

# THE CLIPPED WINGS



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AIR DISPATCH ASSOCIATION OF  
AUSTRALIA

SPRING 2021

## President's Report



Hello everyone.

Spring, the season where the plants and some animals awake from their winter hibernation and new growth appears everywhere. Unfortunately, from the Associations perspective, we have been severely hampered by our ever-present problem child, Covid.

So far, since the last edition, we have had two Bunnings sausage sizzles (North Penrith and Ashfield), the Myola Ball (Penrith) and the Bemboka Troop, 7<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Dining-In Night (Merimbula) cancelled, not to mention the entire state of NSW being placed into lockdown. I sympathise with those caught up in the lockdown, unable to move and restricted.

I must also apologise for any unanswered emails or correspondence since the last edition, but I have not had a computer or a postal address. But now we are back up and running. In the last edition, I mentioned Joyce and I were moving from the Sydney/Wollongong area after eight and a half years living in Otford. At the end of July, we moved up to the mid North Coast of NSW near Taree, to a place called Mitchells Island. No, we haven't down sized. On the contrary, we purchased a few acres so those of you who are travelling, after the lockdown is lifted and need a place to stay you are more than welcome. And there is plenty of room to park your caravan(s).

Also since our last edition, one of our long-term members passed away. Denis Foster, passed away on 23 June 21 after a diagnosis of leukemia in February. Denis and wife Jean came to Australia in 1964 when he transferred from the British Army to the Australian Army. Denis was 86 years old.

In the June edition of the Clipped Wings, last year, we paid tribute to an Air Dispatcher, none of us ever met, Mr David McDonald, who had his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 9 July 2020. David was one of the original Air Dispatchers during WWII in New Guinea. His daughter, Lee, notified me that he passed away on 1 August 21, just three weeks after his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. He was in a nursing home in the Lake Macquarie area.

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## **President's Report**

On the 10th of July, I was contacted by the President of the US Red Hay Chapter, Mark Michel. The US were supposed to host the 2022 International Parachute Rigger/Air Dispatcher Reunion in the US. A number of suggestions were made as to when and where the reunion should be held, however, due to the pandemic and travel restrictions globally, it was decided to postpone the reunion for at least 12 months so at this stage, it is planned for the Fall Season (Sep – Nov) 2023. More to follow.

ANZAC Day this year, we were honoured with a detachment from the squadron and the Basic AD Course members from AMTDU. In June, I had the privilege of attending the graduation ceremony for the Basic Course and the concurrent Crew Commanders Course. PTE Todd Houston was Student of Merit for the Basic Course and PTE Daniel Craighead was Student of Merit for the Crew Commanders Course. Well done and congratulations to everybody who completed their respective courses and welcome to the trade.

Just recently there has been a number of discussions regarding the Parachute Rigger Trade and the Air Dispatch Trade amalgamating to an organisation similar to the US Rigger Trade. The jury is still out on which Corps we shall be, but I am aware that two Air Dispatch soldiers have already begun training in the Rigger field. I have also been approached by Phil Thamm, President of the Australian Parachute Riggers Association, in regard to the possible amalgamation of our associations. From my perspective, I believe it would be a good thing, strengthening both associations, which would benefit all members. This is only in the suggestion stages at present, with nothing in place or planned. In my opinion, if it were to occur, it would not be until the Army Trades amalgamated and there was an overall approval from our members

The association was also contacted by Mr Ian Carroll, Ex Fight Engineer with 38 Sqn. Ian is a member of the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) Caribou Flight, based at Albion Park Airport (just south of Wollongong). Ian came to us with the possibility of ex and current Air Dispatchers assisting the HARS Caribou Flight with people for open days etc, explaining the airdrop role of the Caribou. We are also looking at assisting HARS with dummy loads for display purposes and possible photo boards explaining the Army involvement. Those interested in the Caribou Flight and historical military aviation, please contact me for details.

Finally, I must mention the passing of John Barnet. John was a National Serviceman who served with Lou Heidenreich many years ago. John passed away on 11 November last year. Unfortunately, we were not aware of Johns passing until just recently and neglected to include him in ours Vale section. Our condolences and apologies go to Rosemary and the family.

