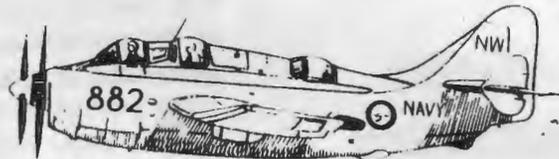
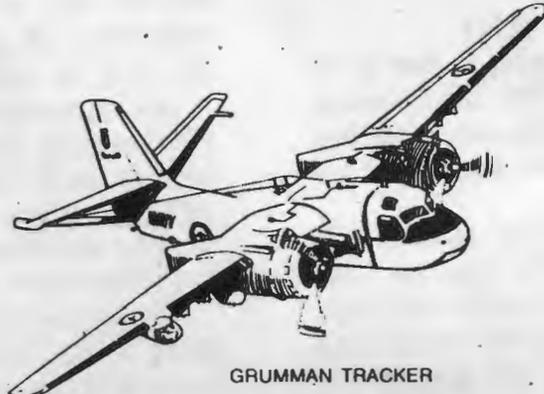




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**EDITORS NOTE**

I think I'm going to give up on advertising Air Activities Days for the Museum. Sorry people, the cancellation of the Activities Day was beyond my control. I hope every one found out about it in plenty of time.

Please bare with us concerning the print quality of this publication. We tried another way last issue and unfortunately it came out a bit on the dark side. Until such times as we can afford to buy ourselves a good quality computer printer, we will just have to put up with what we have. This time we will at least be able to use our newly aquired photo copier as the developer has been changed and the pages are coming out a lot clearer

I still hear that some of you are sending money in for registration for the Re-Union 92 and membership renewal on the same cheque. RE-UNION 92 has nothing what so ever to do with the FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION as far as money goes. PLEASE SEND SEPARATE CHEQUES. Re-Union 92 cheques go to The Secretary Re-Union 92 252 Kinghorn St Nowra 2541. The membership renewal forms go to The Secretary Fleet Air Arm

Association NSW inc PO Box 28 Nowra 2541. It makes life a lot easier for the two treasurers.

Some of this edition will be taken up with the complete FAAA NSW inc Constitution as ammended at the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd of March 1991 thereby giving all members their own personal copy of the Constitution.

During this last period, we have said goodbye to CDR Chris George as Commander Air and boss of the Historic Flight and welcomed CDR Geof Ledger who has taken over the reins.

I was extremely pleased that a quorum wasn't present at the A.G.M., it meant that some had to front up again and ruin part of the following Sunday.

It seems the old adage "When your on to a good thing stick to it" still runs pretty true. As you can see from the office bearers list there has only been two changes since last year. A welcome to the ranks of the committee goes to John Arnold as Assistant Editor and Greg Kelson.

Don't forget I am still looking for "Spin a Yer... dits. I know there must be some out there some where just itching to be told to the world. How about it people.

Hot off the press, Don Parkinson has started restoration of one of the old Sycamores, serial No XD-653, he needs some more help.

Les Matterson did a quick bunk over to Sth Aus. representing our Association and the Federal Association at the laying of a Memorial Stone at HMAS Encounter. I'm hoping Les will get his writing hand and pen together and give us a bit of a report for later in this edition.

The peace and quiet of Nowra has been shattered since early March with the arrival of the New Zealand Skyhawks. I for one agree that it is great to see and hear them once again but, at what cost to us the tax payer. I have no idea as to what it is cost us, but you can bet it probably would have been cheaper for us to hold on to them. The buzzes I've heard going about the traps makes the mind boggle, but I guess ours is not to wonder, but just accept it.

By the way, the Trackers are still sitting out there rotting away. Haven't heard what is going to happen to them yet. I'm still listening though.

**The views and opinions expressed in articles printed in this journal do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Association or the Committee of management.**

## SECRETARIES REPORT 1990

This report was commenced on page 8 of the January 91 issue of 'Slipstream' but was curtailed by lack of space.

