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Branch AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Radar Branch is to be held on **Friday 21st April at 1000am**, in the **EASTROC Theatrette on RAAF Base Williamtown**. The AGM will be hosted by Group Captain Peter Davies CSC, OC 41 Wing.

In order to facilitate entry to the Base during the current heightened security status, all non-serving Branch members who wish to attend must advise of their intention to attend.

To do this, members must contact the Secretary by telephone (0421 885 060) or email **no later than Tuesday 18th April**, so that a consolidated list of attendees can be provided to 41 Wing. The details for the day are as follows;

0915-1000: Induction (pick up from Fighter World / Sign In)

1000-1130: AGM conducted in the EASTROC Theatrette

1130-1145: VTC with 1RSU (if 1RSU have an award recipient)

1145-1205: EROC Theatrette for Awards

1205-1300: BBQ Lunch (3CRU) + presentation of any SACTU or 3CRU award recipients

1300-1330: SACTU Corridor (viewing course photos)

1330-1400: SACTU Tour (Simulator)

1400-1430: 3CRU Tour (Brief in the Regional Correlation Centre)

1430: Depart WLM (SACTU Bus) to Fighter World

The AGM will call for nominations for all office bearers and elect the Executive and Committee members. Existing office bearers are welcome to stand for re-election. All positions will be declared vacant and nominations can be made in writing to Secretary or at the meeting. Members are encouraged and welcome to participate in the election of your committee and executive. The first committee meeting of the Branch elected officers will follow the AGM.

Those wishing to attend and nominations for office are requested to be sent to The Secretary (details above) or e-mail to contact@raafradar.org.au or radsecig@outlook.com. **Please Note: All Members are most welcome.**

Following the AGM, OC41WG will announce the winners of the Joe Ulett Memorial and Pither. Both of these trophies are sponsored by the Radar Branch and are awarded annually to the airman or airwoman who has made exemplary contributions in their field.

On completion of formalities, Radar Association members will also be taken on a tour of the Eastroc operational facilities followed by a BBQ lunch hosted by serving members.

ANZAC DAY 2017 - Newcastle

The Radar Branch will be marching in the Newcastle ANZAC Day service this year. There will be a contingent from the Branch accompanied by up to 40 serving members from RAAF Base Williamtown Radar Units. Marchers are to form up in the Hunter Street Mall and side streets between Perkins and Newcomen Streets Newcastle. Under Police control the March will step-off at 9:15am and proceed west along Hunter Street, turn left into Darby Street, right into King Street and finish in Civic Park. The following timings have been advised by the Newcastle Council:

- Tuesday 25 April 2017: • 9am - 10am at • Hunter Street Mall, Scott Street, Darby Street and King Street
- Toilets: Corner Hunter and Perkins Streets - • Parking: On-street, Bolton Street parking station and King Street parking station
- Public transport: Train to Hamilton station and Bus 110 to Civic or Newcastle station.

ANZAC DAY Luncheon 2017 VENUE

Following the main march, the plan is to adjourn to Wests City (formerly Newcastle Panthers, and before that Newcastle Workers Club) for a lunch in the bistro.

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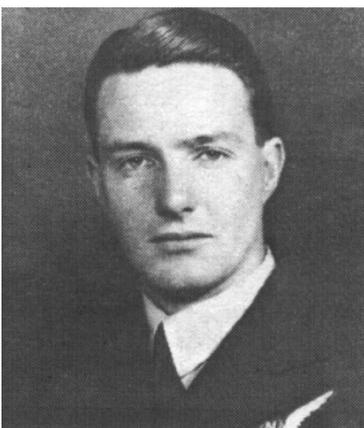
15 June 1922 – RAAF received first locally made aircraft



On this day, the RAAF received the first aircraft that was built in Australia for its use. **The machine, a British designed Avro 504K trainer**, was handed over at Mascot, Sydney, by the Australian Aircraft & Engineering Company (AA&ECo.) after Dame Mary Hughes, the wife of Prime Minister W.M. Hughes, christened it *Mary* before sending it off on its maiden flight. On completion of the flight, the aircraft was formally accepted for the RAAF by Squadron Leader Frank Barnwell. The following month a second machine was also ready, and after acceptance trials both were flown to Point Cook. The remaining four machines of the order placed with AA&ECo were progressively finished over succeeding months, with the last delivered in March 1923. Although a successful undertaking, the venture did not establish the permanent local

manufacture of aircraft, as the company went out of business on finishing the initial RAAF order.

