

THE “CLIPPED WINGS”

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AIR DISPATCH ASSN OF AUSTRALIA

September 2015



PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hello Everyone,

September, spring, the start of new life. This newsletter finds us well under way for the 2016 Reunion. A venue has been chosen, based on price per person, local amenities and transport costs. All these aspects were taken into account but we believe the final choice will be suitable to all who attend (see more inside). Apart from fund raising sausage sizzles at Bunnings and Masters hardware stores, held in NSW, also in Victoria, Graham Papworth and Geoff Cutts have embarked on fund raising activities speaking to a number of larger

organisations to add support to the reunion. At this point, we have received donations from a number of organisations including DG Air Freight, Greenbank RSL and the Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia. I would like to thank these organisations for contributing to our centenary event.

Our first BBQ was at Masters at Marsden Park, on 5 July. It was initially a cold morning and the first thing we did was light the hotplate to give us some warmth. Thanks to all those who attended and a special thanks to Joyce and Leonie, who did the majority of the cooking.

The next BBQ was in Bathurst. Thanks to Kim and Geoff Harris (Our Merchandising Officer[s]), who were at the first BBQ and seeing how much we had left over volunteered to run one at Masters in Bathurst.



This event just happened to coincide with the Blue Mountains being snowed under and although we did our best to get there, the road was cut between Katoomba and Lithgow. In the photo you can see snow in the gutter and on the roof of the motel behind the parked cars

Yes the snow had an effect on some people that was quite unusual. It almost made them delirious, and I'm certain some individuals had no idea what they were doing. But you make your own decision. (Anybody recognise this bloke? I'll give you a hint he used to be in 2 Troop)



Over the next three years, we envisage the association to be working towards a number of different projects which could benefit everyone who is interested.

2016, we have the International Airborne Reunion in Sydney. This Reunion shall be used to mark 100 years of military airdrop.

2017, marks 75 years since major air resupply operations were conducted on the Kokoda Trail, in New Guinea, in which Australia developed and refined aerial delivery to being an effective method of re supply.

2018, the UK Air Despatch Association shall be holding the biennial reunion. During this time we may reflect on the Battle of Hamel (4 July 1918). Planned by Australian Lieutenant General (later Sir) John Monash, where 100,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition were dropped to advancing troops by aircraft from 3 Sqn Australian Flying Corp. Another centenary of airdrop celebration.

Since our last edition, we have had reports from Lou and Sue Heidenreich, who went travelling across Asia to Europe on the Trans - Siberian Railway. Also feedback from Brian and Dianne Irving on their trip around Australia. Both these shall be included in the following pages.

We have also had a few more “Red On – Standby” dinners in various locations. We also had one planned for Canberra in September to take in the Canberra Floriade display but that has been shelved till next year, due to a number of reasons.

On the sick list, John Ryan was admitted to hospital is Shell Harbour, NSW. Carol is trying to get him transferred up to Governor Phillip Hospital in

Give some thought to what you want and how we can make our association better. Remember people, “We are a long time dead”. Now is the chance to get something happening that could have a positive impact on you and many of your old mates?

Cheers,

Nicko

August 2015

Secretary report - August 2015

We have had a very busy few months. Between losing our very active Chris Gill (rest in peace Chris) and progressing through a Special General Meeting and Annual General Meeting.

We are currently looking to appoint a new Secretary for the ADAA, so if you think you have the knowledge and time (not much needed) – put your hand up and give the poor old treasurer a break.

The ADAA held a memorial for Chris at the Windsor RSL at which a large number of members and family attended. This was followed on 24th April by our Annual General Meeting at which about half of the Committee was replaced by some younger fresh ideas. The outgoing Committee members must be thanked for their many years of carrying out their roles and keeping the ADAA ticking over.

The Management Committee of the ADAA now is:

President	Mark (Nick) Nicolai	(0407 942 904)
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Assistant Secretary	Lou Heidenreich SA	(0407 402 732)
Committee Member	Grant Foster NSW	(0413 190 541)
Committee Member	Geoff Cutts Vic	(0418 384 807)

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Queensland	Glen Barton	(0424 834 518)
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South Australia	Lou Heidenreich	(0407 402 732)
West Australia	Ed Duffy	(0407 999 472)

The overflow of duties from Chris are virtually cleared up, grants still to be finalised and new ones to be applied for. The special one of course is for the Centenary next year in Sydney for which we hope to get funding to commemorate the 100 years since Australian Airmen from “Half Flight, Australian flying Corps” first carried out resupply by air to starving people in (then Mesopotamia) Iraq. Its ironic that our personnel have been doing the same job in the same area of the globe 100 years later.

