

THE CLIPPED WINGS



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AIR DISPATCH ASSOCIATION OF
AUSTRALIA

SUMMER 2019

President's Report



Hello everyone.

Summer is here and the results, so far, have been catastrophic in Northern New South Wales and many other parts of the country. Our thoughts go to all those who have suffered from the bush fire situation and those around the country who are suffering from the effects of the drought. With this being the final edition for this year, we can reflect on the last 12 months and we'll look at some of the highlights and the forecast for next year.

2019, was a year of change for the ADAA, some good some, not so good. Our main achievement this year was opening up the association to spouses, partners and adult family members. From our patron through the ranks, almost everyone, thought this was a good move and to quote our patron, Brig Mick Ashleigh, "Diversification or death". So, we diversified, and our membership has increased with a number of wives and family members becoming members since the AGM.

Our trips and get-togethers have been interesting and enjoyable, from our trip to Fighter World at RAAF Williamtown and Fort Scratchley, Newcastle, to the Reunion in Brisbane and our trip out to the Army Aviation Museum at Oakey. In the latter half of the year, we had our annual Myola Ball where, RACT Head of Corps, Brig Jason Walk, commented on how the association was achieving new things and leading the way in some areas. September saw a number of association members venture down the far South Coast to Merimbula for the 7th Light Horse Dining In Night, and an interesting evening was had by all those who attended. The CMF Annual Luncheon and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo were next on the list, finishing the year off with the NSW end of year function at O'Donahue's Irish Pub at Emu Plains. It may not seem like much when you condense it into one paragraph but when you think we had people from all over Australia attend the Myola Ball and the Tattoo, we are slowly giving our members and friends more opportunities to socialise and enjoy one another's company.

DECEMBER 2019

THE CLIPPED WINGS

We have already started planning events for 2020 the first of which is planned for 22 February with a semi-formal Dining In Night in Oberon, NSW. This has been organised by Keith Hancox and his fiancée Lyn Turner. The Oberon RSL, of which Keith is a member has kindly offered to subsidise the evening so the costing for the evening will be minimal. Details inside.

As part of our commitment to widows and association members, Brig Mick Ashleigh drew the winning recipient from a list of names for the 2020 NZ International Reunion and she will be joining us for the reunion in March next year. As the Kiwi's, in their wisdom, have brought the International Reunion forward, instead of over the ANZAC Day period, there is no formal ANZAC Day reunion planned, so our Vice President, Anthony Eddie, is organising an ANZAC Day get-together in Penrith with a possible visit to the Squadron a day or two beforehand. More to follow in our March edition.

In September 2020, members and their partners of the Association have once again been invited to attend the 7th Light Horse Dining In Night at Merimbula, this should be another great night. At this stage, that is all we have planned for next year, but this could all change subject to the association getting the grants from DVA.

I mentioned earlier we had some "not so good times". Well in a nutshell, our fund-raising activities with Bunnings have been severely curtailed with us losing our monthly BBQ's in Wollongong and Katoomba. That said, we picked up a few weekend slots, but the income is not the same. This will impact on our plans and ventures next year and possibly the International Reunion in 2022, as we may not have the capital to subsidise some events and functions.

One of our other setbacks, was our bus grants through the Community Grants Hub. About 12 months ago, the DVA Grants system was taken over by the Community Grants Hub. This body notifies organisations what grants are coming up and when to apply. The ADAA applied for a grant of \$21,000 for bus and cultural grants in May of this year and at this time we have heard nothing back from them despite a number of phone calls with the response being something like, "It hasn't been decided yet". Because they have taken so long, this required us to dip into our admin account to provide transport to the Tattoo, even though the passengers were requested to pay part of the cost.

We didn't achieve everything we wanted to in 2019 but we did manage a few things.

What will 2020 bring? Who knows? Only time will tell.

I would like to take this time to personally thank the Committee and our dedicated volunteers for another outstanding year of service. Without you people, the Association would not be what it is. The time, money and effort you have given is a credit to you.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

And so, the final “Clipped Wings” for the year, 2019, and what a bumper issue it is. Joyce and I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year and look forward to catching up with you in 2020.

Until next year,

Cheers
Nicko



A Message From Our Patron



As another year draws to a close I hope 2019 has been good to you all.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Association’s President, Nick Nicolai and your committee who once again have committed significant time and effort in serving the Association’s membership and ensuring the ADAA’s long term sustainability. As I have said previously associations such as ours rely on people willing to make a commitment to progress the interests of its members.

Of course they are well supported by you the members. I strongly encourage you to continue that support, be it helping out at fundraising activities, supporting the Myola Day Ball, injecting new ideas in to the committee or simply finding the opportunity to catch up with old Mates. An organisation such as ours is only as good as its members and we are very fortunate to have such a strong and committed member base.

The committee continues to innovate and look for opportunities to support its members. Plans are well advanced for the international reunion being held in New Zealand in 2020, this will once again include funding a widow of one of our past member’s. I had the pleasure of drawing Mrs Lonna Opie’s name out of the hat to be funded for her attendance at the reunion. August saw another successful

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Myola Ball being held at Penrith, while I was not able to be there the Association was fortunate to have the RACT Head of Corps, Brigadier Jason Walk attend. He has personally passed to me his appreciation for the opportunity to attend and how grateful he is for the work being done by the Association in supporting our current and ex serving community. I would also like to congratulate the Association on their decision to extend membership to spouses and adult family members. This is an excellent initiative and will go some way to ensuring the Association's long-term viability.

