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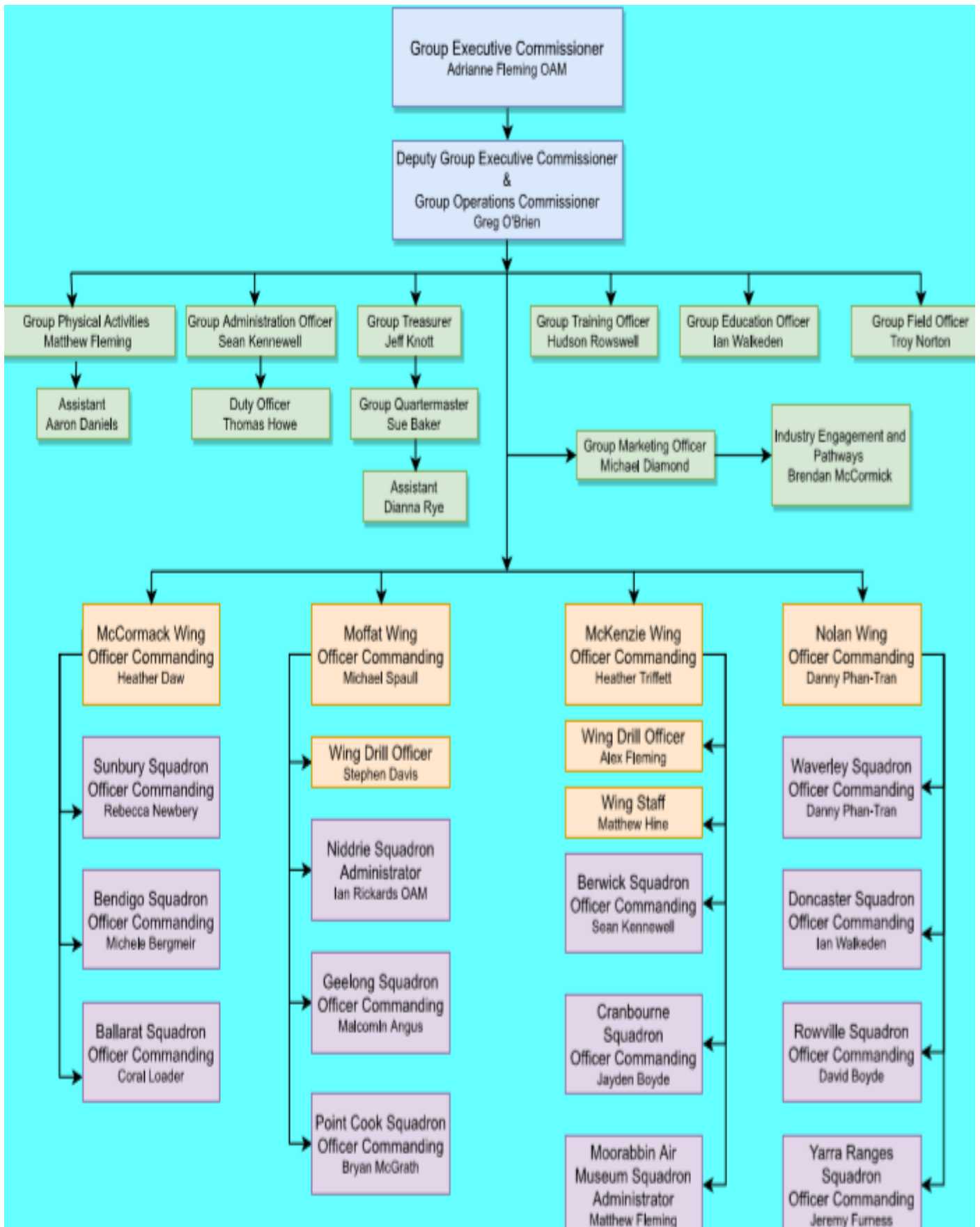
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Victoria Group Structure



“The Southern Cloud”

Welcome to The Southern Cloud, Australian Air League INC, Victoria Group magazine.

It has been around 50 years since our last edition, supplying our members and the general public with information of what was happening within the Australian Air League, Victoria Group, and aviation in general. We are sure that the magazine will again become the go to magazine.

Some of you may be familiar with The Southern Cloud and may still have a copy sitting on a bookshelf or in a box under your bed from days gone by.

With the re birth of The Southern Cloud, we will be aiming for you evolvment by asking you submit stories or articles relevant to Victoria Group and The Australian Air League. It may be a plug for your local Bunnings sausage sizzle (when we can have them again), to acknowledging some outstanding event that may have happened on parade or an achievement someone has made. With your participation we hope to increase the content and information coming out to you in our magazine.

We are all aware there is no face to face Parade nights right now, and we have had to postpone our Group Review, which I know everyone was looking forward too, Hopefully we will have a new date to advise in the very near future so we have something to look forward to later this year given the Federal Review has also been postponed to a date to be decided as yet.

