

## President's Report

My Dear Colleagues

I was very honoured and proud to lead the RAAF Group in the Vietnam Veterans Day March to the Shrine of Remembrance on August 18<sup>th</sup>. This memorable day was a great opportunity to catch up with a number of former Air Force

colleagues I had not seen in many years. Such occasions reinforce the value of fellowship events that the Division is endeavouring to hold more frequently. Our midyear function is scheduled for Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> with a 'Battle of Britain' Theme.

You should have received advice seeking Expressions of Interest in attending the AFC Centenary WW1 Commemorative event to be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at Point Cook. I envisage this to be a 'showcase' occasion promoting Air Force and the Air Force Association. The service will serve to further engage the local Werribee, Laverton and Point Cook communities which have been part of RAAF Williams' history since the Laverton and Point Cook bases were established all those years ago. Lynn Berry and Deb Lewis of 5000 Poppies have designed the decoration and 'planting' of poppies for the occasion, which will add significant colour and sense of commemoration to the event. It will be an occasion not to be missed.

The Care Parcel Program's recent dispatch of parcels has been a resounding success with a multitude of accolades coming from recipients. I commend the effort and hard work of the Welfare sub-committee in supporting our Service personnel on deployment.

I inspected a room being set aside in the former Officers' Mess at Point Cook for use by the Division. The office will be a formal Air Force Association office to be used for welfare counselling and interview purposes and will serve as a contact point for all Association matters. The Board is grateful to Wing Commander Nigel Leurs, CO 21SQN for securing the premises for our use. Office operating hours will be published as soon as administrative arrangements are finalised. I am very confident there is increasing awareness of the Association at RAAF Williams.

There is scope for additional members on the Division's Board of Management. In particular, I would like to see greater female involvement in the management of the Division, not just because it is a trendy thing to do, but because we need to have a balanced view on the way we do business. Consequently, I would be very receptive to Expressions of Interest from any of our members wishing to be on the Board.

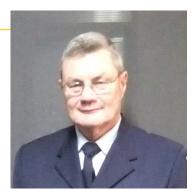
Building our membership is a responsibility of all members. I'd like to remind members that membership is open to **all** people (current and former serving members as well as non-Service personnel) who would like to share in the Association's aims. Your family, work and social colleagues are potential members. Share the experience.

Have a great Spring. I think we deserve some warmer weather.

Carl Schiller, OAM CSM

President

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# **Around the Branches**

### **BENDIGO Branch**

Well, our prayers have been answered, the rains have come at last. The tanks are full to overflowing - what a shame!! On 1st July we visited the Axedale Tavern for lunch. A very enjoyable social day was had by all and after a delicious lunch we visited Lake Eppalock to check out water levels-not much has changed. A suggestion was made by Peter Simmons that we should hear from our RAAF members about their Air Force life. To start things off President Roy was dobbed in by Peter who will be the next to regale us with his RAAF life story.

August has been a busy month, firstly some of us went to Melbourne Town Hall for an Air Force Band free concert. We travelled by V line train, ate lunch at Spencer Street Station then trammed up to Melbourne Town Hall. What a wonderful band the Air Force has - best in Australia.

15th August we were represented at VP Day Commemorations and on 18th August once again we attended the Vietnam Veterans memorial service & on 31st we will lay a wreath at the Malaya/Borneo memorial service. At each service all 3 of our executives took turns to lay wreaths, which was nice to see.

President Roy has changed the order of meetings with each executive taking his turn at reciting the Ode and we are also trialling having an executive meeting prior to members to discuss ideas prior to putting before members.

2 members, Keith Silverwood & Noel Dean have reached their 90th birthdays & Noel & Rhonda Boschert are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 1st September. How very wonderful, our congratulation go to them all.

We are excited to be going to Ballarat on 18th September to help Ballarat RAAFA with their celebrations for Battle for Britain. To all our sickies, and there are several of them, our thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy and successful recovery.

PS. We are still awaiting Peter's Air Force story.

Glenis Gordon

### ATC/AAFC Branch,

Hello everyone.

