

The Australian Women's Register

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RAAF Association (Vic. Division) – WAAAF Branch

(1946 -)

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Occupation Ex-Armed services organisation

Summary

Following discharge from the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF) ex-members expressed a desire to keep in contact. In 1946 the WAAAF Branch of the RAAF Association (Victoria Division) was established with this purpose in mind. Their main aim was to provide a meeting place for ex WAAAF to gather and share experiences and help with the transition from service to civilian life.

Details

Over 50 years after formation the RAAF Association (Vic. Division) – WAAAF Branch still meets twice a month with a guest speaker invited to one of the meetings. There are 150 members and eight life members who attend commemoration ceremonies, State conferences, annual meetings of the RAAF Associations and re-unions as well as providing both financial and welfare assistance as the need arises. Also members receive a copy of the *Contact* newsletter produced monthly by the RAAF Association Vic. Div. and a quarterly newsletter produced by the WAAAF Branch.

Each year members attend the Point Cook Commemoration Services and in the past they have participated in Commonwealth Thanksgiving Services and 60th Anniversary functions. In the grounds of Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance there are two commemorative trees; one in area A and the other in area E. There is a commemorative plaque at the Austin and Repatriation Hospital.

Published resources

Resource

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Archival resources

Private Hands (These regards may not be readily available)

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