Geoff Cutts is working on a project to have a commemorative trek (possibly with air drops to the trekkers) of the Kokoda Track in July 2017. We will be putting out info on that later.

I report that all statutory responsibilities are up to date. (Tax, ACNC and Department of Fair Trading)

Now the membership/money side of things.

Subscriptions are due 1 July each year. There is a list on the ADAA web page of who is currently financial at 23 August 15. If your name is not on this list, get it there by sending in the \$25 to the treasurer at PO Box 315, Berowra Heights NSW 2082.

If you would like a copy of the financial statements to current date, please email the treasurer@adaa.net.au.

The Annual Financial statements were distributed with the Notice for the AGM. Since the beginning of this year we have had a significant membership intake (a bit like subscription). 20 odd new and renewed members. Some of the "older" members might remember Danny Deayton, he's out of the woodwork. Welcome to all of the new members.

In regards to the grant funds that Chris obtained from the DVA during 2014:

The Bus Trip Grant: Of the \$28,000 we received, we returned \$20,748 unused after 2 coaches were funded for a trip to the Australian War Memorial and a coach was funded to ferry members and their families from Penrith to the City (Sydney) for the ANZAC Day march and return to Penrith. A very successful outcome.

The "Building Excellence" (BEST) grant of \$29,906 which matured in July, we returned \$21,884 also unused. Computer equipment, administration materials and expenses were supplied to the ADAA out of this expenditure.

The First aid grant of \$5,470 (before GST) is deducted, has been entirely applied to first aid equipment and training for 13 members. That is due to be acquitted back to the DVA in November this year.

Well done Chris.

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Denis McCann
Secretary/Treasurer, ADAA
24 August 2015

Catch Up Corner

WHats happened since the last edition

Saturday 27 June 2015

RED ON – STANDBY Dinner Ulladulla RSL

Ulladulla, NSW. This was our first dinner in this area. Another great evening catching up with the old and bold. Ned Miller and Claire, Kel Hales and Faye, John and Juanita Whittaker, Bruce and Avis Patterson joined us as well as Fozzie, Mitch, Bub and the man who put it all together, Paul Brealey.

Reports from everyone were positive but it was noted in an email from Mr Brealey that some of the guests who were staying at the same motel were a bit disruptive. Yeah right.

Next morning, a great breakfast at the Waterfront Café, then a leisurely drive home.



Wednesday 15 July 2015

RED ON – STANDBY Dinner Windsor Hotel, South Perth Posted by Shane Mitchell

Fair to say, the first official Red On – Standby dinner at the Windsor Hotel was a great success. Cold Beer, great food and great conversation, bringing back old memories. Great to see some old faces again. If anyone has contact details of people here in WA, please pass them on so we can continue to grow.



Photo from left to right Craig Nicholls, Shane Mitchell, Brett Biddle, Sherrie McLeod, Eddy Duffy, Cliff Williams and Tony Andrew

Saturday 25 July 2015

RED ON – STANDBY Dinner O'Donahues Pub Emu Plains

Emu Plains, NSW, our old stomping ground. This was our second dinner at Emu Plains this year. The number of people who attended was down on other occasions but all who attended had a good time.

WARNING PRIVACY

If you catch up with any old Squadron (Regular or Ares) or AMTDU Members tell us about it. Give us a story and a photo or two

If you want to add to Catch Up Corner, email me on nick@janue.com.au or text me on 0407 942 904

Travels of Sue and Lou Heidenreich

We left Adelaide on June 5th and spent a few days in Hong Kong before flying to Beijing. We had 2 days there to explore, visit the Great Wall etc, then met our group and guide and started our tour

Only eleven in the group, mostly Aussies and a few Brits, and our guide was a delightful Russian girl, Marsha.



