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President's Report

Hello everyone. Welcome to Winter.

Our Autumn has been very gentle with us and here in the Illawarra, the temperatures have been, for the most part, warm and pleasant and its only just recently that we have had the fire on. That said, I'm sure we will need it for a few months yet.

The first trip of the new year, in the beginning of March, saw us travel to the Newcastle area where we explored Fighter World, at RAAF Williamtown, and Fort Scratchley. An interesting trip and a good day out with members from St Marys RSL and Blacktown TPI's.

April saw our ANZAC Reunion in Brisbane and the Association Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year we broke new ground in two main areas. The first was to make, under a Special Resolution, amendments to the Model Constitution to make it more flexible for the Association's needs. One of the amendments was to move the membership year to coincide with the calendar year and our financial year. So now, instead of having three different reporting periods, we only have one which is from 1 January to 31 December.

Under the Model Constitution and our old Constitution, it only allowed three months for an individual to renew their membership (the end of March). Because, historically, we catch up every ANZAC Day, it was decided to extend the renewal period to four months (the end of April) thus making it easier for members to remain financial.

The next "ground-breaking" issue affecting everybody, was a motion put forward by Ned Miller and seconded by Brian Irving, "giving full membership to spouses, partners and adult family members". I expected some vigorous discussion over this point and apart from one person voicing his concern by email, the motion was modified slightly and passed by all in attendance. I must also add a number of member's wives have applied for membership already.

With this change to membership, it enables family members to actively take part in all aspects of the Association, including nominating for positions on the committee. The only proviso is a member must be financial for at least five years before they can apply for the position of President.

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During the AGM, we saw changes on our committee and our Secretary, Dick Filewood and our QLD Rep, Kemm Baber both stood down. To Dick and Kemm, on behalf of the Association, I thank you both for your time, efforts and energy you have put into the ADAA over your tenure. Dan Cochrane, a current serving member of 176, nominated for the position of Secretary and Mark Swain took over from Kemm Baber. We now have in three states, Assistant State Reps – QLD Mark Swain and Pat Slee, NSW Grant Foster and Mark Wahlen and in WA Ed Duffy and Graeme O'Brien. Welcome to our new Secretary and Assistant State Reps. With additional State Reps, this should enable us to plan more events for the benefit of members.

May has not turned out the way we had hoped. We had applied for a food stall at Wings over the Illawarra. Unfortunately, this did not occur. To make matters worse, Bunnings, North Wollongong have ceased weekday BBQ's and have taken our monthly sausage sizzle away from us. We have however managed to get a few weekend ones to supplement our needs and keep our coffers healthy. Ed, our Vice President, has been putting together the annual Myola Ball at Panthers, Penrith on 3 August. Details on how to book tickets are available on our website, Facebook page, and included in this edition of Clipped Wings. The cost is again $50.00 per person and a good night is usually had by all who attend.

Gary Berman, the zone representative for Vietnam Vets and President of Bega RSL Sub Branch has invited the ADAA to attend the Regimental Dining In Night of the 7th Light Horse at Merimbula RSL on Saturday 14th of September. This is a formal dining in night. If there are adequate numbers, the Association will provide a bus for this event. If you are interested in attending, please let us know at events@adaa.net.au or give me a call. RSVP no later than 31 August 19.

We have acquitted our last grant from DVA and have applied for another grant to provide transport to events and functions. We should be advised of the outcome of this application by the end of June. Keep your fingers crossed some of the events we have planned should be good.

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, at Olympic Park in Sydney has been well subscribed by the Association members and friends. We have booked 100 seats and expect to be advised of the seating in the near future. The night is set for Friday 18 October 19.

Finally, after speaking with some of our State Reps, we are looking at functions, be they drinks or dinners, to be planned around Australia. These are great opportunities for members and families to get together. If you would like to assist in any of these events, contact your local State Rep. They are there to help you.

Until next time, Take care!

Cheers, Nicko
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Treasurer's Report

Shown below are summaries of each of our bank accounts. These are the figures sent to the Australian Taxation Office when we reported our GST activity for the 1st quarter of 2019. If you would like further information, please send your request by email to treasurer@adaa.net.au.

