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Sadly in the few months since our last issue, we have once again lost some very good mates.

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Our lovely Page 3 girl is Dianne Hoopert.

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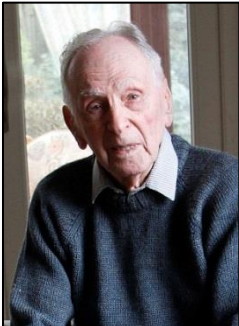


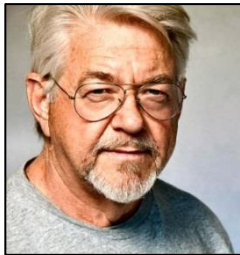
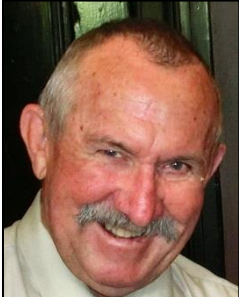

How to get rid of those unwanted 'free' apps and what's the future for the net?






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The WRAAFs left Ballarat in 1961 and we have a bunch of old course pics.

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|    | <p>Ted has found the reason why time travels slowly in pubs and how the Yanks learned to defeat the Zero.</p> <p>See Page 6</p> | <p>Ros Smith tells us her story, well, not all of it, only the bits she could tell her mum.</p> <p>See Page 7</p>                                 |    |
|     | <p>Lachlan Irvine puts forth the argument for recognition of Ubon as a combat zone.</p> <p>See Page 8</p>                       | <p>Allan George has a look at Bitcoins and uncovers a new scam. And what really happened to that Arab Airbus?</p> <p>See Page 9</p>               |    |
|   | <p>Eric Brown is an amazing man, he's flown more aircraft than anyone else alive.</p> <p>See Page 10</p>                        | <p>Do sunscreens last? and is it safe to have a tattoo??</p> <p>See Page 11</p>   |   |
|  | <p>The Djinnang Association held their AGM and annual reunion in Brisbane in May.</p> <p>See Page 12</p>                        | <p>Tony Element discovers that big brother is alive and well and has taken over responsibility for our safety and welfare.</p> <p>See Page 13</p> |  |
|  | <p>ANZAC Day Brisbane.</p> <p>See Pages 14</p>  | <p>Operation Saber had C-17s doing practice drops and the KC-30 doing a refuel – we went along.</p> <p>See page 15</p>                            |  |

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|   | <p>Ted Strugnell reminisces over a memorable flight in the Caribou in PNG and we have pics of Darwin.</p> <p>See Page 16</p> | <p>A few blokes haven't been as well as they could be.</p> <p>See Page 17</p>  |  |
|   | <p>We've found two blokes who we've been looking for for some years.</p> <p>Page 18</p>                                      | <p>This is where you have your say</p> <p>Page 19</p>  |  |
|  | <p>Here's the news, all the news, the whole news and nothing but the news.</p> <p>See Page 20</p>                            | <p><b>Index.</b></p> <p>The Index is now finished - all references have been linked so if you're looking for a topic or a photo of someone, click on the <a href="#">Index</a> link on the top of each page and just follow the links.</p> |   |

## Virus.

Recently our web site was hacked and whoever did the hacking left a nasty little surprise for whoever logged on. We weren't aware of it for a while as once the mag is finished and loaded we don't go there much but we soon got emails telling us of the problem. We contacted our ISP and together we've fixed it – the site is now safe, though the Trojan wasn't a real nasty, just a pain in the whatname. We had to delete the whole site then reload it all again but this time we'll both keep a close eye on it so it doesn't happen again.

Seems it's a common thing, though what jollies people who do this get from doing it beats me. Surely there's no monetary gain from dumping viruses/trojans onto someone's web site, or if there is, I can't see it. If you've got the smarts to be able to do it surely you could do something worthwhile and make some money. Couldn't you??

