

# Djinnang Association

(Qld)

A & GRS

1945-1952



School of Radio

1952-1993



# QTC

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*Edition*

2018

I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU



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**Secretary...Gail McDermott**

**Treasurer...Alwyn Hawkes**

**Committee...Barb Watson, John Isaacs, Tracey Stephens (Facebook).**

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RAAF DJINNANG ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL REUNION 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017/2018. AGM 26/5/2018.

The 2017 Reunion at the Transcontinental Hotel was, as usual, a great success. Attendance was approximately 120 with some new faces present which is most satisfying.

As everyone realises, it is impossible to find the perfect venue. The Transcontinental met ninety percent of our requirements however there were two major problems

1. The stairs to the upper level posed difficulties for the elder members who had to be assisted.
2. The Transcontinental management could not guarantee the venue for further Reunions. For example a 10K Wedding would get priority over our 3K event.

So the committee was back to the drawing board to find a new venue for 2018.

A notice was observed in the lift of the Hotel Jen advertising the availability of Function Rooms, Conference Rooms etc. The information was discussed and it was decided by Committee to check out Hotel Jen facilities. A delegations of Committee met with Hotel Jen Management to discuss all aspects of the 2018 Reunion. The results were excellent, newly refurbished venue, no stairs, excellent platters of finger food, Aussie Brewed Bouquet Beers plus any other type required. The Jen Management bent over backwards to make sure every detail met our requirements. There was a lot of lead up work and ongoing negotiations done by Secretary Gail McDermott at this time and a big thanks must go to Gail.

As usual the pre Reunion Rumour mill was hard at work however I treated it with the contempt it deserved.

The past year has once again taken its toll on our aging members who have passed on to the Big Radio Shack in the Sky. To their family and Friends we pass on our heartfelt Sympathy.

I would like to thank all the Committee for their contributions during the year to make this Reunion a success. I myself was unable to attend or submit this report to be tabled at the AGM due to ongoing Medical Problems. This Report is to be tabled at the Committee meeting on 5/8/2018 for seconding and acceptance.

To end this Report I would like to thank everyone for attending and hope to see everyone at next year's Reunion. SPREAD THE WORD.

Regards and Best Wishes.

G.D. SMITH  
President.  
3/8/2018

**DJINNANG ASSOCIATION (QLD)**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**1 JUL 2017 TO 30 JUN 2018**

**Statement of Financial Position as at 1**

**Jul 2017**

BOQ Cheque Account:	\$12,653.85
BOQ Investment Account:	\$0.00
<b><u>Balance as at 1 Jul 17</u></b>	<b>\$12,653.85</b>

**Expenditure (CHEQUE ACCOUNT)**

To Investment account opened 8Aug17	\$9,000.00	
Printing, Stationary & Postage	\$290.60	Incl QTC
Reunion -Hotel Jen	\$3,000.00	Food & first drink
Reunion - Prizes/stationery/sundries	\$184.95	
Reunion - Float	\$300.00	
<b><u>Total Expenditure:</u></b>	<b>\$12,775.55</b>	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$121.70</b>	

**Income (CHEQUE ACCOUNT):**

Membership - yearly	\$630.00
Membership - perpetual	\$300.00
Bank Interest - cheque account	\$4.74
Reunion Cover charge	\$2,180.00
Reunion Raffles	\$330.00
Shirts	\$183.50
Float return	\$300.00
<b>SUB TOTAL CARRIED FWD</b>	<b>-\$121.70</b>
<b><u>Total :</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,806.54</u></b>

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:**


Investment commenced 8Aug17	\$9,000.00
Investment account interest	\$135.91
<b><u>BALANCE:</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,135.91</u></b>

**At Bank as at 30 Jun 2018**

BOQ Investment Account:	\$9,135.91
BOQ Cheque Account:	\$3,806.54

**Available Member Funds:** **\$12,942.45**

*I declare that the above statement presents a true and proper record of the income and expenditure of the Djinnang Association (QLD) and is an accurate record of the financial position of the Association as at the 30th June 2018.*

..........4th July 2018  
Alyn Hawkes (Treasurer)

## Djinnang Association Committee 2018-2019

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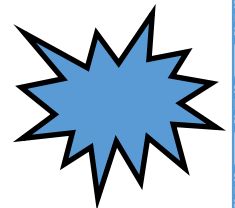
Committee ... Barb Watson ... John Isaacs ... Tracey Stephens



## DJINNANG ASSOCIATION SHIRTS

These high quality shirts have been selling  
**FAST, TO PURCHASE ONE, CONTACT ALYN  
Hawkes ([andhawkes@bigpond.com](mailto:andhawkes@bigpond.com))  
and he will take care of the purchase  
and mailing for you.**

**Cost \$35.00 Plus postage**



## **Are You**

## **FINANCIAL?**

The Printing, postage etc. of 2 publications per year takes a vast amount of our finances. A large number of members have allowed their membership to lapse whilst still receiving our publications. *Please!* Help us to be able to continue to keep all informed by renewing your membership **TODAY!**

You may send your cheque/Money Order (payable to Djinnang Assn.) to the Treasurer

