

AVALON Airshow deferred a week because of F1 Grand Prix

The Australian International Air Show at Avalon, Victoria, has been deferred for a week because of the rescheduled Melbourne Formula 1. (Click the pic below)



The deferment means the Royal Australian Air Force can celebrate their Centenary for a week longer than scheduled. CEO for the air show organising company Ian Honnery said the recent rescheduling of the 2021 Melbourne Australian Formula One Grand Prix to the week before AVALON 2021 meant that two of Victoria's largest and most complex events would be held in consecutive weeks.

"We have completed a review of the implications of any potential logistic confliction, to determine whether Avalon 2021 should proceed on its current schedule, or be deferred by one week and determined that Avalon 2021 will be deferred to new dates, 30 November to 5 December 2021.

This decision was taken in consultation with major stakeholder, the Royal Australian Air Force, reflecting the RAAF's commitment to what will be the major Airshow event of the RAAF Centenary year."

Once you hit a certain age you become permanently unimpressed by a lot of shit!

Djinnang Reunion.



Gail McDermott, the delightful Djinnang Association Secretary, advises the Djinnang reunion will be held this year at the "Paddo Tavern", 186 Given Terrace, in Paddington (Brisbane) on Saturday 29th May. Doors open at 2.00pm, go home time is 9.00pm. Entry cost will remain the same as last time - \$30 non-perpetual members and \$20 perpetual members.



The Telstechs will hold their reunion the day before (Fri 28th May) also at the Paddo Tavern. Doors open at 6.30pm. There's more info [HERE](#).

Trance Music.

If you're into Trance Music, and we realise it's not everyone's 'cuppa tea', but if it's your genre of choice you should do yourself a favour and listen to the TranceSession with Neal Moore. Neil is the Station Manager of BFBS (Canada) and hosts a weekly Trance special on [BFBS](#) and which you can also hear on [MixCloud](#). BFBS has been a pioneer in armed forces broadcasting and communications for over 75 years, bringing the best of UK TV, sport and music to the forces' family worldwide. If you're sick of the same same we get from some stations in Oz, log onto BFBS (you can do that [HERE](#)), they play a lot of 'middle of the road' music we don't get down here and it's also interesting hearing what the Pommy Defence Forces are up to.



Neil Moore has a unique way of introducing music, he has been a Dance Music DJ for over 35 years and has been a radio presenter for over 25 years having first broadcast on BFBS in 1992 in Gibraltar whilst still serving in the Royal Navy. He spent 10 years in the Navy serving all over the world, something he has continued to do for BFBS.

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ANZAC Day 2021 Brisbane.



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Rules of the road!

March starts at 9.45am.

WWII Veterans able to march the full distance of the Parade are welcome to march behind the WWII Banner in Group 1 accompanied by a carer or person of discretionary age and a wheelchair.

Those disbanded Units, Ships or Squadrons wishing to parade their Banner in the Parade may only do so when they have gained approval from the ANZAC Day Parade Brisbane (ADPB) Committee.

Livestock, except Service Dogs, MUST have approval from the ADPB certified Livestock Marshal to enter any area of the ANZAC Day Parade – there is NO other exception (WHS requirement).

Pictures of deceased Veterans are NOT permitted to be shown or carried on Parade.

Children being pushed in prams or carried in slings are a potential WHS risk and we request that parents refrain from including them in the Parade.

Descendants wishing to march may do so behind the banner “Descendants of Veterans All Conflicts” (seek further detail from Information Tents).



Dress Protocols.

Association Leaders on Parade are responsible for the appearance and conduct of those marching within their associations. March Protocols as set down by the ADPB must be respected. Copies of these Protocols will be made available at the event and are accessible online by visiting; <https://www.rslsouthqueensland.org/>

Vehicle Protocols.

Where Associations have veterans participating utilising the jeep/buggy service offered will follow the Association. Leaders on the day must have the capability to march at the head of their Association and offer the salute at King George and Anzac Squares.

