



## News and Reunions!

### Concessions.

This may be of interest to anyone in NSW who:

- Is a NSW resident
- Holds one of the following valid concession cards:
  - Pensioner Concession Card
  - Health Care Card or Low Income Health Care Card from Centrelink
  - Veterans' Affairs Gold Card
- Owns a fridge six years old, or older, and wants to replace it (Approximately 40% discount) OR
- Owns a plasma or cathode ray tube (CRT) television and wants to replace it (Approximately 50% discount).



The deal is in conjunction with the Good Guys and they have a range of Hisense and Samsung fridges of most sizes; however, the TV range is limited. One of the conditions is that they remove your old fridge and TV.

You have to register and get approval from Environment NSW before contacting the Good Guys head office (this phone number is provided when NSW Environment approve your application along with an approval code). Click [HERE](#) for further details.

### Amberley.

Two ladies, Laraine Nelson and Joanne McAuley (contact details below) are Cultural Heritage Consultant of [RPS Australia Asia Pacific](#). They have been project tasked by the Aust. Defence Force to write a book to record the history of RAAF Base Amberley.

It is hoped that Members of the Radschool Association can give these ladies assistance in compiling the book. There must be a horde of memories and knowledge and photos of RAAF Amberley over the years.



What I would like to ask is if you could assist these ladies through the Radschool network with any history snippets which would benefit their project, in particular need is personal knowledge and photos including those of the base buildings and structures over the passing years, 1940 to 2016.

In general, any assistance that anyone can provide these ladies on RAAF Base Amberley history would be much appreciated.

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Regards,  
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(RAAF WOFF Ret'd)  
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I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once.  
The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.

## Religion in the ADF

Ernie Gimm says: "Some of you old and not so old may be interested in this, thank God, I am no longer in the Service. There has been a lot of stick poked by many at various actions by the ADF in relation to allowing certain freedoms of various outward signs and actions of religions and beliefs within the ADF. The attachment may help settle some of the uneasiness felt by some former members of the ADF in relation to current religious practices and beliefs allowed within today's ADF.

I commend the attachment to your perusal. I am sure that it will provide some background as to the legislative requirements that the ADF is bound to follow and to the seemingly unusual (at least to former members) practices now seen in the ADF".

Click [HERE](#)

It used to be only death and taxes. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.



## East Sale Reunion.

Hope everyone has been coping with the weather we have been going through. Neil and I have been in contact and with his concurrence I am sending out a gentle reminder, that we are on the countdown for coming together in November.

Attached is the flyer and list of attractions websites that may be of interest for you. Tentative times have been listed on the flyer to give you an idea of when we are hoping to start on the Friday and Saturday evenings. Through Neil and Kev whose help is appreciated, they will give you another update when we get closer to the date. Hopefully you are aware of the accommodation venues in the area as well. Also, if you have not let Neil know that you are attending, could you let him know so, that we aware of the numbers attending.

If there is any further information that you may require, if you could contact Neil or Kev whose contact details are on the attached flyer. If there is anyone that you think we have omitted from the list also, please let us know as well.

See [HERE](#).

Best wishes  
Harry Allie

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

## Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the wartime Air Training Corps (ATC), its successor the AirTC, and the modern Australian Air Force Cadets (1941-2016).

As part of the commemorations, on Saturday 11 June 2016, 6 Wing exercised its Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide, “with swords drawn, drums beating, band playing and banners flying” – a privilege which had been granted to 6 Wing on 12 July 2003.

It's a unique opportunity to stop Adelaide traffic and march on King William Street.

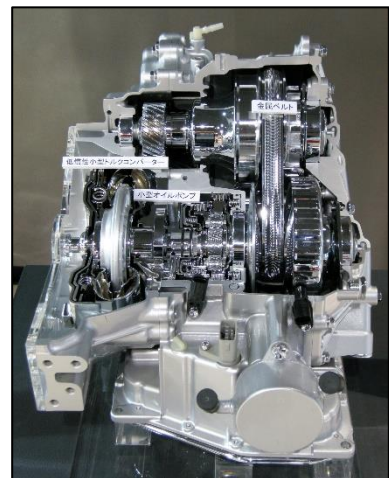


You can watch a video clip of the march [HERE](#)

## Continuously variable transmission.

A continuously variable transmission (CVT) (also known as a single-speed transmission, stepless transmission, pulley transmission, or, in case of motorcycles, a twist-and-go) is an automatic transmission that can change seamlessly through a continuous range of effective gear ratios. This contrasts with other mechanical transmissions that offer a fixed number of gear ratios. The flexibility of a CVT allows the input shaft to maintain a constant angular velocity.