Perhaps it's just me, but it seems to have been quite a full calendar of events so far, some of the most recent being:

The Reserve Forces Day march and service which was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. As mentioned on several previous occasions, Air Force representation in particular was again sadly lacking in support. Hats off to those who did make the effort and tried to boost the numbers.

At the last General Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, a proposal which has been under consideration by the Committee that the Branch's usual 3 meetings per annum be reduced to only 2 meetings i.e. the A.G.M. in in April and a General Meeting in October, the main emphasis being on the improved attendances at the popular first Friday of the month luncheons. After lengthy discussion the members present voted in favour of adopting the reduction effective as of the New Year.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of past ATC / AirTC members was held in the Officers' Mess at Point Cook on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. It was well attended and the numbers included a good representation of past O.Cs and Staff from the earlier days of the Victorian Squadron. A very special feature of the reunion was the parade of Cadets dressed in the various uniform styles from over the years with each carrying the related Standard.

Guest of honour on the day was Air Commodore Jennifer Lumsden CSC ( a former No.1 Flight ATC Cadet from the then, RAAF Base Frognall).

Our thanks to Officer Commanding 4 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets, WGCDR (AAFC) Shaun Young for permitting the ATC/ AAFC Branch of the Association to set up a stall and conduct a raffle on the day and for the added contribution of the "75 Years Aloft" books as prizes.

Thanks also to those wonderful Staff members and Cadets who did such a great job in looking after all of us during the day.

We have a number of new members to whom we extend a warm welcome into the Branch:

FSGT (AAFC) Stuart Tompsett.

FLTLT (AAFC) Grahame Bateman.

FLTLT (AAFC) Shaun Kemp.

PLTOFF (AAFC) Troy Ashton.

CDTWOFF Stuart French.

FLTLT (AAFC) Jason Kennelly.

John Gracie ( a former O.C. Victorian Squadron, ATC.)

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AAFC Annual Parade was held at Point Cook on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and congratulations are in order for the winners of the various Awards for this year:-

1. Most Proficient Cadet in Aerial Activities was LCDT Elizabeth Lawrence of 409 SQN, RAAF

Base East Sale.

2. The Crickmore Cup – Annual Drill Competition – won by 401 SQN, Surrey Hills. Presented

by David Crickmore.

3. Runners Up to the Annual Drill Competition were 402 SQN, Simpson Barracks, Watsonia.

4. Best NCO in Charge of a Drill Team was CSGT Coen Johnstone of 411 SQN, Swan Hill.

5. The Stan Tayler Award for the Most Outstanding Cadet of the Year, 4 Wing, went to

CWOFF Travis Rozario of 406 SQN, Frankston. Presented by L.Bell. 6. Most Efficient Squadron in Cadet Activities was 407 SQN, Moonee Ponds.

7. the AirCDRE A.J.Pappin CVO AM – 4 Wing AAFC Patron's Award was won by SQNLDR (AAFC) Steve Pepper, Commanding Officer 400 (Aviation Training) SQN. Presented by the Reviewing Officer, Air Commodore Jennifer Lumsden CSC.

8. An Officer Commanding Commendation was awarded to PLTOFF (AAFC) Greg Spiers of 410 & 430 (Combined) Squadrons.

9. An Officer Commanding Commendation was also awarded to FLTLT (AAFC) Tony Doherty of 427 & 428 (Combined) Squadrons.

10. A further Officer Commanding Commendation was awarded also to SQNLDR (AAFC) Jon Hillis of 407 & 416 (Combined) Squadrons. Cont. page 8

### **CATALINA Branch**

The Catalina Branch held our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine on Sunday 21 August 2016. The service was well attended however it was notable for being the first service without a WW2 Catalina veteran. Unfortunately age and illness prevented veterans from attending. Apologies were received from: Mr Keith Farrell, who is the only surviving Catalina veteran in Tasmania and from Mr Cliff Elliott who has just returned home after hospital surgery. Our Patron, Group Captain Annette Holian and President, Mr Ken Scott, officiated at the service. Wreaths were laid by Mr Ron Mullinger and Lionel, a student from our affiliate school, Wesley College. Guests included family and descendants from men who had served on Catalinas.



