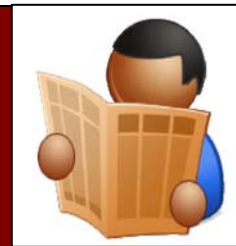


News and Reunions!



REOA News!

DVA Grant Application.

Ron Ledingham advised that they have been formally notified that they were successful in gaining a DVA grant for \$8,994 for the purchase of an office set up and web design/update work. The paperwork formally accepting the grant has been signed and returned to DVA. Ron is unsure when the cheque will be available but approved items will be purchased as soon as possible plus updates to our web site.

Good outcome.

Metal lapel badges

The committee has agreed by popular choice a metal badge design of a pentagon shape (looks like a post box) with the REOA coloured logo centrally placed on a gilded gold background with single pin arrangement for wearing. The committee will now arrange to order some 80 badges for sale to the membership at \$8 each. The REOA will cover the once off charges for set up of design artwork of \$150.



Mid Year Lunch

Noel Hadfield advised that some 31 members had indicated their attendance at the lunch and 17 for the tour of Victoria Barracks. He said he has also received advice from the Federal Office of Senator Gavin Marshall that the date of our lunch coincides with sitting of parliament but Helen McMurtry from the Minister's office will attend our lunch on his behalf for formal handing over of the DVA grant.

According to a new survey, women say they feel more comfortable undressing in front of men than they do undressing in front of other women. They say that women are too judgemental, where, of course, men are just grateful.

An e-mail has been received from Bob Bartram (right) detailing an informal approach from the "Red Door Group" which is for GPCAPT and above and is mainly centred in Canberra. The committee agree that this should be followed up and we should invite them to join us at our end of year function which is planned for Thursday 5 November 2009.



A tour/visit for member to RMIT has been proposed as we feel there would be a high level of interest given the large number of REOA members who would have undertaken some of their initial technical training at RMIT either as an apprentices or cadet. Initial contact with RMIT has been very positive. The committee will explore this further and seek interest for such a visit later in the year.

Col Muir, who will be known to a number of members, has recently been appointed as a District Governor of Rotary. This is a very significant appointment and of credit to Col. The committee agreed that we would draft a formal letter of congratulations to Col from the REOA committee and membership. Well done Col.



10 and 11 Squadron.

2009 marks the 70th anniversary of the formation of both [Number 10](#) and [Number 11](#) Squadrons, RAAF. A warm invitation is extended to all past and present members of 10, 11 and 492 SQN, as well as all those who flew, flew in or fixed the Catalinas, Sunderlands Neptune and the Orion Aircraft.



Schedule

The event will be planned around:

- semi formal first day at RAAF Edinburgh with a welcome, aircraft statics and an informal gathering in the hangar
- formal second day with a parade, and a dining-in night in Adelaide.
- Sports day with more opportunity to catch up with old friends and the option of watching the AFL Grand Final (go the Western Bulldogs).

The VP International bar will be open across the three days for all to meet and enjoy a convivial ale, whether you choose to attend all the formal functions or not.

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, 24 Sep 09

| Event | Location | Comments | Timings |
|---------------|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Opening Brief | Base Cinema | Due to limited seating may be run in two sessions – 10SQN and 11 SQN (morning tea from 0900h if two sessions) | 1000h – 1200h |
| BBQ Lunch | VPI | VPI will also be the attendee reception area for the event | 1200 - |
| Open Day | FLTLINE | Static aircraft, section displays, crew rooms open, AFS/OMS open, HARS and possible P3 flying displays | 1200 – 1700h |
| 10 SQN Bash | Hangar | Informal mixed meet and greet to include food, entertainment | 1830 - 2200 |
| 11 SQN Bash | Hangar | Informal mixed meet and greet to include food, entertainment | 1830 - 2200 |
| After Party | VPI Bar | Recovery function | 2200 - |

Friday, 25 Sep 09

| Event | Location | Comments | Timings |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| Colours Parade | Parade Ground | Simple, but full parade including parading the Colours | 1000h |
| BBQ Lunch | VPI | | |
| Open Day | FLTLINE | Static aircraft, section displays, crew rooms open, AFS/OMS open, HARS and possible P3 flying displays | 1100h – 1600h |
| Formal Dining In Night | Adelaide Convention Centre | Formal Dining In for both SQNs in separate areas of the convention Centre initially then join together. (Mixed event) | |
| Informal function | Base Messes | For those not attending DI | |
| Informal function | VPI Bar | Following formal DI Night | |

Saturday, 26 Sep 09

| Event | Location | Comments | Timings |
|---------------|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Sport Event | Multiple | Golf/Lawn Bowls (Golf on RAAF EDN- Ambrose event?) | 0800 - 1330 |
| BBQ Lunch | VPI | Late Lunch perhaps | 1330 |
| Football Oval | | AFL Match 10SQN versus 11SQN | |

Aircraft Static Displays

The committee acknowledges the fantastic support given by HARS in providing both the PBY Catalina and Neptune aircraft for the event and for static display. The AP-3C Orion will likewise be available.

Transport

TBA

Accommodation

TBA

Contact Us

You can contact us via email. Please Click [here](#)

UPDATES

The large number of people now spread across so many locations and occupations, that we would love to see at the anniversary will make this web site the central method of disseminating the plan for the event. Operational demands will mean that some details will change as the plan matures, but the organizing committee will post them promptly. We look forward to seeing all old comrades, friends and family at what will be a great couple of days.

RSVP

If you would like to attend you can RSVP [HERE](#)

RAAF Communicators reunion.

If you are an ex Operator, Technician, Officer or Switchy, then there is reunion planned for you on Saturday 5th September 2009.

It is being held at the [Canberra Club](#), ACT, starting at 11.00am with lunch being served from



midday. The cost per person is \$30 and this includes nibblies and a very good lunch.

There is also a “Meet and Greet’ night planned for the Friday night, 4 Sept, also held at the Canberra Club, starting at 5:30pm.

You can download a flyer with all the details from [HERE](#) and if you're an ex Telstech, and you're not a member of the Association - then you should be....see here <http://www.raaftelstechs.au.com> for details on how to join.

When Noah's creatures left the ark, two by two, they lost no time in procreating their species, but months later a pair of little snakes were still eating their dinners alone. Noah was very sorry for them, and enquired if he could help them.

'Oh yes please, Mr Noah.' said Mr Snake. 'Please could you make us some wooden furniture?'

Mr Noah was puzzled as to how this might help the little snakes to reproduce, but made the furniture. Soon he took it to the snakes, they were so pleased. 'Thank you so much, Mr Noah.' said Mr and Mrs Snake.

A few weeks later, Mr Noah returned to visit the little snakes, and was overjoyed to find lots of little snakes wriggling around. He was still puzzled as to how he had helped the snakes, but Mr Snake answered Mr Noah, saying:

'Well, Mr Noah, we're adders. We can't multiply without our log tables.'

Sorry Rupe!

Ian Champion got in touch and asked that we remind everyone that there is a proposed reunion of all bods that were on 26 Appies course, irrespective of whether it was Appy Laverton or Appy Wagga – it's open to all trades, provided you were on 26 Appy. Ian says they have located all but one of the graduating members of 26RAC, which is Chris Roberts, so if anyone knows where Chris is, please let us know.



He says the Wagga guys have still got people to find but the numbers are good. If you want further info you can contact Ian via [EMAIL](#)

When the authorities warn you of the dangers of having sex,
there is an important lesson to be learned.
Do not have sex with the authorities.