

News and Reunions!



Yahoo!!

Ian “Jake” Jacobsen, ex 34Sqn, 35Sqn, 38Sqn and CFS (and others), is setting off to organize a “**Seniors across the Nullarbor**” sortie on 50cc scooters in September 2014. Jake aims to raise needed funds for Beyond Blue and to raise the awareness that Seniors still have it after all.



Jake, as usual has put in a great deal of detailed planning and is now looking for some additional specialist assistance.

The Radschool Association has taken up the challenge – more on that later but we’ll be asking for you to put your hand in your pocket to support this very worthy cause.

You read the concept plan [HERE](#) and if you would like to be involved, you can read the Expressions of Interest document [HERE](#).

Vietnam tour.

Phil Brooks wrote, he said: "I'm a member of the RAASC Vietnam Veterans Association and Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans Association. A couple of years ago you very kindly provided publicity for the Grocers and Gunners Vietnam tour. Would it be possible to do the same for our 2013 tour? It's all for a good cause, as during the tour we raise funds for charities in Vietnam.

In 2012 we raised around \$1600 for the Hanoi Blind School and two H'mong village schools in Sapa. I've attached a tour brochure for your information (see it [HERE](#)).

You might also be interested in the 2012 tour article, published for the Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans Association (see it [HERE](#)). I have about eight berths available at this stage. Last year we had three ex 35 Sqn members join us to add a bit of class to us Army bods and this year I have ex 35 Sqn and 9 Sqn members.



The tour is designed for those who have an interest, not only in Australia's military commitment to Vietnam, but also an interest in the culture of this fascinating country. It's four/five star, all inclusive and designed for couples. On past tours, the Australian Defence Attaché has joined us for one of our dinners, which has been an added bonus. An invitation will be extended to the current attaché, who is RAAF, to join us for our next tour.

Accommodation for the 2013 tour is:

Saigon:	Caravelle Hotel
Vung Tau:	Imperial Hotel (built on the site of the Badcoe Club)
	Vinpearl Hotel
Danang/Hoi An	Melia Hotel
Hanoi:	La Bhaya Cruises
Ha Long Bay:	Victoria Resort
Sapa:	

I look forward to some of your members joining us on our tour.

Always enjoy reading your newsletter. I might have mentioned in a previous email that I was posted to the Army Survey Regiment, Bendigo in the mid 80's and had a very pleasant day at the Radio School, Laverton for Bones Day. I recall the RAAF were very hospitable, got us all drunk and then brought out the A team, who were stone cold sober.

One evening a blonde went to seafood restaurant for dinner. When she saw the tank where they kept the lobsters she asked a waiter, "Why are those creatures in that tank?" "They are the

lobsters we serve our customers!" answered the waiter. "You mean you're going to kill them," said the blonde. "Absolutely," said the waiter. The blonde was so upset that she immediately left the restaurant, drove to a nearby convenience store, purchased hefty bags and returned to the restaurant to accomplish her covert mission. Taking pity on the poor creatures, she waited until the moment was right and snatched all of the lobsters from the tank, threw them in the bag, and hightailed it out of the restaurant. Later she went to the woods to set the poor animals free!

Apologies to all blonds – but the devil made me do it!

RTU Course 671, April 1964

Jim Muscat would like to invite all blokes who were on RAAF Rookies course 671, which went through in April 1964, to a 50th Anniversary reunion to be held in Perth WA on or about the 26/27 April 2014. If you would like further info, please contact John Kenny on 08 92919159 or email jandmkenny@iinet.net.au or Jim Muscat on 08 94021750 or justcattonite@gmail.com

R.S.L [Q'ld] State Council of Auxiliaries

We heard from Julie McPhail - right, (secretary) who said: "In July 2012 a new body was formed called the R.S.L [Q'ld] State Council of Auxiliaries. This new Council consists of and brings together for the first time in Q'ld. both Women's and Citizens Auxiliaries of the RSL Q'ld.

The newly elected President Mrs. Joy Bryson said the aim of the Council was to bring together all the R.SL Auxiliaries in Q'ld, to enable aid to be directed to veterans in all parts of the State.

At present some smaller towns are struggling to maintain a sub-branch as few members reside in those towns. With the help of the Auxiliaries through the Council, Remembrance Services such as Anzac Day etc, together with young people continuing to be taught the history of the armed service in Australia will continue and not be lost.

