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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AIR DISPATCH ASSOCIATION OF
AUSTRALIA

WINTER 2021

President's Report



Hello everyone.

Winter, enjoyable for some, but not my favourite season. The past twelve months, we have seen so many seasons of change and we are still moving forward. If we fail to move forward, we will stagnate or go into decline. The same must be said for associations, such as ours, the Air Dispatch Association of Australia.

Since 2014, many changes have happened within our association:

1. Our Constitution was changed to allow family members to become full members of the association,
2. Our committee has been opened-up to include Regular Army, Reservists and civilians who are association members,
3. The association has embarked on major fundraising exercises,
4. We have fully funded some of our deceased members widows to International Reunions,
5. The association has been instrumental in the initiation of the annual Myola Ball,
6. Numerous dining-in nights and social functions have been held,
7. We provide monetary support to the annual CMF luncheon,
8. Providing catering support to 9 FSB on Ex Tigers Walk in 2019,
9. A new range of merchandise, including coins and posters, and
10. A new banner.

The committee and volunteer members have produced amazing results and all members should be extremely proud of the achievements of your association.

The association is in a good position financially with a stable, hardworking committee. Yes, we have had some committee member changes over the years, but the core of the committee has been innovative, solid and strong. That said, it is time for me to move on and step down from the President's position. I have just completed my seventh year as President and 2021 will be my last. I will continue to support both the committee and the association where I can however it is time for new blood to take control. I do not want to become stagnant in the President's position as this would adversely affect the association as a whole.

My decision to step down is two-fold.

1. Joyce and I are moving from the Sydney/Wollongong area and I would not be able to attend fundraising events or presentation ceremonies at defence establishments. I also feel it is unfair to have to rely heavily on other committee and association members to represent me at these events.

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2 Unfortunately, as we get older, we become more susceptible to health issues and I am in this category with a number of health issues that must be addressed and again it would be unfair for me to rely on others.

And so, it is time to move forward with new blood at the helm. My time as President has been extremely rewarding and pleasurable and I would recommend the position to somebody who wants to make a valuable contribution to the association.

Moving right along, our AGM held on 24 April at Penrith RSL saw us break new ground yet again. We show cased our new banner, at bit of a different design from our previous banners but depicting various forms of aircraft and new operational areas where Air Dispatchers have been deployed. We also show cased our Limited Edition artwork called the Australian Army Air Dispatcher. More details on this artwork are inside this edition. The AGM also gave us new committee members with Geoff Cutts and Rob Ward stepping down from their positions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Geoff and Rob for their work and contribution to the association. Geoff will remain as Victorian State Rep (with Brian Hill) and Rob will retain the Membership Officers position. I would like to welcome our new committee members are Joyce Nicolai as Treasurer with Harry Hordern and John Whittaker as committee members. We also had a number of people receive Life Memberships being Graham Papworth, Geoff Cutts, Lou Heidenreich, Grant Foster and for some obscure reason, myself. To the other new Life Members, thank you for the personal contributions you have made to the association.



ANZAC Day was another day of firsts. Organised by our Vice President, Anthony Eddie, we did the Dawn Service at Penrith as part of the service, we marched our new banner for the first time, with uniformed troops from the Squadron and AMTDU. We also had soldiers from the Basic Air Dispatch Course attend the parade. OC, 176 AD Sqn, Maj Stan Stanford and his wife Vicki and XO, AMTDU, Maj Kate Adams laid wreaths at the Penrith Cenotaph as part of the service. As did Harry Hordern and Grant Foster, on behalf of our association. After this we adjourned to the RSL for a breakfast. It was great to see young soldiers participating in such an event with other association members. Thanks Ed, another great milestone for you.

This quarter saw the passing of another of the "Old and Bold". Col Alan Bewley passed at the age of 95, just two and a half months short of his 96th birthday. Alan could be well regarded as the "Father of Modern Aerial Delivery" within Australia being both the first OC of 1 AASO and AMTDU. There is more information on Alan Bewley in this edition.

Until next time,

Cheers

Nicko, June 21



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Treasurer's Report

This is my first report to you since being elected your Treasurer at the AGM on 24 April 2021. I will keep the format of this report the same as it has been for the last couple of years when Rob Ward was in the chair.

