



Where are they now?



John Leeden.

Janet Jordan writes, "You mentioned John Leeden in a recent mag. He was my Warrant Officer on his last posting at Avalon Resident Engineers Office, he was a framie I think.



FIRST PRIZE: AIRMSHL Mark Binskin with the Art first prize winner John Leeden and his painting.
Photos: FSGT John Carroll

He was famous for his art and he left the RAAF to be able to take up his passion for painting. He was a great bloke and a great boss. I think he got out in around 1979.

In 2010 John's painting "The Last Air Strike of World War II" (above) was awarded first prize in the art section of that year's RAAF Heritage Awards which were announced at the Air Power Conference. The painting depicts [100SQN](#) conducting the last air strike undertaken by any air

force in WWII. The biennial awards, established in 1987, are intended to enhance the Air Force's historical records by encouraging individuals to produce original artistic and literary works that record and represent the range of Air Force activities since the inception of the RAAF in 1921.

The 2010 awards were very competitive with a large number of high quality entries being received in both categories. The Heritage Awards were judged by CAF AIRMSHL Mark Binskin, with the assistance of a panel of assessors composed of representatives from the Office of Air Force History, the RAAF Museum and the Australian War Memorial. The Art first prize carried \$5000 winnings The Art second prize (\$2500) went to Drew Harrison's painting "Nowhere to Run" depicting Mustang fighters of [3SQN](#) pursuing an Italian fighter on Boxing Day, 1944.

Does anyone know where John is now??

WOFF Col Hildred.

Janet is also looking for WOFF Col Hildred, he followed John as RAAFENG Avalon.

Barry Hillsley.

Peter Lowen got in touch, he said, "Hi, I was a kiwi apprentice on 30 Intake and I noticed a photo of Barry Hillsley on your site. I would like to make contact with him if you could forward him my email address."

Peter – we don't have a contact address for Barry but someone will have for sure. If you can help, please get in touch with us and we'll pass the info onto Peter.



Bob says: "What rhymes with orange?" Bill says: "No it doesn't"