Our Shared past with the Air Force

The Air Force Association in Australia is as old as the Air Force. Its origins lie in ex-WW1 veterans who served in the Australian Flying Corps (AFC) and wanted to keep in touch and provide assistance to their colleagues and their families when needed.

The Victorian AFC Association was formed in 1920 and other state AFC Associations quickly followed. With the establishment of the RAAF and the large number of RAAF members needing support after World War 2, the Associations evolved but still focused on supporting members and their families. The South Australian Association formed in 1930 and has continued to serve ex-Air Force members and their families ever since .

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Our Mission

To support the Air Force Family through Advocacy, Assistance, Camaraderie and Commemoration

Committed to our Air Force veterans and their families

Then, Now, Always

Who we are

The Air Force Association is the peak veterans support organisation for current and former Air Force members and their families in Australia. It is recognized by Government and other veterans organisations as the representative organisation for ex Air Force members, with a primary goal of providing assistance to fellow members.

The AFA a federation of seven separate Divisions, one in each state and the ACT overseen by a governing National Board of the Air Force Association. As one of the oldest veteran organisations, the AFA has been influential in advocating for ex-RAAF members' needs resulting from service in World War 1, World War 2, post war Southeast Asia, peacekeeping operations and in more recent years, the high operational tempo of today's modern Air Force.

In South Australia, the AFA SA Division comprises four branches committed to supporting the welfare of current and ex-serving Air Force members and their families and ensuring the legacy of their service for generations to come.

With a Headquarters based at Torrens Parade Ground, the AFA SA is uniquely positioned to interact with other veterans organisations, advocate the South Australian Government and coordinate Air Force ceremonies at the Air Force Memorial located at Torrens Parade Ground.

There are three suburban based branches:

- Elizabeth / Salisbury
- Mitcham
- Ubon

What we do

1. Advocacy

At the Federal and State Government levels, we provide an authoritative and influential voice in representing ex-Air Force members' needs on veterans issues. We work with our national Board, state and federal veterans authorities and other veterans support organisations in ensuring the needs and interests of those who have served in the Air Force and their families are met. We also assist Air Force veterans in interpreting veteran policy and entitlements supporting them in their development of compensation claims and appeals.

2. Commemoration and Heritage

Recognising the importance of commemorating the deeds of those who have served before and fostering the legacy they have left for generations to come, we partner with RAAF Edinburgh and other stakeholders in conducting Air Force specific ceremonies, the preservation of Air Force heritage and educating South Australians on the Air Force story and South Australia's contribution to that story.

3. **Assistance**

We appreciate ex-serving members and their families of various ages will require assistance and support at times and can be there for them when needed.

4. Camaraderie

We hold events and activities across Adelaide for our broader Air Force family to remain connected. While these activities are popular with our aged members, we also place an importance on bringing our younger veterans together with our older members to share stories, support each other, provide mentorship and foster values.

Our Priorities

- To recognise and respond to the needs of the Air Force Family
- To provide advocacy in partnership with the veteran community
- To represent and support the Air Force Family
- To facilitate camaraderie and friendship
- To enhance South Australia' s understanding of the Air Force story and the State's contribution to that story

We recognise the Air Force Family comprises those who have served or are serving in the Air Force and their respective family members.