Hopefully, Editor Tony can fit most of it in this edition (in trouble again. Ed).

The Annual General Meeting of 03 March was disappointing in that only 18 members attended. At the time we had 205 members registered, 120 of whom were financial and entitled to vote.

The AGM, being six short of a quorum, was deferred to 10 March when business previously conducted was ratified and office bearers for 1991-92 were elected. See page one.

The Constitution is unaltered and is reproduced in this Slipstream for the information of all members.

Please note that our financial year begins on 01 January when annual subscriptions become due. Sub's are required to be paid by 31 January each year.

In order to conserve our limited resources, we have discontinued posting receipts and membership cards every year. The address label on your Slipstream envelope shows your financial status at each posting, eg 90 shows that you are unfinancial; 91 financial; 92 paid in advance.

Normal demands on our accumulated funds have precluded us from purchasing a computer/printer to improve the quality of our "Newsletters" to this time, but such purchase remains priority.

We have recouped approx. half of the \$2,800 outlayed for the purchase of crested wine glasses. A number of purchasers have not yet returned the cost of postage (in the form of postage stamps) to the Secretary.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOURS, SOON.**

"Fleet Air Arm Association" lapel badges are now available to all FULL members. The handsome gold and blue badge may be purchased from the Secretary for \$5.00. If writing to me for your badge, please include a self addressed envelope with stamp; 65 cents in NSW, 70 cents interstate.

New FULL members joining will receive a badge on receipt of their joining fee and first year annual subscription (total \$25.00, once only payment).

The original "Fleet Air Arm" silver wings may still be worn with pride by all members. This badge will continue to be issued to Associate members until further notice.

Since the loss of the White Ensign Club, we are still without a Headquarters. Renovations to the W.E.C. are about to be undertaken by the Shoalhaven City Council. We intend to negotiate for use of the premises, when the facility becomes available for hire, for such occasions as FAA Reunion '92.

Hopefully, the Naval Aviation Museum will be completed to a stage where space may also be available at that time.

In the interim, open forum meetings of FAAA committee and members will be held in the public meeting room of the Shoalhaven City Library, until further notice. Meetings are scheduled for the following Tuesdays at 1915; 23 April, 21 May, 18 June and 20 August.

Preparations for the FAA Reunion '92 are progressing satisfactorily, apart from one major problem; The same problem experienced by the organisers prior to FAA Reunion '88. That is the tardiness of many who expect/hope to attend, to return their 'Registration of Interest' forms.

This is particularly true, so far, of Nowra members and other local ex-"Birdies", who seem to think that because they are so close to the scene of events they simply have to turn up for any function and they can be accommodated.

Obviously, specific numbers must be known for catering and, and space is limited for all proposed functions; Except the march through Nowra. So, please complete and return those forms now. Those who have registered will be contacted regarding functions, tours, accommodation, etc. in the near future.

I join with the Committee in hoping that the coming year will be successful for the Association and prosperous for all members.

J. Lee

Hon. Secretary.

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## H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE 1

MELBOURNE, Feb 28th 1928.

Australia has said good-bye to HMAS Melbourne. The smoke from her four funnels has smeared the horizon north of Thursday Island for the last time. On April 13 her keen grey bows will be cleaving the waters of Spithead, and she will pass through the narrow gateway to Portsmouth Harbour and her doom. Rivet for rivet, plate for plate, the Melbourne will be broken up. An inglorious fate, but such is the way of the navy. Sentiment must stand down for service.

HMS Majestic (later to become HMAS Melbourne) was commenced on 15th April, 1943, 15 years and two days after the first Melbourne entered Spithead for the last time. Feb 28th 1945, 17 years to the day after the first Melbourne left Australian waters, the New Melbourne was launched.