Some veterans and their dependants fall through the cracks of the R.S.L. through non-representation in those areas and with an Auxiliary presence or a line to the Council aid can be directed to them

Co-operation of all the Auxiliaries throughout Q'ld means that they can assist each other and their sub-branches to lend aid wherever it is needed.



It is hoped that starting in 2013 other organisations in these areas will direct help queries to the Council so we can find and help these veterans and / or their dependants.

If you would like further information, contact Julie at:

The Secretary,
R.S.L. State [Q'ld] Council of Auxiliaries
PO Box 2036
Chermside Centre. Q'ld 4032
Email: <mailto:jmcp@mail.skymesh.com.au>

GEMS

Greg Lyons (AKA Jacko) got in touch, he said: "Hello, Found your website and thought we may be able to help each other, we have a new website for [RAAF GEMS](#) Musterings which includes all Musterings and does include Officers who served in the units as well.



We have planned a reunion for the 29th June 2013 in Ipswich. I writing to see if you could help us promote the Reunion and website to your members as I'm confident many would have been involved with GEMS Units.

One ex RAAF Engineering Officer I'm chasing is Mike Shaw, I'm led to believe he has a list of ex Truckie Officers. I've included the generic burst we send out to prospective members and you can get it [HERE](#)".



Now here's an awesome idea, when you go out to dinner with a bunch of people, get everyone's phone and place it in a pile on the table with all the others, then the first person to check their phone before the end of the meal pays the total bill.

How great is that???

Morse.

David Edwards, (Svc number A45868) was on 86 Telegs and 50 Comsec courses at Laverton. He lives in Canada now and one of his yank mates refuses to believe that he and others passed out at 37wpm using a manual key for Morse code.

Can anyone support his story, if so, send your Stat Decs to me and I'll forward them on



Reformation of Number 35 Squadron

The following notice was released late last year by Air Marshall Geoff. BROWN

“I am pleased to advise that I have approved the reformation of Number 35 Squadron from 1 January 2013, to prepare for the arrival of the C-27J Spartan battlefield airlifter in 2015.



Under the command of Wing Commander Brad Clarke, 35 Squadron will have an initial posting of 25 personnel at RAAF Base Richmond. From July 2013 to January 2016, another four posting tranches, at six monthly intervals, are planned to enable the full establishment of 35 Squadron in January 2016.

35 Squadron has a long and distinguished history. Formed at RAAF Base Pearce in March 1942, No 35 Squadron was equipped with light transport aircraft, including Avro Ansons, De Havilland Dragon Rapides, and a Northrop Delta. After World War Two, 35 Squadron returned Australian Prisoners of War before being disbanded at RAAF Base Townsville in June 1946.

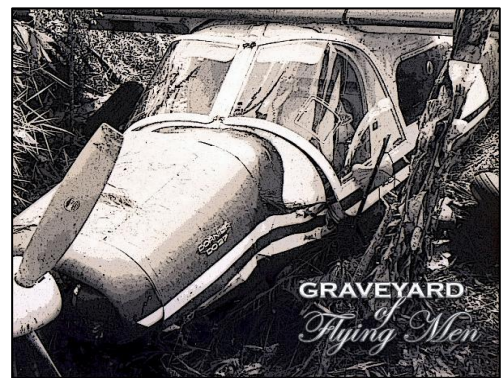
In July 1964, the RAAF Transport Flight in Vietnam was formed and was renamed 35 Squadron in 1966. After Vietnam, the Squadron moved to Townsville, where Iroquois helicopters joined the Squadron's Caribous. With this mixed fleet of aircraft, No 35 Squadron undertook army tactical support tasks and civil aid operations, including search and rescue, medical evacuations and flood relief work. In 2000, 35 Squadron was disestablished.

Nicknamed 'Wallaby Airlines', 35 Squadron has a proud history of operational and humanitarian service. I'm looking forward to seeing the Wallaby Airlines tail-flash flying again in Australian skies on the C-27J”.

Definition of a teenager? God's punishment for enjoying sex.

Flying in PNG.

Anyone who was (or still is) involved in flying in PNG, whether it be with an airline, mission, or on the other side with DCA/CAA, would be interested in a book titled **Graveyard of flying men - The New Guinea Years** written by Brian McCook.



Brian amassed some 25,000 flying hours in an assortment of "baluses" (aircraft). It is in black page/white font format with photographs; a choice of soft or hard cover and is a good easy read.

