



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 this issue is Maeve Tennent and we have lots of old time pics.

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Spring clean your computer and if you're still using Win 7, you should consider upgrading to Win 10 soon.

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Army 104 Sigs Sqn played an important part in the war in Vietnam.

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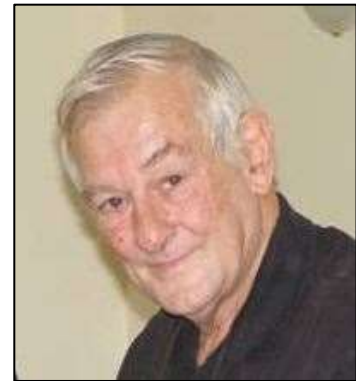


- * The new Pension rates WEF 20March
- * The US Navy has a pregnancy problem.
- * Lots of DVA news

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Warren Dickson sent us a copy of Llew Robb's experiences.

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- * 35 Sqn have moved to Amberley
- * Qantas bomb hoax
- * 114 MCRU's Sea coast survival.

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- * The History of Air Force 1
- * The KC-135 lives on
- * The Rolls Royce Trent engine.

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- * The Appies got together at the Werribee RSL.
- * The RAAF celebrated 98 years and the Frogger's Cadets unveiled a plaque in the ACT.

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- * How to manage stress.
- * What is Pancreatic cancer.
- * Are vaccines safe?

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- * Jeff remembers his time flying the old Caribou in Vietnam back in 1966/67.
- * The Consolidated B32 Bomber.
- * The V-22 Osprey

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We have a look over Fort Queenscliff.

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3 Sqn blokes, who flew or fixed the Mirage in Butterworth, and their ladies, got together to party at Willytown.

The 3 Sqn Lizard blokes and their ladies check out the F-35

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* "A good idea at the time". John tells of his nasty trip down the Wahgi Valley in PNG.
* The Boeing 737 Max 8.

The Froggers DCS/ECS blokes and blokettes party party party in Canberra.



* And more!

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We're looking for a few people, perhaps you can help??

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* Another view on climate change.
* Qld Vehicle rego concessions
* Great V's Green Generations

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* Djinnang, Tels Techs, East Sale-ites and the RAAF Appies have reunions planned,
* , Brisbane ANZAC Day march line up.
* Mobile phones are changing our world.

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Index.

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.

We're 20

Next month we turn 20. This little magazine is now 20 years old, thank you for sticking with us over the years. There have been a lot of changes along the way, we started out as a small paper newsletter which was mailed out to everyone but eventually as the newsletter grew and as our



numbers grew, the cost of paper and postage was prohibitive and we were forced to take it on-line. Years back the newsletter changed over to a magazine and these days it goes out to 2598 people – and the numbers are growing.

We try and cover as many and as varied stories as we can, we're always on the lookout for reunions and get togethers, if you're having one and you'd like us to cover it – please let us know.

You can see Vol 1 [HERE](#).

Our new Printer.

About 5 years ago, we (The Radschool Association) had applied to DVA for a grant to buy a new printer needed to print out the magazine. Back then we bought a Brother MFD laser colour printer that did everything, it faxed, it copied, printed on both sides of the paper all at about 20 pages per minute. It was great, it was easy to use and it did a great job.



It did a million pages, but like us, it got old and eventually it died. For a year or so, with big dollops of life support, we managed to keep it going but in the end, apart from a complete rebuild, which was uneconomical, it was time to retire it.

A few months ago we made another application for a grant through the [GRANTS SCHEME](#) and again we were successful and were able to buy a Samsung super duper printer that should keep us going for years to come.

If you belong to an organisation that needs a computer or a printer or a camera or some other item to be used in the organisation, click the link above and submit an application.

It now takes a little while to get approval, the new scheme does not work as well as it used to work, but in the end the result is the same.