## SEA VENOM WZ937 RESTORATION



Since my last report, a lot has been going on with this particular aircraft. If you remember I had to report that we had to give up the idea of running and taxiing this aircraft because of a crack in the diffuser casing. Thanks to this column we had a phone call from George Beasley who is at present working with De-Havillands in Bankstown. George first started the ball rolling again by saying that they may be able to fix the crack in the diffuser casing. We then had to have photographs taken of the damage and forward them to George. This was done and unfortunately the damage was too severe to repair. Not stopping there, George then went to their apprentice training school and found another engine. With the help of the Manager of the apprentice training school, George and the apprentices, we now have another engine.

The engine is in good condition having been under cover and looked after by the above mentioned. The only problem so far with the engine is a crack in the turbine shroud which should not cause us too many problems. We are going to remove the turbine shroud from the engine in the aircraft and swap them over. We have also received a complete exhaust system with the new engine.

Once again the fun of getting the systems up and running again begins. This time we are a little more fortunate as Renald Makila and Frank Birtles have got us a working hydraulic rig to use. This is going to make life much simpler as we will be able to put full hydraulic pressure into the system, which we were unable to do before.

The pneumatic system is still a problem, we keep blowing lines which delay us for a week while we have another line manufactured. Actually what we are doing to overcome some of the time wastage is to take the pipe line from WZ895 and have a new one manufactured for it.

As far as the rest of the aircraft goes, we are down to the fiddly bits of smoothing off, filling all the dents and the final sanding before we spray it with spray putty.

Unfortunately this report is written quite some time before Slipstream hits the streets, so I'm hoping by the time you get to read this WZ937 will have been out on the taxiway rumbling around the Air Station.

Project Manager Tony Penno Phone 044 210621.



## GANNET XA434 RESTORATION

Having spent a little more than 1000 man hours to date, the Gannet restoration programme (to coin a 'Gulf' phrase) 'is going well'.

We have had the offer of another Gannet, (condition unknown) located somewhere in N.S.W.. The owner Mr Bob Delahunty has donated the A/C on permanent loan and moves are afoot for delivery.

A chap from Bowral, Mr Ken Taylor, has so far donated models of the Firefly, Sea Fury and Sea Venom to the Museum. He is currently building a model of XA434 which is close to completion. The models are carved from solid Maple and his attention to detail is something to see. The models are built in proportion to the actual A/C. The first 3 models mentioned are now on display.

Our valiant crew of weekend maintainers inflated the tyres on the old Bristol Sycamore last Saturday (23/02/91) and moved her down to 'E' hangar awaiting restoration. This will be our next project.

Anyone interested in becoming involved feel free to give either Tony or myself a call.

Don Parkinson, Project Manager.

### CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted urgently AP4018B Sea Fury Vol 6. If anyone knows the whereabouts of one please contact Jim Lee.

Wanted. A set of Sea Venom course notes. We will return them after photo copying if you wish. Contact Tony Penno

Wanted. A good coloured photo or slide of Sea Venom/s in flight with view to copying and enlarging. Photo/slide will be returned. Please send to Tony.

Wanted. A good coloured photo or slide of Gannet in flight with view to copying and enlarging. Photo/slide will be returned. Please send to Tony.

Wanted. Weekend Maintainers for Gannet, Sea Venom and Sycamore aircraft.

Conditions excellent, well, at least better than they were in the pusser.

Pay, negotiable providing you don't want any. Hours, four to six hours one day a weekend or more if you wish. Contact Don or Tony.

Work is still being carried out on the Dakota, Firefly, Sea Fury and Tracker. If you wish to help, contact Tony for a contact phone number.

## **NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM NEWS**

### **FEBRUARY 1991**

Since we launched our campaign to raise capital for the development of modern facilities for our museum at HMAS ALBATROSS, there has been over \$2 million raised in cash, in kind and pledges over the next five years. One ex FAA member has bequested \$100,000 in his will to the museum to assist in its future development and financial stability. We continue to raise the necessary funding to finance the museum.

We have now reached the time when construction of the aircraft display hall is well under way. The supporting piers (26 of them) have been sunk and some 450 cubic metres of donated concrete have been used to extend the 'old dummy deck' 15 metres to the west. This will allow a total concrete area underneath the halls 6,820 square metre roof to be enclosed and shelter the aircraft from the harmful effects of sun and inclement weather.

