

## Djinnang Reunion – 2012.

The Djinnang Association held their 2012 reunion/AGM on the 27th May, once again at the Public Service Club in Brisbane. As usual, they had a very good roll up with about 80 blokes and blokettes making the effort, some from a long way off, to get to the annual event and meet and catch up with mates from a long time ago and to marvel how all their mates had got old.



The President, Mick Lawson called the meeting to order about 3.30pm and as per the rules, all committee positions were declared vacant. Mick informed everyone that he would not contest the Presidential position as he had a self-imposed posting to Townsville and would not be on hand to carry out the duties.

### The Outgoing Committee.



**L-R:** Ron Faulkner, John Carruthers (Treas), Mick Lawson (Pres), Alison Cridland (Sec), Alyn Hawkes, John Cridland

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After nominations for positions were sought from the floor, and voting held, the Committee for the following 12 months was elected.

**The New Committee.**



**Back, L-R:** Ron Faulkner, Ian Greenacre, Mick Lawson, Alyn Hawkes,  
**Front, L-R:** John Carruthers, Gavin Smith (Pres), Alison Cridland, Brian Webb

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John Cridland decided he also needed a break, having been on and off the Committee for the past 28 years, so he declined the nomination for committee member. He will, however, continue to oversee publications for a while – a gradual hand-over take-over.

Ernie Gimm also decided it was time to bring in some new blood and he also declined a nomination, “after all”, he says, “when you get to the ripe old age of 45, like me, it’s time to start taking it easy”.

This year’s event was a little different from previous years, in that it included a dinner which was served to all around 6.00pm. The Treasurer, John Carruthers, then reported that the financial position of the Association was very rosey and it was decided that next year’s reunion will be free to all Financial Members. You will, of course, still have to buy your own drinks.

Alison Cridland, the Sec for the next 12 months, reminded members that the Association still has caps for sale which can be bought for \$25 each, including postage. If you want one, email her [HERE](#).

There being no further business, the Pres, Gavin Smith, declared the meeting over at about 4.00pm, stuck his hand in his pocket, tossed a bunch of money on the bar and joined all his new found mates for another coldy.

Mick Lawson thought it would be a good idea to take and record photos of everyone at the reunion and to classify everyone as per their past job. Here are the pics:

**TRINOPS**



**Front L-R:** Beth Golden (Gray), Thelma Beilby (Lightfoot), Lillian Coxhedge (Weber), Mary Windsor (Moore).  
**Rear L-R:** Roslyn Smith (North), Sylvia Hodges (Bell), Pat Green (Elder), Ace Vernon (McDowell), Lalee Jagielo, Noreen Barry (McCabe), Alison Cridland (Swindley), Shirley Watson (Strub), Jeanette Kiorgaard, Jenny Gimm (Hickey).

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**L-R:** Noreen Barry, Iris Bellert



**L-R:** Ace Vernon, Lillian Coxhedge

COMMSOPS



L-R: Lisa Murray, Sue Cully, Lalee Jagiello, Alison Cridland.

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Janet Gray



Pat Green

**SIGSOPS, 3 TELU.**



**Front L-R:** Ron Amos, Rex Raph, Col Mallett.  
**Back L-R:** Mick Fargher, Ron Bellert, Glen Muller, Roy Green.

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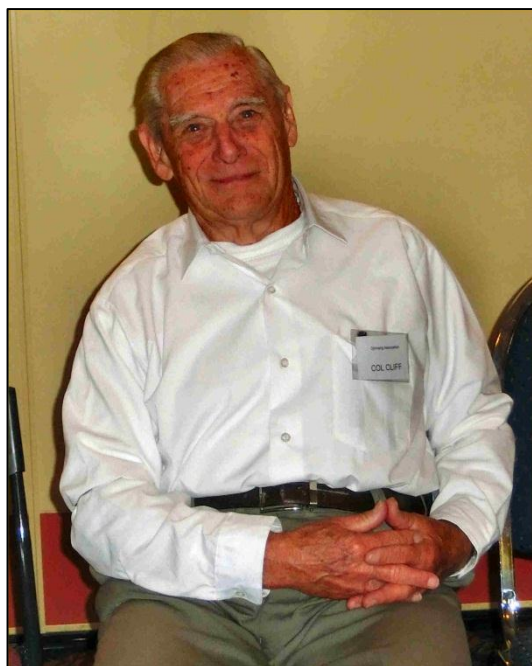
The boggy pilot said "I was proud and excited on the first day of my Air Force pilot training. As I walked toward the instruction facility I could see large letters looming over the entrance: "Through these doors pass the best pilots in the world." My pride was quickly deflated, however, as I reached the threshold and read the small, scribbled cardboard sign that had been taped to the glass by an Erk. It said "Please use the other door."

## Telegs



**Back L-R:** Brian Webb, Ken Marsh, Alyn Hawkes, RG Thompson. Glen Muller, Mick Fargher, Col Mallett, Howard Donald, Ron Ames, Lyn Bielby, John Cridland.  
**Front L-R:** Ron Vernon, Rex Ralph, Mike Cook, Ian Greenacre, Roy Green.

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### Col Cliff.

Col, an ex-Telsop, who was about a week off his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday the day the reunion was held, is surely an inspiration to us all. Col is a swimmer and swims with Pan Pacific Masters Swimming which is a non-government, not for profit organisation and is the peak body for adult swimmers in Australia.



At the moment, Masters Swimming has about 6,500 members from 190 clubs located throughout Australia.

Col has been competitively swimming since 1992 and for the past 2 years he has been, for his age group,

amongst the top 10 swimmers *in the world*. His distance is 1500 metres and to be that good is a marvellous achievement and something of which he can be rightly proud.