**Membership is \$10.00 per annum**

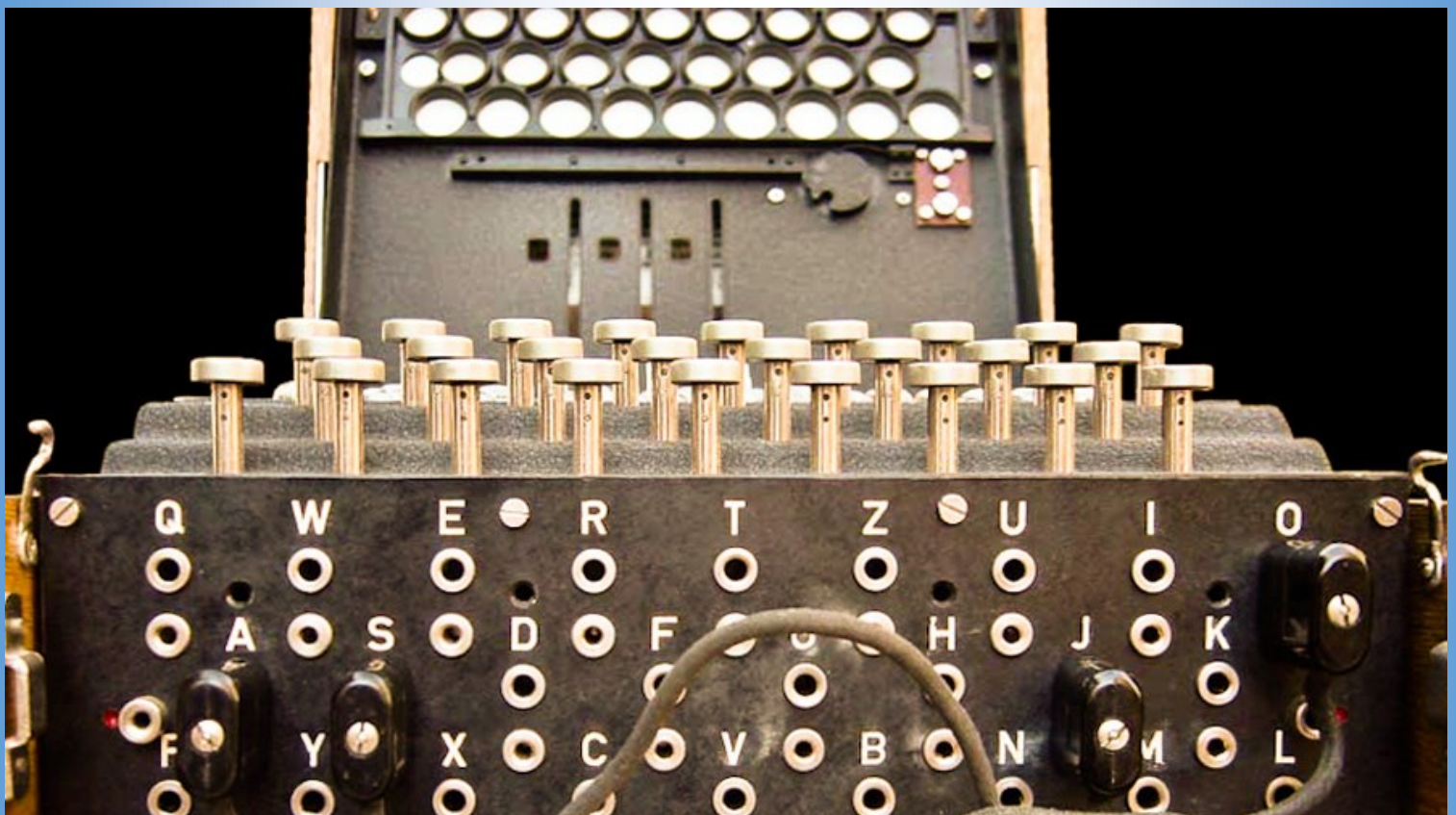


**In May 1975 a few Members Met at Col Mallets home, and the Djinnang Association was born. Meetings were carried out at several houses over the next few years until numbers became too big, so different venues were found to cater for the numbers as they increased to what they are today.**

**The members that met for the first time were Col Mallet, Eddie Cunningham, Ric Montague, Dave Roe and Ron Bellert.**

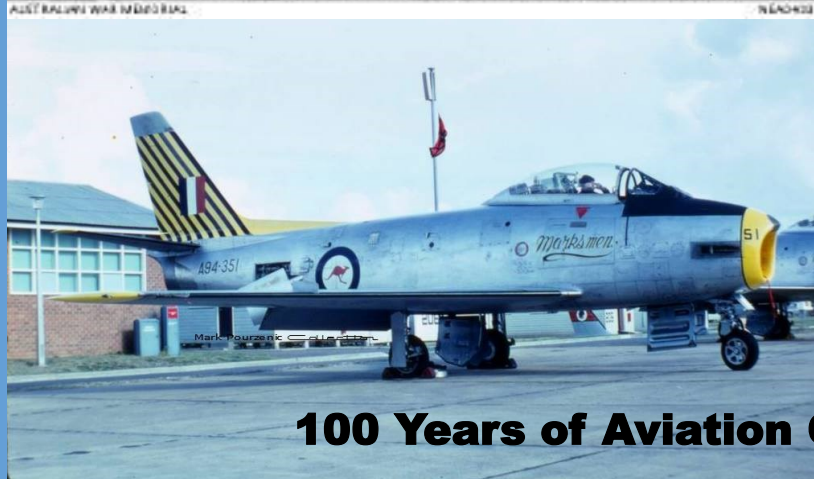
**So in the year 2020 we will be holding our 45th Reunion, so put the 30th May 2020 aside and help celebrate this special Occasion.**

**So to all those lost souls that haven't turned up for a number of years, this is your chance to put in an appearance.**