Cheers, Nicko



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year. If you would like further information, please send your request to me by email, [treasurer@adaa.com.au](mailto:treasurer@adaa.com.au).

There were no changes to the Fundraising and Grants accounts. The balances for these are \$8,424.36 and \$317.67 respectively.

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"><li>• Westpac Banking Corporation</li><li>• BSB 032-814</li><li>• Account number 485891 In the name of 'Air Dispatch Association Administration Account'</li><li>• Use your surname and initial (or regimental number if we have it on file) as your reference</li></ul>
Deposit over the counter at any Westpac Bank.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li></ul>
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"><li>• Made payable to 'Air Dispatch Association of Australia'</li><li>• Post to PO Box 483, Helensburgh NSW 2508</li></ul>
Online by credit card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li></ul>

Regards  
Joyce Nicolai

<b>MERCHANDISE</b>			
<b>Bank Account Opening Balance</b>	<b>1-Apr-21</b>		<b>32.90</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	Donations	53.70	
	Postage recovered	642.40	
	Sales	2,881.22	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>3,577.32</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Postage	528.75	
	Purchases	990.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>-1,518.75</b>
<b>Bank Account Closing Balance</b>	<b>30-Jun-21</b>		<b>2,091.47</b>

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## **Treasurer's Report Cont.**

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>Bank Account Opening Balance</b>	<b>1-Apr-21</b>	<b>15,663.31</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Donations	20.00
	GST refund	204.00
	Memberships	2,125.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,349.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	ANZAC Day wreath	65.00
	Awards - Life members	935.00
	Awards - Soldiers of the Year	445.12
	Awards - Students of Merit	8.68
	Flags	478.00
	Office supplies	214.97
	Postage	17.60
	Print presentation at AGM (frame)	500.00
	Software	789.00
	Website and emails	121.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>-3,574.37</b>
<b>Bank Account Closing Balance</b>	<b>30-Jun-21</b>	<b>14,437.94</b>

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## **Membership Report**

### **Welcome to New Members**

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

BAINES, Anthonia (Toni)  
EDDIE, Harrison

And we have welcomed back:

JESSOP, Maxwell

### **Life Members**

BABER, Kemm	HUTTON, Bob
COLE, Gary	IRVING, Brian
CUTTS, Geoff	McCANN, Denis
EDDIE, Anthony	NICOLAI, Nick
FERGUSON, David	PAPWORTH, Graham
FOSTER, Grant	SLEE, Pat
GANNON, Barry	VARLEY, Nev (deceased)
HEIDENREICH, Lou	

### **Financial Members**

ADAMS, Kathleen	2021	BUCHANAN, Graeme	2021
ARGUS, Howard	2024	CHRISTIE, Ross	2021
ARMSTRONG, Len	2023	CLARKE, Andrew	2022
ASBURY, Paul	2022	COHEN, Peter	2022
ASHLEIGH, Michael	2022	CONWELL, Matt	2022
AUSTIN, Karen	2022	CORMACK, Will	2021
BAINES, Anthonia	2021	CORNISH, Andrew	2022
BAINES, Ian	2022	CORNISH, Hannah	2022
BARNES, John Cecil	2021	CRAKER, David	2021
BARNES, Pamela	2021	CUNNINGHAM, Lou	2021
BARNESLEY, Peter	2021	DALTON, Alan	2021
BARRETO, Alberto	2022	D'ARCY, Bill	2022
BATES, Paul	2021	DOWD, Anthony	2024
BEAVEN, David	2023	DRAY, Dennis	2021
BELL, Albert	2021	DUFFY, Ed	2021
BLAKELY, Ron	2022	EDDIE, Harrison	2022
BOSWELL, Brian	2021	EVANS, John	2021
BRENNAN, Denis	2021	FABER, Johann	2021