I have spoken previously of the need to establish a closer relationship with those that are currently serving, which is best achieved by demonstrating exactly why it is the Association was established. That was clearly evident in the Association's support to 9 FSB's Exercise Tigers Walk. A number of our members fulfilled key appointments on the Ex, allowing them to make a direct connection between those that are serving and those that have served. It helps us all understand we are part of something bigger and that service comes before self. I remain genuinely grateful for the support you provide, it makes a difference.

Once again, can I ask you to continue to look after each other. A quiet word here, or a helping hand there is sometimes all that is needed to make a difference. The Association continues to exist for its members and the achievements during 2019 serve to validate the need for organisations such as ours, while also highlighting the quality of our members.

Karen and I wish you a merry Christmas and all the best for 2020 and look forward to catching up with you in the future.

Kind Regards
Brigadier Mick Ashleigh
Patron

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Treasurer's Report

Shown below are movements through each of our bank accounts. These are the figures sent to the Australian Taxation Office when we reported our GST activity for the 3rd quarter of this year. If you would like further information, please send your request to me by email, treasurer@adaa.com.au.

Regards
Rob Ward

ADMINISTRATION		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-19	12,217.24
Income		
Donations		150.00
Interest		3.13
Membership fees		475.00
Total Income		628.13
Expenses		
Awards - Soldier of the Year		212.00
New member badges		96.80
Office supplies		39.52
Postage		13.00
Presentations	Nathan Walk - ADAA tie	22.00
Website		275.00
Total Expenses		-658.32
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-19	12,187.05

GRANTS		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-19	328.02
Income		
Interest		0.06
Total Income		0.06
Expenses		
Total Expenses		0.00
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-19	328.08

THE CLIPPED WINGS

MERCHANDISE		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-19	1,666.55
Income		
Interest		0.45
Sales		417.94
Postage recovered		
Total Income		418.39
Expenses		
Total Expenses		0.00
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-19	2,084.94

FUNDRAISING		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-19	6,550.67
Income		
Barbeque sales		1,002.00
Donations		0.45
Interest		0.72
Total Income		1,003.17
Expenses		
Awards	Soldier of the Year	212.00
Bank charges		1.00
Barbeque purchases		222.55
Functions	Myola Ball	5,214.76
Total Expenses		-5,650.31
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-19	1,903.53

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Membership fees for 2020 will be due in the new year. Check the membership list, if you are not sure when you are paid up to. For those that need to pay, you have until the end of April to do so. Payment options are:

Online by bank transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Westpac Banking Corporation• BSB 032-814• Account number 485891 In the name of "Air Dispatch Association Administration Account"• Use your surname and initial (or regimental number if we have it on file) as your reference
Deposit over the counter at any Westpac Bank.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As the bank does not allow any letter in the payee's details, use your regimental number as a reference, and, if we don't have it on file, send me an email with the details of the date, branch and amount of your payment
You may also be able to deposit at the Post Office, but fees may be payable	
By cheque or money order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Made payable to Air Dispatch Association of Australia• Post to PO Box 483, Helensburgh NSW 2508
Online by credit card	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If this is your payment choice, send me an email so that I can set you up with this facility. Charges will be passed on to you when I send out your invoice

MEMBERSHIP 2020

OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS 31 DEC 2019

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR ANNUAL \$25.00 SUBSCRIPTION BEFORE 30 APR 2020 TO REMAIN FINANCIAL

To make things easier, we now have a Membership Officer who you can contact directly to check on your association financial status.

Contact: memberships@adaa.net.au

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Membership Report

Welcome to New Members

Since the last edition of "The Clipped Wings", the following new members have joined our Association.

BARNSLEY, Peter	39965	2019
GEAR, Keith	1205960	2020
KENNY, Dean	2304975	2020

OSBORNE, Michelle	*None	2020
SLEE, Marlene	*None	2020

Life Members

BABER, Kemm	*None
COLE, Gary	213192
EDDIE, Anthony	3805888
FERGUSON, David	235232
GANNON, Barry	*None

HUTTON, Bob	A18266
IRVING, Brian	54642
McCANN, Denis	18238
SLEE, Pat	2797615
VARLEY, Nev (deceased)	*None

Financial Members

ARGUS, Howard	326927	2020
ARMSTRONG, Len	*None	2019
ASBURY, Paul	39162	2019
AUSTIN, Karen	2185311.1	2019
BAINES, Ian	*None	2020
BARNES, John Cecil	2132603	2020
BARNES, Pamela	2132603.1	2019
BARNET, John	*None	2019
BARNSLEY, Peter	39965	2019
BATES, Paul	282219	2019
BEAVEN, David	*None	2023
BELL, Albert	3410775	2019
BERMAN, Gary	*None	2020
BILLINGTON, Robert	*None	2019
BIRTLES, Bernard	*None	2019
BLAKELY, Ron	*None	2020
BLYTH, Peter	*None	2019
BOWDEN, Denis	*None	2019
BRENNAN, Denis	*None	2020

BUCHANAN, Graeme	1730906	2019
CAMPBELL, Bill	*None	2019
CHRISTIE, Graham	2132651	2019
CLARKE, Andrew	1734552	2019
CLEMENTS, Rodney	*None	2019
COCHRANE, Dan	*None	2019
COHEN, Peter	2183839	2019
CONWELL, Matt	*None	2019
COOPER, David	*None	2020
CORMACK, Will	229012	2020
CORNISH, Andrew	631926	2019
CORNISH, Hannah	631926.1	2019
CUPITT, Geoffrey	*None	2019
CUTTS, Geoff	326274	2020
DALTON, Alan	523377	2019
D'ARCY, Bill	*None	2019
DOWD, Anthony	41772	2024
DUFFY, Ed	*None	2019
DURNEY, John	*None	2019

