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THE R.A.A.F. AT CANBERRA

The RAAF maintains two establishments in Canberra — RAAF Base, Fairbairn, and the National Meteorological Transmitting Station near Gungahlin.

RAAF Base, Fairbairn, has an interesting history which goes back to the early days of World War II.

On 1st April, 1940, a Royal Australian Air Force establishment, then known as RAAF Station, Canberra, was officially opened and placed under the temporary command of Squadron Leader P. G. Heffernan, AFC, who was the Commanding Officer of No. 8 Squadron, already based at Canberra.

No. 8 Squadron had been stationed at Canberra since 11th September, 1939, and a percentage of personnel previously serving with this squadron was posted to Station Headquarters, Canberra, to establish a nucleus of personnel for the new station. An orderly room was established in an office at the civil aerodrome administrative building.

It is interesting to note that at that time sleeping quarters for RAAF personnel stationed at Canberra consisted solely of tents.

From 1940 until the cessation of hostilities, RAAF Station, Canberra, was an operational base for anti-submarine patrols, and a training school for army co-operation personnel.

On 18th February, 1941, the then Minister for Air, Mr. McEwen, announced that Canberra Aerodrome would be known in future as Fairbairn Aerodrome. The change in name had been decided upon to commemorate the work of the late Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, M.H.R., and Minister for Air, who had done a great deal for aviation, both as a practical airman and as an administrator before he was killed in an air crash at Canberra on 13th August, 1940.

On completion of the movement of the Department of Air from Mel-



Narellan House, a low-tariff hostel within easy walking distance of the city's main shopping and entertainment area.

bourne to Canberra, and to facilitate administrative arrangements for the RAAF units located at RAAF Base, Canberra, it was decided that, as from the 19th March, 1962, the name RAAF Base, Canberra, would be changed to RAAF Base, Fairbairn.

Today RAAF Base, Fairbairn, is the home of No. 34 Squadron (previously known as No. 34 VIP Flight), No. 9 Squadron, now operating the Bell Iroquois Helicopter, the RAAF Staff College and a Base Squadron which provides the equipment, transport and all other "domestic" requirements of the Base.

Total personnel strength of the three squadrons and the RAAF Staff College is 532.

No. 34 Squadron is a Special Transport Squadron operating Viscount, Convair Metropolitan and Dakota aircraft.

GUNGAHLIN


The RAAF Gungahlin Wireless Transmitting Station, on the Yass Road, adjacent to Canberra occupies about 79 acres.

Formerly owned by Dr. J. F. Watson, the land was acquired by the RAAF in March, 1940. From its inception and during the war years, Gungahlin was a joint Naval and Air Force venture. Today, it is wholly owned and operated by the RAAF for meteorological broadcasts on behalf of the Meteorological Bureau.

Since 1932 the RAAF has been regularly broadcasting weather information for the Bureau. Initially, these broadcasts were made in morse code by hand, and later by automatic morse and radio teletype.

Today, modern equipment has been installed which introduces the "Facsimile Weather Chart Broadcasts", bringing RAAF broadcasts to a standard equal to the world's best. The information presented is invaluable to both civil and service aircraft, shipping and weather forecasts.

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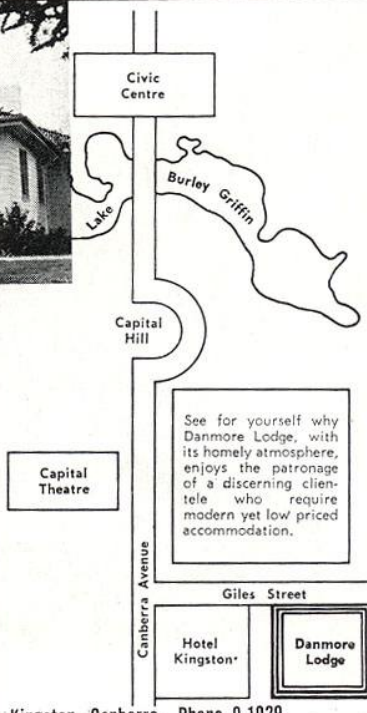


