



*ROYAL AIR FORCE
BOY ENTRANTS
80TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER No 1.*



This first Newsletter is to “set the stage” for the Adelaide 80th Anniversary of the start of the RAF Boy Entrant scheme in 1934. To be remembered is that 2014 is also the 60th Anniversary of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd Entries and the 20th Anniversary of the RAFBEA, quite a memorable year!!

The purpose of the anniversary is to celebrate the beginning of the scheme that brought us all together.

The following newsletter has “local knowledge” that may be useful when making plans to attend the Adelaide Anzac Day march and the 80th Anniversary dinner.

Hotels

There are several hotels along North Terrace in the Adelaide CBD that are near the parklands, casino, shops, a variety of restaurants and also close to the start of the Anzac Day march.

Negotiations are underway with the Mercure Grosvenor for a favourable tariff; more information as it comes to hand. According to a recent visitor, this hotel is comfortable without being lavish and reasonably priced. If all goes well we may use the restaurant of this hotel for a lunch after the Anzac Day March.

Other hotels close by, with a higher “star rating”, are the “Stamford Plaza”, “Sebel Playford” and “Intercontinental”. These hotels have more “bells and whistles” than “The Grosvenor” but attract a higher tariff as would be expected. Have a look on the internet to get a better idea of each hotel’s charges and offerings.

Anzac Day March

Although details for the march are still to be finalised, it is expected we will meet as previous years at the northern end of Pulteney Street at 9.30am. We then march along North Terrace towards King William Road, turn right at the South African Memorial and march across the River Torrens after passing the saluting base. The dispersal point at the end of the march is normally in Pennington Street, next to the Cross of Sacrifice Memorial Gardens. Spectators are encouraged to line the full length of the march along North Terrace and King William Road.



Dinner: A memorial dinner is to be held in the South Australian Aviation Museum at Port Adelaide. This museum is dedicated to South Australian aviation history that displays aircraft that are significant to the state, including some used at the Aircraft Research Development Unit at the Defence, Science and Technology Organisation in Salisbury. This area also holds many memories for ex Boys who were stationed as RAAF Base Edinburgh Field (also known as RAF Edinburgh Field) during missile trials and development during the 1950s to the 1970s. The dinner will be in the open area in the display area with aircraft on three sides. The cost of the dinner is still to be finalized so “watch this space”

Where required, transport by coach will be provided to and from your hotel to Port Adelaide for the dinner.

Other bits and pieces

For those flying into Adelaide from interstate or overseas, please let us know your arrival time and flight number, and a South Australian ex Boy will meet you and provide transport to your hotel or other accommodation.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact David Long (email david.viv@bigpond.com or phone +61 (0) 8 8242 5068).

Looking forward to seeing you on the 25th and 26th of April next year.

The three Davids: Long, Brandon and Williamson plus the two Gs Graham Clayton and Gordon Mephram.