THE CLIPPED WINGS

EVANS, John	*None	2020
FABISIAK, Henry	*None	2020
FARMER, Raymond Colin	*None	2019
FEDDERSEN, Brendan	183402	2019
FELKIN, Chris	T/2347712	2021
FILEWOOD, Richard	*None	2019
FOLKES, Chris	3207471	2020
FOSTER, Denis	*None	2019
FOSTER, Grant	231119	2020
FRACARO, Lyndon	*None	2020
FRANKEL, Ray	312135	2019
GEAR, Keith	1205960	2020
GELLER, Michael	291273	2020
GEURTSSEN, Matthew	183427	2019
GOAD, David	46287	2022
GODDARD, John	223483	2020
GOLDSMITH, Bill	*None	2019
GOLDSTHORPE, William	29729356	2019
GRIMSHAW, Max	*None	2019
GUSTER, Tony	*None	2020
HARPER, David	315355	2019
HAYES, Bill	*None	2023
HEAD, Vince	*None	2020
HEIDENREICH, Lou	44786	2023
HEYDON, Terry	18244	2019
HILL, Brian	262619	2020
HILSBURG, Stuart	3173739	2019
HILSON, Peter	*None	2019
HOLECEK OAM, Brian	2165127	2020
HORDERN, Anthony	2185311	2021
HOWARD, Roy	*None	2019
HOWES, Alan	*None	2019
HUDDLESTON, John	17690	2020
HUGHES, Michael	*None	2020
HUGHES, Ron	*None	2019
HUNT, John	*None	2019
IRVING, Dianne	*None	2019
JANSON, Ken	116640	2020

JOHANSEN, Michael	*None	2021
KAYE, Phil	*None	2019
KENNY, Dean	2304975	2020
KILBEY, Daniel	*None	2019
KIRKHAM, Jim	2272882	2019
KOOL, Shaun	3806249	2019
LEE, Dennis	23533556	2021
LESUEUR, Peter	*None	2023
LIEBEN, Gerard	42873	2020
LUSCOMBE, Kerry	2132904	2020
MACDONALD, Blair	*None	2019
MADIGAN, George	1200447	2020
MARKI, Imre	*None	2019
MARTIN, Raymond	4410883	2020
McBAIN, Sean	*None	2019
McGEOGH, Gordon	*None	2019
McGRAVIE, Gary	2304708	2019
McMASTER, Robert	*None	2019
McNAMARA, Ted	3787292	2019
McNULTY, Anthony	326339	2020
McPHERSON, Roger	233796	2019
MILKE, Peter	*None	2020
MILLER, Eric	*None	2020
MITCHELL, Shane	236764	2019
MOFFITT, Darren	233776	2019
MOORE, Allan	232561	2020
MUIR, Graeme	*None	2020
MULFORD, Barry	2165033	2020
MUNSON, Peter	1200434	2020
MURPHY, Peter	3791546	2019
NELSON, Jack	*None	2019
NEWMAN, David	*None	2019
NICOLAI, Joyce	2184823.1	2019
NICOLAI, Mark	2184823	2019
O'BRIEN, Danny	223877	2020
O'BRIEN, Graeme	*None	2019
OSBORNE, Michelle	*None	2020
OSBORNE, Scott Richard	*None	2019

THE CLIPPED WINGS

PAPWORTH, Graham	*None	2021
PATERSON, Bruce	*None	2019
PEARKS, Kevin	4401522	2019
POPE, Jeff	*None	2019
PRAGNALL, Alan	43390	2020
REASON, Terry	*None	2020
ROGERS, Kevin	A125395	2019
RUSSELL, Peter	2161741	2019
RUTLEDGE, Alan	*None	2019
RYMAN, James	*None	2020
SCOTLAND, Jim	2164979	2020
SLEE, Marlene	*None	2020
SMEATON, John	4718465	2020
SMILEY, Graham	3790217	2020
SMITH, Barry	*None	2020
SMOCK, David	18239	2019
SMYTH, Kenneth	42369	2019
SOLOMON, DAVID	*None	2020
SUMNER, John	*None	2019
SVENSSON, Garry	221651	2020
SWAIN, Mark	253949	2019
TAWNS, Hugh	*None	2019

TAYLOR, John	25151	2021
THOMPSON, Gordon	5411501	2020
THURGOOD, John	4721292	2019
TOWERS, Russell	222348	2020
WAHLEN, Deborah	*None	2019
WAHLEN, Gary	225903	2019
WAHLEN, Mark	*None	2019
WARD, Robert	2307375	2019
WARE, Stuart	*None	2019
WARWICK, Norm	*None	2019
WATSON, Keith	*None	2019
WEIDNER, Edward	2797507	2019
WEIDNER, Glenda	2797507.1	2019
WHITTAKER, John	217307	2022
WILLIAMS, John	61664	2019
WILLIAMS, Melva	61664.01	2019
WOLFF, Mark	*None	2020
WOODERSON, Geoff	1205258	2019
WORLAND, Trevor	291407	2019
YOUNG, Ian	*None	2020
ZAFFINO, Zeek	218151	2019

If you don't see your name on this list and believe that it should be, or if you feel that your details have been shown incorrectly, please send an email to memberships@adaa.net.au.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Fundraising

Upcoming Dates for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

We only have two more Sausage Sizzles planned in the future. The dates are:

North Penrith Sunday 15th December

Warrawong Sunday 29th December

As always to make these fund-raising events work, we need volunteers to man the tongs and help out. If you would like to come along for a shift, at either of the venues, please contact "Grant Foster" or "Nick Nicolai". (see contact details on last page). We would really like to see some fresh faces giving up a few hours of their time.

