

R.A.A.F Association – Victorian Division
Sunderland Branch



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SUMMER 2022

Sunderlanders and friends.

Greetings to all Sunderlanders and friends. We are gradually emerging from Covid restrictions and approaching some degree of normality. I am sure we will all have to assimilate to a new norm as time progresses.

The last few months have seen 10 Squadron involved in several events. On 19th November the Air Force Association, South Australian Division, Elizabeth/Salisbury Branch and the Salisbury RSL Sub Branch hosted an Air Force Centenary Commemorative Service. By courtesy of the AFA SA Division I have included a report of the Commemorations.

On Thursday 20th January, the Squadron hosted the Annual Dudley Marrows memorial trophy Awards night at the Naval and Military Club in Adelaide. Unfortunately due to our old mate Covid, we were again not able to attend this year. Thanks to Peter Dowling and Marilyn Marrows-Voullaire I have provided a report below.

Anzac Day this year has a particular significance for 461 Squadron as it's the 80th Anniversary of the formation of the Squadron in 1942. I have not as yet received any details of the Melbourne Anzac Day Commemorations. Particularly for the Melbourne based Sunderlanders, I will have a further Newsletter once details are known.

The NSW Branch Sunderlanders will have commemorations at the Rathmines Memorial and some Sunderlanders will participate in the Commemorations in Sydney.

The NSW and Victorian Branches and some members recently purchased new Banners for Anzac Day and these will be used in Sydney, Rathmines, Mildura and possibly Melbourne. The banners are reproductions of the previous NSW banner with both 10 and 461 Squadrons represented.



Let's hope that there will be no disruptions to Commemorations due to Covid related issues.

Air Force Centenary Commemorative Service – South Australia

From the Air Force Association – South Australia Division.

Yesterday morning (19 November 2021), the Air Force Association Elizabeth/Salisbury Branch and the Salisbury RSL Sub Branch hosted a wonderful Air Force Centenary Salisbury Commemorative Service in partnership with RAAF Edinburgh and the City of Salisbury to honour those who served at Parafield and Salisbury's contributions to the Air Force during World War 2.

At the end of the service, a new P-3 Orion Propeller Monument was dedicated in the gardens of the Salisbury War Memorial in honour of all those aviators who have served in the air and on the ground in support of the P-3 Orion.



For over 50 years, the P-3 Orion has operated out of RAAF Base Edinburgh in the City of Salisbury conducting operations around the globe including for more than 10 years in the Middle East. It is appropriate for the Propeller Monument to be dedicated in the City of Salisbury in the 2021, the Air Force Centenary.



Mr Graham Reynolds, Vice President Salisbury RSL Sub-Branch and RAAF Engineer and lead for the Propeller Monument development joined with WgCDR Maz Jovanovich, CO 10 SQN (the squadron now operating the last two remaining P-3 Orion aircraft) spoke before unveiling a plaque dedicating the monument to the aviators who have supporter P-3 aircraft for over 50 years - more than half of the Air Force's 100 years.

It was wonderful to see so many local RAAF veterans who have worked with the P-3 Orion over those fifty years in attendance at the ceremony.

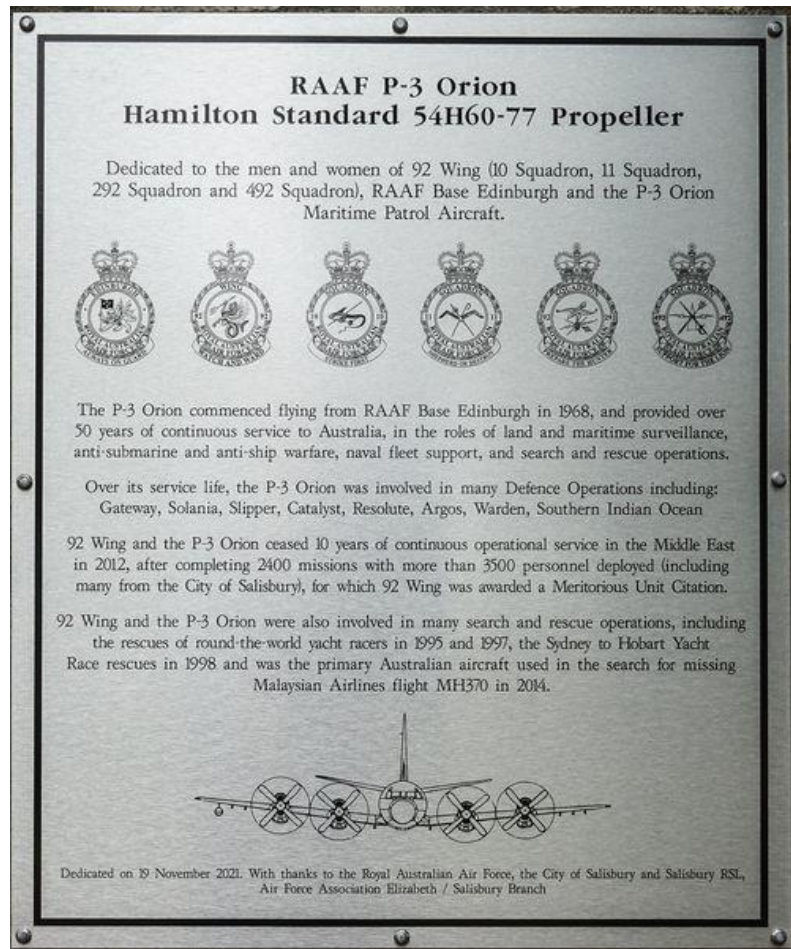
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Well done to Salisbury RSL, Air Force Association (Elizabeth/Salisbury), the City of Salisbury, RAAF Edinburgh and in particular, Graham Reynolds, in ensuring the P-3 Orion and the many aviators that have supported it in the air and on the ground over more than fifty years are acknowledged for generations to come in the Orion's home town.