**100 YEARS OF AVIATION Coming Soon**



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**No. 1 FBRD - Lake Boga**  
1942 - 2017

**17-19** **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**March** **FLYING BOAT REPAIR DEPOT**  
**2017** **Catalina Park - Lake Boga**






# Some Who Were Seen At The 2003 Reunion in



Glen MULLER, Des DEAN, Sandra & Les KEPPIE



Judy PRESTON, Bill MCCARTHY & Harry GIFFORD



Ailsa & Ron VERNON, Alan WISE



Marg & Norv SIMPSON



Des DEAN, John "Junior" & Belle CONNOLLY



John CRIDLAND, Marie ANDERSON & Garry JESSER



Barbara HANRATTY, Robyn GRIFFIN, Jack & Margaret KHAN



Lynda & John MCCORMACK, Sylvia HODGES, Ron & Ailsa VERNON



Pat PRIOR, Ken MARSH, Bob SPENCER, Glenn PRIOR & Jim BRENNAN



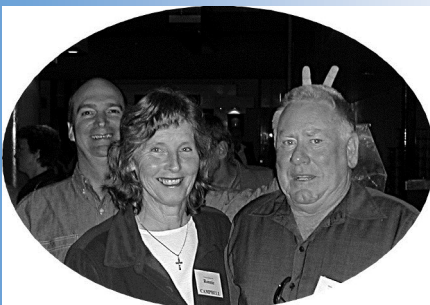
REAR: Brian CONSTABLE, Ernie (obscured) & Jenny GIMM, Lynda & John MCCORMACK, Sylvia HODGES, Ailsa & Ron VERNON, Ron "Jazza" HARRIS



Rob & Monica COLES, Sharon & Barry MITCHELL



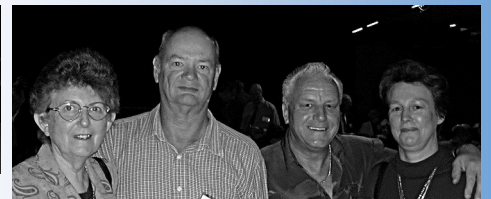
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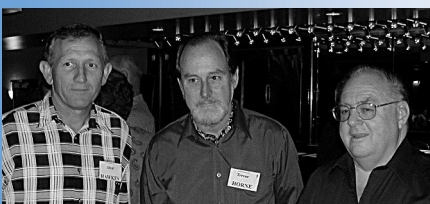
Ron "Jazza" HARRIS, Ronnie & Brian "Blue" CAMPBELL



Bob BLAND, Greg BUSSEY, Graeme GERAGHTY, Chris ELSMORE, John ROGERS, Stewart "Sadie" LINTON, Debra & Dave TAPE



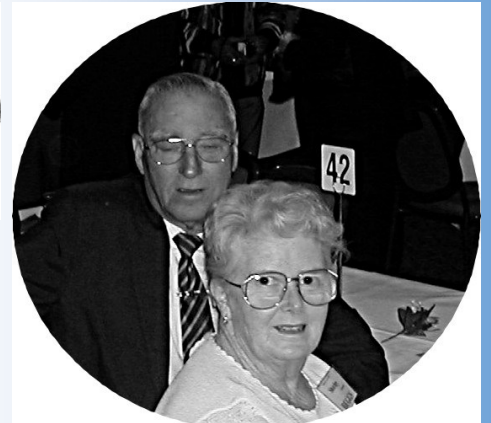
Roslyn & Gavin SMITH, Ted & Cathy PEARCE



Alyn HAWKES, Trevor HORNE, John RENFREW



Malvene DICKER, Les KEPPIE, Margaret STAUNTON, Sandra KEPPIE.



Jack & Shirley BEGGS

**Why don't you try and make it to our next Reunion???**  
**If you do, we'll try to get your photo in QTC. It will be held in Brisbane on Saturday, 25th May 2019.**



Sadie Linton & Ken Marsh



Roslyn Smith, Ian Greenacre, Rick Smith



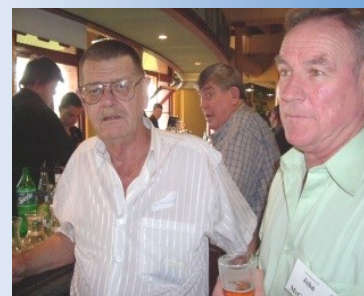
Angela Smith & Margaret Greenacre



Russ Walker, Paul Egan & Brian Campbell



Dennis Grieg, Graham Cotterill, Helen & Bob Daunt



Allan Clissold & Peter McCormack



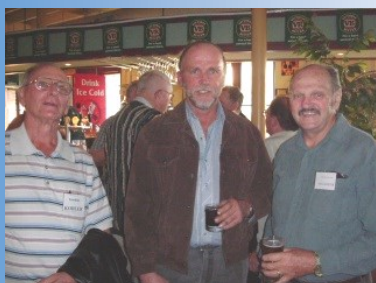
Roy McKimmin, Greg Bussey, Barry & Trish Hull, Bob Bland & Rick Monk



Lorraine Neave, Trevor Horne, Lillian Coxhedge, Norv Simpson, Marg Simpson



Ron Bellert, Marty Lunn,



Gordon Kohler, Brian Webb & Neil Minster



Ron Amos, Peter Hodge, RG Thompson, Glen Muller, John Eather, Ian Crabbe



Chris English, Lindsay Curtis, Ernie Gimm & Bull Donald

## Reunion 15--2006



## RAAF closes AOCS

On 1 Dec 2004 the AOCS system was closed. The occasion was marked with a tour of Bringelly Receivers and Londonderry Transmitters where the CO RAAFTUS ceremonially cut the guy wires to drop the large antenna. Both establishments have now been decommissioned and you will soon be able to buy a one acre block of prime real estate on the Londonderry site.