We are also in need of some help arranging contact with other Bunnings stores in 2020. Please consider reaching out to the Activities Organiser at your local store so that we can secure some more dates.



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC-SA](#)

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Interest

Remembrance Day, 2019

Submission by Alex Heidenreich.

Remembrance Day provides an occasion to pause, reflect and remember. The significance of the eleventh hour is anchored in the horror of the First World War, the moment the guns fell silent, and the universal hope that they would remain silent and that we would all never forget.

In time, and in response to the complexities of human choice, actions and consequences, we now use this moment to reflect on the subsequent and ongoing sacrifices made more broadly, of men and of women, of service personnel and civilians, of us all affected by war in one way or another.

As a contemporary veteran, I was asked to reflect on what this day means for me. Perhaps to serve as a bridge between the past and today, between the hardened World War I veteran, through all those who followed, extending through to all us, humbly gathered here today.

As a fourth generation Australian Army soldier, I grew up listening to family stories that spanned the horrors of mustard gas attacks on the western front and wet jungle ambushes in Vietnam. Every serving generation had the ability firsthand to reflect on the effect and experience of war. It is perhaps telling that in my family no veteran ever accompanied his son or daughter to the recruiting office. When a son or daughter deployed, the preceding generation hid their concern behind a daily ritual of newspaper article collection and a sombre demeanour. Surprisingly, to me at least, more afraid than during their own operational experience.

There are commonalities in our shared experiences, generation to generation, that seem to transcend the time separating our service. Adventure, mateship, laughter and a sense of loss are the strongest bonds.

Less obvious, perhaps because it is harder to communicate, and in some ways because it hurts the most, is the shared senselessness and waste. The dichotomy of wanting to feel like we sacrificed our time, our mates, and often our health for something worthy of that sacrifice, offset by a deep-seated sense of futility and pointless endeavour.

The firsthand experience of seeing the fire drain from the eyes of your mates over time, and worse yet, your own parent, is a sobering reminder about the dark side of the adventure.

Over each generation, I sense that in some ways this has only gotten worse. While the scale of tragedy and loss has reduced significantly, the sense of futility has prevailed or expanded. We no longer celebrate heroic defeats or national victories. It's more complex than that now.

Several years ago, after publicly sharing my reflections on my experiences conducting special missions in Afghanistan, on and off over the best part of a decade, a journalist confronted me with the question 'was it worth it?'

THE CLIPPED WINGS

I didn't have an answer.

I have thought about that question ever since. And I have never found an answer.

This speaks to the nature of modern warfare in a way that I can't articulate in words.

If we would like to reflect on today, as a bridge between the past and the present, to better understand what has and hasn't evolved over time, then I would offer the following characteristics of contemporary service to consider.

Tempo. We live in a 24-hour cycle. We can and do fight day and night, relentlessly. We can watch the news unfold at home and be in a foreign country the next morning. We can return home from distant places inside of 36 hours. Almost no decompression and little opportunity to make sense of what we have been through. The long boat rides home celebrating victory or mourning with your mates are long gone.

Complexity. We deploy for complex political, security and humanitarian reasons. We often are not given a sense of purpose that would afford us the ability to rally around a cause. Years later, we withdraw arbitrarily, leaving years of work and sacrifice behind, and usually more unanswered questions than when we began. Life moves on, but sometimes we don't.

Endurance. Modern conflicts can and do span many years, if not decades. We are often fighting for primacy of ideology rather than something as tangible as terrain. We can lose ourselves through dedication and repeat deployments to distant and vague causes. Causes that the public memory has often long since forgotten by the time we return for the final time. This can challenge our sense of identity and purpose.

As we take a moment today to remember the sacrifice made, by all those past and present, who have been affected by war, let us also, for a moment, reflect on that uncomfortable question: 'was it worth it?'

For many, there may be no definitive answer. But I am certain that future generations will ask us that question; holding us to account for the decisions we make in our time. If we can't answer confidently, then we are at risk of forgetting the tragic experiences shared, and sacrifices made by those before us. We are gathered here today to ensure remember.

Lest We Forget.

Alex Heidenreich, Remembrance Day 2019



THE CLIPPED WINGS

Interest

Bay to Birdwood 2019

Submission by Harry Hordern and Karen Austin

Having just finished our National Rally "Austins Over Australia" in Tanunda, Barossa Valley, South Australia, we headed to West Beach (Glenelg). The Bay to Birdwood is the Australian equivalent of the Brighton to London Rally, that funny enough has long been on both our bucket lists. We spent the afternoon washing, chamoising and polishing the cars ready for the big event.



To say the organisation at the beginning of the rally went off with military precision would be an understatement. The cars were parked nose to tail. The reason for this become evident at the start as 1750 vehicles hit the highway, it became evident that the organisers had been doing this for a long while in fact we found out that next year will be the 40th anniversary of this Rally. To see the amount of people that lined the route on the way to Birdwood was overwhelming they were on both sides of the road and had come prepared for the event as they had BBQs set up and glasses of wine in their hands.

It was amazing because it made you feel as you were the only car on the road and they were all waving at you. It took us approximately 2.5 hours to travel the 54kms to Birdwood. Again, entry to Birdwood was very well organised. The rest of the day was spend wondering through the township and checking out all the magnificent vehicles in the museum. If ever you get the chance to do this rally grab it with both hands and do it. We in actual fact are giving serious thought to doing the 40th anniversary in 2020. As a side note on our return journey to Sydney, we did the Silo Art Trail through Victoria. This can be explained by one word magnificent. Left at Sheep Hills and right at Rochester.



