



## South Australian Division

### Presidents Report 3/2012

A number of items of interest have occurred since my last report. Among them was the advice that our long-standing member Bob Cowper DFC\* Lgn Hon (Fc) was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the New Year Honours List. Well done Bob. We have also learned that a number of our members have been selected to attend the dedication to Bomber Command in London in June. They are Angas Hughes, David Leicester DFC\* OAM, Donald Looker, Cecil Mattingley DFC, Kingsley Pryor DFC and Colin Watt OAM DFM. A formidable group!

The Airport Plaques For those who may not know, the Adelaide Airport Authority (AAA) have begun construction of new buildings, which will require the relocation of the Adelaide Airport Plaques (AAP). For those who attend the ceremony each year this will be a relief as we have received tentative approval from the Adelaide Council to relocate all the plaques to an area on the northern grass lands level with the Torrens Drill Hall. This will allow easier parking for members and allow for post ceremony refreshments to be provided in the Combined Mess. The AAA has agreed to provide \$10000.00 toward the cost of relocating and the Association will apply for a Grant from DVA to supplement the costs. A professional Architect donated his services to draft a fitting memorial base to support the plaques and I believe the selection will be pleasing to the eye.

Unfortunately, due to the number of plaques it was impractical and very expensive to have individual plinths so we have opted for a group of three plinths.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association. I was somewhat disappointed at the number of members who attended the AGM in April, for the second time running we failed to raise a quorum and the meeting had to be reconvened. Is there some way that might enable more members to attend. I would encourage your input, perhaps a change of day or time may help?



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Finally, may I remind members of the existence of our Web Page and encourage those who are computer literate to access it, or better still submit items of interest relative to your branch or members. The address is [www.raafasa.org.au](http://www.raafasa.org.au) and any item can be forwarded to HQ for inclusion.

Regards

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