The following deposit was made over the counter at a Westpac branch. We are not able to obtain any details of who it has come from. If you feel that it is yours, or you know of anyone who might have made this deposit, please let us know the date and the amount, so that your membership records can be brought up to date. Either email memberships@adaa.net.au or treasurer@adaa.net.au or call Nicko on 0407942904.

- Richmond NSW

As you now know, our membership year has been extended to the end of December instead of it being the end of July. We are going to start sending reminders regarding payment of renewal fees in late-November.

Regards
Rob Ward

ADMINISTRATION			
Bank Account Opening Balance	**1-Jan-18**		**14,136.73**
Income			
GST refund		240.00	
Interest		3.41	
Membership fees		425.00	
Total Income			668.41
Expenses			
Asset purchases		279.40	
Awards - Soldier of the Year		17.36	
Donation		500.00	
Insurance		902.00	
New member badges		67.76	
Office supplies		276.21	
Postage		20.00	
Website		121.00	
Total Expenses			-2,183.73
Bank Account Closing Balance	**31-Mar-18**		**12,621.41**

MERCHANDISE			
Bank Account Opening Balance	**1-Jan-18**		**2,286.89**
Income			
Donations		0.50	
Interest		0.56	
Sales		468.02	
Postage recovered		32.50	
Total Income			501.58
Expenses			
Bank charges		10.00	
Postage		81.25	
Total Expenses			-91.25
Bank Account Closing Balance	**31-Mar-18**		**2,697.22**

FUNDRAISING			
Bank Account Opening Balance	**1-Jan-18**		**2,766.28**
Income			
Interest		0.97	
Sausage sizzles		3,644.20	
Total Income			3,645.17
Expenses			
Supplies for sausage sizzles		571.71	
Bus trip - lunch for driver		15.00	
Total Expenses			-586.71
Bank Account Closing Balance	**31-Mar-18**		**5,824.74**

GRANTS			
Bank Account Opening Balance	**1-Jan-18**		**5,071.61**
Income			
Interest		1.10	
Total Income			1.10
Expenses			
Bus trips		2,170.56	
Total Expenses			-2,170.56
Bank Account Closing Balance	**31-Mar-18**		**2,902.15**

Payment options for payment of membership fees	
Online by bank transfer	• Westpac Banking Corporation • BSB 032-814 • Account number 485891 In the name of "Air Dispatch Association Administration Account" • Use your surname and initial as your reference
Deposit over the counter at any Westpac Bank.	• As the bank does not allow any letter in the payee's details, send me an email with the details of the date, branch and amount of your payment
By cheque or money order	• Made payable to Air Dispatch Association of Australia • Post to PO Box 483, Helensburgh NSW 2508
Online by credit card	• If this is your payment choice, send an email to treasurer@adaa.net.au so that you can be set up with this facility. Charges will be passed on to you when our invoice is sent.
You may also be able to deposit at the Post Office, but fees may be payable	

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Member's Report

Welcome to New Members

Since the last edition of "The Clipped Wings", membership has been opened up to family members of existing ADAA members. This has resulted in applications from 5 wives. The following new members have joined our Association: (If you don't see your name on the list below and believe it should be, or if you think these records are incorrect, please send an email to memberships@adaa.net.au, or call Nicko on 0407 942904.)

BILLINGTON, Robert
FEDDERSEN, Brendan
FRANKEL, Ray
GOLDSMITH, William (Bill)
HARPER, David
IRVING, Dianne
NICOLAI, Joyce
SVENSSON, Garry
WAHLEN, Deborah
WEIDNER, Glenda
WILLIAMS, Melva

Life Members

BABER, Kemm
COLE, Gary
EDDIE, Anthony
FERGUSON, David
GANNON, Barry
HUTTON, Bob
IRVING, Brian
McCANN, Denis
SLEE, Pat
VARLEY, Nev (deceased)