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FABISIAK, Henry	2021	LEE, Dennis	2021
FARMER, Raymond Colin	2021	LESUEUR, Peter	2023
FEDDERSEN, Brendan	2021	LONERGAN, Michael	2021
FELKIN, Rosa	2022	LUSCOMBE, Kerry	2022
FLINT, Bob	2021	MADIGAN, George	2021
FRACARO, Lyndon	2021	MARKI, Imre	2022
FRANKEL, Ray	2021	McGRAVIE, Gary	2021
GELLEL, Michael	2021	McMASTER, Robert	2021
GOAD, David	2022	McNAMARA, Ted	2022
GODDARD, John	2022	McNULTY, Anthony	2024
GUSTER, Tony	2022	McPHERSON, Roger	2021
HANCOX, Keith J	2021	MILKE, Peter	2022
HARRIS, Geoff	2021	MILLER, Eric	2022
HARRIS, Kim	2021	MITCHELL, Shane	2021
HAUMU, Mick	2028	MOFFITT, Darren	2021
HAWKINS, Mathew	2021	MOORE, Allan	2022
HAYES, Bill	2023	MOORMAN, John	2021
HEAD, Gerda	2021	MUIR, Graeme	2022
HEAD, Vince	2021	MULFORD, Barry	2021
HEIDENREICH, Susan	2021	MUNRIGHT, Terry	2021
HEYDON, Terry	2021	MUNSON, Peter	2024
HILL, Brian	2022	MURPHY, Peter	2021
HILSBURG, Stuart	2021	NEWMAN, David	2021
HOLDEN, Phil	2021	NICOLAI, Joyce	2022
HOLECEK OAM, Brian	2022	O'BRIEN, Danny	2021
HOLMES, Tony	2021	OLIVER, Steve	2021
HORDERN, Anthony	2023	POOLE, Darren	2021
HOWES, Alan	2021	PRAGNALL, Alan	2022
HUDDLESTON, John	2024	REASON, Terry	2022
HUGHES, Ron	2021	REYNOLDS, Max	2021
HUNT, John	2021	ROBERTSON, Donald	2021
HUXLEY, Glenn	2022	RUSSELL, Carol	2021
IRVING, Dianne	2021	RUSSELL, Peter	2021
JANSON, Ken	2024	RYMAN, James	2021
JESSOP, Maxwell	2021	SCOTLAND, Jim	2022
JOHANSEN, Michael	2021	SHINE, Christopher	2021
JOLLY, Peter	2021	SLEE, Marlene	2023
JONES, Jorja	2021	SMITH, Barry	2021
JONES, Steven	2021	SMOCK, David	2021
KENNY, Dean	2028	SOLOMON, David	2024
KIRKHAM, Jim	2021	STANFORD, Trevor	2021
KNACK, John	2021	SUMNER, John	2023
KOOL, Shaun	2021	SVENSSON, Garry	2022

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SWAIN, Mark	2021	WEIDNER, Edward	2022
TAWNS, Hugh	2021	WEIDNER, Glenda	2022
TAYLOR, John	2021	WELLER, Paul	2021
THOMPSON, Gordon	2021	WHEELER, Ken	2021
THURGOOD, John	2021	WHITE, Gary	2021
TOWERS, Rosalind	2023	WHITTAKER, John	2022
TOWERS, Russell	2023	WILCOX, James	2021
TUTT, Bob	2021	WILLIAMS, John	2022
VERGARA, Mark	2021	WILLIAMS, Melva	2022
WAHLEN, Deborah	2021	WOLFF, Mark	2022
WAHLEN, Gary	2021	WORLAND, Trevor	2021
WAHLEN, Mark	2021	WRIGHT, Jason	2023
WARE, Stuart	2022	YOUNG, Ian	2022
WATSON, Keith	2021	ZAFFINO, Zeek	2023

## **Honorary Members**

BARNET, Rosemary  
DEACON, Wanda  
FOSTER, Jean  
LEE, Suzi  
OPIE, Lonna

OSBORNE, Carol  
PILGRIM, Lee  
SMYTH, Margaret  
VARLEY, Lurline

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](mailto:memberships@adaa.net.au). Payment options are included in the Treasurer's report.

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Interest

## Student of Merit

In late May, myself and Harry Hordern received an invitation from the CO at AMTDU to attend the Basic Air Dispatch Course Graduation ceremony at RAAF Richmond on Friday 4 June. This particular Basic Course was the same course that attended our ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Penrith, earlier this year, so some of the students were already known to us. The other interesting thing about this course was they had not been posted to the Squadron prior to attending the course. I understand the majority of them came direct from Puckapunyal.