The AOCS was commissioned in 1972 to take over from the Area Guard Network. The first operators at RAAF Sydney included Jeff Cullinane, Geoff Robinson, Ron Upham, Lyn Beilby, Bernie Mackay, George Harris, Ron Tompkins, Dave Corney and yours truly.

The system marked a quantum leap forward in communications technology for the RAAF and really earned its spurs by providing instant voice and secure teletype communications immediately after cyclone Tracey devastated Darwin.

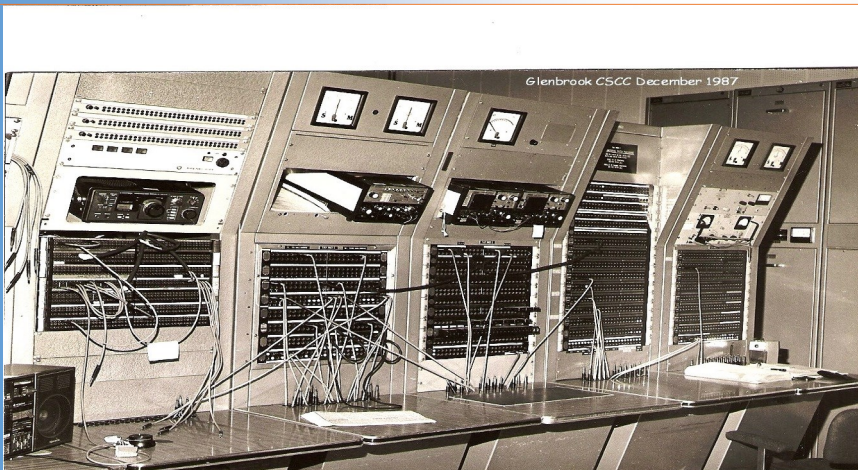
As usual there were the funny stories such as the RAF pilot questioning Charlie McMillan as to why he was operating RAAF Darwin and not RAF Dundee but this system was marked by the professionalism of those who operated and maintained it.

We live in times of rapid technological change and the RAAF we knew is no longer. We were told that Glenbrook has been sold and that the base is to be relocated to near Canberra in 2008. This will mark the end of an era which saw large numbers of communicators and techs stationed at Glenbrook, Marsden Park, Wallgrove, Bringelly and Londonderry.

Two things stood out to me during the closing ceremonies at Glenbrook: the large number of senior officers associated with the trade; and the lack of life on the base itself. Looking at the phone book they probably have a larger establishment than we did 30 years ago, but I don't think they have half the fun or camaraderie we enjoyed.

It was good to see the old base and more importantly a lot of old mates at the closure. Alison and I spent 12 years in Penrith and have a lot of happy memories of our time in the service there. On this occasion we stayed at the Airman's quarters and were the only people in our block. With unisex living quarters they would have been very popular in 1972. Can you imagine the "bed checks?"

Old hands among those who turned up on the day were; John Williams, Lyn Beilby, Rex Raph, Bill McCarthy, Don Brooks, John and Alison Cridland, Jeff Cullinane, Ian Greenacre, Mouse Graham, John O'Laughlan, Glen Walton and John Brell. On a sad note we received the news of Dave Corney's serious illness while there.



**Glenbrook Exchange**



**100 Years of Aviation Coming Soon**



**2018 & 2019 Djinnang Committee**



**Trevor Horn...Ros Curran**

**Rod & Annie Taylor**



**Ron Bellert, Elaine & Ken Hillbland.....Ron (Moose) Amos &**

**Ray Thompson**



**Ray Green & Col Mallett**



**Radteck A .. Trevor & John**



**Rod Taylor, John Sobott**



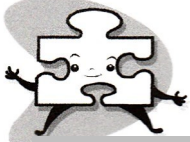
**Pat Green & Geoff White.....Murray Chrome & Chris Watson,  
Mike Stewart**



**Mike Downs & Mike Roberts....Michael Maloney & Susan  
Nicholls**



**Leanne Watson & Carolyn Wilson..Lisa Williams & Steve Ellis**



# BRAIN FOOD PAGE



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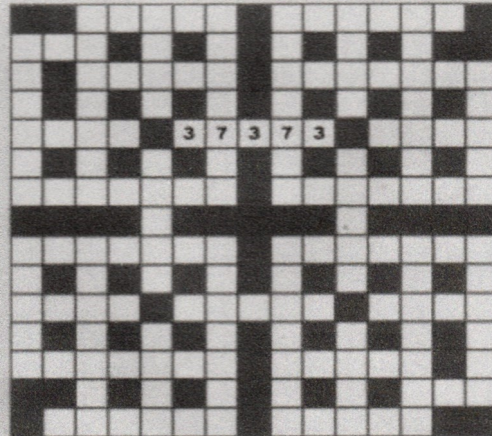
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| AIRTELU   | MARSDEN        | TOWNSVILLE  |
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| AXN       | MSG            | TELEX       |
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| BOHLE     | PEARCE         | WAGGA       |
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## Crack the Code

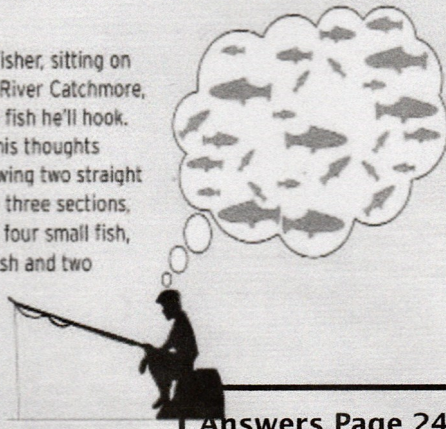
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Here's Freddie Fisher, sitting on the bank of the River Catchmore, dreaming of the fish he'll hook. Can you divide his thoughts opposite by drawing two straight lines to produce three sections, each containing four small fish, three medium fish and two large fish?