We got on the train in Beijing and travelled through China, Inner Mongolia and the Gobi desert. Changed bogies at the border then on to Mongolia. Got off in Ulan Bataar, had several days exploring and stayed in a wonderful Ger camp in the mountains. Back on the train and after a long and interesting border crossing we were in Russia. We had numerous stopovers on the way, our longest spell was 2days and 3 nights on the train with a variety of hotels, guest houses and home visits on the way.

Arrived Moscow 23rd June, had a few days to explore then travelled to several other beautiful towns before ending with 3 days in stunning St Petersburg. What a trip!



Building Iron Man in Steel

Contribution from Barry Armstead

Cosplay was not something I really knew about until I decided to build my own Iron Man suit. Research online educated me quickly. I cringed when I saw grown adults dressed up in all sorts of fantasy get-up, much that I thought was borderline mental health issues.

Still, I started to see it in a different light. Most of them are adults. Most of them have unbelievable craftsmanship skills attention to detail and the resourcefulness to pull it off.



I started to see that for a change, here were groups of human beings having wholesome, good, clean fun with no drugs, alcohol, violence or other vices of humanity we see so much of these days. It is pure escapism and the kids love it.

My motivation is to take an iconic superhero of pure awesomeness into children's hospital wards and give them a smile for the day. Many terminally ill kids never get out of the ward and will likely spend the rest of their days there until they die. The only way for them to have fun is to bring it to them.

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With the help of many enthusiastic costume builders online, I managed to find digital files written by brilliant modelers that I could modify into templates to be drawn onto materials of choice.

Pepakura, (Japanese for paper-craft) is a technique where 3D boffins will map a life model, then flatten it out and "unfold it" into small two-dimensional templates.

These templates can be printed off on your standard A4 printer with cardstock then transferred to any material you like. Some use the card/hardening/fiberglass method, others use those cheap Bunnings foam mats and hot-glue.

I started with the paper method first. It was a matter of measuring up my main body parts and scaling the armour to size. Next was to print, cut out the parts then fold and glue the shapes. It can be quite challenging making sense of it all and dealing with inaccuracies and warping. Bracing the shapes with tubes and struts helped.



The outside was then pasted with car-bog, filed and sanded to a smooth surface then detailed, undercoated and painted.

Lights, animatronics and anything your technical expertise and budget allows can be added to enhance the armour.

Armour building on a budget is a learning experience with many skills to be picked up along the way. There's no shortage of YouTube videos and tutorials to help you along the way either. I got so far with my fiberglass version but quickly learned from many mistakes. I decided to cease work on it in favour of the ultimate in armoured cosplay – a



In order to do this I had to start again from scratch. To save wastage I began with a full cardboard build, giving me the ability to construct the whole suit and try pieces on, then very quickly and easily cut away excess or add sections to fit perfectly while maintaining proportions.

The rest was repetition. Trace the cardboard template onto the steel, cut out with tin-snips, then hammer and fold on the anvil until in shape and weld up the seams. Lots of army ingrained - adapt, improvise and overcome along the way.

Most of the suit is now fabricated, with the steel version taking just over a year to build, but there is still plenty to go. There's still more clean-up on the edges and welding and much bog-work to do with special bog that will withstand the temperatures of a powder coating oven. After powder coating there is much padding to go in as well as all the lighting, servo motors, power and Arduino computer control to run everything. Likely another couple of years.



Many folks out there are building HALO suits of military armour but there are plenty of others from Star-Wars, Predator, Robocop, Judge Dredd, you name it. Both the 501st Legion, (Star-Wars) and 405th Infantry Division, (Halo) groups do amazing charity work in large gatherings for children and other events.

In the entire Marvel universe of fantasy, the most unbelievable line in the whole string of movies, is, "Tony Stark was able to build this in a cave! With a box of scraps!", yeah right!!!

Visit of the Hon Charlie Lynn MLC

Contribution from Garry McGravie

Mr (formerly Major) Charlie Lynn spoke at the Soldiers Sailors and Airman's (SS&A) Club at Albury on 5 March 2015 following his appearance as a guest speaker at Billabong High School, Culcairn, NSW earlier that day.