How are you all coping with Isolation? What are you all doing to stay involved with your squadron leaders and your parade mates? What are you all doing for education and activities towards achieving badges?

By now your Squadron Leaders should have cadets participating in online parade nights and working through workbooks, while we all are trying our best to get through these unusual times. If nothing else, we are all learning that we can live and get on with those other people (family members) who also occupy the home we live in.

Please take the time to read through The Southern Cloud and do not forget, we are looking forward to your input.

All articles will need to be submitted by May 17, 2020 for May 24, 2020 publication and remember to add your name and squadron on your submission. Till next month stay well and stay safe.

You can email your articles and photos to Dianna Rye (Editor): editor.vic@airleague.com.au

A Message From Our
Group Executive Commissioner,
Adrienne Fleming

In these uncertain times it is important that everyone look after themselves and their family and if they have the capacity, look out for others that may be vulnerable in the community. If everyone keeps doing the right thing the sooner we will be through this time. The Australian Air League is not only an aviation based youth organisation it is an extended family to all its members. If any members are feeling distressed and need to reach out, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other officer.

ANZAC day is not far away and the numerous commemorations in which members participate are operating in a different format. The AAL have been encouraging members to participate in the driveway dawn service and to post their photos. Making a homemade wreath, perhaps displaying the Australian flag and lighting a candle are all activities that can be performed to show respect to those who have served. The sacrifice made by our service personnel should be remembered as this has helped shape the community we now live in. During this pandemic I feel proud to be an Australian and facing this in such a lucky country with our fellow Australians. "Lest we forget"

I heard a quote the other day that "Magic happens when we are uncomfortable ". I am sure I am not alone in saying that there have been times over the past couple of months that I have felt uncomfortable. Congratulations officers and cadets to adapting to this new world we currently live in. The embracing of technology to run squadron nights has led to cadets still being engaged in Air League activities and even meeting new cadets from different squadrons and different groups. Some of our squadrons have even reported a new member which is heartening to see.

I encourage officers to share their experiences and successes with this new online format so we can all learn from each other. I look forward to hearing these stories and this newsletter belongs to all of you so please submit your articles to share.

Embrace this new normal, look for the magic and please stay safe

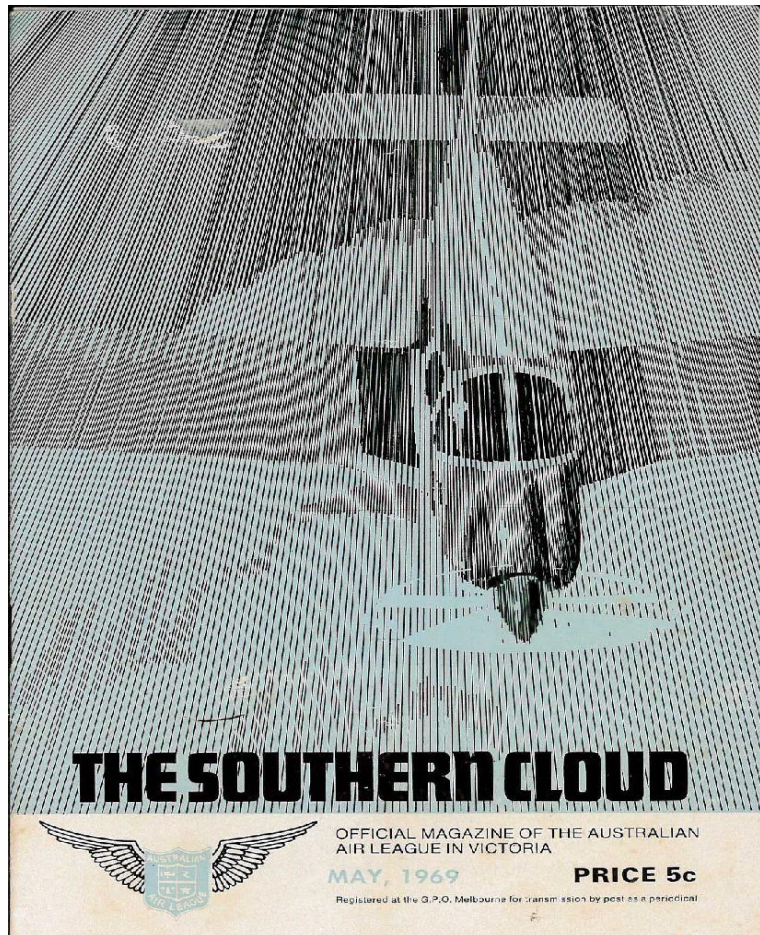
Adrienne Fleming, OAM
Group Executive Commissioner

PAST COVERS



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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY



The Border Watch.