26 February 1947 – Third DFC presented to RAAF Navigator



At a ceremony at Government House, Sydney, on this day, the Governor of NSW, Lieutenant General Sir John Northcott, presented 131 servicemen with decorations awarded during World War II. Among the recipients was **26-year-old Flight Lieutenant Mack Donald Seale**, who had received a second Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) in March 1946 for completing three tours of operational duty as a navigator on Lancaster bombers with No 357 Squadron, RAF. He was the first member of the RAAF to have achieved the distinction of winning the DFC three times. Seale first received the award in December 1943, as a Pilot Officer with the RAAF's No 460 Squadron, and the second award followed in December 1944 while he was a Flying Officer with that same unit. The insignia for all three awards were presented to Seale, who had taken his discharge in April 1946. His citation noted that: *'FltLt Seale has always reached his target, even in the most adverse weather. FltLt Seale has set a magnificent example of determination and devotion to duty'*.

Mack Seale was born on 11 December 1920 at Murwillumbah, NSW

AIR POWER 2017

PLAN JERICHO TAKES SHAPE

Plan JERICHO will provide the framework to deliver a more balanced, potent and integrated future Air Force.



At the Avalon Air Show, Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Davies AO, CSC outlined his plan to implement Plan Jericho over the ten years 2017 to 2027 which will transform the RAAF into a Fifth Generation Air Force.

The term 'fifth generation' encapsulates the emerging battle space of land, sea and the air within an information environment of multiple sensors in a command architecture that will provide the right bit of information to the right asset for the right effect at the right time.

The acquisition of new assets including the JSF F-35A Strike Fighter, the P8 Poseidon, and the Triton MQ-4C Unmanned Aircraft System, the EA-18 G Growler and the Gulfstream G-550 surveillance and

reconnaissance aircraft will form the backbone of the fifth generation RAAF.

Air Marshal Davies has stated that: *'Plan Jericho will transform our Air Force for the information age. Exploiting new capabilities to their full potential will be the difference between being an Air Force with fifth generation aircraft, and being a fifth generation Air Force. We will work with Army and Navy to ensure we deliver a networked future joint force across the spectrum of air, space, electromagnetic and cyber. No one can see the future, but with our great people, mastery of the air domain and the opportunities through Plan Jericho Air Force is postured for anything the future may bring.'*

Plan Jericho encompasses a suite of activities, some of which are already underway, in operations, personnel and capability that will create the Air Force of the future.

Air Force has always operated leading edge technology. Over the next few years the RAAF will transition to an even more technologically advanced force. As the new aircraft and systems enter service, the RAAF will adapt to exploit the full range of capabilities they offer. In particular, the capacity of the command and support systems to collect, process, distributes and protect data will be aligned with major platforms.

A rapidly changing strategic environment will challenge the Air Force to look for new and better ways of staying ahead of adversaries. Current operations already include both State and non-state actors with access to more technologically advanced systems than ever before and which are able to be acquired more rapidly. In this environment, the Air Force will not maintain its technological edge if it does not proactively develop technologies available to it and empower the work force to use its initiative.

The Government has made a considerable investment in Air Force platforms and Plan Jericho is the blueprint to operate and support these platforms in a way that provides agile and responsive options. In short, the 'fifth generation' RAAF will be more agile and adaptive, have extended reach, hit harder with greater precision, see further and distribute information more quickly.

RADAR BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

At the end of this bulletin is an application form to join Radar Branch. Give the form to a friend or colleague who may be interested in becoming a member and renew or form their association with the Radar community. In fact, take it with you on Anzac Day just in case!!