--- Also in attendance was Mrs Marilyn Pittard whose uncle, Mr Jack Dewhurst, was a QANTAS pilot on Catalinas. Jack was the seventh pilot to OANTAS join and he participated flights in between Australia and Colombo, Ceylon and so became a member of the Double Sunrise Club. Many

of his personal memorabilia items have been



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#### BRANCH SECRETARIES

Catalina Ronald Kirk (98193527); ATC/AAFC Hugh Tank (98773424); Ballarat Tom Jobling (53331653); Bendigo Glenis Gordon (54369293); Fighter Squadrons Bill Taylor (98486778); Geelong Contact RAAFA (98134600), Gippsland Contact RAAFA (98134600);

Melbourne WAAAF Jessie Reed (98029073); North Metropolitan Elayne Whatman (93021048); Vietnam Veterans Rick Holmes (93177304);Sunderland Squadrons Ricky Hattam (52413431); Williams Contact RAAFA (98134600),

donated to the QANTAS Museum in Longreach, QLD.

In 1943 a few brave men reconnected an empire by flying Catalinas non-stop for up to 32 hours across enemy territory, breaking the Japanese air blockade of Australia. They achieved the impossible, but despite all of this, the crews of the Double Sunrise Flights were never recognised for their service. The QANTAS Museum in Longreach, with the help of dedicated engineers and pilots, have restored and flown a Catalina from Spain to Longreach in order to preserve and recognise the memory of the Double Sunrise Flights.

Their epic journey is recorded in "Return of the Catalina". The DVD is currently available in the Shrine Bookshop.

Diary Dates for 2016:

Friday 7 October 2016 10:15 am – Branch Get Together at RAAFA East Camberwell.

Friday 11 November 11:00 am – Remembrance Day at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.

Thursday 24 November 12 noon – Christmas Lunch at ANZAC House Melbourne.

Ron Kirk Catalina Branch Secretary

## **Ballarat Branch**

We are in good heart although winter has exacerbated the effects of age and illness among our members. Our Secretary, Tom Jobling, in particular has had successful heart surgery but other matters have delayed his recovery. He has more tests and more treatment to go. Get well soon.

Our Vice President, Leigh Harvey received a richly deserved OAM, we are proud of him and grateful for his dedicated support.

Plans for our Battle of Britain commemorations on Sunday, 18 SEP 16 are well in hand, We will begin with a church service, 10 AM at Skipton St Uniting Church; proceed to the Sebastopol Cenotaph (Albert St Sebastopol) for a Commemorative Ceremony and Flypast beginning at 12 noon; and finally just down Albert St to the Sebastopol Bowling Club for a luncheon at 1PM.

Guest Speaker is SQNLDR John Force, XO of 21 SQN RAAF.

The Bendigo branch have invited us to visit them on 6th October 2016. I sounds like fun.

Keith Lanyon President Ballarat Branch

**Did you know,** that help is at hand for any veteran or spouse of a veteran who is in need of assistance with bills for gas, electricity or any other expense? If you know a veteran who needs a helping hand, please make sure that they get in contact with our Office Manager, Barb, on 03 9813 4600. Welfare funds are available. All discussions will be treated as confidential.

## TEE EMM

Readers who served in the RAF in WWII may remember "TEE EMM" or "Training Memoranda", a monthly publication of the British Air Ministry.

With blue-grey covers the colour of the RAF uniform and written in a light-hearted humorous style, liberally illustrated with cartoons, it conveyed a serious message. Using the royal personal pronoun "we", the memoranda covered almost every aspect of wartime service: airmanship, crew discipline, intelligence, security, morale, engineering, organisation and administration.

TEE EMM is, however, best remembered for the creation of the fictitious character, Pilot Officer Prune. Each month Pilot Officer Prune awarded THE MOST HIGH-LY DEROGATORY ORDER OF THE IRREMOVA-BLE DIGIT medal to the member who demonstrated the greatest degree of "Finger Trouble". The motto of the MHDOIM was "Dieu et Mon Doigt" and the reason for the award: "Faith and Blind Hope". Later, for balance, a GOOD SHOW MEDAL was added for praiseworthy efforts, usually for saving an aircraft.