On the day of the Graduation, Harry was unable to attend so I fronted up to the Pass Office and waited for my escort. Oh, how RAAF Richmond has changed. No more wandering through the main gate, past the live-in lines and Airmen's Mess. The Pass Office is over near the Officers Mess on the back road of the base.

I was met by a young soldier and dutifully followed him to AMTDU where I was met by Maj Kate Adams (XO AMTDU) and WG CDR Cameron Clarke (CO). It was good to catch up with them again from there into the Army Classroom for the presentation of brevets by the CO.

From there it was over to the Student of Merit presentation. There were two presentations. One for the Basic Course and one for the Crew Commanders Course which was run concurrently.

Pte Todd Houston was Student of Merit for the Basic Course and received a Certificate, a Leatherman knife and AD Coin with his Service Number engraved on it.



*Pte Houston receiving his Certificate of Merit*

Pte Daniel Craighead was the Student of Merit for the Subject 4 Cpl AD (Crew Commanders) Course and received a Leatherman knife and engraved AD Coin.

*Pte Craighead having been presented with his Leatherman*



To the all the young soldiers who successfully passed their respective courses, Congratulations and Welcome to the trade.

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Interest

## **Metal Artwork**

We are constantly trying to provide our members with memorabilia representing the Army and Air Dispatch.

We have been in contact with an organisation who does metalwork military designs for both wall hangings and firepits

The association has commissioned this organisation to produce the artwork and computer program to create the following designs

1. A Rising Sun Badge
2. An AD Brevet
3. Basic Paratrooper Wings, and
4. 3 RAR Paratrooper Wings

These designs are approximately 600 mm x 600 mm and 600 mm x 400 mm to be cut from 3mm steel plate and powder coated in black.

We envisage the cost will be

Individual wall hanging to be \$120.00 each

For two \$230.00, and

Three \$330.00

Plus, Postage

Fire Pit costs are to be advised

We need to sell about 35 of these wall hangings to cover our set up costs

If you are interested in purchasing any of these, contact Nick by email [president@adaa.net.au](mailto:president@adaa.net.au)



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Warning Order

## *Off Grid Camping Trip - Northern Territory*

*"Covid - Permitting"*

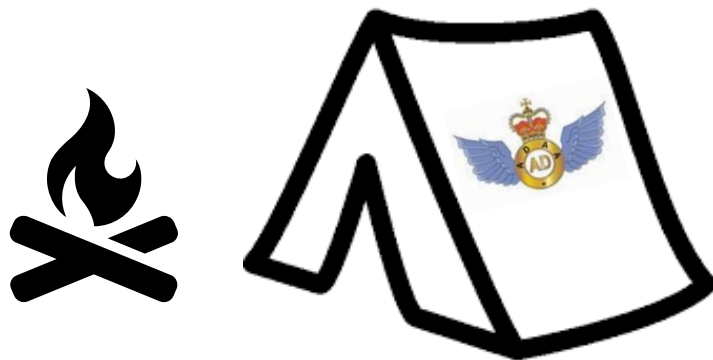
June – July 2022 (Dry Season) Final Dates to be advised.

This will be a "tag along trip", commencing in NSW travelling via South Australia to the Northern Territory (Nhulunbuy – North-East Arnhem Land)

All details to be updated and finalised in up-coming editions of "The Clipped Wings".

Expressions of interest to be directed to:

Grant (Foz) Foster (see contact details page)



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## **RSL Update**

### **Supporting Veterans of the War in Afghanistan**

*Email Publication from RSL NSW 16 August 2021*

Dear Members

RSL Australia President Greg Melick has [issued a statement](#) calling on Australians, in view of the quickly deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, to consider the impact on veterans of Middle East operations.

I am in full support of our President's message and would like to particularly encourage you to 'look after your mates' at this time and connect with your local sub-Branch to access support.

There will be many who served in these theatres who will be feeling the frustration and disappointment deeply and we need to understand and appreciate the impact on our veterans of those operations.

The RSL stands to support all those who have served and their families. Since many of us are veterans of the Vietnam War, which has some similarities to what we are unfolding in Afghanistan, I feel we are well equipped to offer our ears and our understanding to younger veterans who are no doubt processing a range of emotions.