For those who don't know Charlie, he is a former CO of AMTDU and during his Army career also served at Puckapunyal, 10 Terminal Regiment, 176 AD Sqn and AMTDU. He completed tours of duty in Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and the US. Charlie discharged from the Army in 1986 after serving for 21 years and became a special events organiser, being responsible for organising the Sydney to Melbourne ultra marathon (made famous by Cliff Young and his gumboots), the Anzac Day Marathon, the international George Street Mile footrace and the 18,000 km Round Australia relay for the Cancer Foundation to name a few. He entered the NSW State Parliament in 1995 as the member for Camden.

Charlie was presented to a mixed audience at the SS&A Club by local MP, Mr Greg Aplin. He introduced himself by speaking about some of his experiences in the Australian Army and in particular, while serving in appointments connected to his Air Dispatch background. He then described his involvement with tourism on the Kokoda Trail.

Charlie established his business 'Adventure Kokoda' in 1991 and has now walked the Kokoda Trail an amazing 75 times, leading parties of trekkers. He captivated the audience by describing some of his adventures on the Trail and shared his views on the importance of the Trail to our nation. He also described the emotional impact that walking in the footsteps of Australian soldiers who had fought one of the most desperate struggles in our nation's military history could have, and how the sight of 4000 Australian war graves at Bomani Cemetery brought home to many the price paid by young Australians for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Charlie is committed to the legacy of Kokoda and commemorating the deeds of our veterans and our PNG brothers during WW2. He specifically mentioned that he took immense pride in making a difference to the young people that he has taken over the track

The Air Dispatchers in the audience, (Max Grimshaw, Chook Fowler and Garry McGravie) did manage to get a few valuable minutes to chat with him as it seemed everyone wanted to have a yarn, and he was introduced to Garry as the author of the History of Australian Air Dispatch. Garry showed him a couple of important pages within the book that he was very happy with.

Charlie is about to retire from politics, but will not cease his advocacy for preservation of sites along the Kokoda Trail that are of military significance to PNG and this country. He still looks as fit as he did while in uniform and no doubt has a few more Trail crossings left in him yet.



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Without Charlie Lynn's dedication to the people of the Kokoda Trail, and Papua New Guinea in general, and his assistance in early negotiations in the establishment of the Authority, the establishment of the Kokoda Track Authority and its future plans for assisting the sustainability of the Kokoda Track Tourism Strategy and its heritage, there would be no special purposes authority – it would still be sitting in limbo”

Sir Peter Barter, PNG Minister for Intergovernment Relations.

***Charlie's greatest challenge has been convincing
representatives of the “PNG and Australian national governments”
of the need to protect the wartime integrity
of the Kokoda Trail and to have it proclaimed
as a National Memorial Park.***

Lance Corporal Phil ‘STOMPA’ Holbrow, 36 Air Supply 1962 to 1968.

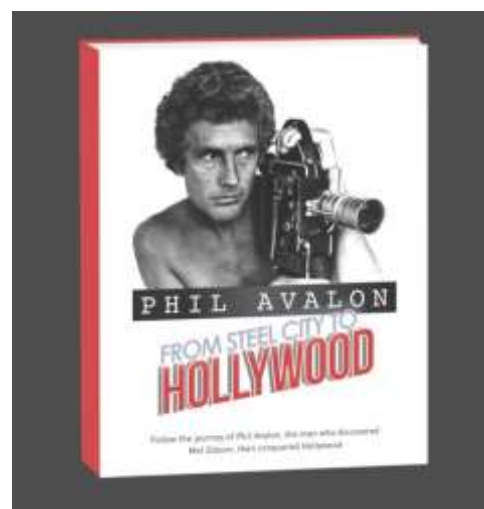
Phil left the Army changed his name to work as an actor in the film industry.

Phil finished up starring in several movies both here and overseas.

He changed direction on the movie SUMMER CITY which he also wrote & produced. He continued writing & producing 38 films & TV programs.

Along the way. Phil discovered new talent like Mel Gibson, Julian McMahon, Ryan Kwanten & set them on the road to global success. Phil is considered a leader in his field and was honoured with a lifetime achievement award last year.

Phil’s BIO hits the bookshops next month, it’s full of laughs and adventures which includes his ARMY years.