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 1st quarter of this year. If you would like further information, please send your request to me by email, treasurer@adaa.com.au.

Memberships for 2021 are now overdue. If you are not sure when you are paid up to, check the membership list. For those that need to pay, here are your payment options:

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

Regards
Joyce Nicolai

MERCHANDISE			
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jan-21		973.55
Income			
	Merchandise sales	535.20	
	Postage recovered	14.64	
Total Income			549.84
Expenses			
	Postage	18.95	
	Purchases	1,488.90	
Total Expenses			-1,507.85
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Mar-21		15.54

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ADMINISTRATION			
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jan-21		14,859.69
Income			
	Donations	410.00	
	GST refund	52.00	
	Memberships	1,450.00	
Total Income			1,912.00
Expenses			
	New member badges	14.84	
	Oberon RSL dinner	641.60	
	Postage	14.84	
	Presentations	17.60	
	Stationery	-15.00	
	Website and emails	434.50	
Total Expenses			-1,108.38
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Mar-21		15,663.31

FUNDRAISING			
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jan-21		7,765.60
Income			
Total Income	Barbeque sales	1,106.50	1,106.50
Expenses			
Total Expenses	Barbeques purchases	447.74	-447.74
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Mar-21		8,424.36

GRANTS			
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jan-21		317.67
Income			
Total Income	Grant for banner	1,430.00	1,430.00
Expenses			
Total Expenses	Banner	1,430.00	-1,430.00
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Mar-21		317.67

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Membership Report

Welcome to New Members

At the AGM, held on 24 April 2021, 5 members were nominated for life memberships. Congratulations to you all for the time and energy you have given to our Association.

Since the last edition of "The Clipped Wings", we have welcomed the following new members to our Association:

JONES, Jorja
JONES, Steven
REYNOLDS, Max

ROBERTSON, Donald
STANFORD, Trevor
WRIGHT, Jason

And we have welcomed back:

FLINT, Bob
HOLMES, Tony
JOLLY, Peter
KNACK, John

MOORMAN, John
POOLE, Darren
WHEELER, Ken

Life Members

BABER, Kemm
COLE, Gary
CUTTS, Geoff
EDDIE, Anthony
FERGUSON, David
FOSTER, Grant
GANNON, Barry
HEIDENREICH, Lou

HUTTON, Bob
IRVING, Brian
McCANN, Denis
NICOLAI, Nick
PAPWORTH, Graham
SLEE, Pat
VARLEY, Nev (deceased)

Financial Members

ADAMS, Kathleen 2021
ARGUS, Howard 2024
ARMSTRONG, Len 2023
ASBURY, Paul 2022
ASHLEIGH, Michael 2022
AUSTIN, Karen 2022
BAINES, Ian 2022
BARNES, John Cecil 2021
BARNES, Pamela 2021
BARNESLEY, Peter 2021
BARRETO, Alberto 2022
BATES, Paul 2021
BEAVEN, David 2023

BELL, Albert 2021
BLAKELY, Ron 2022
BOSWELL, Brian 2021
BRENNAN, Denis 2021
BUCHANAN, Graeme 2021
CHRISTIE, Ross 2021
CLARKE, Andrew 2022
COHEN, Peter 2022
CONWELL, Matt 2022
CORMACK, Will 2021
CORNISH, Andrew 2022
CORNISH, Hannah 2022
CRAKER, David 2021