Financial Members

ARMSTRONG, Len	2019	LIEBEN, Gerry	2020
ASBURY, Paul	2019	LUSCOMBE, Kerry	2020
BAINES, Ian	2020	MACDONALD, Blair	2019
BARNES, John Cecil	2020	MARKI, Imre	2019
BARNET, John	2019	MARTIN, Raymond	2019
BATES, Paul	2019	McBAIN, Sean	2019
BEAVEN, David	2019	McGEOGH, Gordon	2019
BERMAN, Gary	2020	McGRAVIE, Gary	2019
BILLINGTON, Robert	2019	McMASTER, Robert	2019
BLAKELY, Ron	2020	McNAMARA, Ted	2019
BOWDEN, Denis	2019	McNULTY, Anthony	2020
BUCHANAN, Graeme	2019	McPHERSON, Roger	2019
CAMPBELL, Bill	2019	MILKE, Peter	2020
CHRISTIE, Graham	2019	MILLER, Eric	2020
CLARKE, Andrew	2019	MITCHELL, Shane	2019
CLEMENTS, Rodney	2019	MOORE, Allan	2020
COCHRANE, Dan	2019	MUIR, Graeme	2020
COHEN, Peter	2019	MULFORD, Barry	2019
CONWELL, Matt	2019	MUNSON, Peter	2020
COOPER, David	2020	MURPHY, Peter	2019
CORMACK, Will	2020	NELSON, Jack	2019
CORNISH, Andrew	2019	NEWMAN, David	2019

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CUPITT, Geoffrey	2019	NICOLAI, Joyce	2019
CUTTS, Geoff	2019	NICOLAI, Mark	2019
DALTON, Alan	2019	O'BRIEN, Graeme	2019
D'ARCY, Bill	2019	PAPWORTH, Graham	2021
DOWD, Anthony	2024	PATERSON, Bruce	2019
DUFFY, Ed	2019	PEARKS, Kevin	2019
DURNEY, John	2019	POPE, Jeff	2019
EVANS, John	2020	PRAGNALL, Alan	2020
FABISIAK, Henry	2019	REASON, Terry	2020
FARMER, Raymond Colin	2019	ROGERS, Kevin	2019
FEDDERSEN, Brendan	2019	RUSSELL, Peter	2019
FELKIN, Chris	2020	RUTLEDGE, Alan	2019
FILEWOOD, Richard	2019	RYMAN, James	2020
FOSTER, Grant	2020	SCOTLAND, Jim	2020
FRACARO, Lyndon	2020	SMILEY, Graham	2020
FRANKEL, Ray	2019	SMITH, Barry	2019
GELLER, Michael	2019	SMOCK, David	2019
GOAD, David	2022	SMYTH, Kenneth	2019
GODDARD, John	2020	SOLOMON, DAVID	2020
GOLDSMITH, William (Bill)	2019	SUMNER, John	2019
GRIMSHAW, Max	2019	SVENSSON, Garry	2019
GUSTER, Tony	2020	SWAIN, Mark	2019
HARPER, David	2019	TAWNS, Hugh	2019
HAYES, Bill	2023	TAYLOR, John	2021
HEAD, Vince	2020	THOMPSON, Gordon	2020
HEIDENREICH, Lou	2023	THURGOOD, John	2019
HEYDON, Terry	2019	TOWERS, Russell	2020
HILL, Brian	2020	WAHLEN, Deborah	2019
HILSBERG, Stuart	2019	WAHLEN, Gary	2019
HOLECEK OAM, Brian	2020	WAHLEN, Mark	2019
HORDERN, Anthony	2021	WARD, Robert	2019
HOWARD, Roy	2019	WARE, Stuart	2019
HOWES, Alan	2019	WARWICK, Norm	2019
HUDDLESTON, John	2020	WATSON, Keith	2019
HUGHES, Ron	2019	WEIDNER, Edward	2019
HUNT, John	2019	WEIDNER, Glenda	2019
IRVING, Dianne	2019	WHITTAKER, John	2022
JANSON, Ken	2020	WILLIAMS, John	2019
JOHANSEN, Michael	2021	WILLIAMS, Melva	2019
KIRKHAM, Jim	2019	WOLFF, Mark	2020
KOOL, Shaun	2019	WORLAND, Trevor	2019
LEE, Dennis	2021	YOUNG, Ian	2020
LESUEUR, Peter	2023	ZAFFINO, Zeek	2019

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Fund Raising Report

Upcoming Dates for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

Thanks to the efforts of Matt Conwell and Grant Foster, we have secured 2 dates at Bunnings Gregory Hills. As they are Saturdays, we are preparing for a lot of work.