My Ramblings – Brian Irving

With the vastness and diversity of Australia in the fore front of our minds, Dianne and I decided to pack up the caravan and have a look. We left beautiful, warm Port Macquarie on the 7th April and headed south. Some 12000 kms later we are sitting under a Boab Tree in the West Kimberley. A lot has happened and we have met a lot of interesting grey nomads along the way.

Our first port of call was Cessnock to relive the reunion we had there and to see if the wines were still up to standard. They were so we stocked up the cellar. Our departure from Cessnock was timely as the Dungog/Stroud flood occurred within days. During our stay at Cessnock we arranged a lunch with Jennie Armstrong. She is fit and well and doing a bit of travelling. Jennie passes on her best wishes to all Air Dispatchers.

Photo Right Brian and Jennie Armstrong



A stop at Albury to catch up with my son Jason and his wife Nic was next major destination. Spent most of the time with the grandkids – too old so only stayed a week.

We then drove on to Melbourne to have a job done on the van and to catch up with Jan and Peter Milke. They are both well but like us are creaking in various joints.

Another wine resupply occurred at Renmark as a friend there has 340 ha vineyard and wanted to get rid of some stock. Then on to Adelaide where we spent some time with Dianne's daughter Amber and her 2 children at West Beach. Still the winter chill was biting.



We caught up with Bill Denning, Lou and Sue Heidenreich and their dogs. One of the dogs is Lou's "companion" dog which he takes into National Parks and other dog restricted areas. Great move Lou!!

A short trip down the coast to Yankalilla saw us at David and Ivy Goad's home for a great lunch and catch up. David and Ivy do a lot of motor bike riding and also rides once a year for Black Dog. Any donations to the cause would be appreciated!

Photo Left Dave and Ivy Goad with Mr Irving (The Grey Nomad)

We left Adelaide's freezing conditions and headed north to Clare (more wine) and then onto Wilpena Pound. From there we ventured up to Parachilna for the Feral Mixed Grill, Camel, Roo, Goat and Emu, but Dianne stayed with the traditional food.

After a quick stop at Port Augusta to resupply (food this time) we headed to Woomera, Roxby Downs and a side trip to Andamooka. They are sad towns but Roxby Downs seems to be holding its own with the (Uranium) mining helping it along.

Coober Pedy is also struggling but an interesting place with the underground houses and pub. We were limited to the town area as it had been raining so a lot of roads were closed.

After a long drive (we free camped a couple of times on the side of the road) we eventually made it to the Lasseter Highway turn off to Yulara – Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjura (Olgas). Obviously a big tourist area and beautiful scenery with great sunsets over the rocks. We walked around Uluru but declined the offer to climbing it. The indigenous people ask that you don't climb it and in my opinion in 15 -20 years you won't be allowed. It was soon after we left that an Asian tourist slipped and fell and suffered some very serious injuries.

After a stop at Kings Canyon and a walk around the rim we were Alice Springs bound. Alice Springs is a "bustling" town after what we'd seen. Alcohol restrictions and Police at every retail outlet seems to have curbed the open drunkenness. We experienced a hail storm early in our stay and then after a trip out to the West MacDonnell Ranges where we went and walked the Stanley Chasm, Serpentine, Ormiston and Redbank Gorge's, also Hermannsburg (birth place of Albert Namatjira), we arrived back in Alice to see water flowing in the Todd River! There had been a violent thunderstorm that dumped water in the catchment and hence a flow in the sandy river bed .Not a common site.

A night at Devil's Marbles interrupted our journey to Tennant Creek and then on to Daly Waters. The Pub there has the best Beef & Barra meals and some good entertainment out the back. Not much else is there so after a few beers and a good night's sleep we headed to Mataranka and the hot springs!



The Devils Marbles

There is a homestead where troops were camped during WW11 and used it as a wash point. The better springs are Bitter Springs so named because of the alkaline taste of the water. Many hours were spent in the water as the weather was beginning to warm up.

An overnight stay at Katherine (great Barra) and where AMTDU conducted some Zodiac drop trials, it's also home of Tyndale Airbase. Then on to Mount Bundy Station. We were starting to see crocs in the Adelaide River. It's a working station that's for sale (\$3.5 mill) for those interested! Beef prices are good and there is a new abattoirs sending ground meat to the States which is the reason for the increase in cattle prices

A quick trip to Darwin for R & R saw us stay there for 10 days. Interesting to see all the WW11 airstrips along the road, the supply depot sites and hospital locations and north of Adelaide River.