Most of these misdemeanours would scarcely raise a smile today: "When asked by his instructor what action he would take if on approaching to land he heard the undercarriage warning horn, the pupil replied: 'I would open the throttle slightly to stop the horn blowing and on landing would remove the fuse'." He also made an award for the best line shoot, an example from a fighter pilot being: "I leave my top button undone because I haven't got one: it was shot off in a dog fight" and from a Beaufighter pilot: "I was flying so low that my navigator had to stand up to see over the waves."

I have almost every issue from September 1941 to February 1946 which was the second last. Being a compulsive hoarder of memorabilia in the event that one day the item may be of historic interest, I saved them and that provides the basis for this reflection 50 years later. I am offering them free to a good home.

Les Sullivan, RAAFA (03 9808 0052)

## WANTED – 2SQN VETERANS



The 2SQN Association (Victoria) is undergoing a revival. I know there are many former 2SQN members living in Victoria, some in the Air Force Association (Victorian Branch). 2SQN is in its 100<sup>th</sup> year presenting a great opportunity to bring together those who shared a common experience of have served in this historic, battle-honoured squadron. The Association is well supported by the Squadron's current executive who have attended its AGM during the last few years. A former 2SQN serving airman, I am proud to have had the with the part of Air Force Association should content up at collect@himmend.

opportunity to be part of Air Force history. Interested veterans should contact me at <u>callcarl@bigpond.com</u>.

Carl Schiller, OAM CSM

President, No 2 Squadron Association Victoria

## CARE PACKAGES HIT THE MARK



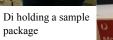
Recently the Air Force Association Victoria packed (packing team see photo taken by Alan White) and dispatched 150 Care Parcels to RAAF members serving over seas. The parcels were packed and segregated with items suitable for male or female members, with all costs met by funding directly from RAAFA Vic.

The program, including the selection, purchase and packaging of the

packages including negotiating with suppliers, was led by Bob Brackin with several other members and staff volunteering to assist with the packing and dispatching activities

Based on the positive responses received BELOW they hit the mark.

The following is a mix of responses received from package a number of appreciative recipients.





Good afternoon,

I just wanted to let you know that I finally received the care packages on last night's flight. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Feedback on the care packages was that the mix and selection of Australian confectionary, magazines and toiletries were spot on. Most people liked the additional touch of the Air Force Association USB. Australia's ongoing support for the service men and women of the RAAF, particularly on operational deployments, is extremely touching and commendable. Please pass on my sincere thanks to the RAAF Association for their care packages. Kind regards, Simeon Prucha Flight Lieutenant (O3) Baghdad

I have just received a RAAFA Care Package that was distributed via a deployed member. I wanted to thank you & the Association for these packages as they are always greatly appreciated.

As you will be aware, the RSL also distribute Care Packages via deployed HQ's. As I have found on my deployments, these care packages often do not reach deployed personnel that are located at a Forward Operating Base. Hence the RAAFA method for distributing the packages should hopefully see a fairer distribution of care packages. Once again, RAAFA support is very much appreciated. V/r,

# B SAUNDERS, SQNLDR (OF-3), <u>Afghanistan</u>

Good Afternoon RAAF Association (Victorian Division) Thank you so much for the lovely gesture in sending me a care package. Everyone in my office received a package today from their families and if it wasn't for your package, I would have been the only person to miss out. My parents are a bit older so it is not as easy for them to get to the post office.

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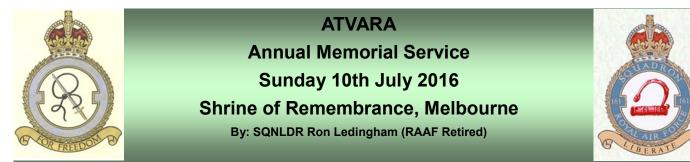
I am really going to enjoy the M&Ms and Tim Tams and the anti-perspirant will come in handy as I am running out. (You made my day :) Regards Elizabeth Surrey

SQNLDR Headquarters Joint Task Force Al Minhad Air Base Middle East Region

#### Good Morning,

From all of us here at Train, Advise, Assist Command Air over in Kabul, Afghanistan we would just like to say thank you for the care packages we received. They were a welcome surprise and it is great to know that we have the support from the RAAF Association back home and that we are being thought of over here. I've attached a photo of the team here to let you know who we are. Kind Regards, Elise Carey, Flying Officer Royal Australian Air Force ,Supply Advisor

#### CONTACT



Following a successful inaugural "*Australian* (now Australasian) Tempsford Veterans and Relatives Association" (ATVARA) service in 2012, the annual memorial service was held once again this year Sunday 10 July 2016 in the Sanctuary of the Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne.