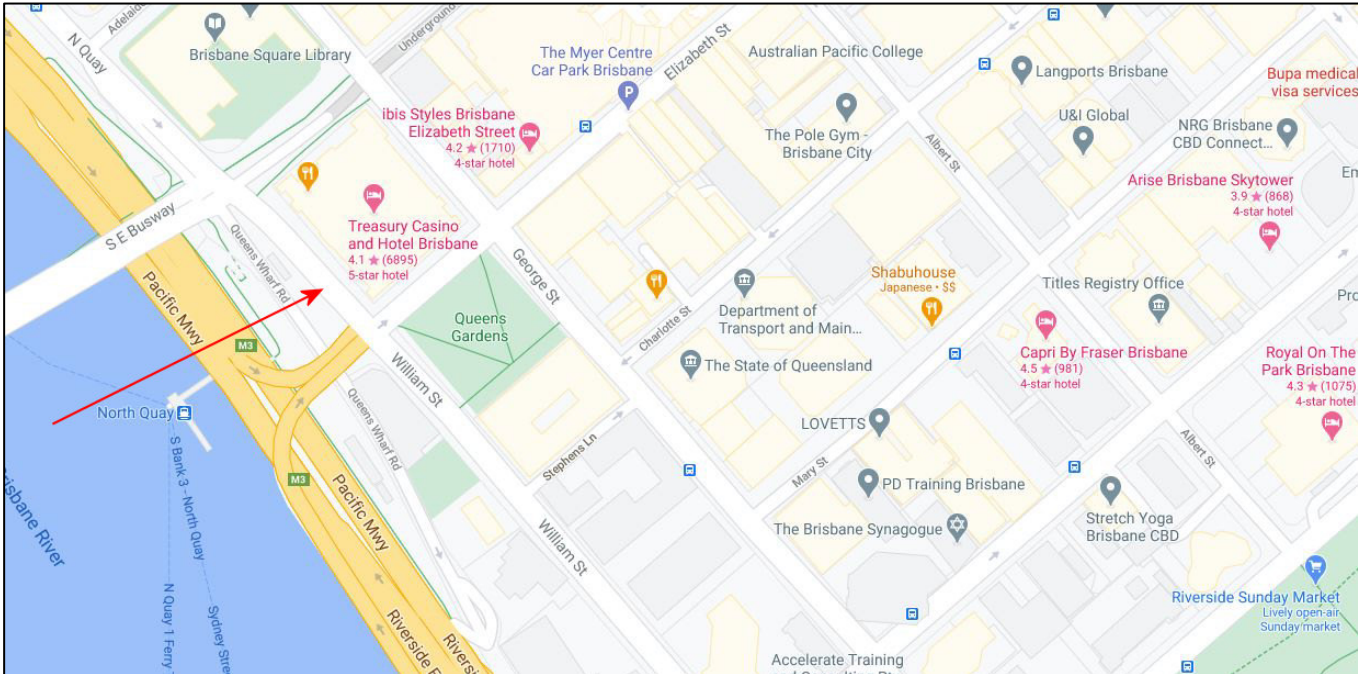
Vehicle drivers will not stop on Adelaide Street for non-emergency reasons; media, saluting the Dais etc.

Security Protocols.

Should any participant become aware of a potential risk situation arising within the vicinity of the Parade route please engage with the closest QPS/SES officer and follow their instructions.



This year, the Air Force, as it celebrates its 100 year anniversary, will lead the Parade. You can download the Order of the march [HERE](#). The RAAF form up position is at the SW river end of Elizabeth St and flows around into William St behind the Casino (arrowed).



The Air Force should start to move off about 10.15 am so you should be there by no later than 09:45 am.

35 Sqn and 9 Sqn people will meet at the Jade Buddha in Eagle St after the march for tall tales and cold ales. Cost is \$30 per person, which entitles you to canapes and sandwiches which will be distributed during the afternoon. Drinks will be served at discounted prices,

1. \$5.00 per schooner of XXXX Gold, Hahn Super Dry and Hahn Premium Light.
2. \$5.00 for house wines, (MudHouse Sauvignon Blanc, Days of Rose, Innocent Bystander Prosecco, Tatachilla Shiraz Cab)
3. \$8.00 for basic Spirits (Gordons Gin, Bundaberg Rum, Smirnoff Vodka, Johnny Red Scotch, Bacardi, Jim Beam Bourbon)
4. \$3.50 for soft Drinks (Post Mix only – Sprite, Coke, Diet Coke, Dry, Soda Water, Tonic Water, Lemon Squash)

IMPORTANT the Jade Buddha is cashless, it accepts credit or debit cards only. Also it is advisable to down load CHECK IN QLD on your mobile phone



35Sqn, Wallaby Airlines gigantic raffle.