The team at ANZAC House and our members in sub-Branches remain available by phone and online to connect all veterans with the support and services they need.

The contact details for your local sub-Branch can be found by [clicking on this link](#) (please note that sub-Branches do not offer mental health crisis support but can assist with connecting you to these services).

If you, or someone you know, need immediate mental health support, you can contact:

- [Lifeline Australia](#) – 13 11 14
- [Suicide Call Back Service](#) – 1300 659 467
- [Open Arms](#) (current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families are able to seek this free and confidential support) – 1800 011 046
- [ADF Mental Health All-hours Support Line](#) (for current serving ADF personnel and their families) – 1800 628 036.
- [Safe Zone Support](#) (for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families) – 1800 142 072.  
When you call Safe Zone Support, you do not need to identify yourself if you do not want to.

Yours faithfully

**Ray James**  
RSL NSW President

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## **RSL Update**

### **Support for ADF firefighters due to start in September**

*Email Publication from RSL NSW 27 August 2021*

Dear Members

As a part of the 2021–22 Budget, the Federal Government allocated \$6 million in support of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel who participated in fire training at Royal Australian Air Force Base Point Cook Fire Training School between 1 January 1957 and 31 December 1986.

These personnel were potentially exposed to a range of toxic chemicals at a time when personal protective equipment standards were lower than today.

The Scheme will provide eligible personnel with:

- simplified access to compensation and treatment for a list of 31 specified conditions, under the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988*;
- screening for colorectal cancer and melanoma, for early detection and prevention; and
- individually tailored lifestyle advice under the 12-month [Heart Health Program](#).

The ADF Firefighter Scheme is scheduled to begin on 20 September 2021.

Serving and former ADF firefighters who participated in fire training at Royal Australian Air Force Base Point Cook Fire Training School between 1 January 1957 and 31 December 1986 can register their interest in the Scheme by emailing [ADF.Firefighter.Scheme@dva.gov.au](mailto:ADF.Firefighter.Scheme@dva.gov.au)

For more information, please visit the [ADF Firefighters Scheme page of the Department of Veterans' Affairs website](#).

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Vale

## David McDonald

David Gordon McDonald      9 July 1920 – 1 August 2021



*Mr David McDonald*

David was born in Lismore NSW in 1920

He was the second of 10 children – 4 boys and 6 girls. All four boys served in the armed forces (3 in WW II and one in Korea).

The family came to Sydney when he was about 5 years old, and they initially lived in Milsons Point in the shadow of the Sydney Harbour Bridge which was being built at the time. His father (who was at Pozieres during WW I) worked as a rivet catcher on the bridge.

He initially tried to enlist in the Air Force, but later went into the CMF (Citizens Militia Force). He enlisted in the Army on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942.

He trained at Greta and went to New Guinea on the SS Taroona, landing at Port Moresby in May 1942. During the New Guinea campaign, normal transport resupply was impossible in forward areas. To overcome this problem, resupply by air was the only successful way to get supplies forward. 1, 2 and 3 Air Maintenance Company's were formed for this task mainly from the ranks of the Australian Army Service Corps but also volunteers from other units. David was eventually allocated 3 Air Maintenance Company. These units went on to be affectionately referred to as the "Bully Beef Bombers" and finally the "Biscuit Bombers".

David discharged from the Army on 8 July 1946. The day before his 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a great birthday present.

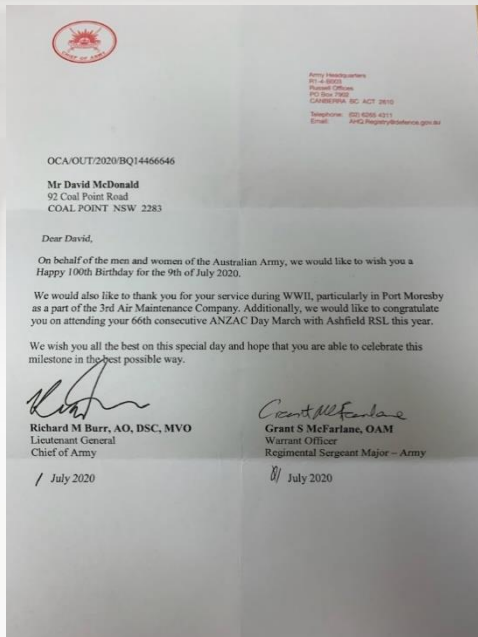
He married Phyllis Collins in 1951, and they had two children, David and Lee. He worked as a carpet layer and lived in Ashfield for about 50 years where he was heavily involved with Ashfield RSL; being a board member for many years including stints as Vice President. He is Life Member number 2 of that club and attended 66 consecutive Anzac marches held by the club.