A lot of hard work has been expended in raising this amount from all areas of the community. A campaign to raise financial and 'in kind' support from the local area is planned to commence in mid 1991. Some significant donations have already been received from local organisations and individuals. If you are not already a founding donor, for the small sum of \$125 or more, you too can be part of the team involved in preserving and displaying our Naval Aviation Heritage.

Most museums which rely on public support cannot operate effectively without a small band of enthusiastic, dedicated and reliable volunteers. 1991 will be the year during which we hope to swell the ranks of our small band of volunteers. These people will be employed as shop assistants, tour guides, clerical/administration and general maintenance assistance. So, if you feel that you can spare one or two days every month please contact us (44) 211920 and we will add your details to our list so we can then have a gathering of potential volunteers at a later date in 1991, to explain the volunteers program and training. The more the merrier.

Development of the Naval Aviation Museum into a first class facility of international standard in the Shoalhaven Region will not happen with the wave of a magic wand. It takes a team effort to achieve this and we would like you to join our team to make our museum the best aviation museum in Australia.

CDR 'Spike' Campey.

## **RDFWA NEWS**

Attached to this edition of the Slipstream you will find an Asbestos questionnaire. This is the result of an arrangement between the Ex Service organisations whereby it was decided that the Naval Association be the organisation to collect information on the incidence and effects of Asbestos in the ex service community. The same questionnaire will appear in the RSL and RDFWA publications but will (also) be required to be returned to the Naval Association.

This is the base from which the Naval Association will present the Veteran's case for recognition and compensation in the coming Government enquiry into the effects of Asbestos. How effective the case will be, depends to a large extent on the return of the questionnaires, so I guess its a case of over to us.

We all know of someone suffering from or who has died from one of the conditions mentioned, so fill in those forms - even if you don't know more than names and rates and rough diagnosis and send them off. Its better that the Association receives ten questionnaires on the one veteran than none at all. They will sort the 'oats from the chaff' as no doubt they have access to Defence Department records of service.

The RDFWA Shoalhaven Contact Group continues to have successes in its welfare work. Recent happy results include assistance to a veteran's widow who was told to pay \$5000 shortfall in her late husbands DFR&DB contributions five years after his death. The shortfall was cancelled after representation by the RDFWA.

In another case an ex FAA Armourer who had Korean service and after discharge suffered heart attacks was successful in having his vascular condition accepted as being a result of his service.

It should be pointed out that before submitting a claim to either Veteran Affairs or Compensation, you contact the Regular Defence Forces Welfare Association or a trained RSL Advocate. Many unsuccessful or delayed claims are a result of poor preparation in the initial documentation attached to the claim. The RDFWA has the experience to assist. Ivan (Chips) Gray FAAA Welfare 416006.

### **SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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Neil Gage	460484	RDFWA Chairman
Alex Stevens	214104	RDFWA Advocate
		Co-ordinator.

## "SPIN A YARN"

The following anecdote is taken from a book titled "RIFF-RAAF", written by a Senior retired RAAF Officer of the 'old school', Graham Sivyer. We thank him for his permission to reprint it in full.

### UNARMED COMBAT

Some silly coot at Bankstown had started the engine of an Auster with the throttle wide open.

On those old Gypsy engines the drill was 'throttle wide - blow out' to clear the engine prior to start - up.

It would appear that this particular bloke had forgotten the 'throttle closed' bit, and he swung the propeller to start the donk.

Well, it started all right; as the bloke leapt out of harm's way, the Auster raced across the aerodrome all by itself, and leapt into the air with nobody on board.

Panic stations!

Now the Department of Civil Aviation (or whatever it called itself at the time) does not approve of an Auster (or anything else, come to that) careering around in its air-space without a pilot on board.

DCA therefore asked the RAAF would it please be kind enough to shoot this Auster down when it got over the sea?

Well, the RAAF was kind enough, but its runway at the fighter base at Williamstown was closed by a pranged aircraft, hence the fighters could not take off.