We were given an address which has a program that will check a web site before you log onto it, and if there is virus/trojan on the site it will tell you. And it's FREE!

The site is <http://sitecheck.sucuri.net/scanner/>

Just log on, then type in the web address you want to check and it will do it for you – all FREE.



It's a good idea to save that address in your favourites/bookmarks and use it on any doubtful address before logging on. We've also put it on our links page so if you forget it, it's there.

## **Photos**

Most (but not all) of the photos on our pages have been 'crunched' to make them open faster. If you want a copy of any in their original condition just email us, use the "Contact Us" link at the top of each page, tell us which one you want and if we have a better copy we'll email it back to you.

This edition contains a lot of photos and if your internet connection is not all that fast you will find some pages will take a while to load. If this is the case, it is best if you just open the page and wait a little while until it fully downloads before trying to navigate through it.

## **Course Photos**

We intend to eventually have copies of as many RAAF courses (with names) as it is possible to obtain. When finished you will be able to search by course name and/or personal name and if your course is there, get a copy. Availability is the big problem, some photos are easy to get others we have to travel to copy but over the coming months we intend to do so. If you have copies of any WRAAF course please send them to us. You can check what we have by going to the [www.Radschool.org.au](http://www.Radschool.org.au) site then click "Course Photos". If you see any errors let us know or if we're missing any names and you can provide them - please do.

Over time the list we've started will be expanded, we hope to be able to include courses that were held at Wagga, Frogers, Pt Cook, Sale etc.

## **Donations.**

We want to keep membership in the Association Free - we feel more people will join the Association and read our magazines while there is no cost involved. And that's the way we'd like to keep it - but!!

Costs are mounting up and we're planning to make the magazine a bi-monthly, 6 editions each year instead of the 4. We now get so much material sent to us that to continue to deliver the RAM on a quarterly basis would mean it would soon go to 300 pages - and we get requests from all over the country to go and cover various Association reunions but we just don't have the funds to do that. We'd like to - but we just can't.

So!! - we're asking for donations. If you feel the RAM is a worthy magazine and you can afford to make a donation every now and then (annually??) then please do. Please be assured, this is not a requirement, if you are not able to make a donation, or don't wish to, then that is not a problem, the RAM will still be produced and you will still get it, but it probably won't be as good as it could be.

If you wish to make a donation, (any amount) please do so direct into the Radschool Association's Bank account which is:

**Title:** RAAF Radschool Association.

**Bank:** Bank of Queensland. **BSB:** 124-021 **Account #:** 1048 7401

Please put your name in the details window when you make your deposit so we know who to thank. We would prefer not to make public your donation as we feel this could cause embarrassment to those that are not able to do so.

## **Merchandise.**

We've now got a merchandise page, the link is on each page, but you can go there [HERE](#) too. If you've got something you want to sell, send us a photo and a description and we'll add it to the page.

## **Reunions.**

If you're having a reunion and you would like us to cover it and publish it, let us know and we'll see what can be done.

## **Membership.**

Please check the [list of names](#) and if you've joined but your name isn't there, please click on the "[Join the Association](#)" tag (there's one on the top of each page) fill in the details again and send it to us. If you're not a member and would like to be, do likewise.

Also, if you change your address, or phone numbers or email address, or you just want to say hello, or you want to give us a tongue lashing, you can do so by clicking on the "[Contact Us](#)" tag, also at the top of each page and filling in the details. It's so easy even an instrument fitter could do it, it's all done on line, no printing out forms and no postage.



Over the past couple of months we have been able to put a bunch of people in contact with long lost mates - but that's only because we have your details. Please click on the [Join the Association](#) tag and fill it in, the more people that join the more we can match up.

If you want to get the RAM, but don't want to join the association, that's not a problem either. Just click on the "Contact Us" link at the top of each page and fill in the details and tell us to add your email to the list. Then whenever a new edition is released you will be advised.

We don't and won't give out your details to anyone so there is no risk of you being spammed.