#### 2016 Attendance and Introductions

Dr. John Williamson AM, OStJ, an RAAF WGCDR Retired and a Shrine Volunteer, acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the service and related activities. GPCAPT Annette Holian was the Shrine Governor for the service.

This was the fifth annual commemoration of the SD Squadrons in this country. Not until 14 July 2012 in Australia had any recognition been made of the service and sacrifices of the RAAF and RAF and other multinational Air Forces airmen and airwomen who served at RAF Tempsford during WWII.

Some 35 people attended the 2016 Commemorations, including: Families and representatives of RAAF, RAF, RNZAF and PAF (Polish Air Force) airmen of RAF Tempsford. Senior students and staff of St Leonard's College, some with their parents and other veterans present and members of the public.

#### **Introductions and Opening Prayers**

John Williamson outlined the Order Of Service and welcomed all to this annual memorial service which was conducted to give recognition to those "Special Duties" airmen who were either killed in action or became prisoners of war, or having survived were now deceased.

Padre John Brownbill then led with a service opening prayer. GPCAPT Annette Holian, Shrine Governor, welcomed all attendees to the ATVARA Service.

Mr David Bissland (SD RNZAF veteran family) gave an address on the "Significance of the Occasion" and paying respect to his remarkable surviving father in law, RNZAF SD Squadron navigator, F/O Naylor Hillary aged 100 years. This was followed by a personal message from Marlene Orchiston on behalf of the still surviving SD Squadron pilot, SQNLDR Geoff Rothwell DFC and Bar RNZAF Retired.

#### Commemorative Wreath Laying

The official Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and Shrine Wreath was laid by GPCAPT Annette Holian, Shrine Governor.

AFA Victoria – President GPCPT Carl Schiller - in memory of all Australian Air and Ground Staff, including any WAAAF Airwomen, who served at RAF Tempsford during WWII.

#### RNZAF - Mrs Pam Bissland

RAF – Fran Gibson, RAFA Member in memory of all RAF Air and Ground Staff who served at RAF Tempsford, and including all other Allied Air Forces airmen and airwomen of RAF Tempsford who now reside in Australia.-

PAF - Ashley Wood, St Leonard's College

#### **SD** Veterans and Families:

Jill and Chris Wilson and Sue Witham – their RAAF Uncle, SD Squadron pilot, FLTLT Reginald Witham, Killed in Action (KIA) 27-11-1944 Marlene (and Allan) Orchiston – her late RNZAF Dad, SD Squadrons pilot SQNLDR Jack Parker DFC and Bar RNZAF, who survived 90 operations. Charles Smith and Son – FltSgt G H Williamson RAAF, SD Squadron pilot, KIA 28-04-1944 Fran Gibson RAFA –her RAAF Dad

Shirley Devery - Ex-POW & Relatives Association

St Leonard's College students – All KIA "Special Duties" Air Personnel

Mr Ted Hayes OAM President of the RAFA Victoria then delivered the "Remembrance Ode", which was followed by the "The Last Post", one minute's silence and the playing of the Air Force "Rouse".

The Closing Prayer was delivered by Chaplain John Brownbill and the service concluding with the four relevant national anthems:

Polish National Anthem: "Mazurek Dąbrowskiego" British National Anthem: God Save the Queen New Zealand National Anthem: "God Defend New Zealand" Australian National Anthem: "Advance Australia Fair"

#### *Get-together following the Service in the Shrine Western Annex*

Following the Shrine Commemoration proceedings, an informal gathering was held on the ground floor of the

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Shrine in the Western annex with support from the Shrine Custodian Dale Capron and support staff along with cakes, tea, coffee and nibbles provided by ATVARA friends and relatives and the Shrine. As expected many cross-connections and some more new friendships were established and old memories uncovered

Much pleasure and gratitude was expressed for this "Special Duties" RAAF/RAF/other allied Air Forces Ceremony. It was something which those attending repeatedly stated how they had longed for such recognition here in Australia over the years, and which they thought they would never live to see.