The RAAF however did the next best thing: it sent up an old Wirraway training aircraft with an Admin Officer in the back cockpit, armed only with a Bren gun and a big black moustache.

Neither of these did the Auster any harm, and it flew on until the Navy shot it down with a Sea Fury. Thank you Graham.

## The Career of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE

1957 Continued from last issue

29 Jan - 5 Feb Jervis Bay area, Calibrations,  
Sqn work up 816,817,808.

05 Feb - 08 Feb Passage to Hobart.

08 Feb - 12 Feb At Hobart

13 Feb - 16 Feb Passage to Milford Sound.

16 Feb - 18 Feb Passage to Port Chalmers.

18 Feb - 20 Feb At Port Chalmers

20 Feb - 22 Feb Passage to Wellington.

Exercises with H.M.N.Z.S Royalist

22 Feb - 26 Feb At Wellington.

26 Feb - 01 Mar Passage to Auckland

01 Mar - 04 Mar At Auckland (Devenport)

04 Mar - 09 Mar Passage to Sydney

09 Mar - 13 Mar At Sydney Replenishing.

13 Mar - 15 Mar Sydney Jervice Bay area. Shop  
Window rehearsal. Disembark 808.

15 Mar - 18 Mar At Sydney

18 Mar - Shop window off Sydney

18 Mar - 22 Mar Passage to Adelaide.

22 Mar - 26 Mar At Adelaide (Outer Harbour)

26 Mar - 31 Mar Passage to Fremantle

01 Apr - 05 Apr At Fremantle

05 Apr - 18 Apr Passage to Singapore via Malacca  
Straights and "TRADEWIND"

18 Apr - 24 Apr Anchored in Singapore Roads.

24 Apr - 02 May In Gulf of Thailand for exercise  
Astra to Sattahip for shop window.

02 May - 07 May Passage to Jesselton.

07 May - 09 May Anchored in Jesselton N. Bor

09 May - 14 May Passage to Hong Kong

14 May - 23 May Hong Kong

23 May - 29 May China Sea for exercises

29 May - 07 Jun Hong Kong

07 Jun - 13 Jun Hong Kong to Singapore

13 Jun - 19 Jun Anchored Singapore Roads

19 Jun - 22 Jun Singapore dockyard

22 Jun - 28 Jun Singapore to Darwin

28 Jun - 29 Jun Anchored Darwin

29 Jun - 04 Jul Darwin to Cairns.



EARLY STAGES OF  
GANNET RESTORATION

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 1991**

Members will be aware, from the October and the January editions of our Newsletter 'Slipstream', that the subscription for 1991 remains \$10.00.

The Constitution (included in this issue) requires that the fee be paid before 01 February each year (page 2 item 1(h)).

At the September 1991 General Meeting of members, it is anticipated that the fee for 1992 will be set. Consideration may also have to be given regarding what action should be taken against members who are in breach of item 1(h)(ref. item 5(a)).

Unfortunately we seem to have lost contact with ten "former" members who are presently unfinancial for 1990; As well as 1991.

Their membership numbers are - 74, 82, 87, 100, 105, 110, 115, 118, 130, 134.

So gentlemen, please check the "Badge No" section of your membership card. If you are one of the above and you intend to remain a member please send us a cheque for \$20.00 ASAP.

If you wish to resign formally, please drop the Secretary a line I.A.W. item 5(b). Lack of communication before the September General Meeting will no doubt see your name removed from the Register of Members.

Members, and Associate Members not yet financial for 1991 please use the return slip below.