Fund-raising dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Gregory Hills	Saturday 1st June
Wollongong	Saturday 8th June
Katoomba	Sunday 23rd June
Gregory Hills	Saturday 14th July
Katoomba	Sunday 28th July
Katoomba	Sunday 25th August
Katoomba	Sunday 22nd September
Katoomba	Sunday 27th October
Katoomba	Sunday 24th November
Katoomba	Sunday 22nd December

As always to make these fund-raising events work, we need volunteers to man the tongs and help out. If you would like to come along for a shift, at either of the venues, please contact “Grant Foster” for Katoomba and “Nick Nicolai” for Gregory Hills and Wollongong. (see contact details on last page). We would really like to see some fresh faces giving up a few hours of their time.

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Notice

ADAA MYOLA BALL 2019

THE FOURTH ADAA ANNUAL DINNER AND MYOLA BALL WILL BE HELD AT PENRITH PANTHERS LEAGUES CLUB ON 03 AUGUST 2019, ALL PAST AND PRESENT AIR DISPATCHERS, FRIENDS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

MUSIC SUPPORT BY THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND - SYDNEY

DTG - 1830 hr 03 August 2019**.**

LOC – 'The Fernhill Room', Penrith Panthers Leagues Club, Mulgoa Road, Penrith, NSW.

TICKETS - $50.00 (includes 3 CSE meal and 3 hour drinks package) purchased through ADAA FB page or by using https://www.trybooking.com/BBKLP

DRESS CODE - Formal.

Notice

7th Light Horse Bemboka Troop

REGIMENTAL DINING IN NIGHT

Members of the Air Dispatch Association of Australia have been invited by the President and Troop Commander of Bemboka Troop to attend their annual Regimental Dining In Night at Merimbula RSL on 14 Sep 19. Details as shown

Rationale: To honour the sacrifices of Light Horsemen and other Defence personnel who have served our Country.

Venue: Merimbula RSL Club, Merimbula N.S.W.

Date: 14th September 2019.

Timings: 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Guests Piped in at 6.25 to be seated at 7.00 pm.

Format: Evening is conducted broadly along Military DIN lines, modified to accommodate civilian guests. Toasts include: Loyal Toast, Navy, Army, Air Force Toasts, Toast to New Zealand (when NZ representatives are in attendance.) Toast to the regiment (7th LH).

Meal: Alternate drop meals, menu to be determined. Vegetarian and coeliac patrons catered for.

Refreshments: Wine and soft drink supplied free of charge to the guests' tables during the meal. Other beverages at own cost.

Cost: $ 60.00 per person.

R.S.V.P: NLT COB 6 Sep 19

Dress: Mess Dress with miniatures, Lounge suit with Medals. Defence personnel to wear Service uniform. Smart casual with tie. No jeans

Depending on numbers interested in going, the ADAA will provide a bus for this overnight trip and source accommodation. Accommodation to be at own expense.

If you would like to attend please email events@adaa.net.au or phone Nick on 0407 942 904

Interest

ANZAC Reunion – Deniliquin 2019

Sent in by Ivy Goad

Deniliquin – a picturesque town straddling the Edward River, with beautiful parklands, heritage buildings, extra wide footpaths and friendly locals – was the perfect location for our catch-up over Anzac. David and I were joined by John and Junita Whittaker, Rusty and Ros Towers and Jerry and Kiwi Lieben. We were sorry that Graham & Glenys Smiley were unable to join us.

The Riverside Caravan Park was spacious, quiet and green with lots of big gum trees and birdlife. It was a lovely spot for us to sit around a fire telling yarns. John brought enough wood for us to have a campfire each night. Junita gave us all a personalised wine glass or stubby holder so we had no stress about losing our drink! Kiwi baked enough treats to feed an army.

During a tour of the Peppin Heritage Centre we learnt the story of the Peppin Merino bred at nearby Wanganella Station for Australian conditions to give improved quantity and quality wool. Junita, Rusty and Jerry went back to school in a replica classroom.

L-R Roz & Rusty Towers, Dave and Ivy Goad, Kiwi and Jerry Lieben John and Junita Whitaker

Of course, Deniliquin is better known for the Deni Ute Muster. Adjacent the Heritage Centre, there is an EB ute covered in mosaic. Across the intersection is a ute mounted on a pole.

