



## South Australian Division

### Presidents Report 1/2013

Greetings all and welcome to 2013. National Council are in the process of examining effects that may concern the RAAF Association qualifications for listing as a charity with a view to us meeting the requirement. They also noted that ESOs were well down in the list being examined. There appears to be a leaning to Medical and other large organisations such as religious groups.

For those who have held off purchasing the new design RAAF Association ties, a decision to produce only the narrow stripe version and to do away with the gift box was made. As a result, the cost for the tie is now a reasonable \$26.00. (I am one of the few that paid top price)!

There is also an addition to the clothing list. A beret with the RAAF Association bullion badge is available for sale from the Air Force Shop in Canberra the email is [sales@airforceshop.com.au](mailto:sales@airforceshop.com.au) Phone 02 6280 9966. No other details are available at present.

Members may be aware of the proposal by the family of Dicky Creswell to sell his medals. The RAAF Museum has taken an interest in this sale and I am happy to report that they have negotiated a price with the owner and are purchasing the medals. They will eventually be on display at the RAAF Museum Pt Cook. This is a great outcome and ensures the medals will remain in Australian hands.

Recent DVA sponsored Missions highlighted the difficulty in reaching those older members who have allowed their membership to lapse, resulting in the Association not being able to contact them with offers to attend at Government cost. Accordingly, if you are or know of a lapsed member it may be in their interest to renew their membership. Please pass the word to those you know. On a similar note, the forthcoming ANZAC Day Centenary will attract a large number of hopefuls wishing to attend at Gallipoli in 2015. Because of this, the Australian Government has indicated that a lottery will be held to select attendees. Those interested will have to register their intent prior to the date (to be advised) if they wish to be considered for travel agents offered packages that include the Gallipoli ceremony, it is doubtful if their package will be honoured.



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You may recall that in my last report to you I advised the proposed relocation of the Airport Plaques to Torrens Parade Ground, I am happy to report that as we go to press the prospects of the relocation being completed prior to ANZAC Day is looking favourable. Further updates will be advised to Branches as they come to hand.

Regards

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