Wallaby Airlines is offering participants the opportunity of winning a magnificent Bausele Airfield watch. This watch was made from material sourced from one of the RAAF's Caribou Aircraft, A4-208.



Tickets are only \$10 each and there will be only 200 sold so you've got a good chance of winning. You can get further information and find how to get your tickets [HERE](#). If you do buy a ticket and don't win, you can always go to the RAAF's merchandise web site ([HERE](#)) and order one of those magnificent watches for \$499.00

Australian War memorial.

Matt Anderson

Director, Australian War Memorial

I am pleased to share a copy of [Our Continuing Story information booklet](#) with you. This information outlines the Australian War Memorial's proposed plans for the expansion of our exhibition galleries to share the untold stories of 100,000 Australians who have served our country in war, conflict, peacekeeping, humanitarian and disaster-relief operations over the past 30 years.



The project received approval through the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* process on 10 December 2020 and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works referral on 22 February 2021. It now moves to the final stages of approval with the



National Capital Authority and the nine-year program of work enters the construction procurement phase.

I encourage you to share this booklet among your networks, so that all interested parties can gain a comprehensive understanding of the project and its important role in telling stories of Australia's contemporary service.

As the heart of national commemoration, our Memorial must reflect our living history – for every veteran and for every Australian. Our Development Project offers this opportunity while remaining true to the vision of the Memorial's founder Charles Bean, to ensure the sacrifices of Australians are not forgotten.

If you have any queries regarding the Gallery Development public consultation and engagement process, or the project in general, please contact our Development Project team via email at development@awm.gov.au.

Centenary of Royal Australian Air Force 2021 50c coloured 11 coin collection.

The mint has released a limited edition of Centenary of Royal Australian Air Force 2021 50c coloured 11 coin collection. Cost is \$175.00 plus \$8.75 shipping, total \$183.73. This unique collection of coins commemorating some of the Royal Australian Air Force's most iconic aircraft over its hundred-year history will delight personnel, veterans, and aviation enthusiasts alike.



The collection traces the evolution of technological advances in air power - beginning with one of the most famous allied fighters of the First World War the S.E.5a in which Australian Flying Corps pilots flew in operations over the Western Front.

You can get further information and order a set from [HERE](#).

Did you know that every tyre comes with a prebuilt GPS chip, so that you can be located in 5G networks?
If you don't want to be followed, you have to cut off the little antenna that sticks out.





3 Sqn

Some years ago, the late Neil Handsley put together a video on his recollections of the formation of 3 Sqn. It's an excellent video and you can see it [HERE](#).

Coin to recognise Indigenous military service released by Royal Australian Mint



The new coin is set to enter circulation in April.

The Royal Australian Mint has launched a new coin to commemorate Indigenous Australians who have served in the military. The \$2 coin, emblazoned with artwork from Kalkadoon woman and artist Chern'ee Sutton, is designed to "tell the story" of Indigenous soldiers who serve, and have served, in the Australian Defence Force. The coin, an Australian-first, was unveiled on Tuesday morning (30th March) and will enter formal circulation next month ahead of Anzac Day.

Ms Sutton said creating the artwork behind the design was a "huge honour". "I am so proud to have designed the artwork which recognises my brothers and sisters who bravely fought in every conflict Australia has been involved in," she said.

"[They] have served Australia since before they were recognised as Australian citizens or allowed to vote. "They fought for our country and they sacrificed their lives and I think it is so special to be able to acknowledge and recognise that."



Ms Sutton has created several pieces for the Australian Defence Force in the past, and said the coin's design "captured the journey Indigenous service personnel have taken through history". On the coin, a series of symbols depict soldiers leaving their communities and going to war, before a boomerang and a foot print depict personnel returning home and "stepping back onto their land". "I do hope people will get the coin in their change ... and when they see it they'll reflect on the sacrifices that were made," Ms Sutton said.

The project took the young artist two years and required permission from the Defence Force to use camouflage colours in the design. Royal Australian Mint chief executive Leigh Gordon said he hoped the coin would broaden conversations about Australia's military history. "We hope it will cause Australians to start thinking about the service to Australians that Indigenous military personnel have made," he said.

"And if they don't know much about it, do an investigation and explore.



"We're certainly trying to make it a more prominent aspect of the Australian story." A commemorative version of the coin will go on sale this week, before it enters circulation in April.