THE CLIPPED WINGS

Interest

Our Lucky Winner

In 2018, the Association took our first widow to the International Reunion in the UK. Wanda Deacon, the widow of Ken (Kiwi) Deacon was our lucky winner and accompanied us through a 10-day tour of Scotland and Ireland then a 5-day reunion in Coventry with the UKADA.

Next year, 2020, the Kiwis are responsible for hosting the International Reunion and have opted for a cruise departing Sydney, on 8 March, sailing around New Zealand and returning to Sydney on 21 March We will be stopping at the following places:

- Fiordland National Park
- Dunedin
- Akaroa
- Wellington
- Napier
- Tauranga
- Auckland
- the Bay of Islands



During the year, I contacted our widows to see if they would like to be in the draw. A number of them chose not to be included either through health or one lady telling me “She was not a particularly good sailor”, which we understand fully. Those who entered, were told the draw would be completed and they would be advised by 1 November so they could arrange passports etc, if required.

Our ADAA Patron, Brig Mick Ashleigh and his Staff Officer Maj Gina Rasmussen conducted the draw in Canberra and notified me of the winner’s name.

Mrs Lonna Opie, the widow of Ray, who passed away last year, was the lucky recipient.

Lonna will be accompanied by her daughter Alanna.

At this point, I must thank our Patron Brig Mick Ashleigh and Maj Gina Rasmussen for their assistance in drawing the winner’s name. But also a very big “thank you” to all the volunteers, who continue to give up their time to help us raise money for this fantastic cause.



2022 may be a bit different because the US will be hosting the Reunion and we are not sure how much we will be able to raise between now and then; realising we heavily subsidise the Myola Ball and other events, as well as presentations.

Until then “Bon Voyage” to Lonna and Alanna. We hope you both enjoy the Reunion.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Interest

Soldiers of the Year

Submission by Nick Nicolai

This year, the ADAA again had the opportunity to recognise two outstanding soldiers from 176 Air Dispatch Sqn. The two soldiers, One ARA and the other ARes were chosen by their peer groups and identified as being the best within their areas. The names of both soldiers were announced at the Myola Ball in August, but we could only do one presentation that evening as one of our recipients was travelling overseas. The RACT Head of Corps, Brig Jason Walk, presented Pte Helen Lawson, from 8 Troop with her award at the ball and I had the privilege of presenting Pte Holly Cassin with hers at a squadron sports afternoon. So, here is a little background to our recipients.

Pte Helen Lawson

Pte Lawson is a married mother of four who after some decision making joined the ARes and completed 1 RTB, Kapooka in 2007. She originally joined 28 Fld Bty, in Dee Why but was then transferred to 8 CSSB, Dundas and finally came to the squadron in late 2007. Pte Lawson tells me Dean Kenny, of 8 Tp was instrumental in her transferring to 176 after giving her the opportunity to go for a "jolly" in a Caribou.

Since joining the squadron, she has completed her BAD Cse, MR Drivers Cse, Subj 1 for Cpl and Crew Commanders Cse.

Pte Lawson also runs her own business as well as being a soldier. Her husband, Callum, is a member of the Regular Army.



Pte Helen Lawson is presented with her award by RACT HOC Brig Jason Walk. WO1 Anthony Eddie in background

Pte Holly Cassin

I was born the eldest of three girls in Baulkham Hills where I grew up, I completed year 12 in 2010 and worked briefly as a flight attendant, before becoming an admin assistant for an electrical company.



Pte Holly Cassin being presented with her award. Grant Foster looking on

In 2014 I decided to join the Army, as I wasn't sure where my life was heading and became bored at a desk job. The last 5 years have provided me with a wide variety of opportunities from playing in the Women's Army AFL team to travelling all around Australia on different exercises. Along the way I have met many wonderful people and thoroughly enjoyed my time and look forward to what the future has to offer as next year I am posting to Townsville.

To our two recipients, "Well Done" and "Thank You" for your service.

The ADAA looks forward to doing another presentation in 2020.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Interest

WA Christmas Function

On Sunday 1st December 2019 the W.A. ADAA held its End of Year Function at the Port Kennedy RSL. Together with Shane Mitchell (who proved to be a big help) we selected an R.V being the above club.

It was nominated as a Sunday afternoon from 1400 onward by the manager of the RSL, mainly due to other functions and social activities and may not have been an ideal choice for some people being a Sunday afternoon / evening of which we understand.



The gang at Port Kennedy RSL

I arrived late due to work commitments however found a small crew of people fully engaged in banter with Shane Mitchell, those that attended the first function were Tony Andrew, Geff Hanham, Cliff Williams, Shane Mitchell, and his partner Sandra Stacey along with Hayden (Snoopy) Barron and myself.

It was a great afternoon of banter, tall stories and great times and all agreed more functions will take place throughout next year possibly on a quarterly basis with more notice . One great suggestion from Sandra of a Christmas in July. Which we will be looking at. Again thanks Shane for your assistance and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And look forward to meeting more ex and current After Darkers

Best Wishes
Graeme O'Brien

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Interest

7th Light Horse Dining In Night

Merimbula is a small, picturesque town on the far south coast, or the Sapphire Coast, of New South Wales. The population is about 4,000 and the social life is great.

On Saturday, 14 September, the ADAA was invited to attend a function on at the Merimbula RSL in honour of the 7th Light Horse, Bemboka Troop.