Answers Page 24





**Liz Wright & Yolanda Lever**



**Lynton Clarke & Noel Quarrell**



**Lynn Beilby , Warren Faber, Brian Webb, Jeff Wessels..**



**Marie Downer, Marie Henson, John Findlay**



**Laurie Murray, Ian O'Brien, Karen Downs, Dianne Hoopert**



**Anne Ellis, Linda Conyard  
Lesley Bannan**



**Joy McPherson & Trevor**



**Barry Leadbitter, Darren Wyatt....**



**Collen Jollow, Karen Bedford**



**John O'Loughin**

**Dave Grant, Shane  
Buckley, Gail  
McDermott, Liz Wright  
Daryl Henderson**



**Dave Grant, Steve  
Ellis, Pat Bannan**

## *Who was the Telegraphist*

As a young lad I was fascinated by morse and could stand and watch my uncle send and receive telegrams for hours. Later on as a postal clerk in Cloncurry I was still jealous of the magic the telegraphist had as they spoke to outstations such as Normanton when the wet took the landlines down. One of the compelling reasons to join the RAAF was to learn Morse. I wasn't smart enough to reason that if the PMG had done away with it, then the service would follow shortly.

Sitting here producing this on the latest in PC technology, it is easy to forget that less than a lifetime ago, the quickest means of message communication was morse code, and that at the end of the second world war, long distance aircraft still required the services of both a competent navigator and wireless operator to ensure they arrived safe and sound. Even though some still recall riding horses to school, most of us forget the huge technological changes during our lifetime. In the last few years, I have become aware of the contribution of members of this association to this progress. By accident, I attended a function at QUT when a presentation was made to a former radio officer for "Contribution to Information Technology". At the function his exploits in WWII in intercepting and deciphering the Japanese codes were highlighted. I had known the person concerned when I was serving but had no idea of just how distinguished his career had been. Recently a serving member sought information about the defunct communications trades and again I realised how little I knew and how interested others are in knowing what we did. I solved the latter problem by twisting the arm of one of our senior members to respond. This magazine is always looking for your stories so that we can record your achievements. The following is the reply to the question, who was the Telegraphist?

Firstly the telegraphist training phase in my time was carried out at School of Radio at Ballarat. Prior to this, training was carried out at Point Cook and later again moved to Laverton after the closure of Ballarat. A pass at the conclusion of training was the ability to send and receive by hand, morse code at a speed of no less than 22 words per minute. Never the less a move towards greater speeds was demanded.

During WWII some of the terminals used high speed morse (HSM) between distant and overseas terminals. The morse was sent and received by mechanical means and speeds in excess of 100 wpm were practical in good conditions. Reception was on recorders which were then slowed down and read at hand speed.

In busier communication centres telegraphists were assisted by signals clerks, who headed and distributed individual messages. Cypher operators also had the responsibility to encrypt and decrypt classified texts for either distribution or on-forwarding for further transmission. As time went on teleprinter operators were used in conjunction with telegraphists on keyboard circuits. Multi channel radio circuits required constant attention and circuit control sections (CCS) were established and staffed by telegraphists and radio or telecommunications techs.

High Frequency Direction Finding stations were established at strategic points to maintain communications with aircraft and assist in navigation. Telegs who had been operator mechanics (WOMS) later became Telstechs, operating the HDF stations. These together with Area Guard stations and early Lincoln bombers played a huge role in obtaining knowledge of what we now know as jet streams, and pioneering international air routes after WW2. One of these HFDF stations on a remote part of the WA Coast serviced aircraft en-route Sydney/London via Colombo. When asked why they stayed at the remote station they coined the slogan "We stay because Qantas Wantus.

Other duties for Telegs were, operating point to point circuits, air ground air operations, shore ship links, area guard, weather broadcasts, aeradio (DCA) or OTC nets.



**100 Years of Aviation Coming soon**

## **To All Djinnang Members...**

**In the year 2021 (March), I know its still a few years away. The Radscl magazine (Trev Benneworth) has put together a week of functions for all members attending the 100 year celebration event to be held in Melbourne.**

**What Djinnang Association is looking for is how many of you will be attending the Event. So as to determine whether we hold our usual Reunion in Brisbane or we miss a year due to the Melbourne Event.**

**What Djinnang is looking for is a YES or NO Vote who would still attend the Brisbane Reunion and not go to Melbourne, and we just hold a mini Reunion in Brisbane to cater for the No's.**



**RAAF 100 year celebration.  
March 2021**

### **Overview.**

Back in January 1920, the Australian Flying Corps became the Australian Air Corps which, on the 31st March 1921, became the Australian Air Force. It obtained the King's consent to become the Royal Australian Air Force on the 13th August 1921.



