

RAAF Association – Victorian Division
Sunderland Branch



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28 March 2021

AUTUMN 2021

Sunderlanders and friends.

Well 2021 has arrived. We still have Covid 19 and the fallout to contend with. I trust that our Sunderlanders and Friends are well and are managing with all the Covid 19 changing circumstances.

In December, Wing Commander (WGCDR) Marija Jovanovich assumed her new posting as Commanding Officer 10 Squadron. WGCDR Jovanovich has an impressive service record, is a past winner of the NSW Branch Annual 10 Squadron Award (now the Dudley Marrows Memorial Award) and was also the Captain of the Orion that made a low level pass over Mildura during Dudley Marrow's 100th Birthday Celebrations. The Branch offers its congratulations to Marija on this prestigious posting and wishes her good luck and safe flying for the future.



It appears that once again this year Anzac Day Commemorations will be significantly affected by the Covid 19 restrictions. Early media has indicated that the Melbourne commemorations may be similar to last year. There may be a restricted March and a restricted Dawn Service. Given this uncertainty I will not parade our banners this year. I bet the football and various protest marches will still go ahead. Each State seems to be handling the Commemoration in different way and change the rules on a daily basis.

In late January, 10 Squadron held the Annual Dudley Marrows Award Dinner. See report below.

Over the last few years many of our Sunderlanders have celebrated their 100th Birthday, which we all know is a very significant milestone. One of our NSW Branch Sunderland will celebrate his 100th next month.

The RAAF will also commemorate its 100th Birthday on 31st March. See below for some details of the Commemoration provided by our State AFA President,

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

Another Centenarian Sunderlander



403592 FLTLT Peter Jensen will celebrate his 100th birthday on 12 April 2021. Peter is the long serving President of the NSW Sunderland Branch of Air Force Association. He is pretty healthy, and lives in a hostel in Turramurra, NSW.

Peter served as an Air Gunner with 461 Squadron and was a member of Dudley Marrow's crew involved in the various adventures and feats of that crew.

Here Peter is seen holding the certificate and medal from Australia Remembers, marking the 75th anniversary of end of WW2. Birthday Greetings Peter.

PAST EVENTS

10 SQUADRON 2020 DUDLEY MARROWS MEMORIAL DINNER

This Annual Dinner has replaced the NSW Branch Annual Awards Dinners which were held for 50 years concluding in 2019 when the Dudley Marrows Award was initiated. The Squadron has now taken up the torch to continue the Annual Awards.

The Award is made to "The 10 Squadron member whose attributes reflect those of FLTLT Dudley Marrows DSO DFC CHEV.LH".

The 2020 Dudley Marrows Memorial Award winner is Sgt Ye Lin. Sgt Lin proudly wears his AE (Aircraft Electronics) brevet. Congratulations to Sgt Lin on his well-deserved award.



SGT Ye Lim with WGCDR Jovanovich and Marilyn Marrows-Voullaire and the Award Trophy

The 2020 Award Dinner attended by some 20 Squadron members and Sunderlanders was held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Adelaide. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this year.

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COMING EVENTS

CENTENARY OF RAAF, 31 MARCH 2021

A message from Max McGregor, Victorian Air Force Association President regarding Centenary commemorations.

Air Force Centenary - ABC News Feature and Live Broadcast

Dear Colleagues,

Here are the broadcasting details for the upcoming coverage by ABC for our Air Force Centenary, please see below and share with your networks:

Tune in to ABC on **Monday 29 March, 9.30pm** for an hour news feature and then...

- Tune in to ABC on **Wednesday 31 March, from 10am** for live coverage of the Queen's Colour Parade and the spectacular flypast in Canberra.



Yours sincerely

Max

Max McGregor | President, Air Force Association - Victoria

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ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 2021

Depending on your location, this Anzac Day we'll come together, in person and in spirit, to commemorate the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Unfortunately once again this year we won't be parading our Squadron Banners in the Melbourne March.

VICTORIA – Latest from “The Net” (28 March 2021)

Victoria allows ANZAC services with capped crowds

In Victoria, Melbourne's iconic Anzac Day march will be allowed to go ahead with 5500 people allowed to attend after being cancelled last month.

The RSL applied for that number to be granted permission to march on April 25, which was eventually approved by the government.

The traditional Dawn Service and Commemorative Services will also be held with smaller numbers, and live streamed on Facebook.

Hundreds of local services at RSLs across the state have also been given the green light to welcome crowds, with the government encouraging people to stay local.



In 2020 veterans and their families commemorated Anzac Day at dawn from their driveways.

Last year Victorians were forced to commemorate ANZAC Day from their homes and driveways as part of the #lightupthedawn social media campaign, which is again encouraged this year.

Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane said it was a great thing ANZAC services could go ahead but urged caution.

"We've worked closely with RSL Victoria to ensure the march and dawn service could go ahead this year – but there are many ways to honour the hard work and sacrifice of our returned service men and women closer to home," Mr Leane said.

"With hundreds of local services across Melbourne and Regional Victoria, I encourage people to stay local this ANZAC Day."

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Information from the Australian War Memorial

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ANZAC DAY TICKETS

This Anzac Day we'll come together, in person and in spirit, to commemorate the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

The Australian War Memorial will welcome thousands of people to the Anzac Day Dawn Service and National Ceremony on Sunday 25 April.

Tickets for the 2021 Anzac Day Dawn Service and National Ceremony are now available on our website



WATCH THE CEREMONY

If you're unable to join us in Canberra on #AnzacDay, you can still watch our ceremonies broadcast live across Australia by the ABC and online.

The Dawn Service will be broadcast nationally on ABC TV. You can also watch via our website and Youtube channel.

VISITING THE AWM

The Memorial will be closed during the Dawn Service and the National Ceremony.

The Commemorative Area will not open at the conclusion of the Dawn Service. The Memorial will open at 1pm. Visitors will need to book a timed entry ticket to visit the galleries via the website.

Visitors will also need to book a ticket to attend the Anzac Day Last Post Ceremony at 4.45pm.



SHOPPING SECTION

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

“ANZAC SQUADRON”

This book relating the story of 461 Squadron the “ANZAC SQUADRON” by Norman Ashworth is also 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.

LEST WE FORGET

