



THE RADAR BRANCH

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Our Patrons and Committee join me in wishing all members, spouse and friends
'Compliments of the Season'

FUTURE EVENT

XMAS LUNCH: – 'THE LANDINGS' AT TURRAMURRA

- (I) **Day - Date - Time :** Friday 7TH - December 07 - 12 noon
(II) **Venue:** "The Landings Clubhouse" – Dining Room
440 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra, Sydney
(III) **Dress: -** Coat and Tie
(IV) **Cost:** \$50 per Person
(V) **Menu:** Table Wines included

Entrée	<i>Prawn Caesar salad Simple fresh tomato and basil soup</i>
Main Course	<i>Selection of cold meats consisting of: Glazed hams, Turkey, Pork or chicken Condiments – Mustards, cranberry & apple sauce</i>
Salad Selection	<i>Roasted vegetables and salad selection</i>
Dessert	<i>Plum pudding with brandy custard or fresh seasonal fruit</i>
Beverages	<i>Table Wines included Coffee, tea and orange juice included</i>

- (VI) **Travel – By Car** proceed along the Pacific Highway to Bobbin Head Road – if travelling North turn right at the lights at the junction of the Highway with Bobbin Head Road – if travelling South turn left (of course). Proceed to the end of Bobbin Head Road until just before the entrance to the National Park and then turn left into the main gate of The Landings. (see copy of map attached)
Travel – By Train alight at Turramurra Station and proceed to the eastern side (Rohini Street) and wait for pick-up if required.

Ensure you indicate the need for a 'pick-up' transport in your reply slip and details will be supplied to you by phone.

On entering The Landings' village drive along the Sir Frederick Scherger Drive to a roundabout at which point a marshal will assist and direct you to a parking area along Sir Neville McNamara Drive (if parking along this drive, please ensure that you use the left hand side only).

A return slip is provided with this Bulletin and should be sent to the address shown no later than **FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2007** with your cheque made in favour of 'Radar Air Defence Branch'.

We would welcome a donation (such as a bottle of wine or chocolates) towards 'Lucky Door' prizes.

Please wear a name badge (any shape or size) and don't forget to indicate any special dietary needs on the return slip. **Please Note: Family Members and Friends are most welcome.**

If you wish more information please contact our Secretary (details above) or e-mail to contact@raafradar.org.au

PAST EVENTS

BATTLE OF BRITAIN ANNIVERSARY LUNCH – 14 SEPTEMBER 2007

Several of our members attended this years Battle of Britain lunch held at NSW Parliament House which is an annual event organised by the NSW Division RAAFA. Please put a note in your diary for next year.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Our Branch Committee meets at the Defence Plaza Building, Pitt Street Sydney. The next meeting will be held at 1000am Tuesday 13 November 2007. Members are being sought for vacant committee positions. Please contact our Secretary (details above) or e-mail to contact@raafradar.org.au if you are able to contribute to running the Branch.

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VALE

Vale Mr J.E. (Ted) Dellit formerly of Caringbah, Sydney NSW

With regret we note the passing of Ted Dellit, one of the 'originals' of RAAF Radar with long tenure as a Branch member, former Vice President and DVA liaison committee member. Ted only recently resigned from the Branch committee with our earnest thanks and appreciation for his friendship, dedication and significant contribution to radar. In particular, Ted's work with Ed Simmons to document radar history and liaison with the RAF museum on Australia's role in WWII is a lasting legacy to those who work with radar today.

