



## 458 Squadron Association

### Victoria Flight

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#### 2020 Treasurer's Report: Current Financial Statement

458 Squadron Association Victoria Flight bank account statements (CBA) are mailed to the Treasurer every quarter, including on-line/internet banking. On our website we also have a paypal account to receive donations (also by electronic funds transfer) and to receive payments for our memorabilia items.

Balance on 25/4/19= \$ 786.37 + \$2954.85 paypal + \$3200 term deposit\* = \$6941.22  
Balance on 25/4/20 = \$2798.52\* + \$2256.75 paypal + \$2649.60 term deposit\* = \$7704.87  
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Consisting of:

- Income:
  - \$300 membership dues
  - \$793.04 from Seven Donations. All are listed on our website at the Financial and In-kind Supporters Page
  - \$65.67 for copies of the DVD Official Albums sold.
  - \$28.92 for Iconic Memorabilia photos sold
  - \$81.31 for Badges sold
  - \$741.10 for Caps sold
  - \$663.79 for Polos sold
  - \$3135.60 Two grants received
  - \$207.87 Interest earned from term deposit
  - \$4.72 currency exchange rate variation (in paypal account)
  - Total = \$6022.02
  
- Expenses:
  - \$253.03 for postage & paper/cartridges costs for Newsletters
  - \$191.55 to re-stock 458 Badges
  - \$109.99 software for 458 Vic Flight laptop
  - \$680.50 for Polos and Caps ordered
  - \$15 for gift of stubby holder to AWM tour guide
  - \$81.30 postage allowance for Memorabilia sales and op costs of shop
  - \$500 for Website Hosting for the year
  - \$2307 New Laptop purchased using grant funds from Anzac Day fund
  - \$936 New Printer purchased using grant funds from DVA
  - \$84 New external drive for laptop purchased
  - \$100 Meeting room hire in Canberra
  - Total = \$5258.37
  
- Income – Expenses = \$6022.02 – \$5258.37 = \$763.65



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Summary: With a nett increase of just over \$750 this has been a solid result for the year.

\* **Extraordinary Item:** Supporting future generations of youth in the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)

Income: \$8000 generous donation from the family of Eric Jewell (in 2018)

Income: \$5000 another generous donation from the family of Eric (in 2020)

Expense: \$1200 for the inaugural 2018 Eric J. Jewell Award

Expense: \$1449.60 for the 2019 Eric J. Jewel Award – see new webpage

Current 2020 Balance: \$10350.40. This balance plus \$2649.60 of Vic Flight: funds have been combined into a Term Deposit\* of \$8000 to earn interest (1.5%) and a second Term Deposit of \$5000\* about to be opened, earning max. interest rate. In the coming months the applicants for the 2020 Eric J. Jewell Award will be reviewed and the winner selected.

#### Highlights:

+ We purchased a New Laptop and a New Printer; described in the last Newsletter with Grants that were received from the Vic State Govt. and the Federal Govt.

+ A new project for the year was our 458 Polos. Well done to our Historian Peter for spearheading this. The high quality finished polo incorporates a quality level of 22,000 stitches.

+ Our term deposit strategy yielded \$207.87 of interest which almost covered the Newsletter production and postage costs for the year!

+ Additional highlights were: Seven very generous donations (\$793) more than covering the cost of our website. And \$330 of Memorabilia sales (DVDs, Iconic photos, Badges, Caps, Polos). Thanks to “Hedgy” Peter Hedgcock, our Historian who runs the Memorabilia Shop. This is our sixth full year for the Shop. See the webpage: <http://458raafsquadron.org/memorabilia-shop.html>

+ A grant has been applied for to cover the cost of a special Newsletter to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWII and the role the Squadron played in it. This special Newsletter will be published around August 2020.

*Thank you for reading. Association membership is now due for the coming year, \$50 per family; Veterans & wives no charge. Kind regards, J. Orchard 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020*



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#### 2020 Victoria Flight President's Report by Roland Orchard.

As you read this report, I would like you all to take a moment and reflect and remember our dearly beloved Veterans of 458 Squadron RAAF. Those who sacrificed their lives so that we may live in relative peace and those Veterans who came home to loving families and having since passed on and those few that are still with us. Lest We Forget.

2019 saw the sad passing of our longtime President Keith Cousins and longtime Canada Flight Correspondent Bryan Quinlan. I was also informed of the passing of Steve Search from the UK and George Unitt from NSW in 2018.

"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth..... – Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

Rest in Peace Gentlemen.

Our October 2019 Conference in Canberra saw 20 members from NSW, ACT and Vic setting the foundation for the future 458 RAAF Squadron Association. (with apologies from WA and SA). Discussion points covered modifying and modernizing the 458 Squadron Association Constitution, grant application for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Newsletter (recently achieved), possible reunion in 2021, plan to create an electronic/digital version of We Find and Destroy, digitize the 458 Squadron ORs, incorporate 458 Squadron in the RAAF *AirForce* 2021 Project, reaching out to the community via social media – inclusion of youth, Education through schools, options for the preservation of wartime artifacts/memorabilia/photographs and last but by no means least the bestowing of Life Membership to Bev Bitmead. In the current environment re COVID-19 some of the activities and outcomes from the 2019 458 Conference have been delayed slightly. No doubt we will be pushing forward as soon as everyone can. Our plan for the 2021 Reunion is going ahead and we are hoping to receive enough positive responses so the event can be held.

This extraordinary year of 2020 has seen bushfire, floods and now the COVID-19 Pandemic. The pandemic put a halt on all large crowd gatherings at ANZAC Day Dawn Services and Parades throughout Australia. I was emotionally overawed to partake and see vast numbers of people remember those fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen in a dawn candle lit, street side commemoration, not seen before in the history of ANZAC Day. Personally, it was a truly uplifting experience when my wife and I joined many neighbours outside their individual homes as we payed our respects to our Defence Force heroes at dawn on the 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope each and every one of you experienced the same.

In conclusion I would like to wish all 458 Squadron members a safe and healthy future as we progress through these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 crisis. Our thoughts and prayers go to all WW2 Veterans and all 458 Squadron Association members in Australia and overseas.