### **The Secretary**

**FAAA of AUST (NSW) Inc**

**PO BOX 28 NOWRA NSW 2541**

**Please find enclosed my cheque/money order to the value of \$..... being payment for the Annual subscription for 19.....**

**Signed.....**

**SURNAME.....INITIALS.....**

**(print)**

**MEMBERSHIP No.....**

**My current address is unchanged/new**

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## **DEVELOPMENT OF BRITISH NAVAL AVIATION AND THE AUSTRALIAN FLEET AIR ARM**

### **PART 1 IN THE BEGINNING CONT.**

In the early 1930's lack of finance effected aspects of RAN activity, particularly the FAA. HMAS Albatross remained in commission until 26 April 1933 when she was placed in reserve at Sydney. Whilst still decommissioned she was transferred to the RN in July 1938 as part payment for the light cruiser HMAS Hobart. HMAS Albatross served in the RN during WW2; First as a Seaplane tender in the Atlantic and subsequently converted to a floating workshop for the remainder of the war. In 1946 she was sold out of service and renamed 'Hellenic Prince'. Flying the Greek flag she visited Australia in the post war years carrying migrants from Europe. She was scrapped in 1954.

The paying off of the Albatross was virtually the end of the FAA in the RAN. Training of Naval Pilots ceased and at the outbreak of WW2 aircraft operated by HMA Ships were flown and maintained by RAAF personnel. Observers and other aircrew were provided from the RAN.

From 1933 to 1935 RAN-RAAF fleet co-operation aviation was largely confined to operations of 'Seagull 3' seaplanes ex 101 flight renamed 5 Squadron RAAF. These flew from RAN cruisers, HMA Ships Australia and Canberra. Late in that period the improved Vickers Supermarine 'Seagull 5' was being phased in; as were aircraft catapults in RAN ships. HMAS Australia was fitted with the first cordite operated aircraft catapults in Portsmouth England and she received the first of the 'Seagull 5's' whilst she was on exchange duty with the RN in 1935. Sister ship HMAS Canberra was similarly fitted at Sydney in 1936. Light cruisers HMA Ships Hobart, Perth and Sydney were also fitted with catapults on a progressive basis.

After the early years of WW2 events forced the British Admiralty to provide basic necessities for the support and operation of Naval Aviation ashore on foreign soil. This included repair and stores facilities, a communications organisation, air traffic control, and radar stations where possible. Other requirements included facilities at airfields and airstrips for the training and organisation of Naval Air Squadrons from Aircraft Carriers operating in advance of existing bases.

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# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

# FLEET AIR AR

## ASSOCIATION

# OF AUSTRALIA

## (NEW SOUTH WA

# INCORPORATE

6th March 1990

CONSTITUTION OF

THE FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
(NEW SOUTH WALES) INCORPORATED

- OBJECTS -

- (a) To unite former and serving personnel of the Fleet Air Arm for their mutual benefit.
- (b) To encourage the Social, Intellectual and General Advancement of Members and to promote their Welfare.
- (c) To support, encourage and assist the aims and objects of the Australian Naval Aviation Museum.
- (d) To support, encourage and assist the aims and objects of the R.A.N. Historical Flight.
- (e) The Association shall be strictly non-political, non-sectarian and shall not participate in any industrial dispute.
- (f) To do all such things to promote and further the objects of the Association.

- ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION -

1. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The Association shall consist of the following classes of Members :
  - (i) Full
  - (ii) Associate
  - (iii) Honorary
  - (iv) Life
- (b) Full Membership is restricted to former and serving personnel of the RAN, RN, Commonwealth and Allied Navies who have served with or in support of the Fleet Air Arm or its equivalent for not less than twelve months.
- (c) Associate Membership shall be open to all persons who have an interest in the Fleet Air Arm and who are not entitled to Full Membership.
- (d) Honorary Membership may be bestowed on any person who has rendered special service to the Association. The Committee may bestow Honorary Membership for a period not in excess of twelve months.
- (e) Life Membership may be bestowed on any Full Member of ten years or more consecutive membership who has rendered exceptional service to the Association. Election as a Life Member requires a majority of two-thirds of the votes of members attending a General Meeting and entitled to vote. Nominations for Life Membership must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary at least one month prior to the Meeting. Not more than one Life Member may be elected in any one calendar year.