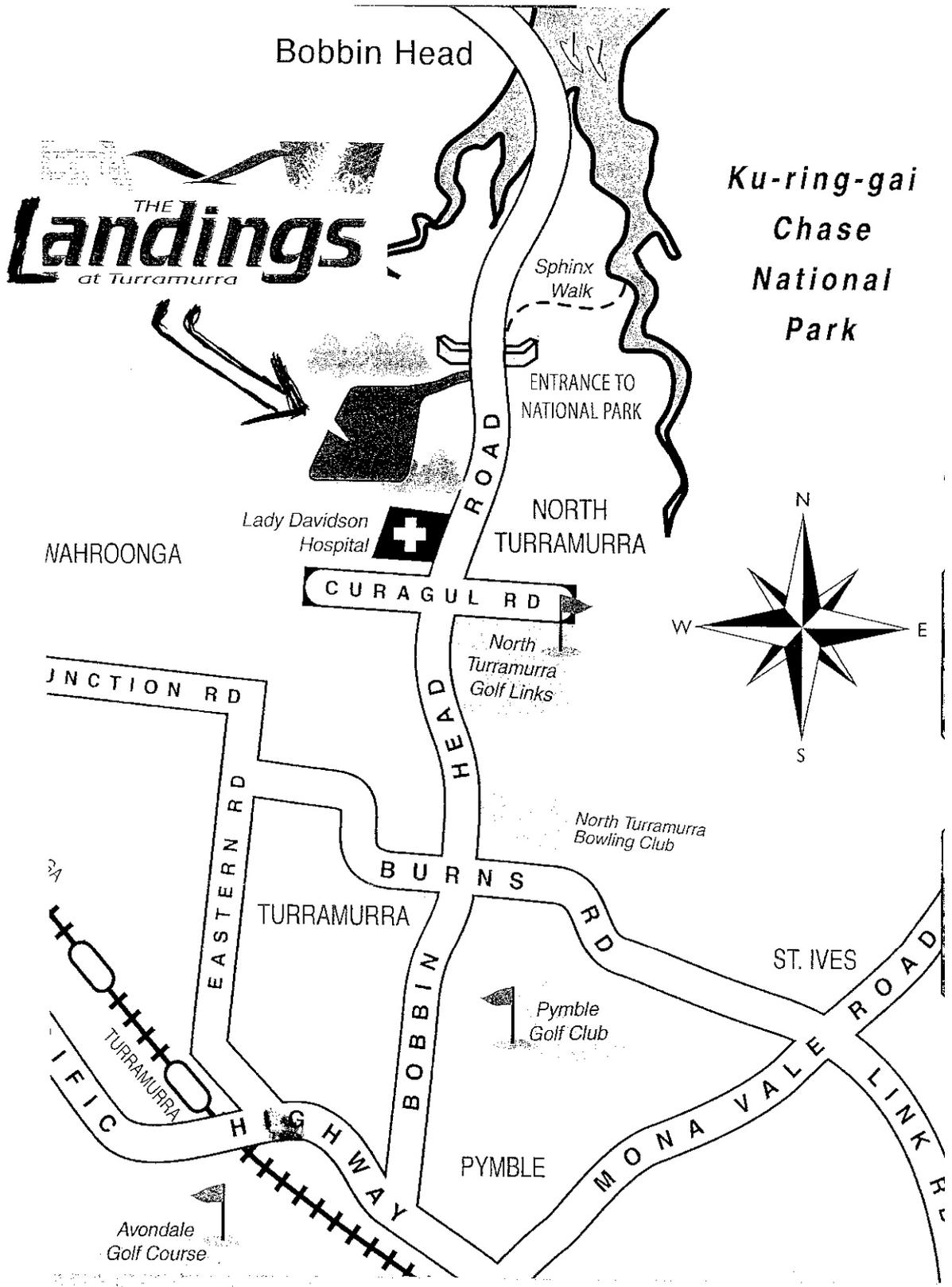
RADAR ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Since August 2007, No 114 Mobile Control and Reporting Unit (MCRU), home based in Darwin, has been on active service at Kandahar Airfield in southern Afghanistan. Approximately 75 personnel are deployed with the TPS 77 radar assigned with the responsibility to coordinate coalition combat air operations. This is the unit's first operational deployment since the 1960s when the RAAF faced the prospect of becoming involved in regional conflict with Indonesia over Malaysia's independence. The period of confrontation was termed 'Konfrontasi' by Indonesia and the involvement of some 3500 Australians with 23 fatalities including four RAAF personnel was somewhat overshadowed by the emergence of the Vietnam conflict. Although full scale conflict was avoided, the importance of air power and radar air defence was cemented as a key element of Australia's military capability for strategic deterrence. 'Konfrontasi' came to an end when Suharto replaced Sukarno as President in 1965 and Indonesia signed a peace treaty with Malaysia. We convey to members of 114 MCRU our best wishes and pride in their active service for Australia.

I look forward to seeing you at the XMAS function

With kind regards

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