

RAAF Radschool Association Magazine

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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 this issue is Sue McDougall who was spotted at the 35 Sqn "40 years since Vietnam" Anniversary.

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Sam has a look at the development in web search engines and has a few warnings for people still using Win XP.

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Four old bodgies head off to Vietnam and we have a look at the Beavers' Bivouac in 1963

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Ted has the new pension rates and has a look at the new B747-8 brake test

story and we have a look at some Anzac traditions.

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Gallipoli Army Barracks in Brisbane puts on 'get together' for the families of the young blokes in Afghanistan.

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Allan George laments the sad demise of 23 of the RAAF's F111's and looks back at the B-24's built during the War.

Frank Howie, (Grp

Cpt ret) tells us his

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Brisbane put on another amazing Anzac Day with thousands of people clogging the streets to watch the parade.

With winter fast approaching it's time to get your flu needles and how to get some relief from arthritis pain.

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Iroquois A2-1022 was finally rested in a dignified manner at the Caloundra RSL.

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This issue we welcome Tony Element who has decided to join us and will be a regular contributor.

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RTFV/35Sqn left Vietnam 40 years ago this year - and those that could celebrated.

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Two presenters on the Ch 10 show "The Circle" showed just how low some of these people can stoop.

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A few blokes are not as well as they should be. See Page 17.	We're looking for a few people, perhaps you can help. See Page 18	
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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 <u>Index</u> link on the top of each page and just follow the links.

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 page, tell us which one you want and if we have a better copy we'll email it back to you.

Facebook

We've had a lot of requests/suggestions to open a Radschool Facebook account. That has now been done and it's there if you wish to join. A lot already have and it's a great vehicle with which people can keep in touch. Search for RAAF Radschool-Association, ask to be a friend and you're in.



Donations.

We want to keep membership in the Association Free - we deliberately do this as 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

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Membership.

Please check the <u>list of names</u> and if you've joined but your name isn't there, please click on the "<u>Join the Association</u>" 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 <u>Join the Association</u> tag and fill it in, the more people that join the more we can match up.

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