On the 31st March 2021 the Australian Air Force will be 100 years old and as the Air Force was born at Pt Cook, we think it would be a golden opportunity to hold a giant celebration in Melbourne and to invite **everyone** who spent time at Pt Cook and/or Laverton. And - as we're a Radschool Association, the invite would also include anyone who was trained in the radio game, whether tech or operator, at either Ballarat, Frognall or Laverton and of course the trainers as well as all the support staff. The invitation would also include your wife, girl-friend, husband, boy-friend (or all of the above). We're all getting on a bit and this might be our last hurrah, so we'll make it a good one.

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The 31th March 2021 is a Wednesday, so we think we should plan for at least a week-long event starting on the 22nd March. There will be lots of events so start putting away your pennies now, we'll need confirmation of your attendance, and as we'll need to pay deposits etc we'll need your full payment some months prior to March 2021.

For those that live north of the Murray, the weather in Melbourne in March is not too bad. Temps are in the low 20's during the day and drop to the low teens during the night. There is only a 25% chance of rain so any outdoor event should (??) be fine.

We'll have an indication of costs later, but these won't include accommodation which will be your responsibility. As some people live in the area, some will come by van or mobile home, others stay with friends and some will stay in motel/hotel accommodation, individual accommodation costs are a variable so not included.

We've commenced negotiations with the RAAF for access to Laverton or Pt Cook, (we don't have it yet) as we'd like to have the main events in (perhaps) the old ARDU or 1 AD hangars at Laverton or in one of the hangars at Pt Cook - it will all depend on what is still available in 2021.

It's still a few years away but these things take time to organise. We are going to chase sponsorship to keep our costs down - more on that later. We think we'll need to organise for at least 1,000 people so there's a bit to do. Make sure you tell your friends, we want as many people as possible, the more the merrier.

Let us know what you think. The events we have planned you can see below but we need to know what you think. We've booked the [Myer Music Bowl](#) for the Sunday the 28th March (a pleasant Sunday afternoon) and we're negotiating with the RAAF, Army and Navy to have their bands entertain us during the day. We're also proposing an "Air Force has talent" contest where several serving pre-auditioned members will vie for a cash prize and we're negotiating with a Melbourne TV channel which will televise all or part of the Music Bowl event - this will make it easier to obtain a sponsor to cover all the costs - so it will be free.

If you don't normally get the RAM, but would like to be involved, click [HERE](#), fill in this general form and once we have your email address we'll include you in all future mail-outs.

We have some ideas but to get an idea of your thoughts, would you fill in the fields in the form below and send to us, there will be much more detail later. (Use your TAB button to navigate from one field to the next.)

## Schedule of Events.

### Monday 22 March 2021

Registration, Meet and Greet – RAAF Laverton or Pt Cook. Evening event.

### Tuesday 23 March 2021.

Bus tour to Phillip Island. Tour [Vietnam Vets Museum](#), [Penguins at dusk](#), return to Melb. (About 1½ - 2 hours each way).

### Wednesday 24 March 2021.

Bus trip to RAAF Ballarat and [Ballarat gold fields \(Sovereign Hill\)](#). (About 1½ hours each way). Daylight event.

### Thursday 25 March 2021.

Tour of the [Liberator](#) and [Werribee Park](#).

### Friday 26 March 2021

Proposed AFL match MCG/Ethad. TBA advised by AFL HQ.

### Saturday 27 March 2021.

Open day at Pt Cook, including Army, Navy, Air Force. Aircraft and equipment on display, merchandise, food drinks, tour of RAAF Museum. Open to the public.

### Sunday 28 March 2021.

RAAF, Army, Navy Bands concert Myer Music Bowl, including Air Force has talent contest. RAAF fly past. Daylight event. Sponsored and televised. Open to the public. Sunday night free. (See the proposed Sunday event [HERE](#)).

### Monday 29 March 2021.

Free Day.

### Tuesday 30 March 2021.

Bus to [Yarra Valley Chocolate and Ice Creamery](#) and [Puffing Billy steam train](#). (About 1 hour each way). Night Free.

### Wednesday 31 March 2021. (Anniversary Day)

Farewell luncheon hosted by Senior Officer of Air Force – RAAF Laverton or Pt Cook. Daylight event.

# Proposed Radschool Celebrat

## RAAF Williams (Laverton and Pt Cook). 2021

Please fill in the form below and send to us.

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Would you be interested in a major celebratory get together/party to be held in 2021	Select one ▼
Would you come with your wife/husband/partner.	Select one ▼
Would you be interested in a WRAAF only night at the Laverton Officers' Mess?	Select one ▼
Would you be interested in holding the 2021 Djinnang Annual GM at the Laverton Officers' Mess?	Select one ▼
What events would you like added?	
Comments.	

To help eliminate Spam, enter the sum of 8 plus 5 in the box opposite.