The RSL hosted Jan Preston's Textile Art exhibition "Courage and Determination". This exhibition follows the legacy of a journey taken by Wilfred (Bill) Preston during the years of WWII. Jan's creative and clever use of textiles was not lost on us women. Her work told a powerful story of courage, tragedy, loss, survival and friendship. I loved that Wilfred and his wife, who had migrated to Australia after the war, were finally re-united late in his life with his mate (who had endured the prison camps with him and plotted an escape) and the "young girl" who had brought some cheer and hope to them during that time.

Anzac Day in Deniliquin was done so well.

A march preceded the dawn service. Right on cue, kookaburras laughed, perhaps at the marching form or lack thereof! It couldn't be a more Australian start to the proceedings. Our eyes then turned to the skies at the end of the main street as a twin-engine plane did a low fly-over, straight down the main street over the crowd gathered at the cenotaph. After a fairly brief but engaging service, we went to the RSL for a fantastic buffet breakfast. Maybe we are all showing our age though because it seemed to me the bottle of rum was still intact when we left.

After breakfast, Junita and I boarded a bus to the War Cemetery, a couple of kilometres out of town. During World War II, the No. 7 Service Flying Training School of the RAAF was based at Deniliquin. The Deniliquin War Cemetery contains 29 burials of RAAF aircrew, most of whom died in air training accidents. We noticed a common age was 19 years. On our arrival, we were each given a piece of rosemary and a poppy tied together and were asked to stand at one of the 29 headstones set in impeccably landscaped gardens. A beautiful gum tree, illuminated by the morning sun, gave a sense of solidarity and a very Australian feel. At the conclusion of a beautiful service, we placed our poppy at the burial site and spent some time in reflection.

Junita and Ivy visit Deniliquin War Cemetery

There was a short break before our group headed off to the main Anzac march and service. I watched as firefighters, both career and volunteers, army cadets, service personnel and school children assembled to march. Some of those children wore medals presumably earned by their relatives, some almost covering their tiny chests. I felt sure they would not fully understand the significance of those medals, but it was a poignant picture of the innocence they are able to retain because of the sacrifices made by their ancestors and the peace we are blessed to know in this country.

Our boys were among the defence personnel who marched, and we watched them with both pride and gratitude. The catafalque party were RAAF officers and impressive to watch. Edward River Concert Band and Sing Australia Choir ensured the hymns and anthems sounded respectable! A special guest, Lieutenant Colonel Craig Johnston, gave an interesting address and shared his hope that Anzac Day would always belong to the people and never be lost to a political agenda. There were many wreaths laid – I have never seen so many at a regional Anzac service. In my opinion, it was a well organised, relevant, moving and uplifting service held on a beautiful sunny morning.

Some of the ANZAC March in Deniliquin

A delicious roast lunch was served at the RSL afterwards and drinks were gratis for an hour or so. We all commend the local RSL for organising a wonderful day and would definitely recommend Deniliquin as a location should the ADAA ever wish to organise a regional reunion.

The next day we visited Echuca…a little retail therapy, a lovely lunch and the boys went through the Holden museum.

It was four days spent together in friendship and we will treasure the memories created.

L - R Davy Goad, Rusty Towers, John Whitaker and Jerry Lieben ANZAC Day 2019

Interest

ANZAC Reunion

Written by Nick Nicolai

Sometimes, it's bloody difficult to get people from all over Australia to congregate in the one location but we must have done something right because over the ANZAC period of 2019 we had people from all States (with the exception of Tasmania) join us in Brisbane for our ANZAC Reunion. Some of them first timers.
Although everything commenced on 23 April, some like Mark (Bub) Wahlen, Ron Hughes and Dave Cooper arrived a day earlier. Joyce, Harry Hordern and myself, were pleased they did because after leaving Sydney by train at 1440 on the 22nd, we arrived at 0530 at Roma Street the next morning and made our way to the motel where Bub and Dave managed to have a coffee ready for us prior to booking in.