The evening was run along the lines of a formal Dining-In Night with Mr Gary Berman (an ex AD) being the Dining President and the local Police Inspector being Mr Vice. A large number of people from the three services had made their way from Canberra to attend this function including some overseas visitors such as Lt Col Lisa Kelliher, from the New Zealand Army Logistics Corps. The night culminated with a presentation from Mr Phillip Pope, an operator from the Tidbinbilla Tracking Station who gave us an insight to Australia's role in the Deep Space program.



Joyce, Ned Miller and Kerry Luscombe at the Merimbula RSL prior to the dinner

The ADAA has been invited to attend again next year and give a presentation on air resupply. If next year is anything like this year, it will be a good night

A special thanks to Gary and Sue Berman, Merimbula RSL and 7th Light Horse Bemboka Troop for inviting us to the evening.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Interest

CMF Luncheon



*Ross Christie, Jock Gallately and Kerry Luscombe
at the Richmond Golf Club*

Saturday, 12 October 2019, The old and bold of the Richmond and Randwick CMF units paraded at the Richmond Golf Club, for the annual CMF Luncheon. Again, organised by John Barnes and Ross Christie, the afternoon was a success with good food and good people. Approximately 20 people turned up and although the day was a bit dreary outside, there was a great atmosphere inside the club.

We look forward to next year and hopefully some more of our predecessors will join us.

Just a reminder, you do not have to be an Air Dispatch unit, and of any Corps, the door is always open



*Karen Austin, Joyce Watson and Joyce
Nicolai having a chat*

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Warning Order

WARNING ORDER

SEMI FORMAL DINING -IN NIGHT

22 FEBRUARY 2020

I have just been notified from Keith Hancox, The Oberon RSL Sub Branch has very kindly advised that the cost of the 2 Course meal will be **no expense to ADAA Members.**

Menu

Main meal consisting of chicken or roast of the day with vegetables and gravy

A dessert will be provided – yet to be decided

At the commencement of the evening, there will be a carafe of white wine and red wine on the table and the night will be completed with a glass of Port.

Drinks will be provided at the Club main bar area after dinner at your own cost.

Saturday morning - Jenolan Caves are a good way to start your visit to Oberon.

At approximately 5-6pm the courtesy bus from the local RSL will do a lap of the motels and caravan parks for those who wish to utilise this service.

Dinner will commence in the Anti-Room at approximately 6.30pm

Sunday morning – the Oberon Military Museum will open at 11.00am for those people interested at no cost to the attendees.

FINAL NUMBERS ATTENDING ARE REQUIRED NO LATER THAN COB 20 Jan 20

If you wish to be part of this event, please email president@adaa.net.au or go to the website or phone Nick on 0407 942 904.



THE CLIPPED WINGS

Corno's Cooking Corner

Recipes

G'Day all,

I thought I might try out this new segment to see what I could come up with and to perhaps inspire some culinary creations. My inspiration is the ubiquitous "Rat Pack" (1 man and 10 man), that were issued during my time in service, from the mid 70's to the 90's.

There were many weird and wonderful concoctions that could be put together from the limited variety of ingredients, with some amazing witches' brews in the "section cooker"!

This edition's creation, though somewhat inspired by a recipe I came across, is a jumble of what I had in the pantry and some of my favourite tastes. Fortunately, my family has an aversion to canned meat, which means extra helpings for me!

SPAM Skid Boards

Cooking Time 15 mins. approx..

Servings 2 - 6

Ingredients

SPAM (or your favourite processed pork product)	2 Cans
Eggs	3
Sweet Corn Kernels	2 tbsp
Onion	2 tbsp
Capsicum	2 tbsp
Spring Onion	2 tbsp
Chilli (de-seeded)	1
Pepper	To taste
Parsley	Sprig
Oil	



THE CLIPPED WINGS

Steps

1. Cut the SPAM into 4 even slices (8 in total).
2. Carefully cut centre out of each SPAM slice.
3. Dice 3 of the cut-out centres (use remaining centres however you like).



4. Finely dice Onion, Capsicum, Spring Onion and Chilli.



5. Beat the eggs in a medium sized bowl and add the diced ingredients, mix thoroughly.



6. Pre heat a suitable fry pan/BBQ plate to a medium temp. and add a splash of oil.
7. Fry SPAM rectangles until lightly golden, reduce heat slightly.



8. Add sufficient egg mixture to just fill the rectangles.
9. Fry off each side for 2-3 mins. until mixture is set and cooked through.
10. Remove from heat, add parsley and serve.



THE CLIPPED WINGS

NOTE:

The ingredients and amounts I used, are just what I had on hand, please add or remove whatever you feel, to create your own taste sensation.

Add your favourite condiments, and perhaps a fried tomato or baked beans to make it your own.

I chose to add a cheeky cider to celebrate a successful cook. Please add your own, favourite beverage to round out this simple but tasty meal.

Enjoy!



Let me know what you think?

Cheers Corno

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Merchandising

MAKA's Shirts

Tony McNulty (AKA Maka) has done many things in his life, apart from being a digger in the squadron and AMTDU. One of the things he has embarked on is the production of Tee Shirts with a definite air dispatch military theme. Earlier this year, he donated a number of shirts to the squadron but with changes to Army policy, sub- unit tee shirts were not allowed, even at PT sessions. Maka, also donated a number of shirts to the ADAA, which we were proud to wear at a few of our sausage sizzles. Now is your opportunity to give Maka a hand. Below is some of Maka's designs. The cotton is good quality and they are great if you are working around home or helping us with sausage sizzles.



If you would like to assist Maka, these tee shirts are available from him directly, they cost \$20.00 plus postage. Contact Maka at Email: tonymcnulty66@hotmail.com or phone: 0448 459 634.

Lets support another digger!

