



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA BALLARAT BRANCH



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MONTHLY SOCIAL MEETINGS

Our **Social Luncheon Meetings** are held on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, (except January)**, with **Arrival time by 11.45 am for a 12 Noon commencement**. All meetings are held at our rooms at Airport Hut 48, Airport Drive, Mitchell Park (ie : Ballarat Aerodrome).

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

Our **Business Meetings, open to all members**, are held at 3 pm on the **second** Tuesday of each month. These meetings immediately follow a monthly Committee meeting enabling members to be promptly aware of decisions taken by the committee, enabling members to ratify, or otherwise, decisions taken.

VALE

Charles Henry Newall passed away 18th September 2019
aged 99 years

May he Rest in Peace

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Charles Newall was born at St Arnaud, Victoria, on 17th April 1920. At 22 years of age he joined the RAAF at the Recruiting Centre in Melbourne "for the duration of the war and for a period of 12 months thereafter".

Charles had been farming land with his father Thomas at Marnoo, west of St Arnaud in Victoria's Wimmera District, at the time that World War Two broke out, but he 'answered the call'.

After initial training at Victor Harbour, Charles was posted to No. 1 Wireless Air Gunners School at RAAF Ballarat where he completed wireless training on No. 36 WAGS Course and then he completed No 2 Navigator Course at the Ballarat base.

This training was completed on 16th September 1943 and by 8th October 1943, via Ascot Vale and Townsville, Charles was serving with No 33 Squadron at Port Moresby, New Guinea, and in Milne Bay from 3rd December 1943 till end of August 1944.

Living out in the Wimmera, Charles was not a member of the Air Force Association, but earlier this year our website co-ordinator Janet Bates advised of a newspaper report that this ex 1WAGS trainee and his wife were to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. A congratulatory card was sent to the couple in Marnoo from the President, Committee and Members of the Ballarat Branch of the Air Force Association.

Subsequently, Charles' family advised that Charles wished that his uniform be gifted to our Branch of the Air Force Association. Charles' daughter Mrs Ruth Nunn delivered the uniform to us via Janet Bates and it was planned that



Uniform of former  
(1WAGS Trained)  
RAAF Navigator  
Fight Sergeant  
Charles Newall

a formal handover/acceptance would be held at one of our monthly social luncheon meetings, but sadly, Charles passed away before this could be effected, but he knew that his uniform had been gifted to us before he departed.

At our October social luncheon meeting, Charles' daughters, Mrs Ruth Nunn and Mrs Lyn Boyle, attended for a formal acceptance of Charles' gift.



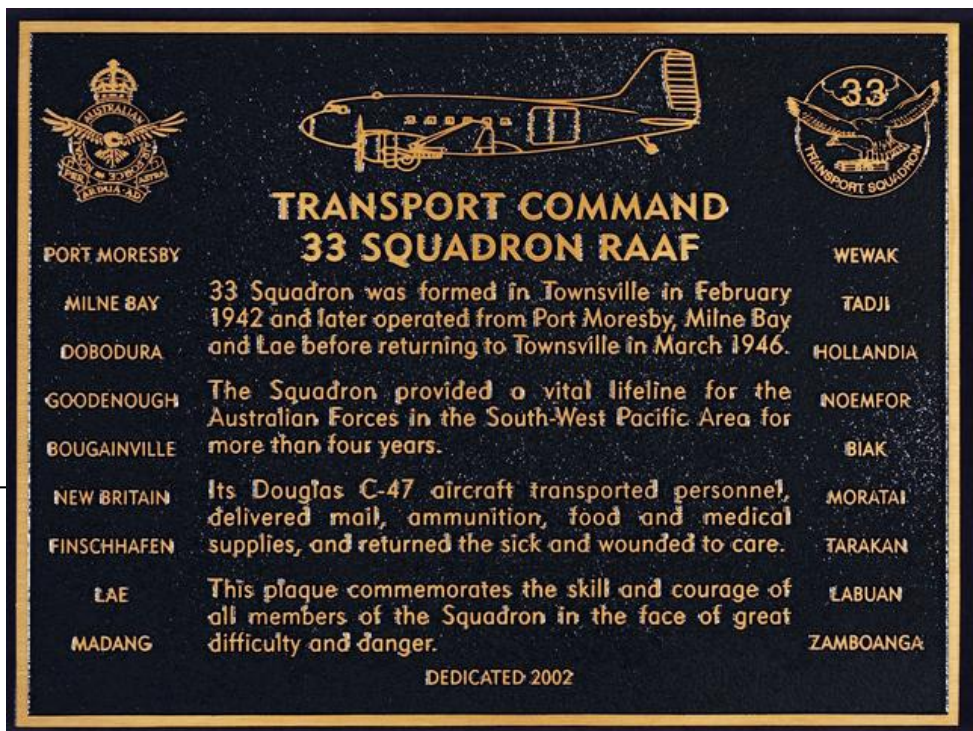
**Left : L to R :**  
Website Co-ordinator  
Mrs Janet Bates,  
Mrs Lyn Boyle,  
Mrs Ruth Nunn and  
Senior Researcher  
Mr Peter Schoutens.