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CUNNINGHAM, Lou	2021	MADIGAN, George	2021
DALTON, Alan	2021	MARKI, Imre	2022
D'ARCY, Bill	2022	McGEOCH, Gordon	2021
DOWD, Anthony	2024	McGRAVIE, Gary	2021
DRAY, Dennis	2021	McMASTER, Robert	2021
DUFFY, Ed	2021	McNAMARA, Ted	2022
EVANS, John	2021	McNULTY, Anthony	2024
FABER, Johann	2021	McPHERSON, Roger	2021
FABISIAK, Henry	2021	MILKE, Peter	2022
FARMER, Raymond Colin	2021	MILLER, Ned	2022
FEDDERSEN, Brendan	2021	MITCHELL, Shane	2021
FELKIN, Rosa	2022	MOFFITT, Darren	2021
FLINT, Bob	2021	MOORE, Allan	2022
FOSTER, Denis	2021	MOORMAN, John	2021
FRACARO, Lyndon	2021	MUIR, Graeme	2022
FRANKEL, Ray	2021	MULFORD, Barry	2021
GELLEL, Michael	2021	MUNRIGHT, Terry	2021
GOAD, David	2022	MUNSON, Peter	2024
GUSTER, Tony	2022	MURPHY, Peter	2021
HAMU, Mick	2028	NEWMAN, David	2021
HARRIS, Geoff	2021	NICOLAI, Joyce	2022
HARRIS, Kim	2021	O'BRIEN, Danny	2021
HAWKINS, Mathew	2021	OLIVER, Steve	2021
HAYES, Bill	2023	POOLE, Darren	2021
HEAD, Gerda	2021	PRAGNALL, Alan	2022
HEAD, Vince	2021	REASON, Terry	2022
HEIDENREICH, Susan	2021	REYNOLDS, Max	2021
HEYDON, Terry	2021	ROBERTSON, Donald	2021
HILSBURG, Stuart	2021	RUSSELL, Carol	2021
HOLDEN, Phil	2021	RUSSELL, Peter	2021
HOLECEK OAM, Brian	2022	RYMAN, James	2021
HOLMES, Tony	2021	SHINE, Christopher	2021
HORDERN, Anthony	2023	SLEE, Marlene	2023
HOWES, Alan	2021	SMITH, Barry	2021
HUDDLESTON, John	2024	SMOCK, David	2021
HUGHES, Ron	2021	SOLOMON, David	2021
HUNT, John	2021	STANFORD, Trevor	2021
HUXLEY, Glenn	2022	SUMNER, John	2023
IRVING, Dianne	2021	SVENSSON, Garry	2022
JOHANSEN, Michael	2021	SWAIN, Mark	2021
JOLLY, Peter	2021	TAWNS, Hugh	2021
JONES, Jorja	2021	TAYLOR, John	2021
JONES, Steven	2021	THOMPSON, Gordon	2021
KENNY, Dean	2028	THURGOOD, John	2021
KIRKHAM, Jim	2021	TOWERS, Ros	2023
KNACK, John	2021	TOWERS, Russell	2023
KOOL, Shaun	2021	TUTT, Bob	2021
LESUEUR, Peter	2023	VERGARA, Mark	2021
LONERGAN, Michael	2021	WAHLEN, Deborah	2021
LUSCOMBE, Kerry	2022	WAHLEN, Gary	2021

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WAHLEN, Mark	2021	WHITTAKER, John	2022
WARE, Stuart	2022	WILLIAMS, John	2022
WATSON, Keith	2021	WILLIAMS, Melva	2022
WEIDNER, Ted	2022	WOLFF, Mark	2022
WEIDNER, Glenda	2022	WORLAND, Trevor	2021
WELLER, Paul	2021	WRIGHT, Jason	2021
WHEELER, Ken	2021	YOUNG, Ian	2022
WHITE, Gary	2021	ZAFFINO, Zeek	2023

If you don't see your name on this list and believe it should be, or if you think these records are incorrect, please send an email to memberships@adaa.net.au. For those of you that are financial until the end of 2020, an email has been sent reminding you that payment of \$25.00 is required to maintain your membership until the end of 2021. Payment options are included in the Treasurer's report.



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Interest

ANZAC Day 2021

Dawn Service – Memory Park, Penrith



Kim Harris, Geoff Harris, Grant Foster, Nick Nicolai, Craig O'Reilly



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Penrith RSL



Maroochydore RSL



Phil Holden, Bob Tutt, Alan Dalton, Brian Hassett and Jim Prien

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Interest

ADAA Limited Edition Print

The ADAA committee is continually striving to promote our association and offer incentives for its members.

At our AGM on 24 April 21, we unveiled 'The Australian Army Air Dispatcher'. This artwork was the brainchild of our Vice President (VP), Anthony Eddie, who realised many other military units had this style of art and we did not want to be left behind.

