning tour the principal sights of Edinburgh. Drive along the bustling Princes Street and through the gracious, wide streets of the 200 year old Gregorian New Town. Walk along part of the Royal Mile where compact medieval houses reach 11 floors tall. Visit Edinburgh Castle, which dominates the city and contains the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Stone of the Scone. The balance of the day is free.

Dine at a Scottish Evening on some excellent Scottish cuisine followed by a lively show with songs, stories and traditional dancing. Overnight.

- **Day 6 Wednesday August 15**

Breakfast. Day at leisure in the Scottish capital.

Option: In the early evening we'll head to the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle for the Military Tattoo (*additional cost*) - for a fantastic evening of music, pomp and pageantry, which ends with the spectacle of the lone piper patrolling the battlements, silhouetted against the night sky. Overnight.

- **Day 7 Thursday August 16**

Breakfast. Depart Edinburgh early this morning and drive south through Ayrshire and along the coast, At Cairryan take a ferry ride to Belfast and enjoy a casual lunch on board. Visit Titanic Belfast to learn about this famous liner which was built in the adjacent docks. State-of-the-art displays describe working conditions in the shipbuilding industry and the construction of the Titanic. Drive south to Dublin and check into your hotel. This evening is free. Overnight.

- **Day 8 Friday August 17**

Breakfast. Tour central Dublin today to see fashionable shopping areas around Grafton and Nassau Streets, view elegant Georgian squares and pass the General Post Office, where the 1916 Uprising started. Walk through the campus of Trinity College with a student guide to view the illuminated manuscript of the 8th century book of Kells and learn how monks created this and other masterpieces. In the evening enjoy a canal dinner cruise with traditional Irish music aboard a former Guinness barge through central Dublin. Overnight.

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## **2018 Tour to Scotland and Ireland (cont.)**

- **Day 9 Saturday August 18**

Breakfast. Travel through the midlands of Ireland, stopping for photos at the stately Rock of Cashel. Visit a farmhouse for tea with scones and watch skilled sheep dogs herd sheep. Continue south to visit Blarney Castle and kiss the famous 'Stone of Eloquence'. Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills where you can find quality Irish-made goods. Drive to Killarney, picturesquely set beside lakes and mountains. Check in at your hotel and relax before dinner. Afterwards you may like to explore some of Killarney's famous singing pubs. Dinner and overnight.

- **Day 10 Sunday August 19**

Breakfast. Visit Ross Castle set on Lough Leane. Then embark on the Ring of Kerry - a winding route with breath-taking sights of mountains and coastal views. Cross to Valentia Island by bridge to visit the Skellig experience which describes the austere lives of early Christian monks on the nearby islands. Enjoy a casual lunch and stop in Sneem to admire brightly painted houses. Pause at Moll's Gap for stunning views before returning to Killarney where you have an evening free for independent dining and activities. Overnight.

- **Day 11 Monday August 20**

Breakfast. Take a ferry ride across the River Shannon to reach the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of sandstone that reaches 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. If you wish, you may visit the Bunratty Folk Park, have a drink in the 200 year old Durty Nelly's Pub or shop at the Bunratty Mills. In the evening head to Bunratty Castle for a memorable medieval style feast where the lords and ladies will serenade you with song and harp music, evocative of the Middle Ages. Overnight.

- **Day 12 Tuesday August 21**

Breakfast. Transfer to Dublin airport



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## **UK ADA - 2018 Coventry Reunion**

- **Tuesday 21 August**

Travel from Dublin to Birmingham. UK ADA will arrange transport from airport to hotel - free day

- **Wednesday 22 August**

Visit to the helicopter museum at Weston-Super-Mare then in the afternoon on the way home a visit to the town of Bath.

The longest trip will be from the hotel to the helicopter museum at Weston-Super-Mare, which is about 2 hours.

- **Thursday 23 August**

Visit the Garden of Remembrance and the Air Dispatch Window at All Saints Church, Down Ampney & 47 AD Sqn at RAF Brize Norton

- **Friday 24 August**

Visit Stratford on Avon (Shakespeare) & Warwick castle (a medieval castle)

Friday night looks like the UK ADA people will start to attend and they are looking at a buffet style meal and get together

- **Saturday 25 August**

Visit the National Arboretum including the AD Tree and the AD Memorial Stone. That evening the Formal Reunion Dinner

- **Sunday 26 August** – Breakfast then disperse to do our own travels



**2018 Coventry Reunion**

The reunion will take place over the weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> at the Quality Hotel Coventry

Our friends from Australia and New Zealand

Will be joining us for the weekend so if you would like to meet up with them, please make an effort to attend

You can choose to stay for 2 or 3 nights and the cost includes Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. A coach will be available for the visit to the National Memorial Arboretum

**Further details will be available at a later date**

The poster features a central logo with a crown, wings, and the letters 'AD' inside a circle, flanked by the Union Jack and the Australian flag. There are also small airplane icons at the bottom corners.

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