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# President's Message

The Care Parcel Program, a Victorian Division initiative, is increasing its popularity with deployed Air Force personnel. The Division is continually being praised by our Air Force colleagues for the receipt of these packages and recently received a personal thank you from the Task Force Warrant Officer, Air Force Warrant Officer Ken Robertson who also included his 'Command Warrant Officer' coin as a token of his appreciation. The success of the program has influenced the Board to send sufficient care parcels to cover all deployed Air Force personnel, which at this point is 1,100 over the calendar year period. The cost is about \$15,400 but the NSW Division has offered to support the initiative with a \$5,000 contribution.

The Care Parcel Program has two dispatches each year (July and November). A Care Parcel Sub-Committee reporting to Daryll Topp (Director of Welfare Services) has been formed to ensure its ongoing success. Board Member Di Hoopert heads the sub-committee. This is a very heart-warming activity.

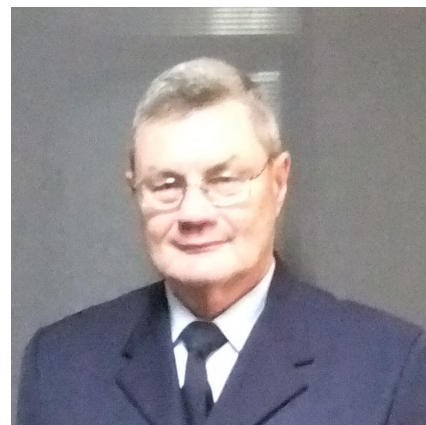
The Air Force Association, especially our Division, is a very active organisation but little remains known in the Defence and wider communities of its activities. I have instigated the establishment of a Communications Sub-Committee under the direction of Darrell Robinson (Director of Communications) who will manage the Division's communications needs, including promoting initiatives like the Care Parcel Program. The Sub-Committee will also manage our media outlets such as the Division's new website and Facebook. I have forwarded a proposal to the Association's National Council to take up responsibility for National's communications needs. The proposal is to be discussed at its November meeting.

I am keen to escalate the Division's Welfare Program with the formal appointment of Branch Welfare Support Officers who among other things are to identify those members who may require assistance from the Association. Branches have been sent a draft policy covering advocacy and welfare support.

Our Annual Pilgrimage to Point Cook this year will include an unveiling of a bronze plaque that will inform visitors to the AFC Memorial of the two capsules, containing the names of fallen AFC and RAAF personnel, which have been inserted in the monument. Air Commodore Geoffrey Harland, AM CSC DSM who inserted a capsule in last year's ceremony will be the Guest Speaker and unveil the plaque. Information and invitations will be sent to members early next month. I look forward to seeing you there.

We've arrived at 'Winter's end' so I hope you enjoy the Spring – a fabulous time in Victoria. Stay well and God Bless.

Carl Schiller, OAM CSM  
President



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## News

### AFA Victoria welcomes the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia

On 16 May 2017, an Air Force Association (Victoria) Meet-A-Mate function was held at the impressive World War II hangars on the old Werribee airfield, attended by Board members and other Branch members and Members of 21 Sqn. After the formalities, members and guests were given a briefing on the B-24 Liberator Restoration project by Ms Lyn Gorman, President of the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia, followed by a special afternoon tea and an inspection of the B-24 Liberator Restoration itself. It was as a result of this function that the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia members were invited to form an AFA (Victoria) Branch.

On 24 August, AFA (Victoria) President, Carl Schiller, formally welcomed the B-24 Liberator team as members of the B-24 Liberator Branch AFA (Victoria). Board members joined the newest members of the B-24 Liberator Branch, once again at the B-24 Hangar, for the inaugural Branch meeting. Carl Schiller and Paul Rourke, the B-24 Liberator Branch President, welcomed the expansion of the Branch.

"I am very confident you will enjoy this relationship and an extension of the fellowship you currently enjoy with your B-24 colleagues." said Carl Schiller.



*L to R: Tony Muller (B-24 Branch Secretary), Carl Schiller (AFA Victoria President), Bugs Rose (B-24 Branch Treasurer), Paul Rourke (B-24 Branch President).*

Located inside one of the few remaining old hangars at the old Werribee airfield, the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia organisation is the owner of the only remaining Australian B-24 bomber A72-176, and the only one in the Southern Hemisphere (and one of only eight remaining B-24 airframes still in existence in the world).