We set up the Dining/Conference room and some of us went for a trip on the River Cat into Brisbane. It was a beautiful day on the river and the trip was relaxed

L - R Nicko, Ron, Dave, Bub and Harry

After a wander around Brisbane and a bite to eat at Maccas, we made our way back to the motel by River Cat and readied ourselves for the Welcome Dinner

The dinner was well-subscribed and we had about 28 members, wives and partners. These included John and Melva Williams from Mareeba, Dick Filewood from Airlie Beach, Ray and Barbara Frankel from across the river, Pat and Marlene Slee, Dave and Cheryl Beaven, Barry and Lyn Gannon, Ted and Glenda Weidner, Chris and Rosa Felkin, Peter Munson and Bill D'Arcy, all from Queensland,. Ron Hughes - Western Australia, Lou and Sue Heidenreich – South Australia, Graham Papworth - Victoria and Vince Head, Grant Foster, Mark Wahlen, Alberto and Maria Baretto, and Joyce and I from New South Wales.

Next morning, we were on the road to the Army Aviation Museum in Oakey. A guide had been arranged to give us a run down on the Army aviation history and different types of aircraft. For a small museum, it was packed with aircraft both real and replicas, and information regarding the aviation side of the Australian Army.

The crew at the Army Aviation Museum, Oakey. Note the one on the far right. It is alleged he rigged the wing bundle for the

Some of the aircraft included early replicas, an Auster, Cessna, Porter, Nomad and rotary wing aircraft such as the Bell Sioux, the Kiowa, Iroquois and Chinook, all looking great. It was noted the Pilatus Porter had a wing bundle of a 200-litre drum. Apparently, this load was alleged to be rigged by an ex-Air Dispatcher, Danny O'Brien, who works at the museum as a volunteer. We all reckon one of the other blokes rigged the load because Danny couldn't remember how to. Just kidding. The display looked great and we wish we could have spent more time there.

L - R Pat Slee, Ron Hughes, Graham Papworth, Maria Barretto and Rosa Felkin check out the inside of a Chinook

We had booked lunch at the Bernborough tavern in Oakey, thanks to Sherry O'Brien (Danny's daughter) and were joined by Danny and his wife Sheryl. Although we had booked early and had our orders placed, the place was packed and it took a while for everybody to get their food.

At 1300 we were then back on the bus again to 9 FSB, Amberly. We had cut our time pretty fine and after getting on board the base, LCPL Josh Leacy escorted us to the 26 Transport Squadron lines. Whilst there were still some remnants of the past, Mack trucks, the new fleet of line haul vehicles and GP vehicles was surprising. Ray Frankel climbed into the cab of one of the new MAN trucks and thought he was going to have a nose bleed because it was up so high. We wandered around for a bit over an hour then headed back to the motel for the AGM.

Ray Frankel at the wheel of a new MAN Truck

L - R Ron Hughes, Harry Hordern, Grant Foster and Ross Martin at the Congo Club, 9 FSB, Amberly

The AGM was held in the Dining Room at the motel and during this session, the Association took a major step forward in membership. From 24 April 2019, spouses, partners and adult family members of Association members may apply for full membership into the ADAA. This will give new blood and ideas into our Association and we are looking forward to seeing these people in the near future.

25th April, ANZAC Day, we made our way by bus into Brisbane and to the form up point by 0900. The bus could not get us right to the form up point, so we managed to commandeer a number of golf buggies, driven by parade volunteers. It must have looked interesting with all these grey-haired warriors being chauffeured around in these vehicles.

Kemm Baber and Lou Heidenreich are tail gunners on one of the golf carts

As usual, we had some time to kill before March-off so the boys found a place to sit and occupy themselves.

Harry Hordern, "Bub the Guru" and Grant Foster waiting for March-off

This year, we also marched with the 141 General Transport Coy banner. This banner identified the original Air Maintenance Platoons. The banner was donated to us in 2017, after the passing of the last "Biscuit Bomber" in QLD, Mr Cec Parker. We thought it was only fitting that the two grandsons of Cec carry their grandfather's banner again as they had done years before. Jason and Darren Plant joined us with their parents Carole (Cec's Daughter) and Don Plant to see the banner be paraded again

L - R Darren, Jason and Carole Plant, descendants of SGT Cec Parker ex 141 Gen Tpt Coy

Finally we were ready to March-off. While waiting, we were joined by Dave Beaven and his grandson Jackson, Geoff Woodeson, Mark Swain, Graham Muir, Tony Holmes and Ted McNamara. If I've missed anybody, my apologies,

L - R Mark Swain (partly obscured), Dave Beaven, Chris Felkin, Bub Wahlen, ‚Jackson Beaven, Geoff Woodeson pushing Ted Wiedner, Graham Papworth, John Williams, Dick Filewood behind Harry Hordern and Ross Martin Tony Holmes (holding banner rope – out of picture)

After the March, we headed back to the motel and lunch. The motel where we stayed looked after us and the girls running the place could not do enough for us. Our thanks go to Danni, Isabel, Andrea and Jo, the Chef, not to mention the staff who looked after our rooms, We, had a great time and the service was brilliant.

