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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AIR DISPATCH ASSOCIATION OF
AUSTRALIA

AUTUMN 2021

President's Report



Hello everyone.

Autumn, the first newsletter for the year. I hope everybody had a great Christmas and New Year, and the first couple of months of 2021 have not been too hectic. Between lockdowns and border closures, I wonder how long it will be before we need a passport to travel interstate. As expected, the association has been very quiet with fund raising and events. but we have achieved a few small gains.

I met with the new OC of 176 Air Dispatch Sqn, Maj Trevor (Stan) Stanford and the SSM WO2 Jenny Ritchie towards the end of last year. The OC is interested in fostering better relations with the association and the squadron and I look forward to further discussion with him on this matter. Harry Hordern and I also met with OC AMTDU, WGCDR Cameron Clark and the SI Army, now EXO at AMTDU, Maj Kathleen (Kate) Adams.

February 6 also saw our second casual dining in night at Oberon. With about 40 people turning up, a great night was had by all and we look forward to next year's function. A week later, we were in Nambucca Heads. Organised by John Whittaker and the After Darkers Van Travellers, about 30 people turned up to a slightly damp, week-long get together. It was great to catch up with some of the old and bold and also meet new people for the first time.

We managed to get a grant from the Community Grants Hub for a new banner. The banner was designed by Grant Foster and identifies conflicts from New Guinea to Afghanistan. We think the new banner will be a hit with all members and is to be first displayed on ANZAC Day, this year.

Speaking of ANZAC Day, this year it is to be a Penrith event with serving members from the Sqn and AMTDU being able to join us. The Penrith RSL has permitted us to display our banner and march behind the RSL banner as an association at the Dawn Service March. In line with Covid restrictions, we are only allowed to have 85 people in total and those marching must register with us prior to ANZAC Day. More information will be distributed as it comes to hand.

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The Myola ball has been booked for Saturday, 7 August at Penrith Panthers. Again, this year Anthony Eddie has secured the venue and made preliminary bookings with Army Band, Sydney for music. Previous years have been great nights with plenty of fun, food and music. Please mark this in your calendar.

Since our last edition, I have been contacted by Mark Michel, President of the US Red Hat Chapter regarding the next International Reunion to be hosted by the US in 2022. I am led to believe planning is underway. The latest information I have received from the US is they were thinking about a trip up the east coast from New York to Montreal, in the Fall (Late September/November), subject to international borders reopening. Again, I will keep everyone posted on this.

With the Covid crisis last year the association did not have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) but we intend to have an AGM this year and we are calling for Agenda items and positions for the new committee. I urge everybody to think about items for the Agenda and putting their hands up for Committee positions. Please let this sink in "If we do not change our paradigm, nothing will change", so in short, we need people with fresh ideas and thoughts whether they are passed to the elected committee or people stand for committee positions. New blood, new ideas.

Finally, I have had an email from Denis Foster. Denis and Jean have been supporters on many of our International Reunions, Denis transferred from the British Army in 1964 to the Australian Regular Army, where he served with 1 ASSO and retired in 1973. Denis has been diagnosed with acute Myeloid Leukemia, this is particularly aggressive and rapidly fatal, meaning there is no treatment. Speaking to Denis the other day, he was still the cheerful man I have always known despite what he is facing. He informed me he and Jean have made all the relevant funeral arrangements in preparation for the outcome. I can only wish Denis and Jean the best as I am unable to find the words, I need to describe this situation.

Until next time,
Please stay safe
Cheers
Nicko



Our new ADAA Banner

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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 4th quarter of last year. If you would like further information, please send your request to me by email, treasurer@adaa.com.au.

Memberships for 2021 are now due. 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
Rob Ward

FUNDRAISING		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Oct-20	6,139.28
Income		
Barbeque sales		2,997.30
Donations		250.00
Interest		0.70
Total Income		3,248.00
Expenses		
Barbeques purchases		1,619.48
Postage		2.20
Total Expenses		-1,621.68
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Dec-20	7,765.60

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ADMINISTRATION

Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Oct-20		14,763.96
Income			
Donations		50.00	
GST refund		350.26	
Interest		1.75	
Memberships		450.00	
Total Income			852.01
Expenses			
New member badges		11.13	
Postage		15.55	
Presentations		558.60	
Software		121.00	
Stationery			
Website and emails			
Total Expenses			-706.28
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Dec-20		14,909.69

MERCHANDISE

Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Oct-20		814.38
Income			
Interest		0.09	
Merchandise sales		159.08	
Total Income			159.17
Expenses			
Total Expenses			0.00
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Dec-20		973.55

GRANTS

Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Oct-20		317.67
Income			
Interest		1.03	
Total Income			1.03
Expenses			
Total Expenses			0.00
Bank Account Closing Balance	31-Dec-20		318.70