It's been almost 33 years since the bold vision to restore the B-24 Liberator was taken by the Veterans who served with the aircraft. And now the ambitious project is getting closer to reaching its goal of preserving a B-24 Liberator to honour the contribution of one of the RAAF main bombers in the Pacific of the WW2 era.



*The last B-24 Liberator in the Southern Hemisphere is undergoing intricate restoration work in Werribee.*

Most aviation buffs would know that the B-24 Liberators were used by the USAAF during WW2. However, the RAAF also flew 7 squadrons of the B-24 Liberator in long range strikes against Japanese military targets in South East Asia. As such they are an important part of Australia's military history.

You can read more about the B-24 Liberator Restoration project on its website <http://www.b24australia.org.au/home> or visit the B-24 Liberator Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/B24Werribee>.

# **Around the Branches**

## **BENDIGO BRANCH**

Gee whiz , there is only 3 months left in 2017 and I 'm another year older.

VALE: Jim & Jean Peterson both at the age of 95 and were due to celebrate their 77th Wedding Anniversary.

Joyce Rollinson & Hilda Dean who were both widows of RAAFA members.

Fortunately we have received new member applications from Trevor & Jeanette Taylor & Les & Ann Dole, so we are just keeping our heads above water.

We have been lucky enough to have had visits from our two mentors, Carl Schiller & Peter Colliver who both spoke about their positions in the RAAF Association. Carl also spoke about his aspirations for the RAAF Association and while Carl was in Bendigo he took the time to present Certificates to Jack Fay (70), Noel Boschert & Keith Friswell (15 years). Carl visited Max Trahair at his aged care facility & Humphrey Campbell at his home in Woodend to present them with 25 year certificates.

Thank you so much Carl for this generous and wonderful act.

A number of our members travelled to the B24 Liberator Restoration Hangar at Werribee to take part in the Meet-A-Mate function. Everyone

really enjoyed the day, commenting on the lovely food that they had had. Our male members who had visited previously were thrilled to see the progress that had been made on the B24.

On the 28th May, 2017 10 members travelled by train to Melbourne to attend the Air Force Band concert held at the Melbourne Town Hall. Thanks to Laurie Bell who organised for us to be greeted at the door and given afternoon tea and for us to be seated in the front row. It was very exciting to be recognised by the Band Conductor during the performance. Considering that we had been attending the concerts for over 12 months this was nice. Once again many thank Laurie.

President, Roy and members have attended the 75th Anniversary of the sinking of Montevideo, Victory in Pacific, Vietnam Veterans' Commemoration & Malay/Borneo Commemorations held in Bendigo.

The Bendigo branch members enjoyed a social day out at the Axedale Tavern where we enjoyed a delicious meal and great company, but we are concerned that Dingle Bell & Bill Hosking must be in need of a new deodorant as they were sitting at a table all by themselves.

Well, that's all for this time, have to spend some time organising our Christmas function!!

To all the sickies round about. Please get better soon.

Glenis Gordon - Bendigo RAAF Association

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## **BALLARAT BRANCH MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION EVENING**

Ballarat Branch hosted a membership promotion evening at the Barkly Hotel/Motel on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thirty people were treated with dinner and a presentation on the Air Force Association by President Carl Schiller. Keith Lanyon, Branch President conducted a very informative and amusing 'Air Force Trivia' session that delighted the audience. The evening sets the format for similar promotion evenings planned for Geelong and Gippsland.

## ATC/AAFC BRANCH

Greetings to everyone as we look forward to the promise of some warmer weather in the near future.

**VALE: FLTLT Donald McLeod**  
**19/08/1915 – 25/06/2017.**

The news that Don had passed away just seven and a half weeks short of what would have been his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday, was a little late in getting through to us and he will be sadly missed by all who got to know him during his limited time with us.

Unfortunately, we had only a comparatively short association with Don, during which time we managed to take him to revisit the Benalla Aerodrome which was No.11 E.F.T.S. where he was a Flying Instructor during WW2 and had the opportunity of having him join us on a few occasions at our regular monthly luncheons.

On a happier note, we welcome 5 new members into the Branch, those being Mounir Twadrous, Janina Brown, Brian Lewis, John Baxter and Lloyd Knight. We hope they enjoy being members of our Branch.