**100 Years of Aviation Coming Soon**

## Poem Of The Year

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**The computer swallowed Grandma,  
Yes, honestly it's true!**

• **She pressed 'control and 'enter'**

•

• **And disappeared from view.**

•

• **It devoured her completely,**

•

• **The thought just makes me squirm.**

•

• **She must have caught a virus**

•

• **Or been eaten by a worm.**

•

• **I've searched through the recycle bin**

•

• **And files of every kind;**

•

• **I've even used the Internet,**

•

• **But nothing did I find.**

•

• **In desperation, I asked Mr. Google**

•

• **My searches to refine.**

•

• **The reply from him was negative,**

•

• **Not a thing was found 'online.'**

•

• **So, if inside your 'Inbox,'**

•

• **My Grandma you should see,**

•

• **Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her,**

•

• **And send her back to me.**

•

• **This is a tribute to all the Grandmas & Grandpas, Nannas & Pops, who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer.....**

•

• **They are the greatest!!!**

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**We do not stop playing because we grow old;  
We grow old because we stop playing ...  
NEVER Be The First To Get Old!**



**The Amberley Mob**

**2018**



**Townsville Mob**



**The Darwin Mob**



**The Glenbrook Mob**



**Delrae Gaddes, John Darling**



**Di Webb, Trevor Benneworth**



**Dianne Hoopert, Marie Henson.....Elaine "Love my red Wine"**



**Geoff White, Ron Bellert**



**Glen Walton, Jenny Bell**



**John McAllister**

**Marie Henson**

**Jeff Wessells**

**Ros Curran**



**Photos from the Past**



**1 Commops**



**2 Commops**



**4 Commops**



**5 Commops**



**7 Commops**



**8 Commops**

## **SUNDOWNER TIONA TOURIST PARK**

**4451 The Lakes Way Pacific Palms NSW 2428**

**0265540291**

**Also an offer.**

**My wife and I are now the permanent managers of a holiday facility just south of Forster Tuncurry on the lakes way. It's an older facility but there is an enormous amount of money being spent to get it back up to speed.**

**Some things about this place that might be of interest to you and any association members:**

**We have beach frontage 150 meters from our cabins.**

**On the other side of the park we have lake frontage 150 meters from our office (Lake Wallis).**

**We have 20 dual room cabins most with full facilities.**

**We have a lodge facility that beds up to 80 people with full amenities and its own commercial kitchen facility.**

**We have a function centre that regularly caters for up to 150 people for events with its own commercial kitchen.**

**We have 100 powered camping/caravan sites \$29.00 per site at present.**

**We even have our own open air chapel where many weddings are held - not that I use it, keep getting zapped when I go there.**

**So the offer is if any member rings up on an individual basis and identifies themselves as an association member they will get a 15 percent discount on any accommodation.**

**Additionally if you were interested in holding an event here then put together a deputation, give us a bit of notice, come and visit and have a look around. We will provide free accommodation for a couple of nights free.**

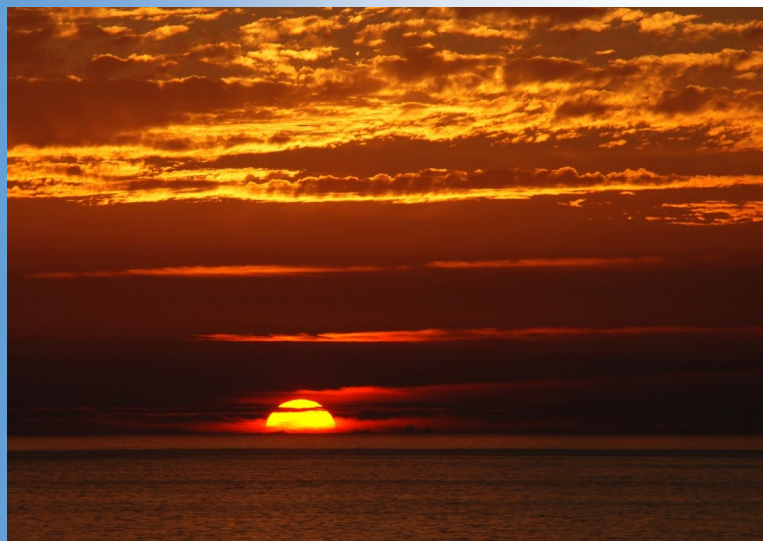
**We're in control of the purse strings so we'll make sure of a good deal if you are interested in a function.**

**regards, Clive**

**Clive & Karen Johnson.**

**Work Phone 02 65540290**

**Mobile 0419889584 (Doesn't work so well in park).**





**10 Commops**



**11 Commops**



**13 Commops**



**14 Commops**



**20 Commops**



**17 Commops**





**23 Commops**



**21 Commops**



**26 Commops**



**27 Commops**



**29 Commops**



**30 Commops**



**1-86 Commops**



**2/84 Commops**



**5-86 Commops**



**2/85 Commops**



**3-87 Commops**



**2/88 Commops**



**32 Commops**



**1/89 Commops**



**1-84 Commops**



**3/86 Commops**



**1-85 Commops**



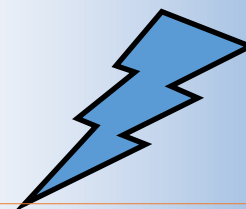
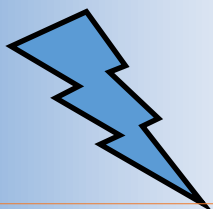
**4/87 Commops**

In (about) 1976, the TELEGs, TELSOPS and TPRINOPS musteringings were amalgamated into the COMMSOP mustering. Some TELEGS moved to the SIGSOP mustering. Most of these operators that moved to the new COMMSOP mustering retained their old mustering name until about mid 1980's where they had to all become COMMSOP's. Basic COMMSOP (**COMM**unication**S** **OP**erator) Courses were trained at Laverton between approximately 1976 until 1991. In 1991 The EDPOP (Electronic Data Processer Operator) and COMMSOP musteringings were amalgamated into what is now known as the CISCON (Communications Information Systems **CON**troller) mustering.

