

The Cradle of the Royal Australian Air Force

The RAAF Museum at Point Cook is the largest collection of military aircraft and RAAF heritage memorabilia in the southern hemisphere.

The first military flight in Australia took place at Point Cook at around daybreak on 1 March 1914, when Lt Eric Harrison flew a Bristol Biplane (Military Boxkite). Since that first flight Point Cook has become the oldest, continuously operating military airfield in the world.

The volunteer force at the Museum, which had been operating in an unofficial capacity since the late 1980s, was incorporated in 1993 as the Friends of the RAAF Museum Inc.: to formally assist the full-time staff in the Museum's day-to-day activities.

Active Friends can be found working in almost every area of the Museum's operations and we are always looking for newcomers to join us in our work. Active Friends are managed by a full-time Volunteer Coordinator and led by an active committee.



So what does it mean to become a Friend of the RAAF Museum?

To become a Friend is to join a diverse group of people supporting the aims and objectives of the RAAF Museum, which is dedicated to preserving and promoting the heritage and traditions of the Australian Flying Corps and the Royal Australian Air Force.

The **Active Friend** plays a vital role carrying out essential duties to help Museum staff. These include acting as Host Officer for tour groups and assisting visitors in the public display galleries. Those with practical skills



may participate in aircraft restoration or the maintenance of flying aircraft and the Museum's displays. Active Friends may also take part in many other Museum activities.

The Supporting Friend

has a most important role to play too, helping by financial support to maintain the ongoing work of the Friends and ensuring that assistance is provided to the Museum to keep it functioning as a world-class active military aviation museum.



Here are some of the benefits of being a Friend of the RAAF Museum

- Four times a year you will receive a copy of *Aerogram*. This is the official Journal of the Friends. It keeps you informed about what is happening around the Museum and contains other interesting articles on aviation history.
- Each month Active Friends will receive a monthly Activity Update from the Volunteer Coordinator, either by post or email, which also has information on the coming month's interactive flying displays.
- Each year the RAAF Museum produces a limited number of full colour calendars. These depict various items and/or aircraft held in the collection. As a member of the Friends of the RAAF Museum you will receive one of these beautiful calendars upon joining and thereafter each year.
- Your Membership Card identifies you as a 'Friend', with a current membership card entitling you to a 15% discount at the RAAF Museum Shop.
- Active Friends will also receive a name badge and an identity pass which must be worn at all times when you are working at the Base.
- Active Friends will receive adequate training to enable them to perform their particular tasks safely and efficiently.
- Active Friends will find they can make new friends and learn new life skills that can benefit them in their ordinary lives.

Membership Form



Please complete both sides and, along with your payment, return to:

Membership Officer
Friends of the RAAF Museum Inc.
RAAF Base Williams
Point Cook Vic. 3027

Required Membership (please tick)

Supporting Member (\$50)

Active Member (\$50)

See over for full details of Active Membership

To be completed by all applicants:

Surname

First Name and Title

Postal Address

Postcode

Email

Home Phone

Mobile

For Active Membership please state
Special Skills / Past Profession / Current Occupation

Please complete other side