Further information available from: Scott McCook. Email: scott.nd.mccook@gmail.com or you can order it on line at <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1467007>

70th Anniversary of RAAF RADAR Wings 08 Feb 2013

Number 41, 42 and 44 Wings celebrated the 70th Anniversary of their formation on 08 February 2013 through a combined Wing Parade and Open Day held at Williamstown. The Parade commenced at 0900 with an Open Day featuring static displays from all three Wings commencing from 1100 through to 1400.

Retired RAAF Engineer Officers.

A team of ex- Engineer Officers lead by GPCAPT (Retd) Brian Duddington, AM, is currently working to establish a Queensland Chapter of the RAAF Engineer Officer Association (REOA), the charter for which will be similar to that of the long-established Melbourne association of the same name.

Please see the REOA website (www.reoa.org.au) for details.

The charter provides a sound basis for the establishment of a “club” that would satisfy the needs of a defined group of people of similar background and professional interest while promoting the ideals of mateship and camaraderie in a relaxed and benign environment.

If you have any interest in joining the team or know someone who may, please contact Brian on M: 0417 625 213 W:3637 3833 or E-Mail: Duddo8@bigpond.com.au.”



I just realised that I've been married for over 25 years and my wife has never had laryngitis.
What a rip-off.

Ex-18 Radio Appies

Calling all ex-18 Radio Technician Apprentice Course members, Dave Gaffee (Secretary, RSL Port Lincoln, S.A., Sub-Branch) has been asked to establish a database/website for all surviving members. If you're ex-18Radio Appy, please send relevant details to dagrasshopper48@yahoo.com.au

Proposal for a NSW/ACT Gunnies Reunion **July-Aug 2013**

From the AGM 2012: The possibility of having a common function incorporating Canberra, Penrith and Newcastle branches. Norm Andrews suggested that any proposed date should not interfere with current dates which are used by Newcastle branch (2nd weekend of March) or Penrith branch (Friday closest to St Barbara's day). Rod Smith suggested suitable venues could be either Rooty Hill RSL or Diggers, The Entrance. Norm Andrews suggested that a Central Coast venue would most likely be preferable with good rail transport and accommodation available, with a June/July/August timetable to avoid clashing with holiday periods. Rod Smith undertook to ask for EOI for a function venue via a website post.

Proposed Venues.

Central Coast NSW- Diggers at the Entrance

The Entrance has many accommodation venues ranging from Caravan Parks, Motels, Hotels, all within a short distance to the Diggers.

Diggers provides a courtesy bus. Discounts if you join the club. No traffic problems, Buses, Closest train Station Tuggerah. Great environment, beaches and shopping etc. Room hire free Various menu options.. see <http://www.diggersattheentrance.com.au/>

SYDNEY-Rooty Hill RSL

Has accommodation located as part of the club, Motel deals and discounts if you join the Club Stretch will provide the music. See www.rootyhillrsl.com.au/

Gosford RSL

Details to come

Need your feedback and ideas. Do you think having a NSW/ACT Gunnies get together is a good idea. All gunnies are invited; it would be great to see our fellow gunnies from around Australia coming along if they can fit it in. Please provide your suggestions on the venues (or others) and how would you like your food to be provided. We need to consider people being able to purchase what they want or a set menu (how much would be a fair price for a meal)

Rod Smith. ts47rs@bigpond.com

Judging by the frying pan that just flew past my head, I must have done something wrong.
I can't wait to find out what it was.

WRAAF Reunion.

Kerry Brocket would like to remind all ex-WRAAFs that the next WRAAF Reunion will be held in Perth WA, 11th-13th October 2013.

The girls below at the 2011 Brisbane reunion, lunching at the Brekky Creek Hotel.



L-R around the table: Dianne Cardy, Jeanette Brookes, Roslyn Curran, Kerry Brocket, Maxine Moore. At end Lorry Cameron, Kate Lunt, Marie (sorry no surname) Jane Dowdeswell, Lindy Crimean and Carmel Homewood.

For more info go to <http://www.wraaf.org.au/> or email [wraff2013@hotmail.com.au/](mailto:wraff2013@hotmail.com.au)

11th Light Horse Military Museum

Russ Walker got in touch, he said, "I was wondering whether you might include some info on our new venture in the Caboolture district of Queensland in the Radschool Magazine. I am a member of the 11th Light Horse Military Museum Association (Caboolture Troop) which is located at the [Caboolture Historical Village](#). The Light Horse Troop has a display in the Village and artefacts which cover from the Boer War to Vietnam. The Village is visited by thousands of people each year, mainly school children

You may be aware that recently the RAAF offered retired F111 aircraft and escape capsules to museums that could suitably display them, but under quite stringent conditions. I went along to the RAAF presentation with a team from the Village however the terms and conditions were far more than the Village and the Troop could meet or afford.