A belt-driven design offers approximately 88% efficiency, which, while lower than that of a manual transmission, can be offset by lower production cost and by enabling the engine to run at its most efficient speed for a range of output speeds. When power is more important than economy, the ratio of the CVT can be changed to





allow the engine to turn at the RPM at which it produces greatest power. This is typically higher than the RPM that achieves peak efficiency. In low-mass low-torque applications a belt driven CVT also offers ease of use and mechanical simplicity.

A CVT does not strictly require the presence of a clutch. Nevertheless, in some vehicles (e.g. motorcycles), a centrifugal clutch is added to facilitate a "neutral" stance, which is useful when idling or manually reversing into a parking space.

If you're interested, you can see why [HERE](#)

## Larry Pickering.

Dave Gaffee sent us [THIS](#)

## Switchie reunion.

The Switchies (TPhoneops) intend to hold a reunion in Brisbane on the 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club located in Chermside. The event will be a luncheon with the option to continue into the evening at the Gallipoli Bar located within the Club.



## Tour of France.

Phil Brookes writes, he says, could you insert our flyer for our 2018 Anzac tour in your newsletter, I've also attached an article on our 2015 France trip. By the way, I'm still enjoying reading your newsletters and as an old *Bones Day* participant, it's always good to catch up on what our RAAF cousins have been up to.

Our group tours comprise mostly Vietnam veterans and I've been organising and leading quality tours since 2009 to Vietnam, China, Cambodia and France. For the 2018 France tour, our agent has donated international airfares for two-year 12 students from the Murray Bridge High School (South Australia) as part of an Anzac Scholarship program and the Murray Bridge RSL is donating \$2,000 toward the trip together with corporate sponsorship.





It will be an exciting tour for the students.

You can see the [flyer HERE](#) and the story on the 2015 France trip [HERE](#).

## Remembrance.

All Ex and Serving RAAF Members are invited to participate in a Remembrance and Wreath laying ceremony being held at the Queensland Air Museum at Caloundra Airport on Thursday the 3rd November 2016, at the Caribou A4-173 ex RTFV/35Sqn (Wallaby Airlines) Vung Tau.

The service will start at 1030 hrs.

The Remembrance service will be to mark the remembrance of all RAAF personnel who served in units and Squadrons involved in the Vietnam War and other theatres of war as well as Peacekeeping and Peacemaking and all home based Service.



Padre Arthur Fry will lead the service in prayer and following the Ceremony there will be a morning tea provided.

It is hoped you are able to participate and if so, could you please RSVP to this email address [vvaas@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vvaas@bigpond.net.au) (Attention Mal Sayers, Secretary) by the 25th October 2015.

## Women Veterans Network Australia. (WVNA)

WVNA is a network helping women veterans connect with each other to share information and access services.

WVNA aims to provide a cohesive and engaging environment for Australian women veterans to network effectively on social media and in local groups.

WVN groups are inclusive of all ranks who are currently serving or have served in the Navy, Army or Air Force, either in a full time or Reserve capacity, regardless of whether they have been deployed or not.





WVNA supports all organisations who help veterans and intend to work together to establish peer support networks focused on the specific health and wellbeing needs of women veterans to ease transition, isolation and assist with readjustment problems.

You can see further information [HERE](#)

## Tadpoles.

11 Wagga Appy (Tadpoles) are proposing a reunion at the Opal Cove Resort in Coffs Harbour over the weekend of 17-19 Mar 2017.

Anyone wishing to attend or requiring further information can contact Doug Waters via email: [doug.waters@esc.net.au](mailto:doug.waters@esc.net.au), ph 08 8256 1709 or mob 0412 421 345.



## THE FIGHTER SQUADRONS' BRANCH

*Of The RAAF Association NSW Division*

*Patron: Air Vice-Marshal W.H. Simmonds, AO, MID*



Save the date!

The Centenary of  
Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 Squadrons

**'Parade and Family Day'**

28 October 2016

RAAF Base Williamtown

A special invitation is extended to VIPs, Ex Service Organisations, Veterans and their families to join with Squadron and RAAF Base Williamtown personnel, staff and their families to celebrate this significant milestone in Air Force history. Details regarding base access, parking and official program information will be provided closer to the event date.

The Centenary 'Parade and Family Day' is an event that will not be open to the general public and is by invitation only.

• Email contact: [WLM.Centenary@defence.gov.au](mailto:WLM.Centenary@defence.gov.au)



The RAAF have advised that once you register, you will receive an email advising parking arrangements and also program information. A Base Access pass will also be posted to you.





If you would like to go, click [HERE](#) and register, it looks to be a great day.



