

# Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia

## Notes for Applicants



The Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia is a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in WA and with Divisions operating in every State or Territory of Australia except the Northern Territory.

The aim of the Association is to:

- unite former and serving naval aviation personnel;
- maintain the bonds of friendship and esprit de corps in naval aviation;
- assist with the welfare of former and serving naval aviation personnel and their families;
- support the Fleet Air Arm Museum and its continued development as determined by the Custodians of the Museum;
- provide a forum for naval aviation matters, and
- foster the preservation of the history of aviation in the RAN.

### Reasons To Join The FAAAA

- **Camaraderie.** Those who served in the Fleet Air Arm are part of a very special group of people who have shared memories and experiences in one of the truly unique organisations in the world. That camaraderie goes well beyond separation from the Service, and the FAAAA is perhaps the best way to preserve and be a part of it.
- **Communication.** Our website is going from strength to strength and now offers a range of news, articles and views on the FAA past and present. It will continue to grow over the coming months and years to provide a valuable source of information and advice. 'Slipstream', our quarterly magazine is now bigger than ever and is offered both as a hardcopy periodical or on line. It too contains stories of our heritage as well as information on the current FAA.
- **Progress.** Last year we commissioned a new membership management system and introduced a range of common processes across the seven Divisions to bring the Association towards a truly National status. That work continues.
- **Preservation.** Perhaps one of the most important objectives in the FAAAA's Constitution is to help preserve our history. We continue to work on:
  - Developing a comprehensive database of all Cat 4 and 5 RAN incidents/accidents, available to members only on line.
  - Verifying our Roll of Honour, and developing a website page on each of those who has paid the ultimate sacrifice.
  - Establishing an archive to capture images, articles, stories and memories of FAA events from the very first beginnings to the current time. It is early days for this yet but the archive is being populated and more members than ever are starting to take an interest to contribute to the work. Once they reach a mature state they will be available on the website.
  - Generating historical articles to help preserve our heritage. There are

hundreds of pages of material on our website telling the story of our aircraft and people from the beginning of the RAN Fleet Air Arm to the present day.

- **Representation.** We are now an integral member of the Alliance of Defence Service Organisations (ADSO). The ADSO now represents the interest of over fifty thousand ex-Service personnel and their families and, as such, has significant influence in regard to the benefits and conditions of both Serving and retired members, including ready audience with the Minister. The FAAAA has an active role in the ADSO including in the pursuit of the following priorities:
  - to pursue fair indexation for all DFRDB and other Military Superannuation Recipients
  - to seek MSBS access to Employer Benefits.
  - to tie Veterans’ Disability Payments to the Net Minimum Wage to ensure relative value is maintained.
  - to pursue a means of ensuring ADF members are adequately consulted and represented in all matters referred to the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal.
  - the development of a ‘Military Accord’ to recognise the unique nature of Military Service.
  - to address DVA Culture and Processes.
  - to pursue ADF member representation in the application of Vocational Training.
  - to pursue a single compensation regime.
  - to ensure that Defence Housing Authority remains a Government Entity and
  - to seek Government funding to assist homeless Veterans.

Unlike many ex-Service organisations we our membership is in decline. We need more people if we are to further pursue the above activities and become more influential still.

**Cost**

Each Division sets its own fees. A table of these is included below (Fees for Full Members).

Division	Annual Subscription	Plus Joining Fee (one-off)	Annual Period
ACT	\$30.00 if hardcopy Slipstream \$20.00 if softcopy Slipstream	\$10.00*	Calendar Year
NSW	\$35.00 if hardcopy Slipstream \$25.00 if softcopy Slipstream	\$15.00*	Calendar Year
QLD	\$30.00	\$15.00*	Calendar Year
SA	\$45.00 if hardcopy Slipstream \$35.00 if softcopy Slipstream	\$15.00 + \$13.00 for membership badge.*	Calendar Year
TAS	\$35.00	Nil	Calendar Year
VIC	\$45.00 for Full Members \$10.00 for Associate Members	\$15.00*	Calendar Year
WA	\$54.00 if hardcopy Slipstream \$43.00 if soft copy Slipstream	Nil	Calendar Year

\*Joining fee is waived for anyone who has been a member of the Association in the past.  
“Slipstream” is our quarterly magazine – see below.

Applicants who join part way through an annual period are generally asked to pay the pro-rata subscription relating to that Division.

### **Slipstream Magazine**

The FAAAA's quarterly magazine "Slipstream" contains news and views of the Association and the Fleet Air Arm more broadly. If you have an address in Australia you can receive this by post (hard copy), or you can elect to read it on-line (the application form will ask you whether you prefer hard or soft copy). To read on line you must be a current member of the FAAAA. Overseas members do not have a postal option.

### **FlyBy Newsletter**

We produce a periodic electronic newsletter which is emailed to any member who wishes to receive it, and who has a valid email address. This contains stories that may appeal to our readers as well as news of forthcoming events, services or items of interest.

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## **How to apply**

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You can apply for membership quickly on line. All you have to do is go to our website at [www.faaaa.asn.au](http://www.faaaa.asn.au), click on the PINK button and follow the instructions. You can easily find our website by typing "FAAAA" into your Search Engine.

If you prefer you can fill in the **attached paper form** and post or email it application to:

The Webmaster  
Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia  
3 Bonaira Street  
KIAMA NSW 2533

You will receive a response acknowledging your application and advising of the subscription payment required.

### **More Questions?**

If you have any further questions please contact the Webmaster on **0413 250 969** or email: [webmaster@theFAAAA.com](mailto:webmaster@theFAAAA.com)



# APPLICATION TO JOIN THE FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Name:.....

Address: .....

City: ..... Postcode:.....

Mobile Phone ..... Home Phone: .....

Primary Email:.....

Highest Rank/Category achieved:.....

Date of Entry to RAN Service:.....

Service Number: .....

Date of Discharge (if applicable):.....

List of Decorations and Awards .....

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Squadrons on which you served with approximate dates: .....

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Major Establishments in which you served with approximate dates:

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Slipstream Magazine Preference:  Hardcopy OR  Softcopy

I certify that the above details are correct.

Signed..... Date:.....