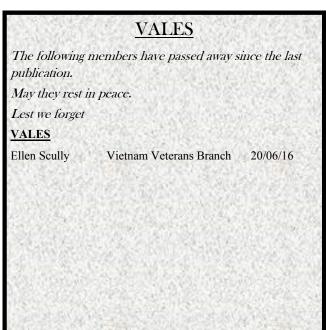
#### **Conclusion:**

Following widespread support once again from the attendees, with the now established ATVARA Flag and ATVARA Plaque of Remembrance at the Shrine, an Annual ATVARA Commemoration Ceremony at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance will be held. This will continue to be held on or near "Bastille Day", 14th July each year, France's National Day.



RAAFA TIES AND SCARFS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE. THIS WOULD MAKE A BRILLIANT GIFT THE TIES ARE AVAILABLE AT \$28.00 + POSTAGE; STATE PREFERENCE WIDE OR NARROW

SCARFS AT \$28.00 + POSTAGE



#### CONTACT EDITORIAL AND DISTRIBUTION DATES

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RAF Assn. Melb. Branch

Branch Meetings 1st Thursday at 11am Stella Maris Seafarers Centre 600 Lt Collins St Melb.

## VIETNAM VETRANS BRANCH

As has been the theme all year for Vietnam veterans, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Long Tan was the main point of the VV Day commemoration at the Shrine of Remembrance on the 18<sup>th</sup> August.

The day started with a gunfire breakfast near the Police memorial on St Kilda Rd and was followed by a march to the shrine. There the marchers were met by VIPs including the State Governor and over 1500 school children. The service that followed brought back many memories for those that had been in Vietnam when the Long Tan battle took place, including the RAAF personnel involved with the re-supply of ammunition to the soldiers in extremely hazardous conditions including monsoon downpour.

The Australian junior choir, bands, re-enactments and the involvement of the school children made the day most memorable. As is the normal procedure of our branch, we went across the road to a great buffet lunch, some convivial drinks and lots of exaggerated tales about times in the RAAF. Although the numbers attending the lunch were a bit disappointing, it was still a great day.

There is just one major event left in this year's calendar concerning the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Long Tan. That is a family race day at Seymour, where in addition to the races, sausage sizzle and children's amusements, there will be buses available from the race track to the Seymour Vietnam Veterans wall.

Gill Coghlan Acting Secretary

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11. A 10 year Certificate of Service was presented to FLGOFF (AAFC) Shane Power, Commanding Officer, 406 SQN, Frankston.

12. The results of the 4 Wing .22 Rifle Shooting Competition were:-

1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 1,101 points went to the team from 406 SQN, Frankston.

2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 1,050 points went to the team from 426 SQN, Traralgon.

3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 1,046 points went to the team from 402 SQN, Watsonia.

13. Individual Prize Winners in 4
Wing Shooting Competition were:
- 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 565 and a 94.17% accuracy rate was
CWOFF Travis Rozario of 406 SQN, Frankston.

2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 536 and a 89.33% accuracy rate was CCPL

Franco Aucamp of 406 SQN, Frankston.

3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 534 and a 89% accuracy rate was CSGT Joel Cooper of 406 SQN, Frankston.

Our Friday lunch at Box Hill R.S.L. on the  $2^{nd}$  of September was attended by 25 members as a Celebration in honour of our member Don McLeod's  $101^{st}$ 



Birthday. On behalf of all our members, Many Happy Returns Don.

Regards to everyone, Laurie Bell.

## <u>Final Call for</u> <u>Expressions of</u> interest

Expression of interest are being sought for two bus trips

1. Visit Canberra War Memorial, Temora Aviation Museum and other location of historic interest. Over approximately 4 days in mid to late October.

2 Visit the B24 restoration project in Werribee. Time dependent on level of interest.

Please contact Barbra by email on office@raafavic.org.au Indicating which trip you are interest in. by using key words Canberra or B24.