Vice President, Peter Wilson and I had the pleasure of visiting 401 SQN. AAFC Surrey Hills on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> of June where we presented the Branch's personal "Stan Tayler Award Trophy" for Cadet of the Year to CWOFF Sam Chu and we take this opportunity to thank the Squadron once again for making us so welcome.



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The Air Force Band Concert at the Melbourne Town Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July was attended by no fewer than 25 RAAFA members and friends which was an outstanding effort. At the request of, and on behalf of SQNLDR Mathew Shelley, Commanding Officer / Director of Music – Air Force and the Band, I take this opportunity to thank all of those who responded to the invitation.

SQNLDR Shelley advises that ample provision for Reserved Seating will be made available again at future concerts if prior notice of numbers expected can be provided as was the case on this occasion, so watch out for a possible Expressions of Interest notice prior to the Air Force Band's next performance on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

The RAAFA's "Meet a Mate" trip to the Vietnam Veterans' Museum at Phillip Island on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August was well attended. Great weather resulted in a great day with great company and a nice lunch provided by the Association. Thanks to all involved in the organising of the day.

Best regards to everyone,

Laurie Bell. *President*



## Letter of appreciation

### **Group Captain (Ret) Carl Schiller**

President

Air Force Association (Victoria)

Good afternoon Sir (Carl),

Firstly, may I thank you for your unwavering support of the Australian Air Force Cadets here in 4 Wing. We very much appreciate the Board's recent substantial donation to better support our cadets as they participate in .22 competition rifle shooting at our new base at the Melbourne International Shooting Club. We are so pleased to have the Association actively involved in supporting this highly successful youth development program. Thank you on behalf of the many cadets who will benefit from this initiative.

In thanking you for your attendance and presentation of the trophies, I have attached a few photos for the Air Force Association's Facebook page. Further photos and testimonials are on our site at <https://www.facebook.com/4wg.aafc/?ref=bookmarks>

### **Publication - Results of the Competition**

Congratulations to the 60 cadets who competed in the 4WG Shooting Competition 02 of 17 last Sunday at the Melbourne International Shooting Club. In the Teams Competition, which had a maximum score of 1,800 points, the winners were

- 1st place 412SQN Albury with 1582 points
- 2nd place 406SQN Frankston with 1568 points
- 3rd place 417SQN Sandringham with 1550 points

The inaugural Air Force Association Victoria Presidents Trophy for TOP SHOT was presented by Group Captain (Ret) Carl Schiller to CFSGT Young of 426SQN Traralgon who scored 551 out of a possible 600. LCDT Hubbard of 412SQN Albury will

also be named on the trophy for the May 2017 competition with a score of 543 out of 600. Well done to both.

A total of 15 cadets qualified for their crossed rifles with scores of 85% or above. A total of 5 of these qualified for the first time which is outstanding.

We also wish our 4 Wing State Team all the best in defending our title at the National Rifle Competition in September here in Melbourne. The team members are



LCDT Hubbard 412SQN

CSGT Aucamp 406SQN

CUO Cooper 406SQN

CCPL Singleton 410SQN

CUO Peters 407SQN Reserve

Thank you to Group Captain (Ret) Carl Schiller and all our staff and cadets who turned out to support Sundays competition in very cold conditions. Well done to all.

Regards

**Shaun Young**

Wing Commander (AAFC)

Officer Commanding

4 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets

**AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION VICTORIA  
ENGINEER BRANCH  
in collaboration with  
RAAF ENGINEER OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION  
MID YEAR LUNCHEON**

On Wednesday 14 June 2017 the mid-year luncheon was held at the Bateman's Hill on Collins Hotel as we have done for a number of years.

We catered for 40 members attending. This was lower than in past years due to some of our regular attendees being north for the winter period; in fact some were overseas enjoying a mix of European and Asian culture. Despite this the function was a success which in a major way was due to our very interesting guest speaker David Graham, our new President Kingsley McRae and committee member John Clarkson who took on the role as MC for the day.