H. L. GREEN, Your Local Dealer.

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MOUNT GAMBIER, SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1941

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Miracles, he said, should not be expected as a result of the United States decision to clear the Atlantic lanes of the Nazi "rattlesnakes." He is quoted as saying, "The Navy is conveying plenty of ships."

It is officially stated in Berlin that U-boats destroyed an enemy convoy of 11 ships, totalling 78,000 tons, off the West Coast of Africa. The convoy was steaming towards England.

Planes Valued at £10,000,000 for Export

A Canberra message says that about £10,000,000 worth of locally manufactured aircraft of different types, including bombers and advanced trainers, will be exported by Australia next year. This was stated today by Senator Leckie, Minister for Aircraft Production. He added that a large number of orders had also been placed with Australia by the Eastern supply group for fulfilment in 1943 for distribution mainly east of Suez.

The Ex-Shah for Argentine

The ex-Shah Rhiza Khan Penlevi, of Iran (Persia), has left Kerman for Bandar Abbas and India on his way to the Argentine, where he will live in exile. Once all-powerful, but now despondent and given to fits of weeping, he began his journey into exile by caravan, accompanied by his wife and three sons.

Chinese Messengers Offered to

Vichy, Saturday.

The French Government has vigorously protested against Japanese forces searching houses and making arrests in Hanoi and Haiphong. It states: "This action constitutes an indisputable violation of French sovereignty by the Japanese Command in Indo-China."

RUSH FOR AIR LEAGUE BOYS

Sydney, Today.

Four hundred women scrambled wildly in a city store yesterday to billet 230 Australian Air League boys who arrived from Melbourne for the League's annual parade. Each of the 400 women wanted to take home one of the 230 boys. Officials lost control of the proceedings as the women surged forward, and those who reached a boy first claimed him. Two boys, aged 11, fainted in the excitement, and one woman left with five boys.

Burra Race

M. Hughes, of Mount Barker, won the Burra to Adelaide cycle race today. Seven local riders were competed, but they were not mentioned.

Results—

M. Hughes (21 min.) 1

Recognition and Congratulations



This issue we would like to recognise Corporal Lorenz from Doncaster Squadron.

Corporal Lorenz has been a member of the Doncaster Squadron for 3 years, in this time she has received several awards and is a respected member of her squadron.

Earlier this year on Australia Day, Corporal Lorenz was presented with The Menzies Australia Day Award in recognition of her community service in Mensies.

The award was presented by the Hon. Kevin Andrews, MP member for Menzies, at a ceremony held at The Manningham Function Centre. Corporal Lorenz family were present to witness her being present with her award.

Corporal Lorenz is one of 46 people who have been recognised for their community work in Mensies in the past 26 years.

Congratulations from all Victoria Group to Corporal Lorenz, well done.





ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget



Sunbury Squadron 2017 photo Sally Wellington

This year 2020 ANZAC DAY, April 25th, will be unlike past years, we will not be attending dawn services at local RSL's or the Shrine, nor Marches to honour our war heroes and returned service people, this does not mean ANZAC Day is cancelled, and we still want to acknowledge those who have served for our country.



Cranbourne Squadron, 2018 photo Jen Vdb

Australian Air League collectively is asking that you all
#STANDTO.

To participate in **#STANDTO** you are asked to dress in full AAL uniform,

tune your radio to the ABC radio station for the dawn service at 05:55 AEST.,

make your way outside to your driveway, patio, or balcony to be ready for the minute's silence at 0600.

Stand to attention and observe the minute's silence to honour our heroes of past and present and please, remember to observe **social distancing**.

If possible, ask a family member to take a picture so you can share it with us and also on the Australian Air League Facebook page.



Competition Time

Online Photography Competition

Those of you who are budding photographers, head online to Facebook and search and join the Australian Air League Shutter Bugs page, it is a private page so will be a safe group for all Australian Air League members.

Fortnightly photography competitions for members of the Australian Air league.

There will be 3 categories.

-8-15 years

-16 years and over

-Administrator which will be a member's choice award.

Trivia Quiz

1. Who founded the Australian's Women Pilots Association?
2. Who was the first Female airline pilot in Australia?
3. Who was the first Australian to qualify as a pilot?
4. What was Australia's first commercial Airline?
5. Who is the person pictured?
6. What was Jimmy Doolittle known for?
7. What colour is a Black Box flight recorder?
8. Wright Brothers had the first sustained controlled powered flight on 17th December 1903. What was the aircraft they flew in?
9. When did the first AAL Squadron open in Victoria?
10. What does "A VINCULO TERRAE" mean?



There is a prize of a \$30 gift voucher for the first correct entry to be submitted to:

Dianna Rye (Editor) at editor.vic@airleague.com.au Winner will be published in next month's edition.

Well that is it for this edition, I hope you have enjoyed reading and I look forward to receiving your submissions of stories and news to publish in the next edition due out on the 24th May 2020.