Next morning at 0445, Joyce, Harry and I were picked up by taxi and dropped off at Roma Street Station for the train trip back to Sydney. It was a great few days and it was good to see some old faces again. Because of the 2020 International Reunion being held prior to ANZAC Day, we may have to find somewhere to march next year. If you can think of anywhere that would be suitable, contact your State Rep and pass the message on.

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Interest

Fighter World – Fort Scratchly

Bus Trip March 2019

Written by Andrew Cornish

An early start for our first trip of the new year, saw our members and those from the St Marys RSL and Blacktown TPI's, heading up the Pacific Highway by luxury coach to the Newcastle area, where we explored Fighter World, at RAAF Williamtown, and Fort Scratchley at Newcastle.

Along the way we were entertained by the hostess with moistest, and after a brief pit-stop for a coffee and nibble we arrived at "Fighter World".

An introduction outlining the facilities history and points of interest by one of their volunteers and we were free to roam and check out the many interesting displays.

Then back on the coach for a short ride to "Stockton RSL" for lunch. An excellent venue with a very tasty menu, the staff did a brilliant job getting us all fed in time, to be back on the coach and heading to Newcastle for our "Fort Scratchley" tour.

Some careful manoeuvring by our driver saw us disembarking at the front entrance to the fort. The group was then divided into two, and the tour commenced. Our very knowledgeable and enthusiastic guides provided us with a comprehensive insight into the workings and history of the site, along with numerous anecdotes and jokes to keep us entertained.

Narrowly avoiding the rain that had been threatening for most of the afternoon, we were back onto the coach for the journey back to Penrith.
A big thankyou to the organisers for putting on an informative and interesting trip and a great day out.

Upcoming Events

Kindly provided by the Air Dispatch Association of New Zealand

globe travel

NZADA 2020 CRUISE GROUP

Princess Cruises – onboard Ruby Princess

Sydney Return – voyage R007
8-21 March 2020

13 night New Zealand Cruise

Itinerary	Date	Day	Duration
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	08MAR20	SUN	DEPART 6:45PM
At Sea	09MAR20	MON	
At Sea	10MAR20	TUE	
Fiordland National Park (Scenic Cru	11MAR20	WED	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 4:00PM
Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealan	12MAR20	THU	ARRIVE 8:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Akaroa, New Zealand	13MAR20	FRI	ARRIVE 8:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Wellington, New Zealand	14MAR20	SAT	ARRIVE 8:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Napier, New Zealand	15MAR20	SUN	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 4:00PM
Tauranga, New Zealand	16MAR20	MON	ARRIVE 8:15AM DEPART 7:30PM
Auckland, New Zealand	17MAR20	TUE	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 6:00PM
Bay of Islands, New Zealand	18MAR20	WED	ARRIVE 7:00AM DEPART 5:00PM
At Sea	19MAR20	THU	
At Sea	20MAR20	FRI	
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	21MAR20	SAT	ARRIVE 6:00AM

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Upcoming Events

Globe Travel, on behalf of the New Zealand Air Dispatch Association (NZADA) are pleased to invite you to join the NZADA 2020 Cruise Group. Sailing aboard Princess Cruises' Ruby Princess in March 2020, the group will enjoy all the comforts of this stunning, modern cruise ship while exploring some of New Zealand's iconic sites and magnificent coastline.

