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Children of the 450 — it's your turn!

There comes a time in our lives when we are faced with having to make decisions that don't necessarily sit well with our general pattern of thought. We are so used to doing for others throughout our lifetime that it is almost impossible for us to force for some time in our lives, the tables will turn and we will have the need to call on those same people for their assistance and moral support.

This is now the case for our original members of the 450 Squadron who have not only served their country but who have also served their fellow illustrious to call on those same people for their assistance and moral support.

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COMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings 2005
City of Sydney RSL at
18:00pm on the
following dates:
Tuesday 3 May
Thursday 2 August
Wednesday 2 November

AGM
Saturday 9 April
ANZAC Day
Monday 25 April

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BIRTHDAY CORNER

Name Age
M. Parsons 05
C. James 02
C. J. Gurus 10
Widows of 450
E. Brooker
C. Nippens
Children of 450
K. Condon
R. Brooker
C. Newby
S. Giles
F. Archer
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ANZAC Day March Monday 25 April 2005

ANZAC Day is always a very special day for us all, and this year is no exception. As each year unfolds our numbers dwindle and although this is to be expected with our senior members, it does give our junior members the opportunity to take part in the parade on their behalf.

So, if you are a direct descendant of a deceased or disabled member of the 450 Squadron please join up by marching in your home town or city, and then contact the Media team so we can be aware of the right support and with pride, in commemoration of their bravery, service and grandeur, who fought so gallantly that we may enjoy our freedom today.

Adelaide, South Australia
Assembly: 09:00h
Location: WWII RAAF Units
Route: RAAF Parade (off King William St)
Start: 10:00h
Review: 12:00h
Bicycle Association
Terrence Parade (RAAF)
Contact: Dave Holman (RAAF)
08 8227 0980

This year the RAAF will be leading the parade in the Brisbane ANZAC Day March.

Adelaide, South Australia
Location: 7th in line (directly behind 130th)
Elizabeth & George Street (Canine side)
Review: 10:00h
Location: 130th
Contact: Frank Barclay (RAAF)
07 3842 0900

Canberra, ACT
Assembly: 09:00h
Location: 17th in line (directly behind ARMY (off column closest to War Memorial))
02 6248 4616

Canberra, ACT
Location: RAAF Association
Southern Cross Club
10:00h
Widow Act
12:00h
Book no later than 10 April
12:00h
John Wilson (RAAF) March
02 6286 7825
John Wilson (RAAF) March
02 6286 2461

Darwin, Northern Territory

Assembly: 09:00h
Location: Aquila Hotel
The Esplanade
Darwin
Start: 10:00h
Contact: Michael Kirk (RAAF)
0810 05 343

Hobart, Tasmania

Location: 10:00h
Marine Street
(between MacQuarie & Davey Sts)
Start: 10:00h
Provision can be made for transport by contacting the RAAF to later than 20 April

Review: 12:00h
RAAF Memorial Centre
61 Davey Street
Hobart
A small change for drinks & light refreshments for station and non members. A unique message is also written into this centre.

Contact: George Debraun (RAAF)
08 6244 3862 / 0810 658 997

Melbourne, Victoria

Location: Flinders Street (northern side)
Between Bevanston & Elizabeth Sts
Review: 10:00h
Start: 10:00h
RAAF Association
Air Force Memorial Centre
100 Flinders Street
South Yarra

Book no later than 10 April

Contact: Philip Barker (RAAF)
03 9628 8573

Perth, Western Australia

Location: 09:00h
St George's Terrace
Perth
Start: 10:00h
Refer to the WEST AUSTRALIAN newspaper Friday 22 April for exact location of assembly

Contact: Phil Barker (RAAF)
08 3911 4445

NI All family members are welcome to march in Perth. There is NO limitation on age.

Quarterly Association Newsletter

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Sydney, New South Wales

Assembly: 10:00h
Location: David Jones Rec. Dock
Elizabeth Street, facing King Street
Sydney
Start: 10:00h
Contact: Frank Barclay (RAAF)
02 9299 9290

Taxis for disabled veterans may be booked through the office of the RSL ANZAC March Secretary, Contact Mr Rob Barry PB 61 5244 418. The taxi drivers will collect the veterans from their homes and return them after the March.

Taxis will also be available for those who can make their own way to the city but wish to march. By reporting to the RSL Marshall at the entrance to the Imperial Arcade in Castlereagh Street opposite David Jones at 8:30am, no later. Veterans must wear medals or have some identification to assist in their return to their service personnel. At the conclusion of the March they will be taken to Museum Station, corner of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets to meet families or friends.

Eligibility to take part in the ANZAC Day March is restricted to those persons eligible to be members of the RSL, i.e. persons who have had minimum of 6 months service in the Australian Defence Force, a Commonwealth Force or Allied Force. Children or other relatives of veterans are not permitted to march with groups except that one relative of a deceased or disabled veteran may march with the veteran's unit in the year only but must wear the veteran's medals on the right breast and have the units approval. Please respect these restrictions.

