



# The Roundel



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### ACTIVITY UP-DATE

The visit to Rotor Lift at Hobart Airport was held on Saturday 13 April. The outing was funded by a DVA Grant and 20 members attended. Those attending were briefed on Search and Rescue Operations. Some photos of the outing are on Page 4.

A further trip is planned for Saturday 25 May to the Waddamana Heritage Site in the Central Highlands with a subsidized meal at the Castle Hotel Bothwell. This trip is also to be funded from a DVA Welfare Grant. An Event Flyer has been sent out to all members for them to respond.

ANZAC Day is always an important occasion when we can pay homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. The RAAFA contingent was led by the Vice President of Hobart Branch, Alistair Barber.

We send our congratulations to the Chief of Air Force, AIRMSHL Rob Chipman, (son of Doug and Jo) on his elevation to the post of Vice Chief of the Defence Force (VCDF) effective from 01 July 2024.

Planning for the 2024 Battle of Britain commemorations is underway and the Chairman of the Planning Committee, AIRCDRE Doug Chipman, is keen to hear from any member who would like to join the Planning Committee. Any member who is interested is asked to contact the State Secretary, Deb Coulson, on email:

[secretary@raafatas.org.au](mailto:secretary@raafatas.org.au)

This is a very rewarding activity so please give it your consideration.

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### USA WWII Production

Staggering production figures demonstrating American Industrial might.

296,00 aircraft, 88,000 Landing Craft, 12.5 million Rifles, 86,333 Tanks, 147 Aircraft Carriers, 952 War Ships, 5,200 Merchant Ships and mobilised 14.9 million people.

## A PRACTICAL GUIDE ON HOW TO PREVENT SUICIDE

A young Sydney woman was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into Sydney Harbour. Just before she could throw herself from the docks, a handsome young man stopped her.

"You have so much to live for," said the man. "I'm a sailor, and we are off to Italy tomorrow. I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day and keep you happy." With nothing to lose, combined with the fact that she had always wanted to go to Italy, the woman accepted.

That night the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a small but comfortable compartment in the hold. From then on, every night he would bring her some food a bottle of red wine and made love to her until dawn.

Two weeks later she was discovered by the Captain during a routine inspection. "What are you doing here?" asked the Captain. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she replied. "He brings me food and I get a free trip to Italy." "I see," the Captain said. Then her conscience got the best of her and she added, "Plus, he's taking advantage of me." "He certainly is," replied the Captain. "This is the Manly Ferry."

### DID YOU KNOW?

The planet Neptune has the strongest winds in the solar system, blowing up to 700 metres per second.

Minds are much like Parachutes – They only work properly when they are open.

All that is necessary for injustice to prevail is that good folk do nothing.

### RAAF 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary



Jenny Robertson and Brian Winspear at the RAAF 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Reception 27 March 2024. Brian is also 103 years of age.

**Is Hell EXOTHERMIC (gives off heat) or ENDOTHERMIC (absorbs heat)?** This was a question posed to students taking a finals year chemistry examination at Washington University and was inserted as a bonus question to test the ability of the student to think ‘outside the square.’

Most students wrote proof of their belief using Boyle’s Law – gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed – or some variant of the proposition.

One clear and subtly minded student preferred the following comment as his answer.

“First we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate they are leaving. I think from what we all understand about the subject and which appears to be common human knowledge, we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving Hell.

As for how many souls are entering Hell, let us look at the different world religions that exist today. Most (if not all ) religions are quite emphatic that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project the proposition that all souls go to Hell.

With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Looking at the rate of change in the volume of Hell we can see that if Boyle’s Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added.

This proposition leads to two possibilities

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls are entering, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until ‘All Hell Breaks Loose.
2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls entering Hell, the temperature and pressure will drop until ‘Hell Freezes Over.’

### **So which one is it?**

If we accept the proposition given to me by Teresa during my first year at University that “It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you,” and then take into account that she slept with me last evening, then premise number two must be true and Hell must be exothermic and has already frozen over.

The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore extinct, thus leaving only Heaven. This, therefore proves the existence of a Divine Being which may explain why last night Teresa kept shouting "*O My God.*"

## A FLIGHT OF FANCY FOR A LUCKY FEW

Some twenty members from Hobart Branch attended a briefing of Search and Rescue operations by staff at Rotor Lift Tasmania on Saturday 13 April at Hobart Airport. Below are some snaps of the group.



Thomas Oswin with Pete Willows and Steph Carrick, ready for take-off. Up, Up and Away.



The Group being briefed on winching techniques. We hope they felt up-lifted by the end of the session.



# Anzac Day 2024



The Deputy State President, WGCDR Charles Hill, with his eldest daughter Emma, enjoyed the Lunch.



The Luncheon servery was an excellent array of food, thanks to our super caterer, Mark Nichols.



Our BBQ Chef, Brian Burgess, produced his usual quality Sausages and Hamburgers to feed the hungry hordes.



*Lest we Forget*



Some of the 'Happy Campers' - from left: Dave Hislop, Peter Scully, Stephanie Carrick, Pete Willows and right side, Andrew Ross.