IT'S ON



THE FIRST EVER! (as far as I know)

## EDPOP REUNION

WHERE?

WHERE IT ALL STARTED OF COURSE

## CANBERRA

WHEN?

WELL, SOMEONE THREW A DART AT THE CALENDAR JUST LIKE DPA DID FOR OUR POSTINGS AND IT LANDED ON

## 15 OCT 2016

DETAILS?

THE REUNION WILL BE HELD IN A FUNCTION ROOM AT THE DICKSON TRADIES

ACCOMODATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE DICKSON HOTEL CONTACT ME FOR YOU BOOKING

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

COME ALONG, PUT THE WORD OUT TO ALL YOUR OLD MATES THAT THE EVENT IS ON, OFFER ANY SUGGESTIONS TO THE ORGANIZERS YOU MAY HAVE, AND PUT YOUR HAND UP TO BE PART OF THE ORGANIZING TEAM ☺

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND DEFINATE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE:

THE SAGS

[steve.sagnol@ozemail.com.au](mailto:steve.sagnol@ozemail.com.au) or the Facebook Page I Served (Am Serving) as an EDPOP/CISCON in the RAAF

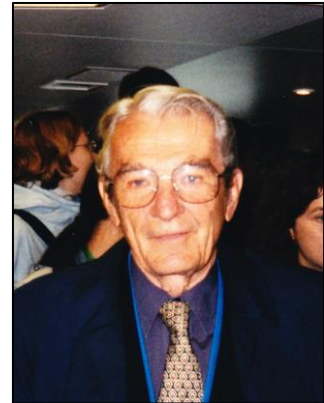
FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE VIEWED

<https://sites.google.com/site/ulyssesclubcapricornibranch/coming-events-2/edpopreunion>



## Ivar Giaever

**Ivar Giaever**, born April 5, 1929, is a Norwegian-American physicist who shared the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1973 with Leo Esaki and Brian Josephson "for their discoveries regarding tunnelling phenomena in solids". Giaever's share of the prize was specifically for his "experimental discoveries regarding tunnelling phenomena in superconductors". Giaever is an institute professor emeritus at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a professor-at-large at the University of Oslo, and the president of Applied Biophysics.



Giaever has said man-made global warming is a "new religion." In the minority report released by the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in March 2009, Giaever said, "I am a skeptic...Global warming has become a new religion."

In a featured story in Norway's largest newspaper, *Aftenposten*, 26 June 2011, Giaever stated, "It is amazing how stable temperature has been over the last 150 years."

On 13 September 2011, Giaever resigned from the American Physical Society over its official position. The APS Fellow noted: "In the APS it is ok to discuss whether the mass of the proton changes over time and how a multi-universe behaves, but the evidence of global warming is incontrovertible?"

As part of the 62nd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, Giaever referred to agreement with the evidence of climate change as a "religion" and commented on the significance of the apparent rise in temperature when he stated, "What does it mean that the temperature has gone up 0.8 degrees Kelvin, Probably nothing." Referring to the selection of evidence in his presentation, Giaever stated "I pick and choose when I give this talk just the way the previous speaker (Mario Molina) picked and chose when he gave his talk." Giaever concluded his presentation with a pronouncement: "Is climate change pseudoscience? If I'm going to answer the question, the answer is: absolutely."

Giaever repeated his claims in a speech at the same place in 2015, referring to data on global average temperature published amongst others by NASA that show global average surface temperature has risen less than 1K in 140 years, and not risen at all for the years from 2000 - 2014.

A main point of his speech was discussing reliability of the statistical calculation of this temperature with respect to the quite inhomogeneous spatial distribution of measurement locations over the globe, especially the poor coverage in the southern hemisphere. He highlighted the fact evident from the dataset used by NASA for the calculations that there have

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been only 8 measurement locations on the entire Antarctic continent, which holds the greatest and currently further increasing mass of ice found on earth. He claimed that these facts erode the credibility of accuracy usually attached to these data, notwithstanding that established statistical procedures have been used to cope with that lack of data statistical independence and hence data quality.

Another main point was that observed significant change in atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations in a magnitude of 40% during the last 250 years of the industrial age does in no way correlate with the observed temperature change in that time, thus experimentally rendering invalid the claim that rising concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> are the cause of global warming, as stated by the UN led Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and leading climatologists from different countries in a vast amount of publications, and widely believed as a fact in scientific as well as political discussions worldwide.

Giaever, on the base of the facts presented, urged the scientific community to rethink and to reject these claims as baseless or at least not properly founded, and to redirect the immense funds invested in technologies aiming to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the real problems of humanity.

You can see a video of his speech [HERE](#).

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