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Sunderlanders and friends.

Greetings to all Sunderlanders and friends. Anzac Day is drawing near and this edition provides the details for the Melbourne March and services.

Since the last Newsletter there have been a few changes at 10 Sqn. We welcome the new Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Daniel Beurich, and Squadron Warrant Officer, Warrant Officer Paul Shepherd. I have included an extract from the Air Force Association Wings publication re the new aircraft platform that will replace the 10 Squadron P3-C Orions that have been withdrawn from service.

There is also an article from the Historic Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) regarding the Neptune A 89-273 which served with 10 Sqn.

This year on 27 April, is the 10th Anniversary of the Heritage Centre at Pembroke Dock in Wales being relocated to the Old Base Chapel building at Pembroke Dock Base. A number of our Sunderlanders have visited the Centre when in the UK. Well worth a visit for all Sunderlanders.

The 10 Sqn Sunderland P9602 RB-G which features on the letterhead has an interesting history. The aircraft was taken on strength of 10 Sqn in November 1939 and on 2 Sep 40 on return from convoy escort duties, it crashed whilst alighting at Oban in Scotland.

On 2 September 1940 Flt Lt Dick Cohen, who was the Captain of RB-G with his crew of 10 was returning to Oban base from convoy escort duties when they encountered a large expanse of sea fog which provided some challenges to verifying their exact location. Finally, they descended to 100ft and saw the Oban Aerial Lighthouse and the flare path. Due to the location of the 3 power boats providing the flare path and the absence of a moon and an overcast sky Cohen was unable to determine the exact lay of the flarepath. Unbeknown to Cohen, in order to keep the flare path straight the flare boats had continued to steam resulting in reducing the overrun from 3 miles of water to only few hundred yards.

After executing a normal landing, Cohen, towards the end of the run realised that Lismor Island was in his path and he attempted to turn to miss the obstacle. The Sunderland struck the shore with the starboard wing tip and bow and the starboard engine broke loose from the wing. The entire crew received minor injuries.

In 1947, Dick Cohen changed his name to Richard Kingsland, was knighted and rose to the rank of Group Captain in the RAAF.

MC-55A Peregrine progress

ON 23 JULY 2023, a Gulfstream MC-55A Peregrine destined for RAAF service flew into Greenville, Texas, for modification by L3 Harris. Still in primer paint coating, the aircraft is one of four Peregrines that will replace the electronic warfare variant AP-3C Orion at No 10 Squadron, RAAF Edinburgh.

The \$2.5 billion acquisition of four modified Gulfstream G550s provides a new airborne electronic warfare capability that will be integrated into joint warfighting networks, providing a critical link between platforms, including the F-35A Lightning II, E-7A Wedgetail, EA-18G Growler, Navy's surface combatants, amphibious assault ships and ground forces.

Source: Scramble



Historic Aircraft Restoration Society HARS - UPDATE 10 Sqn Neptune Extract from Q4 2023 Newsletter.

Former RAAF maritime surveillance Neptune 273 returned to the skies in December following a two year refurbishment. The former A89-273 is again the world's only flying Lockheed Neptune long range maritime and anti-submarine patrol aircraft, having served with RAAF 10 Squadron at Townsville from 1962-1977. The aircraft has special significance to the Society, as it was one of the first aircraft acquired by HARS.



COMING EVENTS

AFA 2024 ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE CHURCH SERVICE – SUNDAY 21 April St PAULS CATHEDRAL

The 2024 Anzac Commemorative Church Service will be held on Sunday 21st April at St. Pauls Cathedral, commencing at 4 pm. Open invitation and all welcome to the Evensong Service.

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ANZAC DAY 2024 – 25 APRIL, MELBOURNE MARCH

The Chief Marshal of the ANZAC Day Melbourne March has advised that the start time for this year's March is now 0900 hrs for veterans and descendants with an 0830 hrs start for those veterans chauffeured in RACV vehicles.

The Sunderland Squadrons will form up in Flinders Street East on the eastern side of St Pauls Cathedral as per map below as part of Serial 28.01 RAAF Europe and Middle East. See the details below.

We are listed to Form Up at 09:45 am and cross the Start Line at Princes Bridge at 10:50 am.

The Form Up Time is the latest time we ask veterans/descendants to arrive at their allocated position in the CBD according to the map. Please arrive no later than 60 minutes prior to your Start Time. For those allocated to form up points furthest away from the Start Line, you will be required to move as a formed group before your allocated Start Time.

It is critical that groups move through the Start Point time when allocated. This will ensure gaps are minimised in the March and that it finishes within the allotted time frame.



Look for our Squadron banner.

