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Annual Awards Dinner Held 18 November 2017

The 48th Annual Awards Night Dinner was held at the Chatswood Golf Club, Chatswood NSW, on Saturday 18 November. Original Sunderlanders Branch President Peter Jensen and Ron McKellar, both from 461SQN, were in attendance.



The event was once again a great success with thirteen 10SQN serving Officers and NCOs accompanying the CO Wing Commander Jason Begley making the journey from RAAF Edinburgh.

Eight cadet officers and NCOs represented 322AAFCSQN and Rick Hattam, Secretary of the Victorian Sunderland Association was a guest, taking the total attendance to 47.

There was strong commitment from those present to continue the Awards Night into the future with 2 more years to go to the 50th Awards Night. The award winners were FLTLT Madeleine DeJager and WOFF Chris Platt

The sad news delivered by WGCDR Begley is that 10SQN is losing aircraft to 11 Squadron and is not sure what is happening with 10SQN.

Celebration of 100th Birthday - Dudley Marrows DSO DFC Legion de Honor

On December 8, distinguished Sunderland Dudley Marrows DSO DFC Legion de Honor celebrated his 100th birthday in Mildura. At an afternoon function on Saturday 9 December, Dudley accompanied by numerous friends and family celebrated his numerous significant achievements in both his military and civilian life.



To commence proceedings for the afternoon there was a flyover by a 10 Squadron PC-3 Orion.

Amongst the many distinguished guests was Sunderland Peter Jensen, President, NSW Sunderland Branch AFA, who was on Dudley's crew during many of his extraordinary actions in the Bay of Biscay.



GPCPT Jason Begley, CO 10SQN accompanied by two members of the Squadron also attended. GPCPT Begley presented Dudley with a pennant signed by Chief of Air Force from the squadron.

Anzac Day 2018

Arrangements will be much the same as last year, with the ceremony commencing at 11:30 at Rathmines. Please RSVP for lunch bookings to the secretary **no later than April 7**.

Shopping Section

“MARITIME is NUMBER 10” Book – Your Committee has some copies of the reprint of this History of 10SQN. Books are available from the Secretary at a cost of \$70.00 including GST, packaging and postage. Order forms are available from the Secretary. The reprint is quite good and worth purchasing.

“ANZAC SQUADRON” - This book relating the story of 461 Squadron the “ANZAC SQUADRON” by Norman Ashworth is also from the Secretary at a cost of \$55.00 per copy, postage and handling.

Sunderland Lapel Badges – “Sunderland” lapel badges are available from the Secretary at \$8.00 ea packaging and postage paid.

10 and 461 Squadron Plaques - We have both 10 and 461 Squadron Plaques in stock. The cost is \$70.00 including GST, postage and packaging

322 Passing Out Parade

On 2nd December 2017, Peter J and Peter D again attended the passing out parade and the encouragement award went to Veronica Nicolich.

Membership

Many thanks to all for getting payments in, which is much appreciated.

Peter J.

Please contact Peter D, our secretary, if you have any queries.