Basic COMMSOP Courses were trained in typing 35 WPM (Words Per Minute) initially on 3 row keyboards then moved to 4 row keyboards around 1985. The majority of operators left RADSCHOOL just scraping a pass at 35 WPM but within 12 months it was common place for operators to be jamming up messaging equipment that could not handle their speed. Messaging was the bulk of training. Q and Z codes/signals (Q Codes/signals are mainly civilian whilst Z Codes/signals are mainly military) were taught to assist with servicing corrupt, missing, responses to and more for messages and for use on radio circuits. Messaging initially was taught for use on the RAAFNET (the messaging system of the day using protocol 25) which used model 28 and some model 14 equipments. Messaging did move into using computers for training at RADSCHOOL around 1988 when DINTS (Defence **IN**Terim System) was taught along with the servicing of messages. Radio operation using AN/PRC 28 radios that required a power source of 28V but we were supplied by the RADSCHOOL battery shop with 2 x 12V heavy duty batteries that were charged to the maximum every time and did the job fine. This part of our training provided radio operator skills sufficient to be used in the AOCS, to be qualified to work in the AOCS you did need to complete a post grad course. The initial AOCS used Collins equipment sourced from the USA. Back room operation we were taught on KW26's, KW7's for on line work (this provided the security for the messaging circuits) and for off line work we were taught on KL7's later changing to BID60's then onto RACE (Rapid Automatic Cryptographic Equipment). Out in the field we covered a plethora of other radio, backroom, messaging equipments that were not taught at RADSCHOOL but required the operator to learn on the job.

The job entailed message handling, delivery, servicing, creation: radio operation both in the field and in the AOCS: backroom operation in both online and offline requirements.

Postings for COMMSOPS were to Base Squadrons and just about all RAAF bases had a Base Squadron up until the late 80's, so COMMSOPS were sent everywhere there was a RAAF Base in Australia and Butterworth. Major changes to where they could get posted occurred when they became CISCON's. Then they could be posted into projects in at least five different overseas locations including the Sinai and Cambodia.





**1-88 COMMOPS**



**4/89 Commops**



**5-88 COMMOPS**



**3/90 Commops**



**3-89 COMMOPS**



**3/91 Commops**



**2-90 COMMOPS**



**6/90 Commops**



**5-90 COMMOPS**



**8/86 Commops**



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**2/93 Commops**



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**5-91 COMMOPS**



**1/91 Commops**



**1-92 COMMOPS**



**5/91 Commops**



Rear - Mark Wilson, Wayne Ussher (obscured) John Rodwell, Graeme Brownrigg, Bob Arthars, Brian Flux, Brian Machin, Daryl Handerson, Gary Butler  
Bob May, Ian Saunders, Neil Hunter, Kym Justin

Wayne Ussher

Front - John Sebott (RadTech (G)), Glenn Rosenberg, Trevor Horne, Barrie Powell, Gary Bidgood, Graham (Blue) Cotterell, Al Pretty, Noel Quarrell, Buzz Shizzirri  
Neal Miller, Peter Coleman, Peter Aird, Dave Weston, Gordon Harvey



Mike Roberts  
RadTech (G)



Jack Khan  
RadTech (G)

**The Teck Mob**



**Kev Hinch, Dave Peters, John Goss**



**Kathy Barthelson**



**Lalee Jagiello**

**Shirley Watson**

**Sandy Faber ....**

**Kev Hinch & Gail**



**Jack &  
Margaret  
Khan**







**Laurie Murray, Ian O'Brien  
Karen Downs, Dianne  
Hoopert**



**2018 Commops/Trinops**



**2018 Telegs**



**2018 Tecks**

# RAAF COMMUNICATIONS REUNION

2019

Hi everyone,

Those of you that don't live in the Brisbane region may not know that the Hotel Jen will be closing its doors at the end of 2018 (sigh!) and we have had to find yet another new venue for our reunion. Such a shame as it was pretty near perfect for us. You can thank the Government for this decision.



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It has been decided that **The Port Office Hotel (Colonial Bar)** is the new place to be on **25<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. The address is 40 Edward Street (Cnr. Margaret St) Brisbane City. While the Colonial Bar is upstairs – there is also a small lift for those requiring it. You just have to ask one of the staff members to escort you to the lift.

The normal function times apply – 2pm till 9pm. There will be a free drink on arrival and platters as per the last few reunions. Entry will remain the same price as last year - \$30 non-perpetual members and \$20 perpetual members.

We have a code that can be used at any of the Oaks CBD apartments, 212 Margaret Street (just up the road from the Port Office). I am not sure how much discount we will get. The code is [portofficehotel](http://portofficehotel.com.au). They have a car park here I believe. If you want a 5 Star Hotel the Stamford Plaza is directly across the road from the Port Office. Also, opposite the old Botanical Gardens is 'Royal on the Park'. These are the three that are closest to the venue I think.

We also have a code for [secureparking.com.au](http://secureparking.com.au). I just tried a dummy booking and it took my cost from \$16 to \$9. You must be out by midnight though I think. There are special instructions which I will share closer to the time of the reunion.

Unfortunately, there won't be a coffee/tea station in the Colonial Bar on the night, but these can be purchased from their Restaurant downstairs. Dinner can also be purchased downstairs.

Hoping to see you all there on the night to again reminisce and have a few drinkies. Please spread the word regarding the change in venue.

Gail McDermott  
Djinnang Association (Secretary)



2019 REUNION  
SATURDAY 25th MAY  
2pm---9pm



**More Information on the Port Hotel (Accommodation/Parking) Etc on Previous Page.**