As always Noel Hadfield and Richard Orr provided direct support to the luncheon. Noel arranged for name tags and other relevant communications, including apologies and obituary notices of members who unfortunately had passed on since our last luncheon. Richard looked after the audio/visual setup. The service provided by the hotel staff was prompt and courteous, with a delicious luncheon enjoyed by all attendees. John Clarkson, as well as being the capable MC, also looked after all arrangements with the hotel.

David Graham spent the bulk of his career, as he states "working for the RAAF but not wearing a uniform", as a member of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and eventually became the RAAF senior scientific advisor working from Defence Canberra reporting to Chief of Air Force (CAF). David provided a very interesting history of the DSTO including an early video which had only recently come to light.

A background on aircraft fatigue testing on defence aircraft was the primary focus of David's talk and included some world first fatigue analysis testing on the Hornet and F111 aircraft, which was assessed by the USA as being world leading edge. One aircraft program conducted by the DSTO under David here in Australia, which cost some A\$50 million, resulted in a direct savings to the Australian Defence budget, hence us the tax payers, of some A\$500 million, a very attractive return on investment by any standards.

A minor variation for this luncheon was a change to our loyal toast which is now to "The Queen and people of Australia" which President Kingsley had ratified with the office of the Governor General who uses the same toast on official occasions. Talk about being thorough.

Once again attending members had the opportunity to renew old friendships with work colleagues as well as hearing a very interesting presentation on the DSTO and its world ranking work. For many the presentation covered the period in which they worked and/or had supporting connections to elements of engineering activities.

A reminder: New members are always welcome. You are most welcome to also attend our Committee meetings, which are held in a social atmosphere about every two months and provides a unique atmosphere to catch up and share a drink and meal with past work colleagues and friends.

The next luncheon is planned for Oaks Day on Thursday 9 Nov 17; so put this date in your diary. Of course Noel Hadfield will send out a series of reminder notices closer to that date.

We wish you, your family members and friends a healthy and satisfying remainder of 2017 and look forward to your attendance at the end of year luncheon and perhaps some of the regular committee meetings.

By Ron Ledingham and Richard Orr on behalf of the President.

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## **VALE – Moyna Sands**

*Moyna served in the WAAF during WW2*

*Date enlisted 06/01/1942*

*Date Discharged 09/04/1945*

Among her postings she served much of her service at the Lake Boga Flying Boat Repair and Maintenance Depot as an ACW.

She was in the cipher section, commonly called “The Bunker”, the most heavily guarded (24/7) part of the station. To serve in this section required full adherence to the Official Service Secrecy Act. Moyna observed her obligation to this Act all her life. “The Bunker” has been restored to its wartime state and is a highlight when visiting the Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum.

After much persistence Moyna persuaded the Catalina Club (an all male fraternity) to accept WAAAF's as affiliated members and followed up with a program to be full members, for those ladies with war time service, with equal voting rights.

In the 1990's the Catalina Club, because of its inability to get male members to stand for the Executive and Committee positions was going into rapid decline. Moyna volunteered to act as Secretary, and with the then President Frank Warren, kept the Catalina Club together for many years. A highlight of her time as Secretary was a highly successful “Back to Lake Boga” reunion of those who had served on the station during WW2.

She is regarded as the savior of the Catalina Club and her contribution continued when the Club voted to become the Catalina Branch of RAAFA. She was always forthright in her opinions and had no hesitation in expressing them when she thought it necessary.

The Life Membership of RAAFA was the crowning recognition of her contribution to all those who served and those still serving.

## **A special 2017 Remembrance Day in Tetbury, UK**

2017 Remembrance Day in Tetbury UK promises to be a very special one as it coincides with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorating the establishment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Training Wing AFC there.

This year, at our Annual Pilgrimage to the memorial, we will unveil a bronze plaque that records the existence of the two scrolls containing the names of AFC and RAAF airmen and airwomen who have lost their lives on operational service.

Cover Image from the 2016 Annual Pilgrimage to Point Cook.— See the back of this issue for event dates and mark them in your Diary as a MUST DO.



## **Royal Air Force Branch**

As a new branch of the Air Force Association it is appropriate that we introduce ourselves to members of the Association.

There are 67 of us. Nearly all are Australian citizens who earlier in our lives served in the Royal Air Force, some as National Servicemen (two years of service), others completing longer term regular engagements. A good proportion of our older members are WWII veterans, including several women, who played vital roles during the years that Britain came under sustained Nazi attack.

