

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



RB-G 10 Squadron RAAF
A.C.N. 004250 248
Incorporating 10 Squadron RAAF, the first RAAF Squadron in action in W.W.II;
461 Squadron RAAF, The Anzac Squadron; and 13 RAF Squadrons

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Sunderlanders and friends.

Daylight savings is over and the days are getting longer with Anzac Day approaching.

I apologise for this brief Newsletter but my thumb operation has restricted my already poor typing skills more than I anticipated.

Before I continue I need to apologise to Pam Urquhart as I incorrectly identified her in the photo of the Sunderlanders at the Dudley Marrows Award Dinner in Adelaide in December.

The correctly titled photo is below.



461 Squadron Sunderlanders

Front L to R Pam Urquhart (daughter of Ron Mackellar), Anne Pike-Flaherty (daughter of Merv Pike), Joy Mackellar, John Mackellar (son of Ron Mackellar), Min Hattam, Ricky Hattam (son of Ricky Hattam), Prue Anthony (daughter of Peter Jensen), Rear L to R Peter Dowling (son of Ken Dowling 10 Sqn, nephew of Bill Dowling 461 Sqn), Sue Dowling, Tim Jensen (Son of Peter Jensen).

The other correction to the text in my last Newsletter is that in the article about Joseph (Colwyn) Kelly, I commented that Evans Head was in Sydney. It's not in Sydney it's on the coast in Northern New South Wales. A "Mexican's" poor understanding of NSW geography.

This Newsletter provides details of the Anzac Day Commemoration March in Melbourne. See Coming Events.

There is also an update about the young lady, Olivia, the winner of the South Australian Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize with her story of her Great Great Uncle 407986 Warrant Officer Joseph Colwyn Kelly, 10 Squadron RAAF.

Olivia has just finished her first term of year 11 and has recently just turned 16. She is now able to drive everywhere. On the 16th of April she left with a group for Darwin where she will spend 10 days in the Top End exploring lots of different areas. She is spending a few nights in Darwin where she will explore the area and learn the history behind the city, then move out into Kakadu to learn about the different cultures and environment, then down to Katherine, Litchfield and Adelaide River to look at all the different tourist hotspots and learn all the history and culture. We know she will enjoy the trip.

Recently she has been working on a little research project where the group members are required to research someone who died in the bombing of Darwin and present a little written story to the group each night, while away in Darwin. On Anzac Day, in Adelaide River, during the Ceremony she will get to connect the story from her research to the grave in the Adelaide River cemetery. Adelaide River War Cemetery is where casualties from the bombing of Darwin were interred.

I have also included a copy of correspondence from AFA regarding fundraising for the National Vietnam Veterans Museum. See below.



Fund raising by National Vietnam Veterans Museum

Dear Colleagues,

The attached request from Mr Bob Elworthy AM (Secretary of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum/President of the Victorian Branch of VVAA), has already been forwarded to members of the Vietnam Veterans Branch of AFA (Vic).

Bob is aiming to broaden the appeal to include not only the Vietnam Veteran community but also a wider audience including Air Force and Navy Associations.

You are invited to consider the appeal. *(Please click on the link below)*

[NVVM Appeal for Funding Support.docx.pdf](#)

Chris Hudnott
Director Communications
AFA-Vic

COMING EVENTS

2023 ANZAC DAY MARCH – MELBOURNE

We have been advised of the details for the Melbourne Anzac Day March. We will form up in Flinders Street East on the North side of the road near St Pauls Cathedral at 1030 ready to step off at 1100. Look for our Banner.

