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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 Chrissy Hart.

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There are some terrible computer viruses out there, Sam tells us how to beat them.






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The first intake of WRAAF's was in 1952.

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	<p>Boeing's 787 Dreamliner has had some teething problems – but are they fixed?</p> <p>See Page 12</p>	<p>Tony Element reminisces on his previous Christmas Dinner and its tendency to surreptitiously expand one's girth.</p> <p>See Page 13</p>	
	<p>DVA Queensland held their annual end of year get together and we meet a remarkable man.</p> <p>See Pages 14</p>	<p>Just who was Hedwig Kiesler and what did she do? And are mobile phone ticking time bombs?</p> <p>See page 15</p>	

	<p>Paul Spackman takes us on a tour of Fairbairn and we have a look at Edinburgh.</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're looking for a few people, perhaps you can help.</p> <p>See 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>Index.</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 Index link on the top of each page and just follow the links.</p>	

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. We did hope to be able to get copies of all WRAAF Recruit Courses later this year but time has beaten us and we can't now until next year (sorry Mary). At the moment we don't want you to send us any photos as it is better if we get them all in one lump but we would appreciate it if you would

check what we have and 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.

This is definitely a "Work in Progress" and will take some time to complete. To see where we are you click the "Course Photos" link on the [Main Menu](#) - or you can go there from [HERE](#)

DFRB/DFRDB.

There has been an awful lot of email activity over the past few months on the topic of ADF Superannuation, and rightly so, as it affects many many people. There are many groups fighting for what most consider to be fair and equitable increases in their retirement pension and it seems at last someone is listening.



On the 29th April we attended a morning tea held by the Hon Teresa Gambaro MP. Teresa's guest of Honour was Senator Michael Ronaldson, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs who spoke on the Coalition's plans for fixing this dreadful injustice.

I had a private discussion with Senator Ronaldson after the morning tea and was told that if elected, this is what the Coalition has promised.

1. DFRB/DFRDB

DFRB and DFRDB superannuants aged 55 and over will have their superannuation pensions indexed in the same way as aged and service pensions. This costing will be budgeted in their first Budget which will be set down in May 2014. The increases will take effect from the 1st July 2014.

2. TPI and other Disability payments.

Senator Ronaldson said he has held discussions with the Directors of the TPI Federation and they have agreed to hold further discussions again after the election should the Coalition be elected. Although Senator Ronaldson is aware of the situation, nothing was or could be promised until the Coalition had access to Treasury's figures.

Reading between the lines we would suggest this could be a ways off yet and will hinge on the state of the nation's finances.

This magazine tries to be non-political and non-religious, but if you're in receipt of a DFRB/DFRDB pension (which we're not) and you want your pension to be fair and equitable you now have a clear choice which way to cast your vote.

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

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. We take 10% to cover our running costs.

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.