In the years following WWII the RAF was a much bigger organisation than it is today and was spread through many countries. As well as the UK our members served in Northern Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Cyprus, Malta, Egypt, Aden, Oman, Kenya, Hong Kong, Singapore, Burma, India and Australia. In Britain many of us served at airfields that would be familiar names to Australians who served in Bomber Command or had relatives who flew over Europe during WWII.

For some years we have met on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 at the Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre, 600 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. This is a short distance from Southern Cross rail station and is very convenient for members and guests coming from all over Melbourne.

From time to time we advertise our activities in *Contact* and by direct emails to the membership. We will be most happy to welcome all members to any of our up-coming events and to our monthly meetings, when we have a short admin session and often a very interesting speaker or just a social get together - followed by lunch at a nearby pub. We look forward to a long and happy involvement with the Air Force Association.

Ian Bartholomew

## **Catalina Branch**

### Activities

**Membership.** We currently have 31 financial members. This includes Catalina Veterans and Associate Members. This year sadly, we have lost veterans – Moyna Sands & Brian Knight and recently Ron Mullinger N.S RAAF. We have also been advised that Ray Rees and Jim Goldsworthy are in Aged Care.

**ANZAC Day March 2017.** A small number of Veterans attended and utilised the cars provided, while Committee and Friends marched behind the Catalina Banner, supported by a contingent from Wesley College. It was good to see the students supporting the Veterans.

**‘Battle for Australia’ Ceremony at the ‘Shrine’, 6<sup>th</sup> September.** Catalina Branch was represented by Treasurer Jennifer Newton and Members

**‘Get Together’ for Veterans and Members** will be hosted by the Branch Committee at RAAFA on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

**‘Remembrance Day’ Service at Repat Hospital at 11 a.m. on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** Members of the Catalina Branch will be in attendance and all are welcome to attend.

**Catalina Branch Christmas Luncheon** will be held at ANZAC HOUSE, City on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Noon.

The Catalina Branch Committee is determined to continue for as long as possible with social events for the benefit of the Veterans and Members.

Ron Kirk      Hon.Sec

## **Vietnam Veterans Branch**



Well a long winter, without much rain has come and hopefully gone, we are supposed to be in Spring but I am yet to be convinced but forever hopeful.

Our numbers for lunch over the past few months have been a bit on the thin side, however the gathering for September saw a marked improvement with the gathering so hungry that they by-passed the meet and greet and headed straight for the tables and menus. It was great to see the ladies that accompanied the men and the banter was back and forth only subsiding a little when the food arrived. I would like to say thank-you to all who make the bookings flow easily by letting me know in advance of their attendance. Next month I will hopefully be able to stay for the meal.

Our gathering for Vietnam Veterans day was down compared to last years' numbers, but not unexpected, I think those that marched were grateful of the seats at the end of the march to watch and listen to the guest speaker and those laying the wreaths. We altered our wreath laying at our plaque this year to prior to the march up to the forecourt of the shrine, with our President inviting

The Chairman of the AFA GP CAPT. Carl Schiller OAM CSM Ret recited the ODE, followed by AVM Alan Reid AO Ret. Laying the wreath and President Chris Hudnott leading us in prayer and a few words provided by our Padre who was unable to be with us due to ageing and distance, but was certainly in our thoughts.

Post march we adjourned to the "Seasons Hotel" for camaraderie, food and tall tales!!! How surprising. We also held another raffle with prizes donated by two of our stalwarts, to whom we are indebted to as it helps off set our costs. As numbers were down slightly we do have something special put aside for the next occasion. I think I can safely say that everyone supported the cause and the winners were very happy, well done everyone.

For those of you that are unaware, our esteemed leader (Chris) is on holidays overseas with wife Ruth and are catching up with their daughter after walking "The Moors" and sharpening up his "brogue", gosh we probably won't understand him when he comes home, but will be back to normal for the next ANZAC Day ABC broadcast. (sorry Chris, I await my penance!!!)

I trust this find you and your families in good health, please remember your committee is here to help if needed, you should give us a call and we will be happy to assist.

Kind regards  
Gill Coughlan  
Secretary



***Did you know*** that help is at hand for any veteran or spouse of a veteran who is in need of assistance with bills for gas, electricity or any other expense? If you know a veteran who needs a helping hand, please make sure that they get in contact with our Office Manager, Barb, on 03 9813 4600. Welfare funds are available. All discussions will be treated as confidential.