**Right :** Mrs  
Lyn Boyle and  
Mrs Ruth Nunn  
pose beside their  
Dad's WWII  
RAAF Navigator  
uniform,

There most certainly would have been other 1WAGS trainees besides Charles Newall that served with No 33 Squadron in New Guinea. I wonder how many of the men that served there and their dependants are aware of the No 33 Squadron Commemorative Plaque that was dedicated on 1st March 2004 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The plaque that commemorates the skill and courage of all members of the Squadron was manufactured in 2001 for an intended 2002 dedication; however, delays resulted in the plaque not being positioned and dedicated until 1st March 2004, resulting in an incorrect dedication date on the Plaque. Photo courtesy AWM.



During it's service in New Guinea No 33 Squadron flew a variety of aircraft including, D.H. 84 Dragon, ex Qantas Short Empire Flying Boat, the Anson and even the Tiger Moth was used to 'transport' light cargo, but by the time that Flight Sergeant Charles Newall arrived there, they had be re-equipped with the Douglas C-47 Dakota, flying exclusively that aircraft. (NH, Ed)

**THIS IS YOUR LIFE : SIR DOUGLAS BADER.** With our Battle of Britain commemoration and luncheon held just a couple of weeks previously, it was thought that a viewing of the British television show "This is Your Life" for Douglas Bader would be timely to show at our October meeting. Most members seemed to enjoy the viewing. If you have not seen it, or would like to view it again, it is available on You Tube. It is worth a look. (NH, Pres)

When one of your socks goes missing in the washing, does it turn up in the kitchen cupboard as a lid with no container?



Audio Visual Technician, Junior Vice President Peter Schoutens at his station at October Social Luncheon Meeting



Friends Having fun ~ Branch Secretary Rob Petty & Member Steve Carter, (our flyover pilot)

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Our November Monthly Social Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday 5th November will be held in the larger Western Wing Function Room as we will be having a Group coming to give us some Dance Demo's, so bring your dancing shoes if you think you might like to join them. And if you have an ounce of Irish blood in your pedigree, come and listen to someone who is going to give us just a wee talk.

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**Our Christmas meeting on Tuesday 3rd December will also be held in the larger Western Wing Function Room and the GOOD NEWS is that the Sing Australia Choir have confirmed that they will be coming to join us for lunch and then entertain us with some Christmas songs.**

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Welfare Calls : A special thanks to Tom and Penny Roberts for responding to my multi-addressed emails re a couple of our more elderly members being in care. After all the years service that Tom and Penny have given to our branch of the Air Force Association, they found the time to pay visits to these members. Also, thank you to Bob McDonald who has assisted me with some hand deliveries of some of our last two editions of our newsletter. Bob has combined this with having a chat to some of our more frail members, combining delivering their newsletter with a welfare call.

If you would like to do some welfare calls on some of our more elderly and/or frail members, please let me know and I will give you some names and addresses. Go and have a chat, and remember, *listening is caring.* (NH, Pres)

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**100TH BIRTHDAY :** One of our members will very shortly be celebrating her 100th birthday, so make sure that you are at our November Social Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday 5th November to help her celebrate and you might even score a piece of Birthday Cake.

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POPPY CLUB AND BALLARAT RSL ANNUAL DINNER

The Ballarat RSL have extended an invitation to Ballarat Branch Air Force Association members to attend their 2019 Annual Dinner on Saturday 26th October. The cost for a 2 course meal are \$30 per head for RSL members and \$35 per head for non-RSL members. Location is of course at the Ballarat Midlands RSL Sports and Services Club, with arrival 5.30 pm for 6 pm ode.

Individual bookings can be made to Kristine on 5332 3300. **Members interested in being included in booking an AFA table, please contact me immediately so as I can arrange a booking.** Due to this event, **NO POPPY CLUB EVENT FOR OCTOBER.** (NH, Pres)

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**DON'T FORGET OUR NOVEMBER SOCIAL LUNCHEON MEETING FOR TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER.**  
**FOR THOSE SENIOR MEMBERS NEEDING TAXI TRANSPORT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE DAY BEFORE.** (NH,PRES)

*Thanks to Secretary Rob Petty, his wife Anne and friends, The Runway's Dance group has been formed and the first of our Quarterly dances arranged for Sunday 1st December. Our quarterly "with the seasons" dances will include our Annual Battle For Australia Afternoon Tea Dance, which will be our Spring Dance each year.  
Ann Petty designed The Runway's logo, well done Ann, and thank you.*



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**BALLARAT AIRFIELD – HUT 48**  
(ex RAAF Officers Mess)  
**Airport Drive, Mitchell Park**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019**  
**1:30pm – 5:00pm**

**EMMERDALE WALTZ**  
**RED ROSE SAUNTER**  
**(Ballroom) FOX TROT x2**  
**RUMBA ONE**  
**SALLYANNE CHA CHA**  
**HONEYSUCKLE WALTZ**  
**(Ballroom) QUICK STEP x2**  
**ROCK n ROLL**  
**MERRILYN**  
**(Ballroom) WALTZ x2**  
**CHICAGO SWING**  
**ARGENTINE STROLL**

**ALPHA WALTZ**  
**SAUNTER TOGETHER**  
**HUCKLEBUCK / SWING**  
**(Ballroom) CHA CHA x2**  
**QUEEN OF HEARTS RUMBA**  
**CAROUSEL**  
**(Ballroom) FOX TROT x2**  
**ROCK N ROLL**  
**PROG. JIVE**  
**(Ballroom) RUMBA x2**  
**BLACKNIGHT TANGO**  
**MAYFAIR QUICK STEP**

**ADMISSION \$10**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE**

**(This Venue is Alcohol Free)**

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