David and Phyllis moved up to Coal Point near Toronto on Lake Macquarie (not far from the former Catalina base at Rathmines). Phyllis, passed away in 2015 and David was living independently until he had a fall at home in 2017 which fractured his skull and resulted in him having to go into residential care. He was still driving until he was 96.



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Lee contacted the ADAA just prior to David's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and our Vice President, WO1, Anthony Eddie organised a number of mementoes for him



On Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, I received this email from his daughter, Lee Pilgrim

Hi Nick,

*I just wanted to let you know that my father, David McDonald, passed away yesterday, 1st August at 3pm.*

*He had a turn early last week and declined from there. He went peacefully and we were with him.*

*He turned 101 on 9th July. Last year when he turned 100, you published an article in your newsletter about him and his exploits as a Biscuit Bomber in New Guinea.*

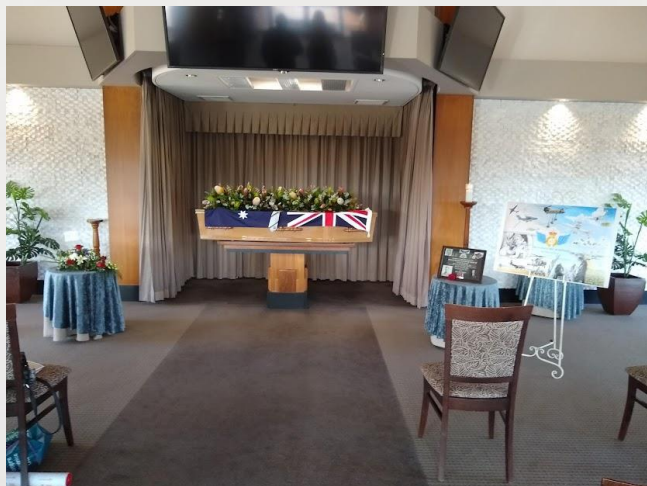


*I want to thank you for helping to make his 100th birthday something special.*

*The last picture I have of him is holding the AADA poster which I bought for his 101st birthday. I have attached it FYI.*

*Regards*

*Lee Pilgrim*



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Vale

## Denis Foster

Denis Michael Foster 8 July 1935 – 23 June 2021



Denis was born in West Riding of Yorkshire, England in 1935

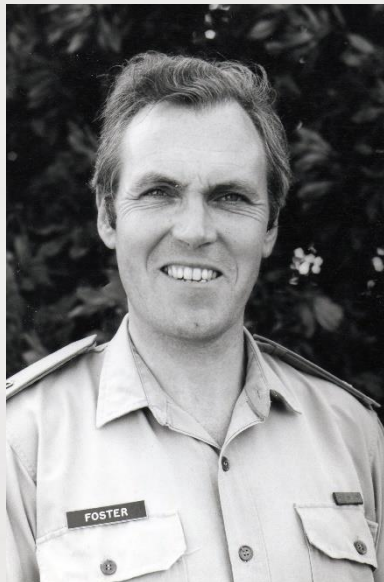
He was schooled at Bradford Grammar and began his dedication and commitment to Service at a very young age as a schoolboy in The Combined Cadet Force.

He entered full time military service at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst in 1953, graduating in 1955 and commissioned into the Royal Army Service Corps. Denis served with the British Army on the Rhine (BAOR) and in Southeast Asia during the Malayan Emergency with 55 Coy (AD) RASC. Here he met Peter Blyth and Bill McMahon who were tasked with setting up the AD wing at the RAASC Centre, Puckapunyal.