12. ALTERATIONS TO OBJECTS AND RULES

- (a) Amendments to these Objects and Rules require a majority of two-thirds of Members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting.
- (b) Notice of Motion to alter these Objects and Rules must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary at least one month prior to the General Meeting.

13. COMMON SEAL

The Committee shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal and the Seal shall never be used except by authority of the Committee previously given and in the presence of two Members of the Committee who shall sign every instrument to which such Seal is affixed and every such instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be countersigned by the Secretary or some other person appointed by the Committee.

14. CUSTODY OF BOOKS ETC

The Committee shall provide for the safe custody of all Books, Ledgers, Records, etc of the Association.

15. INSPECTION OF BOOKS ETC

All Association Books, Ledgers, Records, etc shall be available for inspection by Members at General Meetings.

Any Member shall be entitled to examine any Association Book, Ledger, Record, etc by written request to the Secretary and approval by the Committee.

6. COMMITTEE

(a) The Association Committee shall consist of the following Officers :

- President
- Vice President, Administration
- Vice President, Public Relations
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members (Minimum of four)

All Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year after which they may be nominated for re-election.

Only 'Full' & 'Life' members shall be eligible for election to the Committee. To be elected, a Full or Life Member has to be nominated by a financial member of the Association. Nominations must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

In the event of any Officer of the Association being incapable of holding office for any reason whatsoever, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the Committee as soon as possible.

The Association Committee shall meet at least once each two months with the first Meeting each year being in January. The President may at any time and the Secretary shall, upon the request of not less than three members of the Committee, convene a special meeting of the Committee.

A quorum for Committee Meetings shall be four (4). The agenda and procedure shall be as determined by the Chairman.

(b) Duties of Officers

- (1) The President shall :
  - Preside at all Meetings.
  - Represent the Association on all occasions requiring official representation.
  - Be the Associations spokesman on all matters relating to the activities, business and objects of the Association.
  - Be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees which may be appointed.
- (2) The Vice-President, Administration shall :
  - Deputise as President when the President is unavailable.
  - Build and retain Membership.
  - Co-ordinate volunteer workers for the Australian Naval Aviation Museum.
- (3) The Vice-President, Public Relations shall manage a Public Relations programme for the Association.
- (4) The Secretary shall :
  - Receive, dispatch and record all correspondence
  - Keep accurate minutes of all Meetings
  - Maintain the Association Membership Register
  - Hold the master copy of the Constitution
  - Inform members of date and times of meetings

- (5) The Treasurer shall :
  - Keep accurate records of all monies received and expended
  - Balance the financial records by the first day of January
  - Present a financial report to the Annual General Meeting
  - Prepare annual budget each January
- (6) Committee Members shall assist other Office Bearers in running the affairs of the Association in matters of Members' Welfare, Social Activities, and promotion of the Association's Objects generally.

(c) Powers of Committee

- (1) To purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire and maintain any real or personal property for the promotion of the Associations objects;
- (2) To sell, lease, hire, dispose of or otherwise deal with any part of the real or personal property of the Association;
- (3) To borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Association thinks fit with power to issue debentures, grant mortgages, charges or any other class of security upon or charging all or any of the property, real or personal, of the Association and to redeem or pay off any securities;
- (4) To invest and deal with moneys of the Association in such manner as from time to time be determined;
- (5) To amalgamate, co-operate, affiliate and enter into reciprocal arrangements with any other group of persons having objects wholly or in part similar to those of the Association;
- (6) To engage on such terms and conditions as the Association may think fit any person or persons to carry out, whether permanently or otherwise, such task as the Association may from time to time determine;
- (7) To take and defend all legal proceedings by or on behalf of the Association and to appoint all necessary barristers and Solicitors for that purpose;
- (8) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Association.

8 GENERAL MEETINGS - PROCEDURE

The President shall chair all Meetings and in the absence of the President or the unwillingness of the President to chair the Meeting it shall be chaired by a Vice-President. Should either of these be unavailable or unwilling to Chair the Meeting, a Chairman may be elected by those present and entitled to vote.