Col's time for the 1500 metres is 26 mins, 36 secs. That's an average swim at 3.38 klms per hour – a good walking pace.

In September this year, he will try and better his time at a meet in Sydney, we wish him well.

Col was at Frognall many years ago, he's in the pic at right, and can be seen standing far right. Seems to have had a bit more hair back then too. (Click [HERE](#) for names of the people in the pic)



## Telstechs



**Back L-R:** Bob Mietus, Bob Arthars, Bob May, Bob Daunt, Gary Butler, John Carruthers, Ron Faulkner, George Mellick, Les Coxhedge.  
**Front L-R:** Jack Khan, Frank Hodges, Kerry "Kero" Harrington, Roy Smeaton, Dennis Greig, Mick Lawson, Brian Flux.

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## Commsops



**Back L-R:** Kevin Kochevatkin, Mick Conyard, Gary Hogan, John Isaacs, John O’Loughlin, John McAllister, Allan Essery, “Buck” Buchanan  
**Front L-R:** Ray Graham, Rick Smith, John Brell, Ernie Gimm.

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**L-R:** Betty Yardley, Thelma Beilby, Dianne Webb, Lalee Jagiello, Shirley Watson.





L-R: Marg Greenacre, Roz Smith, Sylvia Hodges, Jenny Gimm.



L-R: Mary Windsor, Ron Vernon, Ace Vernon, Helen Donald.

If Coles are continually lowering prices, how come nothing is free yet??



L-R: Ian Greenacre, Rick Smith, Angie Smith



L-R: John Khan, Bob Mietus, Bob Daunt, Bob Arthars, Brian Flux.



L-R: Helen Daunt, Robin Arthars, Marg Khan.

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### All the girls.



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### All the boys.



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**L-R: Roy Green, Col "Limpy" Mallett, RG Thompson, Pat Green (Elder).**

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### 3 Sqn Reunion.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Redlands RSL is situated in Cleveland, one of Brisbane's Bay-side suburbs. The Association holds regular reunions and to make it 'fair' on their many members, they rotate the venue each time, with the Summer reunion, which will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, planned at the Caloundra RSL Club. Past reunions have been held at Currumbin RSL (Gold Coast) and Greenback RSL (south Brisbane suburb).



About 25 blokes and their ladies attended the reunion, some coming down from Pomona, others from Ipswich, the Gold Coast and Rosewood..



3 Squadron started life at Point Cook back in September 1916 and moved to England for training before deploying to France the following year. Squadron aircraft were used for bombing and reconnaissance missions in support of British, Canadian and ANZAC forces and, by the end of WW1, the unit was regarded as the best allied reconnaissance squadron in the war.

One of the most unusual incidents of World War I occurred in December 1917 when a No 3 Squadron RE8 was attacked by six Albatross scouts. After bringing down one enemy aircraft, the gunner was mortally wounded by a bullet which passed through his chest before striking the pilot in the head, killing him instantly. Although damaged, the RE8 continued to fly by itself until it ran out of fuel and landed relatively intact in a snow drift some fifty miles from the scene of the combat. The Albatross brought down in this engagement was presented to Australia as a war trophy and is now on display at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

When WW2 broke out, the Sqn sailed for Egypt, where, despite being heavily outnumbered, they provided air support to the 8th Army during the ebb and flow of the desert campaign. It later participated in the liberation of Italy and Yugoslavia where the squadron was well regarded for its highly accurate attacks against enemy shipping. With a score of 217 enemy aircraft destroyed, No 3 Squadron remains the highest scoring fighter squadron of the Air Force.

After deploying to Malaya in 1958, 3 Squadron Sabres and, later, Mirages, operated from the Butterworth as part of the five-power defence arrangement.

Following its return to Australia in 1986, 3 Squadron received its first Hornets and, with these state-of-the-art aircraft, the squadron continues its role as one of the nation's most vital defence assets. In early 2002, 3 Squadron performed air defence operations from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean as part of the coalition in the International War Against Terrorism.

It is now based at Williamtown.

Some of the people at the reunion, which was organised by Jim Hall, the Association's President and Treasurer, are: All pics left to right:



**Anne Lollback and Carol Hall**



Sheena Millar and Lois Jamieson.



Leslie King, Lisle Pryor.



Max Lollback, Scott King.



Daryl "Deefa" Millar, Mal Jamieson.





Jim Hall, Dick Jones.



Margaret and Grant Small.



“Bushy Trimble, Dave Henkel.



Gerry O’Sullivan and Roger “Hap” Pryor.



**Back Row L-R:** “Bushy Trimble, Scott King, Grant Small, Roger Clarkson, Neil Handsley, Max Lollback, Jim Hall, Bob Rae.  
**Front Row L-R:** Ned Wark, “Hap” Pryor, Dick Jones, “Deefa” Millar, Mal Jamieson.



**Back Row L-R:** Margaret Small, Lisle Pryor, Sheena Millar, Carol Hall, Anne Jones,  
**Front Row L-R:** Leslie King, June Handsley, Lois Jamieson, Anne Lollback.



“Deefa Millar and Mal Jamieson.

## History.

If you're interested in the history of 3 Sqn, there are two excellent sources of material.

1. Neil Leybourne Smith has written a comprehensive and very interesting history of 3 Sqn, you can read it [HERE](#)., and
2. Neil Handsley, (right) who was at the reunion at the Redlands RSL, has produced a wonderful 30-minute DVD featuring many fascinating glimpses of 3 Squadron history. You can see a sample of the DVD [HERE](#). If you would like to order a copy, you can do so by emailing Jim Hall, President of the Qld branch, [HERE](#). The cost is \$15 per copy, which includes postage.