Photos courtesy of Mr Gary Petts.

PAST EVENTS

Remembrance Day 2021 Commemoration

On 13th November, a number of NSW Sunderlanders met at Rathmines to remember our Sunderland men. The weather was a challenge blowing a gale, and the floral tributes didn't stay stationary but the attendees Vivian Mold, Prue Anthony, Tim Jensen, Bill Chalmers, and Anne Chalmers found a suitable place for reflection under the propeller on the memorial

Well done Sunderlanders.

2021 Dudley Marrows Memorial Trophy Award Night

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The 2021 Award Night was successfully held at the Naval and Military Club in Adelaide on 20 January 2022.

The Trophy is awarded annually to the 10 Squadron member whose attributes reflect those of FLTLT Dudley Marrow DSO DFC Chev.LH; namely Courage, Integrity, Compassion and Leadership.

The night was attended by some 25 people including 10 Sqn Commanding Officer WNGCOMD Marija Jovanovich, Sunderlanders Peter and Sue Dowling, Marilyn Marrows-Voullaire and Kel, together with some of the nominees and Squadron members.



The final three very worthy nominees for the Trophy were FSGT Shaun Ton, CPL Bradley Hudson and LACW Kayla Enchong.

The recipient of the Trophy for 2021 was LACW Kayla Enchong who joins a long list of other worthy recipients of previous 10 Squadron Awards.

LACW Enchong is a Personnel Capability Specialist (PCS) who was posted to Number 10 Squadron in January 2020. From the very beginning of her posting, LACW Enchong has demonstrated exceptional technical mastery, leadership and communication that far exceed her current rank.



LACW Enchong with WNGCOMD Jovanovich and the Trophy

Congratulation to LACW Enchong for her professionalism that is in keeping with the finest traditions of Number 10 Squadron and the Royal Australian Air Force.



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COMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY 2022 – 25 April 2022

Dawn Service at Point Cook

AFA President Max McGregor has passed on information regarding a small Dawn Service to be held at Point Cook. Air Force Association members and partners are invited but need to register attendance.

The Dear Colleague,

Please find below details of an Anzac Day Dawn Service at Point Cook for this year.

If you wish to attend, please provide the office with the names of people attending, on 9813 4600 or office@afavic.org.au, by close of business on the **13th April**, to ensure registration for entry to Point Cook.

"21SQN is planning to hold a small Anzac Day Dawn Service at PCK this year, prior to heading into the city for the main march. While the Service won't be open to the general public; ADF members and their families only, SADFO is supportive of Air Force Association members and partners attending. While there isn't a cap on numbers, we have very limited personnel to support this event so I can't rule a cap out at this stage."

Regards,

Max

Max McGregor
President, AFA-Vic

Anzac March - Melbourne

I can only assume that the service will go ahead but at this stage I don't have any details of Form Up Place FUP or timings. I will send out as soon as I have this information.

Anzac Day Commemoration – New South Wales Branch.

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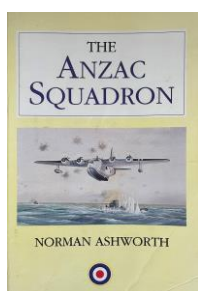
The NSW Branch will have a number Sunderland descendants and friends commemorate Anzac Day in both Sydney as part of that service and also at the Sunderslanders Memorial at Rathmines.

Anyone seeking information regarding these services should contact Anne Pike-Flaherty (Ph. 0408 478 779; flahertys51@bigpond.com) or Prue Anthony (Ph. 0418 931 410; 10.461sunderlander@gmail.com)

SHOPPING SECTION

“MARITIME is NUMBER 10” Book – Currently out of stock

“ANZAC SQUADRON”



This book which contains a wealth of information about Squadron members relates the story of 461 Squadron the “ANZAC SQUADRON” by Norman Ashworth. Copies are available from the Secretary at a cost of \$55.00 per copy, postage and handling.

Sunderland Lapel Badges – “Sunderland” lapel badges are available from the Secretary at \$8.00 ea. packaging and postage paid.

10 and 461 Squadron Plaques

We now have both 10 and 461 Squadron Plaques in stock. The cost is \$70.00 including GST, postage and packaging.

ELECTRONIC REFERENCES AND CONTACTS

Short Sunderland/Hythe, Sandringham & Seaforth/Solent. Face Book Group

Facebook group that might be of interest to some Sunderslanders – Short Sunderland/Hythe, Sandringham & Seaforth/Solent. It’s a Private Group, but often has Sunderland, RAAF 10 and 461 Sqn content. Worth following.

VALE

Vivienne Creighton, widow of John Creighton 461 Sqn;

LEST WE FORGET