Prior to the Form Up time a number of us will gather at the Café in the Federation Square Atrium for a chat and coffee. I look forward to catching up with our Sunderlanders

Suite of Events for this Year

- Dawn Service: No Change
- Gun Fire Breakfast: Supplied by Food Vans
- Commemorative March: 0900 to 1230 • Theme: Peace Keepers/Builders/Makers • Timor / Solomon Islands / Iraq / Afghanistan / Namibia
- Wreath Laying Service: as per normal • Commemorative Service: new version – shorter – veteran to speak • Static Military Display (St Kilda Road)

Details of the Anzac Day March can be found at the RSL VIC Website below.

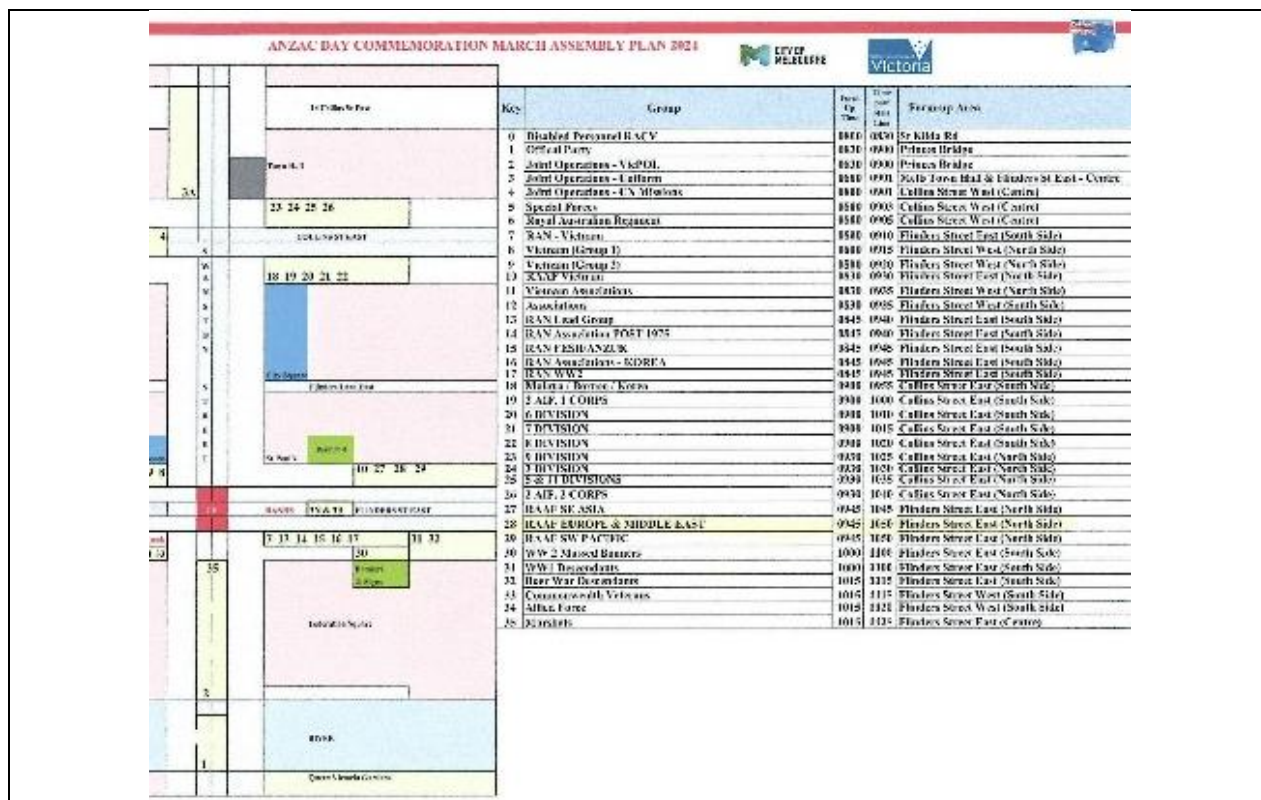
<https://rslvic.com.au/anzac-day-melbourne-march>