The ADAA commissioned Mrs Tamara Telly, who, whilst in lockdown during the Covid crisis produced this brilliant piece of art. The original was completed using coloured pencils from photographs supplied by the VP. The print depicts different aircraft and air resupply methods used by Air Dispatchers since our inception.



There have been 100 Limited Edition prints produced and a good percentage of them have been purchased already. If you would like one of these excellent pieces of artwork, they can be purchased on-line through our website.

Cost for financial members is \$30.00

Cost for non-financial members \$40.00

Registered post within Australia \$18.95

Postage overseas Please enquire with our Merchandise Officer

Be quick to secure a copy of this Limited-Edition artwork. Not very many left.

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Warning Order

ADAA MYOLA BALL 2021



THE FIFTH ADAA ANNUAL DINNER AND MYOLA BALL WILL BE HELD AT PENRITH PANTHERS LEAGUES CLUB ON 07 AUGUST 2021, ALL PAST AND PRESENT AIR DISPATCHERS, PARACHUTE RIGGERS, FRIENDS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



MUSIC SUPPORT BY THE AUSTRALIAN
ARMY BAND - SYDNEY

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RSL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Dear Members

There are now more options than ever for veterans in New South Wales looking to upskill or gain assistance to find employment in the public and private sectors.

Every year around 1,200 service members leave the Australian Defence Force and join an estimated 200,000 veterans living across NSW. Of those, almost 56,000 veterans and 30,000 of their family members are current clients of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Veterans are often accompanied on the pathway to participation by partners, spouses and families, which is why these employment programs provide options not just to veterans but also their partners. We've curated a range of programs that can assist you and your fellow veterans with gaining new skills and qualifications, or recognition for the skills you gained in service, and securing meaningful employment.

Veterans Skills Program

In a newly announced initiative by the NSW Government, veterans and their partners will have access to fee-free training to broaden their career opportunities and help transition to civilian life after service.

The Veterans Skills Program enables eligible learners to study any course offered under the Government's Smart and Skilled program from a Certificate II to Advanced Diplomas, including all apprenticeships and selected traineeships.

Veterans and their partners can choose between 750 fee-free courses and will be offered through more than 450 Registered Training Organisations including TAFE NSW.

To read the NSW Premier's announcement or to find out more visit the [Veterans Skills Program website](#).

NSW Veterans Employment Program

The Veterans Employment Program provides help and support for veterans who are interested in pursuing a career in the NSW public sector. It was developed from research led by the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs which now oversees the program. 1,094 veterans have found new roles in the NSW public sector since October 2018.

To find out more visit the [Veterans Employment Program website](#).

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RSL Employment Program

RSL NSW in collaboration with RSL LifeCare has launched a holistic veteran employment program. The [RSL Employment Program](#) is a national initiative funded by the Australian Government and supports veterans and their partners to find meaningful employment. The RSL LifeCare team delivers the following free services to veterans:

- Career counselling and help to translate skills to the civilian job market
- Help to interpret selection criteria for job applications
- Writing CVs, application letters, and building social media profiles
- Interview coaching
- Connection to employers

Veterans and their families can access the RSL Employment program by calling RSL LifeCare on 8088 0388 or visiting the [RSL Employment Program website](#).

[1] NSW Veterans Strategy 2021-2024: <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/assets/veterans-affairs/NSW-Veterans-Strategy-2021-24.pdf>

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Merchandise

For all your merchandise needs please check out our website shop or contact Rusty Towers (see last page for contact details).



Brevet Cap \$18.00 ea



Beanie - Black or Navy \$20.00 ea



Shirt - Maroon or Navy
\$35.00 ea.



Parra Badge Large \$10.00 ea.

Parra Badge Small \$9.00 ea.



Brevet Badge Large \$10.00 ea.

Brevet Badge Small \$9.00 ea..

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Belt Buckle \$28.00 ea.



Rifle Pen \$20.00 ea.



Brevet Sticker \$3.00 ea.



The Air Dispatcher Coin \$26.00 ea.



Poppy Tie 30.00 ea.



Brevet Tie 28.00 ea.