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RAAF Association (New South Wales Division)

If you wish to use the ANZAC Day March arrangements please contact our Secretary, South Australia (08) 213 795 or contact the RAAF Association or RSL branch located nearest you.

If you are a disabled veteran or a veteran's widow and are unable to attend the March is your home town or city please contact the RAAF or RSL no later than 10 April to make arrangements for suitable transport.

Letters to the Editor

CONCARABARAN, NSW
Bill Sheffield OAM
After the pleasure that I have enjoyed in reading these photos will be carried out in this one will appear on our website for all to see.

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Colin Doyle LAC 127800
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1941-1945

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*the jaguars's head symbolises
"stead and immovable strength" by the motto
"the jaguar's confidence"
"efficiency action taken by the squadron
the motto is based on the squadron's nickname
"The Desert Harassers"*

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**Letterhead
& Follow-on Sheets**



forever a harasser - 'chesty',



GET WELL SOON

we wish you well, on your
road to recovery and trust that
you will duly
ignore all speed limits

Get Well Card

Happy 85th Birthday
'Allan'

10 December 2004



Best Wishes from the 450

Birthday Card

450 SQUADRON
Middle East
1941-1945

The Soldier's Prayer

Kind regards, Maurie Douglas

Stay with me, God, the night is dark,
The night is cold: my little spark of
courage dies,
The night is long, be with me,
God, and make me strong.

I love a Game: I love a fight
I hate the dark: I love the light.
I love my child: I love my wife
I am no coward: I love life



Life with its change of mood and shade
I want to live. I'm not afraid
But me and mine are hard to part;
Oh, unknown God, lift up my heart

You stilled the waters at Dunkirk
You saved your servants.
All your work is wonderful, Dear God.
You strode before us down that dreadful road.

We were alone, and hope had fled;
We love our country and our dead,
And could not shame them; so we stayed
the course, and were not much afraid.
Dear God, that nightmare road!
And then that Sea!
We got there; we were men.

My eyes were blind, my feet were torn
My soul sang like a bird at dawn
I know that death is but a door
I knew what we were fighting for
Peace for the kids, our brothers freed
A kinder world, a cleaner breed.

I'm but a son my mother bore
A simple man, and nothing more,
but - God of strength and gentleness,
be pleased to make me nothing less.
Help me; Oh God, when death is near
To mock the haggard face of fear,
That when I fall — if fall I must —
My soul may triumph in the dust.

Anonymous



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With Many Thanks

450 Squadron (R.A.A.F.) Association
'The Desert Harassers'

Your donation has been received and duly forwarded to our Treasurer, Frank Bertelle.

We thank you sincerely, as the financial support of our Association members is always gratefully appreciated.

Best regards always

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Book Mark **Return Thanks**



2005

- General Meeting
- AGM & Reunion
- ◇ ANZAC Day
- △ Remembrance Day
- △ 64th Anniversary of Sailing

JANUARY

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A4 Double Sided Year Calendar

Below: Williamson R.A.A.F. Base 1941 Home of the 450 Squadron; the first Squadron to serve on the base.
 Right: Allan (Nipper) Nippers & Phil Kerkwood-Dummetts
 Front: Allan (Nipper) Nippers, Sun Hebum, Bob McKinnon & Jack Thompson
 Inset from "Through the Eye of the Hurricane" by Allan Nipper Nippers Copyright © 2000



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2005 ANNUAL REUNION

City of Sydney R.S.L. & Community Club Co-op Ltd

Saturday 9 April 2005

Menu

Entrée Cream of Chicken and Corn Soup
or
Antipasto

Main Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb
with rosemary glaze
or
Supreme of Chicken
with camembert and leek cream sauce

Accompanied by
Seasonal vegetables and potatoes
Bread rolls and butter

Dessert Fresh chilled fruits
or
Sticky Date Pudding

Beverages Freshly brewed Coffee & Tea
Red/White House Wines
Fruit Juice
Beer

All other beverages
can be purchased from the bar

Reunion Luncheon Programme & Menu

In celebration
of the

64th ANNIVERSARY of the SAILING

of
450 SQUADRON
Royal Australian Air Force
from
SYDNEY HARBOUR
on the
QUEEN ELIZABETH



on
Friday 11 April 1941

'Destination
'UNKNOWN'

2005 ANNUAL REUNION

Programme

Official Welcome to Guests

Phil Masson

Grace

Phil Masson

The Loyal Toast
Toast 'to the Queen'

Phil Masson

Departed Comrades
Toast 'to Departed Comrades'

Rod Brooker

450 Squadron
Toast 'to 450 Squadron'

Gordon Steege DFO DFC



ORDNANCE LAMENT

We are not really soldiers
We're only make believe,
They gave us all a rifle
Our conscience to relieve.

Our ship was built for pleasure
For folk of the idle class,
We'll give them back their blinking ship
For just one shore leave pass.

-A77 Outward Bound No. 1 edition
AT SEA: April 25, 1941



Civic Station - 1941

Saturday 9 April 2005



Attendance Register

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