2024 ANZAC DAY ORDER OF MARCH

Serial	Group	Form Up Time	Time past Start Line	Unit	Location
26.06		0930	10:00	33 Australian Works Company	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.07		0930	10:00	20 Pioneer Battalion (VMR)	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.08		0930	10:02	Heavy Anti Aircraft, 2/23, 2/31 and 2/33 Battery's Association	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.09		0930	10:02	67 Anti Aircraft Searchlight Battery	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.10		0930	10:02	2/116 Light Anti Aircraft Regiment	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.11		0930	10:02	2 Corps Royal Aust Engineers (Old Sappers) Association	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.12		0930	10:02	20 Fd Coy RAE	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.13		0930	10:02	Royal Australian Signals Association	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.14		0930	10:02	New Guinea Air Warning Wireless Group	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.15		0930	10:04	Australian Special Wireless Group	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.16		0930	10:04	2 Corps Water Transport Units (RAE)	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.17		0930	10:04	3MD RAASC/RACF Association	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.18		0930	10:04	2/118 Australian General Transport Company (Usher's Mob)	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.19		0930	10:04	2/135 Australian General Transport Company	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.20		0930	10:04	2/159 Australian General Transport Company	Collins Street East (North Side)
26.21		0930	10:04	2/11 Advanced Workshop	Collins Street East (North Side)
Services - Airforce					
27.01	RAAF SE ASIA	0945	10:05	Air Command South East Asia	Flinders Street East (North Side)
27.02		0945	10:05	86 Attack Wing (1 & 93 Squadrons, 1 R51, 50 ASP, 84 DTB)	Flinders Street East (North Side)
27.03		0945	10:05	RAAF Singapore (38 & 453 Headquarters Squads) (Sinhawong)	Flinders Street East (North Side)
27.04		0945	10:05	RAAF Malaya	Flinders Street East (North Side)
28.01	RAAF EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST	0945	10:50	RAAF Sunderland 10 & 461 Squadron	Flinders Street East (North Side)
28.02		0945	10:50	467 Squadrons	Flinders Street East (North Side)

I apologise for the quality of this page. To see that full details of the Order of March follow the link below.

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For details of the location of our Form Up Place FUP follow the link below.

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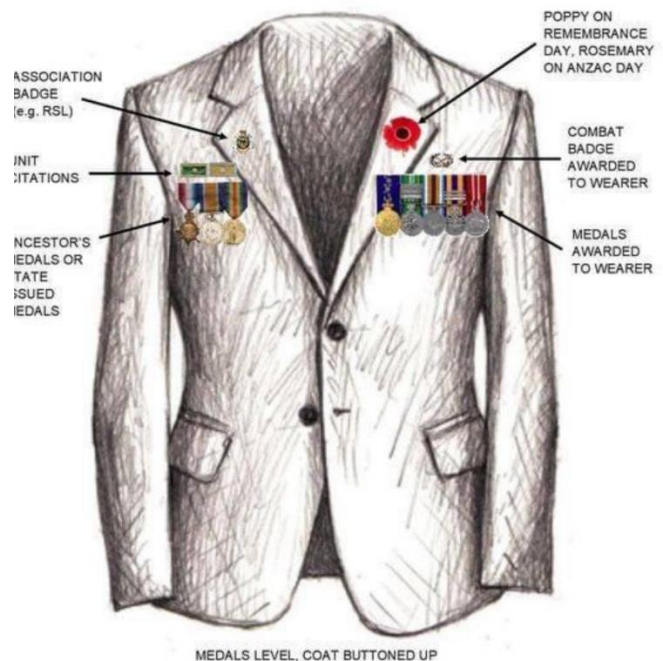
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Anzac Day March Objectives

- To help make veterans of all ages feel acknowledged and valued for their service to our country
- To let the public know that the veterans are still there and that they still need support
- To encourage more of the community to participate in ANZAC Day - be it at the ANZAC Day event, at a local sub-branch or elsewhere - and to learn about ANZAC Day and their own family stories
- To help governments of all levels to understand the important role that the ANZAC Day event plays in supporting veterans - especially from a mental health perspective - and in supporting the work of the RSL
- To raise the profile of and support the ANZAC Day appeal

Something to keep in mind for Anzac Day.

WEARING MEDALS ON COMMEMORATIVE OCCASIONS



ELECTRONIC REFERENCES AND CONTACTS

RAAF Museum – Point Cook, Victoria

The museum is open on Thursdays and Sundays, 1000 to 1500. Bookings to attend are essential. You need to book via the website – <https://airforce.gov.au>

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 is a Private Group, but often has Sunderland, RAAF 10 and 461 Sqn content. Worth following.

Websites –

www.pooleflyingboats.com

www.ayemaam.com

Aviation Heritage Museum - Bull Creek, Western Australia

This is great Museum. In the past it had some Sunderland Squadrons displays. There is also a Facebook page for the Museum.

<https://aviationmuseumwa.org.au>

RAF Coastal Command 1936-1969 Facebook site

This Facebook group is dedicated to RAF Coastal Command. As 10 and 461 Sqn's served in Coastal Command there are often articles about our Sunderland Squadrons. Worth having a look at.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MHTCommunity/>

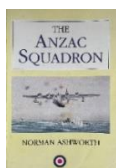
Short Sunderland “Flying Porcupine” - Facebook site.

This Facebook group is dedicated to the Short Sunderland. This site has recently posted a number of 10 Sqn photos from the album, of Bill Sykes, 10 Sqn RAAF. Also worth following.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1416154278706348/>

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 \$10.00 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.