THE CLIPPED WINGS

International Reunion 2020

Kindly provided by the Air Dispatch Association of New Zealand

globe
travel

NZADA 2020 CRUISE GROUP

Princess Cruises – onboard Ruby Princess

Sydney Return – voyage R007
8-21 March 2020

13 night New Zealand Cruise



Itinerary	Date	Day	Duration
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	08MAR20	SUN	DEPART 6:45PM
At Sea	09MAR20	MON	
At Sea	10MAR20	TUE	
Fiordland National Park (Scenic Cru)	11MAR20	WED	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 4:00PM
Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand	12MAR20	THU	ARRIVE 8:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Akaroa, New Zealand	13MAR20	FRI	ARRIVE 8:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Wellington, New Zealand	14MAR20	SAT	ARRIVE 8:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Napier, New Zealand	15MAR20	SUN	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 4:00PM
Tauranga, New Zealand	16MAR20	MON	ARRIVE 8:15AM DEPART 7:30PM
Auckland, New Zealand	17MAR20	TUE	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Bay of Islands, New Zealand	18MAR20	WED	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 5:00PM
At Sea	19MAR20	THU	
At Sea	20MAR20	FRI	
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	21MAR20	SAT	ARRIVE 6:00AM

Globe Travel, 131 Richmond Rd, Grey Lynn, Auckland. Tel: +64 (0)9 361 1526.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Globe Travel, on behalf of the New Zealand Air Dispatch Association (NZADA) are pleased to invite you to join the NZADA 2020 Cruise Group. Sailing aboard Princess Cruises' Ruby Princess in March 2020, the group will enjoy all the comforts of this stunning, modern cruise ship while exploring some of New Zealand's iconic sites and magnificent coastline.

There are several cabin types available aboard Ruby Princess, suiting all budgets and tastes. Prices for our recommended selection are as follows:

Group Cruise Prices:

Inside cabin, category IB

Share twin NZ\$2375 per person

Single NZ\$4426

Outside cabin with Obstructed Ocean View, category OZ

Share twin NZ\$2583 per person

Single NZ\$4844

Outside cabin with full Ocean View, category OF

Share twin NZ\$3023 per person

Single NZ\$5724

Balcony cabin, category BD

Share twin NZ\$3409 per person

Single NZ\$6494

Balcony cabin, category BC

Share twin NZ\$3486 per person

Single NZ\$6648

Mini Suite, category MB

Share twin NZ\$4157 per person

Single NZ\$7990

Cruise fares are priced in New Zealand Dollars, per person. Triple and Quad share rates can be obtained on application. All prices are subject to change until your booking is confirmed with deposit paid.

Inclusions: Fares above include all main meals & entertainment onboard, government taxes & port handling charges and any pre-paid gratuities.

For your info, the government taxes and port handling charges that are included come to a total of NZD \$712 per person twin share and NZD \$1069 single. Those are INCLUDED in the pricing above.

For our group Princess Cruises are currently holding:

5 x Category IB Interior Cabins

5 x Category BD Balcony Cabins

5 x Category BC Balcony Cabins

3 x Category MB Mini Suites

Total 18 Cabins for 36 passengers – Based on Twin/Double Share.

More cabins can be added and the distribution of cabin types can be changed, subject to availability, according to the demands of the group. The earlier we book, the better chance we have of securing your preferred cabin type.

Globe Travel, 131 Richmond Rd, Grey Lynn, Auckland. Tel: +64 (0)9 361 1526.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Balcony cabins are by far the most popular cabin type on this ship. Ruby Princess has 6 decks of the them!

Important: Please note that Princess Cruises reserves the right to recall unsold space and group allotments at any time.

Price promise

Should a better fare be available at the time you make a confirmed booking, due to any current promotion at that time, then that fare will be used instead of the group pricing. At the time of quotation, group pricing is the best value.

Group benefits

Why book with the group?

1. Globe Travel are a TAANZ bonded, highly reputable travel agency with many years of travel experience. In addition to securing your place on the cruise, we can also arrange air travel from anywhere in the world, hotel accommodation before or after your cruise, tours, car hire and any other travel arrangements you may require, allowing all of your travel arrangements to be co-ordinated together.
2. Booking with the group we can do all possible to try and get cabins of the same category allocated close to each other, improving the group experience.
3. Globe Travel can access a group rebate after travel is completed. As long as a minimum of 16 passengers book with the group, then for every 11 confirmed passengers, we will receive a credit equal to one passenger's cruise fare, excluding port taxes and government charges. Note: The cruise fare(s) credited back will be based on the lowest booked fare(s) in the group. Once received by Globe Travel, this credit can be divided by the number of cabins booked and then refunded back to you (less a small admin fee.) Or, if you prefer, can be held in credit towards your next holiday.

Deposit & Balance requirements

Deposit: 30% deposit due immediately at time of booking.

Final payment: Balance of payment is due no later than 110 days prior to cruise departure. (7 December 2019)

Cancellation

Cancellation of bookings must be emailed to Globe Travel as soon as possible. If tickets have been issued, these must be returned.

Once a booking is deposited the following cancellation conditions are applicable:

Cancellation Fees:

181 Days or more	10% of Total fare
180 – 43 Days	35% of Total fare
42 – 15 Days	60% of Total fare
14 Days or less	100% of Total fare

In addition, an administration fee of NZ \$50 per person applies to cancellations more than 14 days prior to departure.

Booking Procedure

As bookings are made, Globe Travel will require:

- A photocopy of the photo page in your passport, showing your full name as per Passport and date of birth.
- Your preferred bedding configuration.
- Any special dietary requirements.

Globe Travel, 131 Richmond Rd, Grey Lynn, Auckland. Tel: +64 (0)9 361 1526.