There are several cabin types available aboard Ruby Princess, suiting all budgets and tastes. Prices for our recommended selection are as follows:

Group Cruise Prices:

Inside cabin, category IB
Share twin NZ$2375 per person
Single NZ$4426

Outside cabin with Obstructed Ocean View, category OZ
Share twin NZ$2583 per person
Single NZ$4844

Outside cabin with full Ocean View, category OF
Share twin NZ$3023 per person
Single NZ$5724

Balcony cabin, category BD
Share twin NZ$3409 per person
Single NZ$6494

Balcony cabin, category BC
Share twin NZ$3486 per person
Single NZ$6648

Mini Suite, category MB
Share twin NZ$4157 per person
Single NZ$7990

Cruise fares are priced in New Zealand Dollars, per person. Triple and Quad share rates can be obtained on application. All prices are subject to change until your booking is confirmed with deposit paid.

Inclusions: Fares above include all main meals & entertainment onboard, government taxes & port handling charges and any pre-paid gratuities.

For your info, the government taxes and port handling charges that are included come to a total of NZD $712 per person twin share and NZD $1069 single. Those are INCLUDED in the pricing above.

For our group Princess Cruises are currently holding:
5 x Category IB Interior Cabins
5 x Category BD Balcony Cabins
5 x Category BC Balcony Cabins
3 x Category MB Mini Suites

Total 18 Cabins for 36 passengers – Based on Twin/Double Share.

More cabins can be added and the distribution of cabin types can be changed, subject to availability, according to the demands of the group. The earlier we book, the better chance we have of securing your preferred cabin type.

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Balcony cabins are by far the most popular cabin type on this ship. Ruby Princess has 6 decks of the them!

Important: Pease note that Princess Cruises reserves the right to recall unsold space and group allotments at any time.

Price promise

Should a better fare be available at the time you make a confirmed booking, due to any current promotion at that time, then that fare will be used instead of the group pricing. At the time of quotation, group pricing is the best value.

Group benefits

Why book with the group?

1. Globe Travel are a TAANZ bonded, highly reputable travel agency with many years of travel experience. In addition to securing your place on the cruise, we can also arrange air travel from anywhere in the world, hotel accommodation before or after your cruise, tours, car hire and any other travel arrangements you may require, allowing all of your travel arrangements to be co-ordinated together.
2. Booking with the group we can do all possible to try and get cabins of the same category allocated close to each other, improving the group experience.
3. Globe Travel can access a group rebate after travel is completed. As long as a minimum of 16 passengers book with the group, then for every 11 confirmed passengers, we will receive a credit equal to one passenger's cruise fare, excluding port taxes and government charges. Note: The cruise fare(s) credited back will be based on the lowest booked fare(s) in the group. Once received by Globe Travel, this credit can be divided by the number of cabins booked and then refunded back to you (less a small admin fee.) Or, if you prefer, can be held in credit towards your next holiday.

Deposit & Balance requirements

Deposit: 30% deposit due immediately at time of booking.
Final payment: Balance of payment is due no later than 110 days prior to cruise departure. (7 December 2019)

Cancellation

Cancellation of bookings must be emailed to Globe Travel as soon as possible. If tickets have been issued, these must be returned.

Once a booking is deposited the following cancellation conditions are applicable:

Cancellation Fees:

181 Days or more	10% of Total fare
180 – 43 Days	35% of Total fare
42 – 15 Days	60% of Total fare
14 Days or less	100% of Total fare

In addition, an administration fee of NZ $50 per person applies to cancellations more than 14 days prior to departure.

Booking Procedure

As bookings are made, Globe Travel will require:

- A photocopy of the photo page in your passport, showing your full name as per Passport and date of birth.
- Your preferred bedding configuration.
- Any special dietary requirements.

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Please note that bookings must be made in the name that will match the name on the passport you will travel on. Name changes to confirmed bookings will incur fees, and if the name is completely different could result in having to cancel your reservation and re-book.

Travel Insurance

All guests travelling aboard Ruby Princess must have comprehensive international travel insurance including medical evacuation. We strongly recommend arranging travel insurance including cancellation cover at the time you pay your deposit. For New Zealand based travellers Globe Travel can arrange travel insurance if required. Please let us know if we can provide you with a quote. For overseas travellers please speak to your local travel insurance specialist.

Payment

Globe Travel welcomes payment directly into our bank account, details will be provided at the time of booking. Credit card payments are accepted but we will have to pass on credit card fees which are currently approx. 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3% for Amex.

To secure your place with the NZADA 2020 Cruise Group, please email your booking request and passport copies to:
mikaandellen@globetravel.co.nz

We look forward to hearing from you!

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