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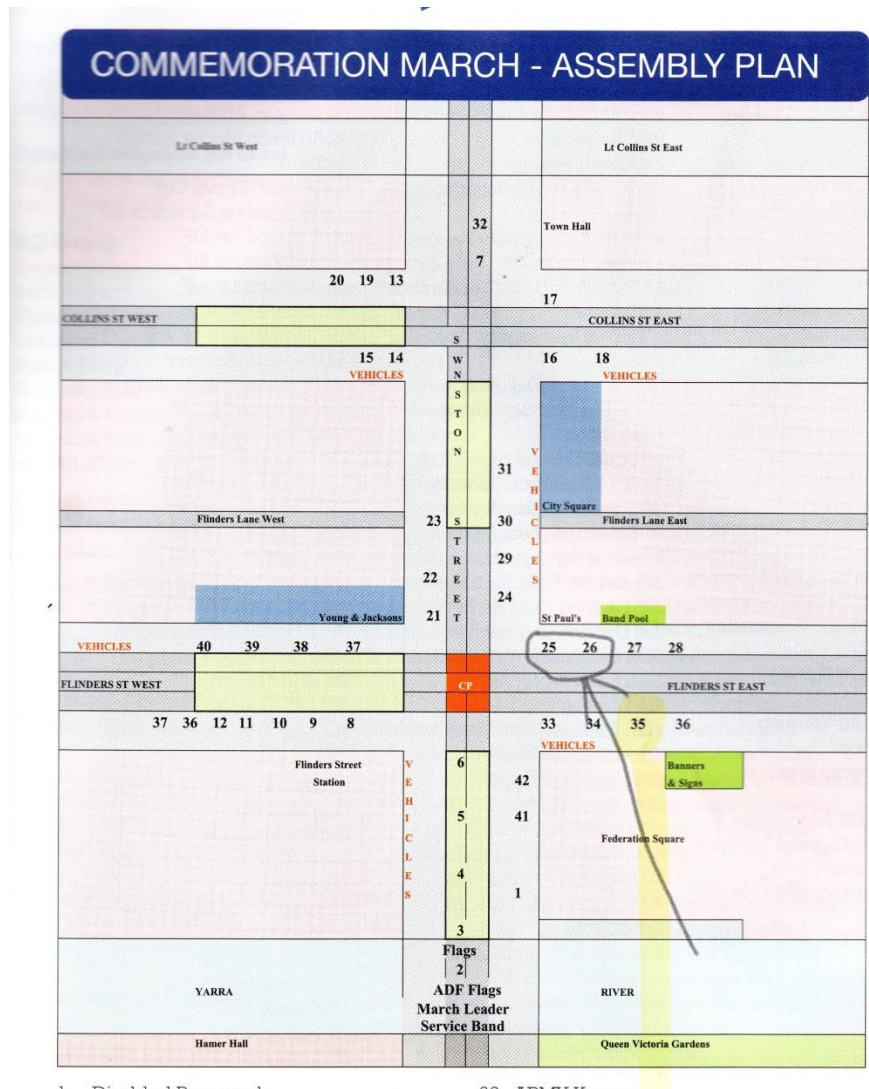
Sunderland Mk I - 230 Sq RAF



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As we have done in the past, some of us will assemble for pre-march coffee and chat at the coffee shop in the Federation Square Atrium. The Federation Square car park is very convenient with easy access to the atrium.

Banner bearers have been booked and as I will have somewhat restricted hand movement following an operation on my thumb, I will need assistance with the Banner assembly.



Approximate Sunderlanders (10 and 461 Squadrons) Assembly Point

Secretary/Treasurer: Rick Hattam. Please address all correspondence to Secretary: Rick Hattam, 5 Waurn Park Court, BELMONT VIC 3216, Phone 0418 994 759; rickyh461@gmail.com

2023 DUDLEY MARROWS MEMORIAL TROPHY DINNER

For your long term diary, the 2023 Dudley Marrows Memorial Trophy Dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday 29 November 2023 in the Air Force Room at the Navy, Military and Air Force Club, Hutt Street, Adelaide. It would be great to once again see a good attendance of Sunderlanders at this special occasion.

ELECTRONIC REFERENCES AND CONTACTS

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

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

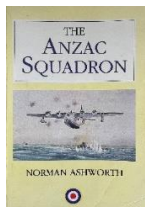
Websites –

www.pooleflyingboats.com

www.ayemaam.com

SHOPPING SECTION

“ANZAC SQUADRON”



This book contains a wealth of information about Squadron members and 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.

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

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.

VALE – John Jennison a long-time supporter of the Branch, whose father flew with 10 Squadron.

LEST WE FORGET