In 1959, whilst in Kuala Lumpur, he met a young lady named Jean Embrey, a Lieutenant in Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. They were engaged and married in 1961

In September 1964, Denis resigned his commission in the British Army and enlisted in the Australian Army and, with his background, was immediately posted to RAASC. He served in different postings such as Puckapunyal, Walgrove and Holsworthy. He resigned from the Regular Army in 1969 and transferred to the CMF where he remained till 1975.

After leaving the Regular Army, he was the manager of Cranbrook School, Bellevue Hill in Sydney, till 1977 where upon he joined the Public Service, retiring in 2000. He was also a Justice of the Peace NSW from 1976 till 2006.



Denis had a long-term connection with the Scouting movement rising to the rank of District Commissioner. He also supported numerous Jamborees and was QM for the UK Contingent to the 10<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in the Philippines.

He joined Brisbane Water Legacy in 2002 and was elected to the Board in the same year, serving as President and Chairman 2003/2004, and later as Company Secretary. Denis retired from the board in 2015 having faithfully and efficiently served under three presidents.

Amongst his many achievements he developed and presented an Aide Memoir for Legatees working with people with disabilities. This program was adopted nationally by Legacy.

This is a proud record of service spanning nearly 70 years



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Denis had a wonderful singing voice and had been a member of various choirs including the Selangor Philharmonic in Malaya and a Member 1982-2002 and Past President, Sydney University Graduate Choir. At our last International Reunion (2020), on board the Ruby Princess, we watched Denis perform with other passengers in the ships cruise choir. He was also a member of the Central Coast Choral from 2002 till his passing

He leaves behind Jean and a son Mark, a daughter Susan, grandchildren Adam & Samantha and great grandchildren Isabella and Ava; plus a host of friends.

Denis will be sorely missed





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Vale

## John Lindley Barnet



This is a belated Vale for John Barnet as John sadly passed on 11 November last year and we were unaware of his passing until recently.

John was born in Gawler, SA on 23 October 1945 and was the eldest of 4 boys. He went to school at Gawler primary and briefly Gawler High, before going to Prince Alfred College. After a year at Adelaide University studying Economics, he decided this was not for him as his heart lay in journalism and a degree in Economics was not going to fast track that. And so, he opted for Cadetship with the Adelaide News. Journalism was always in his blood, John's great grandfather, William Barnet was the original founder and editor of "The Bunyip" newspaper in 1863,

in the Gawler area of SA. "The Bunyip" was a family run business and John going into journalism was only a matter of destiny.

In 1968, John was called up for National Service and did his basic training at 2 RTB, Puckapunyal. On completion of his basic training, he completed the Basic Air Dispatch Course at the Air Dispatch Wing then posted to 40 AD PL, 1 ASSO at Walgrove. Lou Heidenreich described him as a "smart, wise, and very funny man. As a young bloke he was a guiding hand and a good mate in a time when I could have gone 'off the rails' as a young Adelaide boy living in the big smoke of Sydney". After completing his National Service commitment, he returned and worked at the Adelaide News.



John and Rosemary married on November 24, 1973.

It was not long after returning to Adelaide, he had the opportunity to work in Sydney as sub editor on The Mirror and whilst in Sydney, he met his soulmate, Rosemary Stephens. John returned to Gawler to work with his father at "The Bunyip" but he and Rosemary corresponded and had the occasional visit. Eventually John proposed and they were married in Sydney on 24 November 1973.

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John and Rosemary worked together in different roles at the paper for the next 30 years where he sold the paper in 2003.

John volunteered at Adelaide and Monarto Zoos for 15 years from early 2005 until mid-2020. Rosemary was on Adelaide Zoo staff over that time. So, they spent their days at the zoo with John guiding and assisting visitors and Rosemary working in administration.

John and Rosemary had 3 daughters, Belinda, Jodie and Meg and now have 10 grandchildren. Sadly, John didn't survive to see the latest twin girls, but knew they were on the way. He was very, very proud of his 10 grandies- 9 girls and 1 boy.

The ADAA would like to thank Rosemary Barnet, Lou Heidenreich and Nick Hopton, editor of "The Bunyip" newspaper for input into this article.



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### **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](mailto:tonymcnulty66@hotmail.com) or phone: 0448 459 634.

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