THE CLIPPED WINGS

Please note that bookings must be made in the name that will match the name on the passport you will travel on. Name changes to confirmed bookings will incur fees, and if the name is completely different could result in having to cancel your reservation and re-book.

Travel Insurance

All guests travelling aboard Ruby Princess must have comprehensive international travel insurance including medical evacuation. We strongly recommend arranging travel insurance including cancellation cover at the time you pay your deposit. For New Zealand based travellers Globe Travel can arrange travel insurance if required. Please let us know if we can provide you with a quote. For overseas travellers please speak to your local travel insurance specialist.

Payment

Globe Travel welcomes payment directly into our bank account, details will be provided at the time of booking. Credit card payments are accepted but we will have to pass on credit card fees which are currently approx. 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3% for Amex.

To secure your place with the NZADA 2020 Cruise Group, please email your booking request and passport copies to:
mikaandellen@globetravel.co.nz

We look forward to hearing from you!

Globe Travel, 131 Richmond Rd, Grey Lynn, Auckland. Tel: +64 (0)9 361 1526.

VALE

BENNIE ALLEN MANNING

On 23 November 2019, the air dispatch / rigger trade lost a great man. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bennie Allen Manning passed away, aged 76, from a heart attack, in Raleigh, North Carolina. I think it was best summed up by one of his relatives, Sharon Manning

Sunrise November 22, 1943

Sunset November 23, 2019

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing

Timothy 4:7 - 8



Bennie was a giant of a man with a knowledge of aerial delivery which could not be matched in the US Army. He was also a great singer and a good friend who will be sorely missed.

Bennie Manning was responsible for supervising the majority of airdrop loads to the US base in Antarctica. He worked with Grant Foster, when Fozzie was posted to New Zealand, rigging loads of fresh rations and equipment for the base and its personnel.

Fozzie and Bennie were reunited at the 2016 International Reunion in Sydney. This was a special event for Bennie. We marched down Elizabeth Street as part of the ANZAC Day March and he said to me afterwards "Man this is so great. We don't have anything like this in the States, for our veterans, with people waving flags and cheering. Not even Veterans Day in the States is like this."

The 2016 ANZAC Day March must have left an indelible mark on Bennie because he joined us in Melbourne for the ANZAC Reunion in 2017, where he requested to become a member of the ADAA. This request was quickly seconded by Brian Irving and thus Bennie was one of us. That ANZAC Day afternoon, Chris Felkin, remembering the year before, asked Bennie to sing us a song. The song, "Me and Mrs Jones" was sung to our gathering and I think it shall always be his theme song.



Bennie loved coming in Australia and New Zealand and being with his “brothers-in-arms” and Aussies and Kiwis love Bennie. He was always welcome. He stayed at our place a couple of times and enjoyed feeding the wild birds from his hand on the front verandah.

In the last few years, Bennie had a few medical issues and was unable to join us in the UK for the Reunion last year. This made him more determined to join us next year for the Kiwi Reunion. But unfortunately, it was not to be.

Bennie is survived by two daughters Pamela and Benita. He also had two grandchildren who he adored. I have tried to contact his daughters via social media but at this time no luck at this time



*Bennie and
Benita*

*Bennie being presented with his
medal at Fort Lee, Virginia*



THE CLIPPED WINGS

CONTACT DETAILS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Nick Nicolai 0407 942 904 president@adaa.net.au	Treasurer:	Rob Ward 0481 320 547 treasurer@adaa.net.au
Vice President:	Anthony Eddie 0401 417 497 vicpres@adaa.net.au	Committee Members:	Geoff Cutts 0418 384 807 comm01@adaa.net.au
Secretary:	Dan Cochrane 0432 618 542 secretary@adaa.net.au		Grant Foster 0413 190 541 comm02@adaa.net.au
Assistant Secretary:	Lou Heidenreich 0427 702 419 assistsec@adaa.net.au		

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Queensland	Mark Swain 0402 866 082 qld@adaa.net.au	South Australia	Lou Heidenreich 0427 702 419 southaust@adaa.net.au
	Pat Slee 0412 306 606 qld@adaa.net.au	Western Australia	Edward Duffy 0407 999 472 westaust@adaa.net.au
New South Wales	Grant Foster 0413 190 541 nsw@adaa.net.au		Graeme O'Brien 0410 344 603 westaust@adaa.net.au
	Mark Wahlen 0408 855 341` nsw@adaa.net.au	Australian Capital Territory	Bruce Patterson 02 6236 9946 act@adaa.net.au
Victoria/Tasmania	Brian Hill 0428 132 098 vic@adaa.net.au	Northern Territory	Bill Hayes 0417 816278 rep-nt@adaa.net.au

OTHER CONTACTS

Public Officer:	Brian Irving 0420 353 838 public.officer@adaa.net.au	Merchandise:	Rusty Towers 0407 954 297 merchandise@adaa.net.au
Patron:	Brigadier Mick Ashleigh	Memberships	Rob Ward 0481 320 547 membership@adaa.net.au
Past Patron:	Major General David Ferguson	Editor in chief: Assistant editor:	Hannah "Scoop" Cornish Andy Cornish 0407 213 241 clippedwings@adaa.net.au
Immediate Past President:	Gary Cole 07 4637 0518 pastpres@adaa.net.au	Historian:	Soon to be announced historian@adaa.net.au
Honorary Auditor:	Linda Wright Peninsular Accounting Solutions	ARA Rep	Dan Cochrane 0432 618 542 secretary@adaa.net.au
		Ares Rep	Matt Conwell 0412 128 520 mattconwell@yahoo.com.au