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Vale

Vale Alexander (Alan) William Bewley

8 June 1925 – 12 April 2021



LTCOL Bewley

Alan Bewley was born in Gordon, NSW on 8 June 1925. He remained there with his parents till he was four years old when the family moved to Wentworth Falls. He attended Wentworth Falls Public School and Katoomba High School.

In December 1941, Alan was sixteen and a half when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour and the same as a lot of young men his age, he was chaffing at the bit to join one of the services. His first choice was the Air Force. When he got to the recruiting office, the recruiter said, "Does your mother know you are here, son?" and with that he left the office. A few days later, he had a stroke of brilliance by registering as an 18 year old for the Citizens Military Forces or militia and in January of 1943, he joined the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) as a digger and was allocated transport.

His Statement of Service reads:

<i>Citizen Military Forces (Full Time Duty)</i>	<i>26 February 1942 to 07 January 1943</i>
<i>Australian Imperial Force</i>	<i>08 January 1943 to 30 June 1947</i>
<i>Interim Army</i>	<i>01 July 1947 to 08 December 1947</i>
<i>Australian Regular Army</i>	<i>09 December 1947 to 08 June 1975</i>

He served through New Guinea, Bougainville, Morotai, Japan, Singapore, and Vietnam and was attached to Australian Army Staff (Washington) USA.

He worked his way through the ranks and was promoted to WO1 in 1950, commissioned in April 1953, and was allocated to RAASC. He was promoted to Captain in April 1957 on his posting to the Centre. He conducted the first AD course at Puckapunyal as the SI and with no précis or lesson plans on his arrival, so everything started from scratch.

Some of his notable Air Transport related postings were:

<i>Royal Australian Army Service Corps School</i>	<i>30 July 1957</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Detachments Australian Army Force, Far East Land Forces</i>	<i>02 October 1959</i>
<i>Royal Australian Army Service Corps Centre</i>	<i>02 December 1961</i>
<i>Air Movements Training Flight - 38 Transport Squadron RAAF</i>	<i>10 May 1962</i>
<i>Air Movements Training Flight - 86 Transport Wing RAAF</i>	<i>12 October 1962</i>
<i>Air Movements Training Flight (Army Component)</i>	<i>01 May 1963</i>
<i>Army Air Supply Organisation</i>	<i>18 October 1965</i>
<i>Officer Training Unit</i>	<i>09 January 1967</i>



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1 Ground Liaison Group

17 January 1969



*FLCPT Warr, MAJ Neipling (US) and MAJ Bewley
Yuma - 1962*

Alan Bewley was basically responsible for Australia adopting the US airdrop system and the introduction of the Type II Modular Platform.

On 8 June 1975, the Grandfather of Air Dispatch retired after over 33 years of dedicated service to manage his Geebung Plant Nursery in Warrimoo. He also became more active in community affairs. This included District and Regional Scouts, Warrimoo Tennis Club, Rural Fire Service and the Warrimoo Citizens Association where he successfully led the campaign for the Great Western Highway not to

bypass Warrimoo. Such was the success of his advocacy and the quality of local roads landscaping, the pedestrian access bridge across the highway at Warrimoo Railway Station was named after him. This was a first in NSW where such Government honors were only bestowed on deceased persons.

The Chief of the General Staff appointed Alan Honorary Colonel Royal Australian Corps of Transport NSW from 1978 to 1982. He was a very active Honorary Colonel and engaged with NSW British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) Association, the RACT Association NSW, RAASC Officers' Association NSW, 3rd Transport Squadron Association, and the Air Dispatch Association. Until his mobility greatly restricted movement, since the 1970's, on a quarterly basis, Allan hosted lunches for retired now mostly deceased Corps personnel. He was a most reliable and generous attendee at all NSW Corps celebrations.



Alan is survived by his three adult children, Andree, Lisa and Lex.

His funeral was held on Friday 7 May and was well represented by military members both past and present. The Air Dispatch Association was represented by our Vice President, WO1 Anthony Eddie. The family was pleased Alan was remembered by the ADAA and it was decided by the family his grandson, a member of AAAvn, be presented with one of our new commemorative sashes.

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