However, being innovative types we developed a plan to build our own Air Museum at the Village and to build a full scale model of the F111 in front of the wing. This is planned using techniques usually applied in model aircraft. The completed "airframe" will be covered with a layer of fibre glass and then painted in RAAF colours. The airframe will be fitted with two GWS model aircraft simulators and TV screens so that it will be just like flying a real plane. (similar to flying a radio controlled model)



In addition to the F111 model there will be at least three information kiosks with DVD presentations on various air related activities. There will also be two further kiosks fitted with Microsoft Flight Simulator software.

We currently have six large glass fronted display cupboards in which we hope to display a range of interesting materials from the RAAF or any other air related activities. This is the area where we are seeking donations or loans of material from ex- serving members. As Desley and I have been downsizing we have realised that we have a 50 year collection of "good junk" too good to throw out to the tip but is certainly interesting enough to be put in the museum. Accordingly, the Air Museum has become my best friend for lots of stuff that I simply did not wish to part with. Hopefully this will be the case for many who read the magazine.

We will be opening the Air Museum in stages. The new building at the Village will be finalised by the end of April 2013 and we hope to have the electrics and air conditioning finalised by the end of May. The F111 model is being prepared as a big model kit in my shed and will be taken to the Village and assembled there.

The information kiosks and reading material will be available by June 2013 so we will have a basic display operating by June. This includes donations that have been offered by local ex servicemen and women. Uniforms badges, insignias etc.

We believe that this is a most important museum for commemorating the sterling service made by the F111 and the men and women who flew, supported and maintained them. We are also looking for people who might be interested in assisting in the project. There are many different aspects from ticket writing to preparing narratives for display items, to construction work. We have a number of electronics people but more are always welcome. We also need people to be present at the museum to explain the display to visitors on an ongoing basis.

I would be most grateful if you could let people know about the project via the magazine. I am the Project Coordinator on behalf of the Caboolture Historical Village and the 11th Light Horse Museum.

Anyone wishing to assist or provide donations can contact me on this email address: russell.walker39@gmail.com

Djinnang Reunion

The Djinnang Association are holding their annual reunion on the 25th May, commencing at 2.00pm - once again at the Public Service Club in Brisbane. They say they are very encouraged by the number of members who have indicated they are attending this year's Reunion. Over 50 people have their name on this [website](#) and another group on our [facebook](#) pages.

Remember there is no door charge for financial members. Included in the door charge is an evening meal. So far we have negotiated a choice of two meat and 3 veg dishes.

Be there or you'll need a chit!



REOA (Vic)

The RAAF Engineers Officers Association will hold its mid-year luncheon on Wednesday 12 June 2013, in the Collins Room at Batman's Hill on Collins Hotel, 623 Collins Street, Melbourne. Assembly will be at 12.00 noon, for lunch at 12.30 PM. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be served on our arrival, with wine served at the table. Vegetarian meals will be available should anyone require them and can be pre-ordered on the return slip. Dress will be jacket and tie. Two guests per member, family/friends of either gender, will be welcome. Cost per head will be \$45.00.

The venue is located at the corner of Collins and Spencer Streets and is readily accessible by tram along Collins Street or Spencer Street and by train to Southern Cross Station. Car parking is available nearby in Flinders lane and alongside Southern Cross Station in Spencer Street at the end of Lonsdale Street.

To ensure your seat(s) at the function, RSVP in the form [HERE](#). Payment direct to the bank is required not later than 7 June 2013. Please include your surname with the deposit authority. We are committed to pay in advance on confirmed numbers and so refunds will NOT be possible once the deadline passes.

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Regards,

Noel Hadfield
Wing Commander (Ret)
RAAF Engineer Officers Association

This bloke comes home dead tired from working a twelve-hour day and collapses in bed.
He's just about asleep when his wife rolls over and says,
"What would you do if I told you that you had a beautiful, sexy, horny woman lying next to you?"
He replied, "Don't worry honey, I'd stay faithful."

The hospital say recovery is slow.