Photo right Fannie Bay, Darwin at sunset

Darwin is a town on the move as it supports the gas and mining ventures, house prices are high and roads in town make it easy to get around. Our plan from there was a visit to the War Museum and the Darwin Experience Presentation which was well worthwhile. It depicted the Japanese air raids on Darwin in 1942. Other sites around town filled in the full story of the war coming to Australia. Another 'must visit' was the Heritage Aircraft Museum near the airfield. A full size B52 bomber takes up much of the space but there many other interesting aircraft there as well.





Heading south and then west we soon got to Victoria River for a cruise on the river which borders the Bradshaw Field Training area. A lot of US Marine convoys on the roads as they were taking part in joint exercise out of Darwin/Katherine area. Lots more crocs and spectacular sunsets.

Which bring us to our present location under a 3000+ year old Boab Tree!

I hope everyone is well and I look forward to more ramblings soon.

What's on?

The Blurt

Where are you

What's on, where people are going and where people have been. So this lets try this.

Brian and Dianne Irving Travels

Brian and Dianne are travelling around Australia. They are currently in South Australia and heading north their rough itinerary is below. If you want to catch up with Brian and Di, They can be contacted on mobile 0420353838

Broad Itinerary for Brian and Dianne Irving till the end of the year.

Presently in Broome, Down the West Coast till November. Perth first half of November. Back in Adelaide December, South East of SA after Christmas. Through Victoria to Port Macquarie by Feb/March.

Alan and Jacinta Dalton Europe Travels

Allan and Jacinta Dalton are heading to Europe starting their holiday with a week in Hong Kong on the 1st September. From there it is off to Paris for a week of cheese and croissants and maybe a little wine. After that their travels take them north to Amiens and Ypres in Belgium to take in the beautiful sites of Villers Bretonneux, Flanders Fields and Menin Gate. Their travelling then winds them down to Zurich followed by a scenic train trip through the Alps into Innsbruck, Austria. From there it is into Italy with 3 days in Florence before heading to Rome for 8 nights. A little R & R after that up in Lake Como for a few nights and then off to Avignon for 12 nights to explore the South of France. If anyone happens to be travelling along that way, and you want to catch up, they are able to be contacted via messenger and the app WhatsApp. If you have their email address you can get hold of them with that as well. Safe travels and look forward to hearing about the adventures.

Garry McGraive has organised a presentation ceremony at the Army Museum, Gaza Ridge Barracks, Bandiana. The ADAA is presenting a painting commemorating the first airdrops conducted in August 1942 in New Guinea by artist Alan Waite. Brig Geoff Christopherson (Retd) is to present the painting on behalf of the ADAA to Maj John Nelson.

Lunch the Swan Hotel, Cnr Swan Street and Church Street, Richmond, time 1200hrs for 1230 hrs. Contact Lyndon Fracaro on 0400 513 023 to arrange a booking.

Monday 31 August, Tuesday 3 November, Tuesday 1 December

If you want to contribute to the Reunion and other events you can visit the website to make a donation or plan a fund raising event in your area and the committee will support you at that event.

The International Reunion Check the following pages

75th Anniversary of airdrops on the Kokoda Trail (1942), Geoff Cutts has planned a trek over the trail possibly with RAAF support. He is asking for expressions of interest from people who would be interested in walking the trail and taking part in this historic event. Fitness level must be high. More to follow.

In regards to Privacy concerns, if you don't want to let people know your contact details, think seriously about what you post. Your contact details will only be added to the "Blurt" if you say so.

Send payments to the Treasurer ADAA, PO Box 315, BEROWRA HEIGHTS NSW 2082

On the sick list, John Ryan was admitted to hospital is Shell Harbour, NSW. Carol is trying to get him transferred up to Governor Phillip Hospital in Penrith. More to follow as soon as more information becomes available.

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THE AIRBORNE REUNION

2016

The 2016 International Reunion for Air Dispatchers and Parachute Riggers, their partners and guests, is being held in Sydney from 23 to 30 April 2016. This reunion coincides with a centenary of military airdrop. The venue is Oaks Goldsbrough at Darling Harbour; the old Goldsbrough Mort Wool Store.