A quorum shall be twenty per centum of Members having the right to vote. If a quorum not be present by the prescribed time for a General Meeting, such Meeting shall be adjourned to the same time and place seven days later. At such adjourned meeting those present shall form a quorum.



# FLEET AIR ARM REUNION '92

*HMAS Albatross*



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## INVITATION TO ATTEND A NATIONAL FLEET AIR ARM RE-UNION

The Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia - New South Wales Division - is hosting the FAA Re-Union '92 at Nowra from 3rd to 9th May 1992.

To assist planning and administration you are requested to register by returning this form with your registration fee to:-

**THE SECRETARY  
FAA RE - UNION '92  
252 KINGHORN St  
NOWRA NSW 2541**

Surname..... Christian Name/s.....

Postal Address.....

Rank / Rate.....

I accept the invitation to attend the FAA RE-UNION '92. Please find enclosed my REGISTRATION FEE of \$10.00

Signature.....

I express my regret that an acceptance to the invitation to attend FAA RE-UNION '92 must be declined.

Signature.....

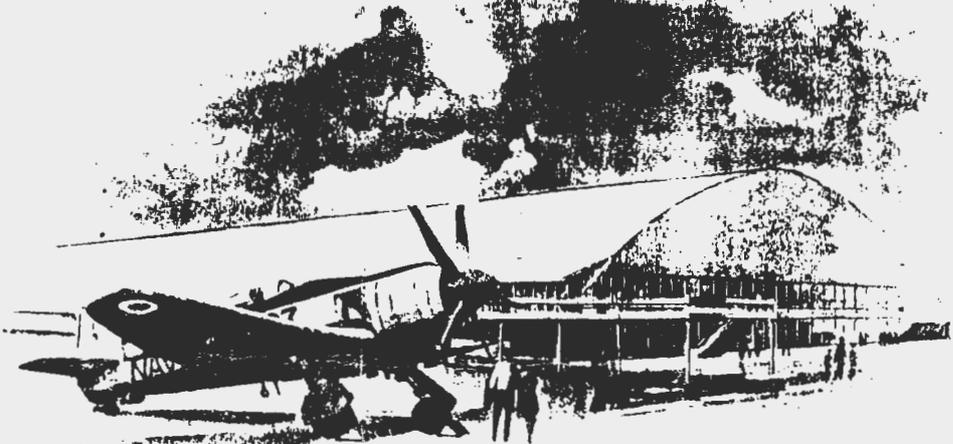
Optional: I wish to donate a small sum of..... to assist the Committee and Co-ordinators in their endeavour to be successful in their aims.

Signature.....

Activities/places would like to attend/visit:

**PLEASE MAKE ALL REMITTANCES PAYABLE TO : F.A.A. RE-UNION '92**

# PRESERVING AUSTRALIA'S NAVAL AVIATION HERITAGE



## The Museum of the Future

In July, 1987, the Heritage Trust agreed that a *New Museum Complex* was needed to provide the aircraft on display with protection from the elements and provide

a proper environment for displays of memorabilia. A *National Capital Campaign* to raise \$2.0 million commenced in 1987. Please give generously. *Donations are Tax Deductible.*

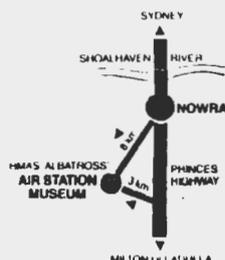
## PUBLIC SUPPORT

*The Museum depends upon public financial support to assist the volunteers to improve, update and preserve this heritage. As the biggest single tourist attraction on the South Coast of New*

South Wales, with some 100,000 visitors each year, the staff of the Museum and Historic Flight accept a monumental task. So generous public donations are not only welcome they are very necessary.

- ★ *Vintage Aircraft*
- ★ *Aircraft Engines*
- ★ *Aircraft Models*
- ★ *Photographic Displays*
- ★ *Exhibits of rockets, bombs, torpedoes and guns*

- ★ *Displays of Theatres of War*
- ★ *Souvenir Shop*
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