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Membership Report

Welcome to New Members

Since the last edition of "The Clipped Wings", we would like to welcome the following new member that has joined our Association:

HOUGHTON, Ross

Life Members

BABER, Kimm
COLE, Gary
EDDIE, Anthony
FERGUSON, David
GANNON, Barry
HUTTON, Bob

IRVING, Brian
McCANN, Denis
SLEE, Pat
VARLEY, Nev (deceased)

Financial Members

ADAMS, Kathleen	2020	CUNNINGHAM, Lou	2020	HAYES, Bill	2023
ARGUS, Howard	2020	CUTTS, Geoff	2020	HEAD, Gerda	2021
ARMSTRONG, Len	2020	DALTON, Alan	2020	HEAD, Vince	2021
ASBURY, Paul	2020	D'ARCY, Bill	2022	HEIDENREICH, Lou	2023
ASHLEIGH, Mick	2022	DEJENEY, Peter	2020	HEIDENREICH, Susan	2021
AUSTIN, Karen	2020	DOWD, Anthony	2024	HEYDON, Terry	2021
BAINES, Ian	2022	DRAY, Dennis	2020	HILL, Brian	2020
BARNES, John Cecil	2021	DUFFY, Ed	2020	HILSBURG, Stuart	2021
BARNES, Pamela	2021	EGGINS, Greg	2020	HILSON, Peter	2020
BARNET, John	2020	EVANS, John	2020	HOLDEN, Phil	2021
BARNESLEY, Peter	2020	FABISIAK, Henry	2021	HOLECEK OAM, Brian	2022
BARRETO, Alberto	2020	FARMER, Raymond Colin	2020	HORDERN, Anthony	2021
BATES, Paul	2020	FEDDERSEN, Brendan	2020	HOUGHTON, Ross	2020
BEAVEN, David	2023	FELKIN, Chris (deceased)	2021	HOWARD, Roy	2020
BELL, Albert	2020	FIGG, Peter	2020	HOWES, Alan	2021
BERMAN, Gary	2020	FLINT, Bob	2020	HUDDLESTON, John	2024
BLAKELY, Ron	2020	FOLKES, Chris	2020	HUGHES, Michael	2020
BLYTH, Peter (deceased)	2020	FOSTER, Denis	2020	HUGHES, Ron	2021
BOSWELL, Brian	2021	FOSTER, Grant	2020	HUNT, John	2021
BRENNAN, Denis	2020	FRACARO, Lyndon	2020	HUXLEY, Glenn	2021
BUCHANAN, Graeme	2021	FRANKEL, Ray	2020	IRVING, Dianne	2020
CHRISTIE, Ross	2020	GELLER, Michael	2020	JANSON, Ken	2020
CLARKE, Andrew	2020	GEURTSSEN, Matthew	2020	JOHANSEN, Michael	2021
CLEMENTS, Rodney	2020	GOAD, David	2022	KAYE, Phillip	2020
COCHRANE, Dan	2020	GODDARD, John	2020	KENNY, Dean	2028
COHEN, Peter	2020	GRECH, Simon	2020	KIRKHAM, Jim	2020
CONWELL, Matt	2020	GRIMSHAW, Max	2020	KOOL, Shaun	2020
COOPER, David (deceased)	2020	GUSTER, Tony	2022	LANG, Anna Maria	2020
CORMACK, Will	2020	HANCOX, Keith J	2020	LEE, Dennis	2021
CORNISH, Andrew	2020	HARRIS, Geoff	2021	LESUEUR, Peter	2023
CORNISH, Hannah	2020	HARRIS, Kim	2021	LIEBEN, Gerard	2020
CRAKER, David	2021	HAWKINS, Mathew	2021	LONERGAN, Michael	2021