ITINERARY

A detailed copy of the itinerary is available online at www.adaa.net.au. If you would like a copy sent to you in the mail, please send us an email with your details to reunion2016@adaa.net.au, or call Nick on 0407 942904 or +61 407 942904 from overseas.

Date	Activities
23 Apr	Accommodation check in, Reunion registration & Welcome Dinner
24 Apr	Harbour Cruise
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY activities
26 Apr	Rest day
27 Apr	Bus trip – Symbio Wildlife Park, Lunch at Panorama House, Bulli and visit Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS Flight) Albion Park Airport
28 Apr	Bus trip – visit RAAF Richmond, 176 Air Dispatch Sqn / AMTDU, BBQ lunch Richmond, and airdrop at Londonderry Drop Zone
29 Apr	Discover Sydney tour around the historical points of Sydney Farewell Dinner
30 Apr	March out of accommodation

REUNION RESERVATIONS

The reunion will cost \$400.00 (AUD) per person (some reunions have been at a higher cost and we are endeavouring to keep costs down by conducting numerous fund-raising activities). Bookings and payments must be finalized by COB on Friday 29 January 2016.

Reunion bookings made after 29 January 2016 shall be \$500.00 (AUD) per person.

In order to secure your reservation, complete and submit the 'Reservation Form' no later than 29 January 2016. This can be completed by any of the following means:

Electronically

- On-line (ADAA Website), then click the 'Submit' button
- Scan and email to reunion2016@adaa.net.au

Manually

- Request a copy from the above phone number, then post to ADAA Reunion 2016, PO Box 438, Helensburgh NSW 2450 Australia

You will be able to pay online by credit card or Paypal, or direct payment using BSB and account number. These facilities should be available by 7 Sep 15. The other option is to send a cheque or money order to the address above.

REFUNDS

Refunds for monies paid towards the reunion will be paid up to COB 29 January 2016. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to PO Box 483 Helensburgh, NSW, 2508 or by email to reunion2016@adaa.net.au. Requests for refunds after 29 January 2016 will be decided on a case by case basis. No refunds will be considered after 31 March 2016.

ACCOMMODATION

There are three standards of rooms. All rooms are fully self-contained with a kitchen, bathroom and laundry.

The Studio apartment is a bed sitter, featuring a king sized bed or two singles, with all amenities. The cost of this rooms is \$172.00 per night. Maximum of 2 people

The One Bedroom apartment has a separate bedroom, queen-sized bed. This room is \$186.00 per night. Maximum of 2 people

The Two Bedroom suites have two bedrooms, one bedroom has a queen-sized bed the other with two single bed that can be converted to a queen-sized bed. Both bedrooms have their own separate bathrooms. It also has a kitchen, laundry and a good-sized lounge-dining room. Some of these suites have water views. The cost of these rooms are \$329.00. Maximum of 4 people. This style of room would be ideal for two couples to share and would be more economical than the Studio apartment.

Please contact The Oaks to secure your accommodation. You can book by calling them or completing their on-line booking form. If booking on line quote "ADAA 2016" in the Corporate/Group/Promo Code to ensure that you get the approved group booking cost.

DINNERS

There are two sit-down dinners planned during the reunion; a Welcome Dinner 23 Apr and Farewell Dinner 29 Apr. You will be contacted after your reunion booking request has been received to confirm your choice of meals for the Welcome Dinner. Your choice of meals for the Farewell Dinner will be made during the reunion.

Other meals which have been pre-arranged are:

Meals on harbour cruise 24 Apr

Breakfast ANZAC Day 25 Apr

Lunch ANZAC Day 25 Apr

Lunch 27 Apr

BBQ Lunch 28 Apr

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THE AIRBORNE REUNION

2016

UNABLE TO ATTEND?

If you are unable to attend the reunion and would like to support this event with a donation, please complete the form on the website.

MERCHANDISE

A number of items of merchandise will be available prior to and during the reunion. These include:

- Polo Shirts
- Business Shirts
- Caps/Visors
- Spray Jackets
- Ties
- Stubbie Coolers
- Reunion Coins and Red Poppy Coins
- Belt Buckles

ATTENDANCE ON SPECIFIC DAYS

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