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Membership.

We've decided to go with the following membership.

- 1 year's full membership for \$12.00. (now till 30 June 2018)
- Full membership for \$45.00 to 30 June 2021.

Annual Membership will run from July one year to June the next, with this year's annual membership now expiring in June 2018. As we've said, full membership is not compulsory, you can still receive the RAM which will remain open, free and available on the net.

So, if you'd like to contribute and help us with the ever increasing costs, please join as a full member.

If you are already a member (ie: if your name is on this [LIST](#)), please fill in the form below and send it to us, if you haven't already joined (if you're not on the list), please use the form [HERE](#).

First name: Surname:

Your email address:

Membership type:

Your State: Sum transferred: \$

In order to reduce Spam, enter the sum of 10 plus 10 in the window opposite.

Please transfer your joining contribution to:

BSB: 124-021 **Account number:** 1048 7401 **Title:** RAAF Radschool Association.

Bank: Bank of Queensland.

and include your name in the "Remarks" window on the deposit.

You can of course pay more if you wish!!

AND!! If you work for a firm that would be kind and generous enough to sponsor the Radschool Association, please get in touch.

RAM thought for the day.

Tell a lie once and all your truths will become questionable.



Opinion.

This edition is a bit late, we're sorry about that and we're blaming the Defence IT department for it. Some time ago, for reasons unknown to us, the Defence "gate-keeper" blocked our email address. This meant we were unable to get our Willytown story checked and approved by Defence Media before it went out. Everyone with a "@defence.gov.au" email address was unreachable to us, we would fire off an email thinking it had reached its target only to discover much later that it hadn't. There was no bounce, no indication that the email hadn't reached its intended destination, it just disappeared into that big black hole in the sky. We didn't know we were blocked until we rang Media to ask if our Willytown story was ok to print only to be told they hadn't receive our mail. We did some checking and sure enough, no-one with the Defence address was.

We can appreciate that Defence has to keep a very close eye on inwards and outwards emails (we do) otherwise it could and would be swamped with all sorts of trojans and viruses and other nasties but we've been alive now for 18 and a bit years, we've been sending emails to "@defence.gov.au" addresses for yonks, these people get our magazine (at last count there are 245 of them) and they share it amongst themselves. Defence would know that, they would keep an eye on all inwards emails, they would know our magazine, they would know who we are, they would know we're not out to do anyone any damage - one would have thought the decent and courteous thing to do would be to let us know there was a problem (if there is one) and give us the opportunity of fixing the problem (if there is one!) instead of just slamming the door.

But no, they just block us, don't tell us, don't tell our recipients and it seems there's nothing we can do about it. We've rung Defence IT a number of times, we've been given a "job number" and told "we're looking into it" - but nothing happens.

Some years ago our web site was infected and Defence blocked it, and that's fair enough, but back then they told us and we were able to fix it. Since then we have contracted [Securi](#) to keep us clean (it costs us but it's worth it) and each week we get a report like [THIS](#), so if we're clean, why are we blocked.

We've texted the Willytown story email address to the relevant people and got the nod, which is why you're getting this - unfortunately, no-one in Defence is.

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.

Errors

Our aim is to have this site error free – but that's probably impossible. But with your help I reckon we can get pretty close. If you see any errors, be they punctuation, spelling, links that don't work, facts wrong etc, (no matter how small) please let us know so we can fix them.

An Irishman was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a full day and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 3 kg." When the Irishman returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 20 kg! "Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?" The Irishman nodded..."I'll tell yah though, by Jaesuz, I t'out I were goin' te drop dead on dat 3rd day. "From hunger, you mean?" "No," said the Irishman. "From all the skippin'."