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LUSCOMBE, Kerry	2022	O'BRIEN, Graeme	2020	TAYLOR, John	2021
MACDONALD, Blair	2020	(deceased)		THOMPSON, Gordon	2021
MADIGAN, George	2020	OLIVER, Steve	2020	THURGOOD, John	2021
MARKI, Imre	2020	OSBORNE, Michelle	2020	TOWERS, Rosalind	2023
MARTIN, Raymond	2020	PAPWORTH, Graham	2021	TOWERS, Russell	2023
McGEOCH, Gordon	2020	PEARKS, Kevin	2020	TUTT, Bob	2021
McGRAVIE, Gary	2020	PRAGNALL, Alan	2022	VERGARA, Mark	2021
McMASTER, Robert	2021	REASON, Terry	2020	WAHLEN, Deborah	2020
McNAMARA, Ted	2020	ROGERS, Paul	2020	WAHLEN, Gary	2021
McNULTY, Anthony	2020	RUSSELL, Carol	2020	WAHLEN, Mark	2020
McPHERSON, Roger	2021	RUSSELL, Peter	2020	WARD, Robert	2020
MILKE, Peter	2020	RUTLEDGE, Allen	2020	WARE, Stuart	2022
MILLER, Eric	2022	RYMAN, James	2020	WATSON, Keith	2020
MITCHELL, Shane	2020	SCOTLAND, Jim	2020	WEARING, Bruce	2020
MOFFITT, Darren	2021	SHINE, Christopher	2020	WEIDNER, Edward	2020
MOORE, Allan	2020	SLEE, Marlene	2023	WEIDNER, Glenda	2020
MUIR, Graeme	2022	SMEATON, Frank	2020	WHITE, Gary	2021
MULFORD, Barry	2020	SMILEY, Graham	2020	WHITTAKER, John	2022
MUNRIGHT, Terry	2020	SMITH, Barry	2021	WILLIAMS, John	2020
MUNSON, Peter	2020	SMOCK, David	2021	WILLIAMS, Melva	2020
MURPHY, Peter	2021	SOLOMON, DAVID	2020	WOLFF, Mark	2022
NEWMAN, David	2020	SUMNER, John	2021	WOODERSON, Geoff	2020
NICOLAI, Joyce	2021	SVENSSON, Garry	2020	WORLAND, Trevor	2021
NICOLAI, Mark	2021	SWAIN, Mark	2021	YOUNG, Ian	2022
O'BRIEN, Danny	2020	TAWNS, Hugh	2020	ZAFFINO, Zeek	2021

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 will be sent reminding you that payment of \$25.00 is required to maintain your membership until the end of 2021. You have until 30 April 2021 to pay your dues.

Payment options are included in the Treasurer's report.



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Interest

Oberon ADAA Dinner

6th February 2021 – Oberon NSW

Yes on the 6th of February, we were again invited by the Oberon RSL Sub-Branch to a casual dining in night at the Oberon RSL. Again quite a few caravaners and non- caravaners turned up for this event and the evening was again a great success. A number of the caravaners were on their way to Nambucca Heads and decide to stop off on the way, in Oberon.



The Oberon RSL Sub-Branch had invited the Mayor of Oberon, Councillor Kathy Sajowitz and her husband Ditmar while the association invited Maj Stan Stanford, OC 176 AD Sqn and his wife Vicky. Overall, we had almost 40 people attend the function.

In keeping with last year's dinner, we observed one minutes silence for departed members. Councillor Sajowitz then gave a brief but informative introduction to the Oberon area and surrounds. This was followed by Maj Stanford who gave some idea of the Squadrons involvement over the past 12 months, with special mention of support to the civilian community.



After these brief speeches, the association presented the Sub-Branch with a cased set of Air Dispatcher coins followed by the presentation of two Air Dispatch Centenary coins to Councillor Sajowitz and Maj Stanford, respectively.



The "formal" part of the evening was finalised by four toasts to "Australia", "The Australian Defence Force", "To Service Men and Women and Front-Line Workers" and to "The Wives and Partners".

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The food once again was outstanding and plentiful. Nobody could complain about the quantity or quality of the meal and the service and staff was very good. The only down-side to the evening was the RSL bus did its final run at 2130 hr on Saturday night, when the party was just getting started. I have been informed this is to be rectified for next year.



Catching up with old mates is always good and this night was no exception with Mel and Joelle Frampton, John and Junita Whittaker, Andy and Angelika Cornish with "Scoop" in tow, Geoff and Kim Harris, Phil and Rose Holden, Red Barron, Ned Miller and Kerry Luscombe and Ian and Toni Baines, to name a few.



With the final bus having departed for the evening, some of us were forced to make our own way back to the caravan park and those who took private vehicles to the club made full use of them to transport those left behind as the last photo shows.

Photos by Scoop



Two people, who are to remain nameless, trying to get out of a vehicle.

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Interest

Nambucca Heads 2021 Gathering

Submitted by Lou Heidenreich

Here we are back in sunny South Australia after our sojourn to the Nambucca gathering. Our travels did not start well with the failure of a couple of wheel bearings on our caravan. Sadly, we missed the Oberon Dinner while we waited for repairs to be affected. We finally got going on the Wednesday and made a bolt to New South Wales and Nambucca Heads. We found the most direct route and arrived on the Saturday after stopping in Port Macquarie to have a catch up with Brian and Dianne Irving, their extended family and Nick and Joyce Nicolai.

We were greeted by John and Janita Whittaker and made our re-acquaintance with many old friends. Most of the those attending had been our friends from my formative years in the Air Dispatch world and it was certainly fantastic to catch up with so many fun people. John and Janita had done an amazing job to make everyone welcome and had planned an easy going and relaxed time for everybody.