### **CONTACT EDITORIAL AND DISTRIBUTION DATES for 2017-2018**

Spring 2017

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Summer 2017

Contributions close 7 November 2017

Publication 25 November 2017

Autumn 2018

Contributions close 28 February 2018

Publication March 11 2018

Winter 2018

Contributions close 30 May 2018

Publication June 17 2018

### **VALES**

*The following members have passed away since the last publication.*

*May they rest in peace.*

*Lest we forget*

Mr Kevin (Jack) Reilly	Vietnam Veterans Branch 04/06/2017
Dr Bill Taylor	Fighter Squadrons Branch 13/06/2017
Mr James Hill	Ballarat Branch 11/06/2017
Mr Robert McArthur	Fighter Squadrons Branch 10/07/2017
Mr Brian Knight	Catalina Branch 10/07/2017
Mr Max Beaumont	Ballarat Branch (Life Mem.) 13/07/2017
Mr Charles Dickeson	RAF Branch 18/07/2017
Mrs Audrey Sharp	WAAAF Branch 03/07/2017
Mr Tom Barwick	Headquarters 27/08/2017
Mrs Hilda Dean	Bendigo Branch 07/09/2017
Mr Michael Dunne,	Vietnam Veterans Branch, 16/06/2017.

## **AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS NATIONAL RIFLE COMPETITION**

The Air Force Association was praised at the Australian Air Force Cadets National Rifle Competition that was held at Melbourne's International Shooting Club in Port Melbourne on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The venue for the competition was made possible from the Victorian Division's handsome donation to No 4 Wing (AAFC) – the Victorian-based AAFC wing – for the purchase of a firearms safe and other equipment that can be held at the club's site. President Carl Schiller represented National President Brent Espeland and presented 'cross rifle' marksmanship awards. Air Commodore Terry Delahunty, AM Director-General Air Force Cadets, Group Captain (AAFC) Mark Dorward, Commander of the AAFC, and Wing Commander (AAFC) Shaun Young, Officer Commanding No 4 Wing as well as the many AAFC voluntary staff were in attendance. The enthusiasm and competitive spirit among the cadets, was great to see.



Cross rifle'  
marksmanship awards

# Coming events

**Air Force Association** (Victoria Division)  
Board of Management Meeting Tuesday 3  
October, 2017

## **Bendigo Branch of the**

**Air Force Association** (Victoria Division)  
Next meeting October the 5, 2017. At the  
Bendigo RSL

**ATC/AAFC Branch of the Air Force  
Association** (Victoria Division)

Next meeting is Friday the 6 October at the  
Box Hill RSL

**Catalina Branch of the Air Force  
Association** (Victoria Division) will host a  
'Get Together' at RAAFA on the 6th of  
October, 2017 at 10:30am

## **"Meet-a-Mate" fellowship event**

Association members and their partners, and  
serving and ex-serving Air Force personnel in  
the Melbourne area are invited to attend the  
Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk  
located at Seymour on Thursday October  
19, 2017

**North Metropolitan Branch of the Air Force  
Association** (Victoria Division)

Next meeting is on 19th of October, 2017 at  
the Glenroy RSL

**Air Force Association** (Victoria Division)  
Board of Management Meeting Tuesday 7  
November 2017

**RSL Victoria** Remembrance Reception  
Friday 10 November, 2017

President or nominated representative to  
attend.

'Remembrance Day' Service at Repat  
Hospital at 11 a.m. on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Air Force Association (Victoria Division)  
and National Servicemen's Association**  
Annual Pilgrimage to the AFC Memorial  
Point Cook. Sunday 19 November, 2017

Catalina Branch Christmas Luncheon will  
be held at ANZAC HOUSE, City on  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Noon.

**Air Force Association** (Victoria Division)  
Board of Management Meeting Tuesday 5  
December, 2017

**Air Force Association** (Victoria Division)  
Christmas Function Thursday 7 December,  
2017 (NOTE: the tentative date )

**77 Squadron and Friends** Christmas  
Function Wednesday 13 December, 2017

**The Events listed above are as known at  
time of publication . To confirm please go  
to [www.raafavic.org.au](http://www.raafavic.org.au)**