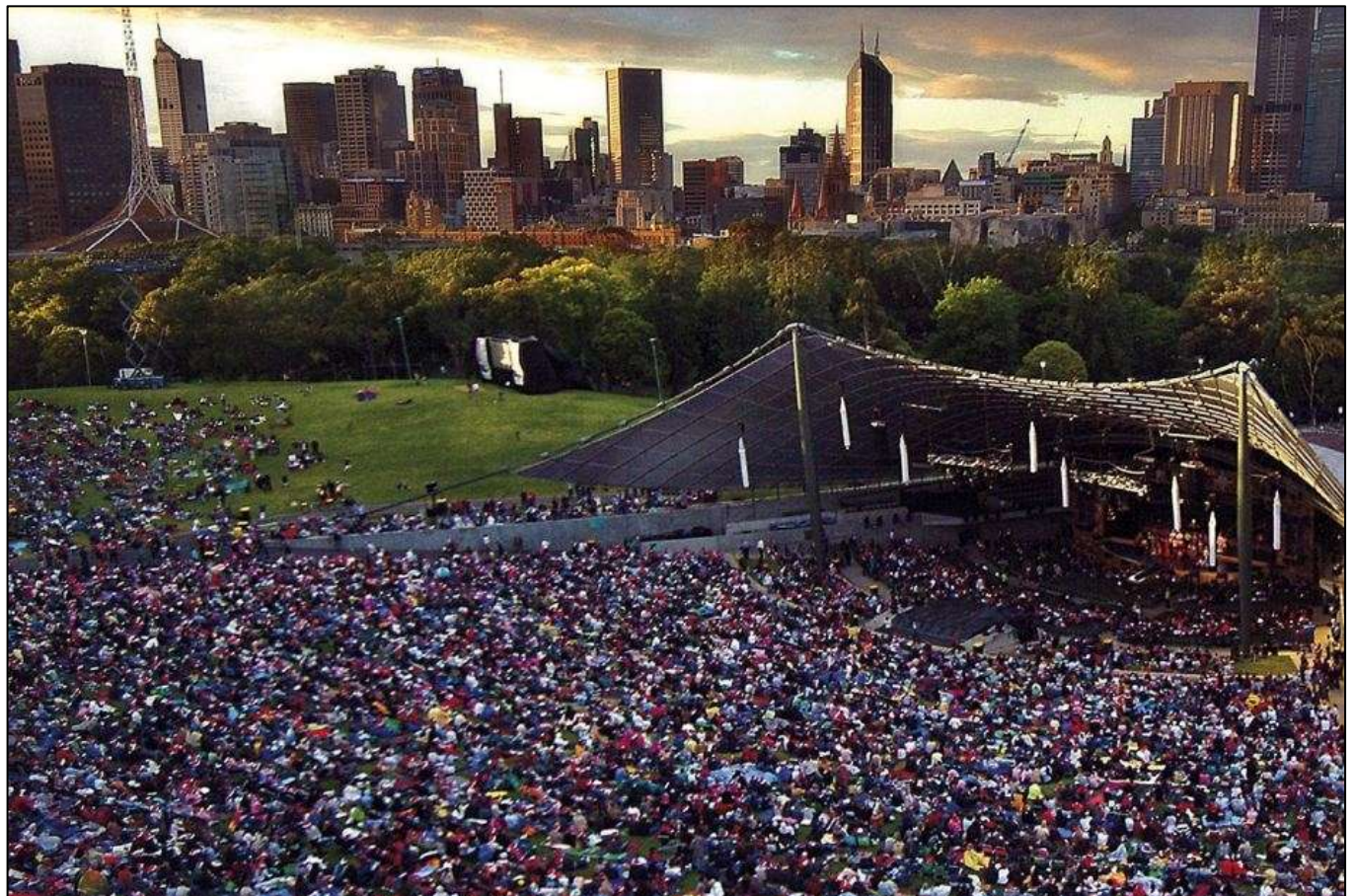
Remember when you had to smack the TV because the channel wasn't coming in clearly?
I feel that way about far too many people.

2021 Celebration.

We've had to put our preparations on hold until 1 July 2019 – see the latest update [HERE](#), though there is a chance that we'll know a lot more not long after ANZAC Day. More later..



The Sunday Concert event will be open to all in Melbourne and could look like this below, you'll definitely want a reserved seat.



Remember, the "other day" Celebration events are open to anyone and everyone who has spent time at Ballarat, Laverton, Point Cook, St Kilda or Frognall, it's open to clerks, cooks, framies, pilots, instructor, even radtechs, it's irrespective of mustering. The individual cost to everyone will be minimal as we're down the road away with sponsors and it's looking good.

Early in 2020 we'll need you to commit and fill in another form with all names, shirt sizes etc and soon after that you'll need to make a payment – but more on that later too.



We'll be asking for volunteers later, people to help with set up, team leaders, crowd management, waiters etc, more on that later too.

Click [HERE](#) to let us know you'd like to come.

Buying a new car?

If you're a Radschool member and contemplating buying a new car, we could save you thousands. The Radschool Association has done a deal with Australia's biggest car brokers whereby you can purchase a car (your choice of make, colour, specs etc) at fleet discount prices.

To see further details, go to the Radschool Assoc home page ([HERE](#)) then click on "New Car Purchase".

Discounts.

Current financial members can now receive a 12% discount on the base rate of the day when hiring a car from Thrifty. If you're thinking of hiring a car or an SUV or a people mover, this could save you heaps. If you're a member, send us an email [HERE](#) and we'll send you the promo code.



Savings for veterans.

Once the Proof of Service Card – or Veterans' Card as it will be called, is implemented, major corporations will be encouraged to offer special services and/or discounts to holders. Businesses will be encouraged to offer discounts on everything from groceries to power bills.

The details of the card will be worked through with state and territory governments and businesses. It will be separate to the Department of Veterans' Affairs health cards but will be similar to the approach adopted by Canada and the US. Already Woolworths, Coles, Kmart, Bunnings, Target, NRMA and Clubs Australia have signed up, while Westpac has expressed support for the idea. The reported percentages were between 5 and 10 per cent.

At present, many businesses and services find it hard to identify who is a veteran, with the problem most acute in states such as NSW and Queensland, each of which are home to more than 80,000 veterans.

Some people won't admit their faults. I would if I had any!



Membership.

We've decided to go with the following membership.

- Full membership for \$35.00 to 30 June 2021.

There's no more annual Membership, only full Membership which will expire on the 30 June 2021.

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: \$

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.

The older you get the more you appreciate cancelled plans, early nights, thunderstorms and alcohol that is on sale.

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.