Among the attendees were Charles and Jane Hutchins who were making their maiden voyage to one of these gatherings along with Doc (Brian) and his wife Judy Dougherty. Phil and Rose Holden, Rusty and Roz Towers, Jim and Maureen Prien, Allen and Cindy Dalton, Steve and Kathy Bluel, Gary Wahlen, Nick and Joyce Nicolai, Harry and Karen Hordern, Dave and Ivy Goad, Roy and Carol Howard, Brian and Brenda Boswell, Bob and Susan Tutt, Dave and Heather Harper and Sue and myself.

The weather was extremely wet, but it didn't dampen the mood nor the activities. There was an area set aside for us to congregate nightly and our hosts at the caravan park were kind enough to put on a free BBQ for us.

The local RSL was the scene of one of the night activities, the views were really quite spectacular and the meals were excellent.

There were trips to a museum out at a quaint town called Bowraville and an excursion to the "Pub With No Beer" that actually had beer, go figure.

Many a night was spent enjoying the company of so many wonderful people, Allen and Cindy Dalton managed to cater for most of the passers-by on their way to the meeting area and on their way home.

All in all, it was a great time, the beauty is that we all have that common theme of being after darkers and that is all that matters.

Thank you once again to John and Janita for organising the gathering and I look forward to catching up with everyone in the near future.

Love and Respect Lou



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Interest

Corno's Cooking Corner

Crumpets!!

Crumpet! Did someone say crumpet?

One of my all-time favorite comfort foods, with childhood memories of lashings of butter and golden syrup or topped with grilled cheese & dunked into tomato soup. There is very little to beat them.

I tried a couple of cooking methods that work equally well.

- a) Non-stick frypan
- b) Pie maker (A Christmas pressy, that I've gone nuts with)

Either way they are super easy & delish'. I hope you enjoy them.

The mixture is enough to make about a dozen. So, enjoy some fresh and save the rest for the toaster.

Cheers Corno

Ingredients

2 Cups Plain Flour

1 tbsp. Baking Powder

¾ tsp. Salt

¾ tsp. Sugar

1 tsp. Dried Yeast

1 ½ Cups Water (lukewarm)

Butter as required.



Method

Sift the dry ingredients together into a suitable mixing bowl.

(flour, sugar, salt, yeast & baking powder)

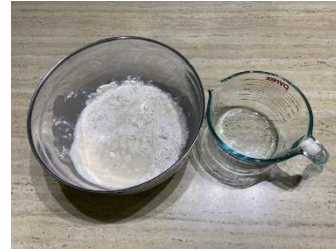


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Add the water & combine until smooth.

Allow the mixture to sit for 30mins. in a warm area.

You will see bubbles forming on the surface.



Preheat your pan to a low medium heat or turn on the pie maker & allow it to reach temperature.

For the pan either use an "egg ring" or free pour the batter to form a round shape.

Lightly grease the cooking surface with butter.

For each crumpet use a ¼ cup of the batter.

Cook for 5 – 8 mins. until golden brown.

Leave the lid up, if using the pie maker.

Then flip and cook the top for a further minute, until light brown.



Add your favorite topping and enjoy.

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Special Announcements

Weddings Nov 20 – Mar 21

Rarely would we include such an article, but this period has set a precedence in weddings and we feel they should be recognised.

7 Nov 20

Keith Hancox and Lyn Turner tied the knot on Oberon Common in a small family ceremony.

Photo Right Lyn and Keith signing the Register



Jan 21

Len (Goana) Armstrong and Sandy Knill tied the knot in WA. Again, a small private ceremony, so small was it only Len and Sandy, two witnesses and the marriage celebrant. I understand Len and Sandy saved a fortune on the reception.

Photo Left Sandy, Len and the Marriage Celebrant toast the occasion.

30 Jan 21,

Our Secretary, Dan Cochrane and Ange Haggety were married in the grounds of Belgenny Farm in Camden. The wedding, as luck would have it was the weekend after the Victorian Premier, Dan Andrews had lifted the restrictions on cross border travel. This was a great help as Dan's family all hail from Victoria and were permitted to travel into NSW for the occasion. With Dan and Ange both being serving members, there were a number of service personnel in attendance. A great night was had by all.

Photo Right, Ange and Dan exchange their vows



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Warning Order

WARNING ORDER NO 1. CAPE YORK TAG ALONG TOUR JUNE 2021

Grant Foster and his brother are planning a trip to Cape York in June 2021. As background, one of Foz's other brothers passed away in 2019 and requested his ashes be spread at Cape York. To comply with his deceased brothers request, Foz is planning to travel north in June 21 and is inviting those who wish to see the northern most point in Australia to join him.

If you are interested, contact Foz on 0413 190 541



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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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Merchandise Cont.



Belt Buckle \$28.00 ea.



Rifle Pen \$20.00 ea.



Brevet Sticker \$3.00 ea.



ADAA 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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