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ABBOTT, Roger airman
ABELL, Una WRAAF
ADAM, Rodney RAAF pilot
ANDREWS, Colin engine fitter
ANGEL, Terence airman
APPLEBY, Paul airman
APPS, Ronald cooks assistant
ARNOLD, Ronald RAAF
ARTHUR, Robert clerk
BAILEY, Colin RAAF
BAILEY, Noel radio technician
BALDWIN, Kenneth flight engineer
BANNISTER, Marcus RAAF
BASTOCK, Raymond airman
BATES, Thomas steward
BATTERHAM, Paul airframe fitter
BELL, Ronald clerk
BENNY, Brian driver
BERMINGHAM, Gwen & John hd & fireman
BETTS, Kenneth fitter
BLACKBURN, Rodne cooks assistant
BLAIR, Gordon air navigator
BOUSFIELD, George RAAF
BOWER, Allan fitter
BRIDGE, Margaret & Ian hd & RAAF
BRIDGES, Alexander pilot
BRITT, Leo RAAF
BROADLEY, Berys WRAAF
BROSNAN, William RAAF
BROWN, Jeanette clerk
BUCKTIN, Brian engine fitter
BURGESS, Beverley hd
BURGESS, Clifford RAAF
BURGESS, Hywell RAAF
BURNEY, Geoffrey airman
CARR, Norman RAAF
CARTER, Norman postmaster
CAVILL, Dorothy & Allan hd & RAAF
CHAFFEY, Elizabeth WRAAF
CHALSON, Laurence RAAF
CHAPMAN, John airman
CHAPMAN, Ross clerk
CLARK, Geoffrey engine fitter
COLLISON, Ivy WRAAF
CONNORS, Brian RAAF
COOPER, Peter transport driver
COUGHLAN, John instrument fitter
CROPLEY, Stanley aero engine fitter
DAVIS, William telecom technician
DELOUB, Bernard technician
DEVLIN, Ronald fitter
DICKINSON, Leslie RAAF
DIROU, Brian RAAF pilot
DIMMOCK, Darryl air frame fitter
DOBBIN, Maurice RAAF
DOWNIE, Isabella & Roy hd & engine fitter
DOWNS, Graeme pilot
DUNN, John airman
EALES, Graham fitter
ESLER, Moira & Alan hd & RAAF officer
FAIRLEY, Ian fitter
FELLOWES, William RAAF
FIELD, William airman
FISCHER, Peter fitter
FISHER, John airman
GEE, Robin airframe fitter
GIBBONS, Frances & Ronald hd & airman
GOOPY, Kenneth airman
GOSSELINK, Adrianus airman
GRAVES, Vincent airman
GREENALL, Sandra clerical assistant
GRIFFITHS, Eric airman
GRIFFITHS, Catherine WRAAF
GRIFFITHS, Richard airman
HARDING, Russell airframe fitter
HARE, Thomas airman
HARNETT, John airman
HARRIS, David airman
HARRIS, Herbert fitter
HARRIS, John pilot
HAYES, Marjorie & Robert hd & RAAF officer
HOBDELL, Beverley WRAAF
HOLBROOK, Janice clerk
HOMBSCH, Elisabeth & Glenister hd & RAAF
HOPCOTT, Glennys WRAAF
HORGAN, Denis airframe fitter
HOY, Janelle & Albert hd & air frame fitter
IRELAND, Joylene WRAFF
JAMES, Brynley RAAF
JAMES, Patricia hd
JEFFERY, Colin airman
JELFS, Edith & Neville hd & RAAF
JONES, Alan airman
JORRITSMA, Thys airman
JORY, Sheila & Athol hd & RAAF pilot
JUGL, Frank steward
KAULINS, Imants, fitter
KAYE, Derek airman
KEANALLEY, Russell engineer
KEEP, Janice & Walter hd & airman
KENNEDY, Robert airman
KERSTEN, Roy RAAF
KILLALEA, Nessie WRAAF officer
KING, Anthony airman
KRISTIANSEN, Raymond RAAF
KUCKS, Kevin clerk
LADD, Bruce RAAF
LAMING, Loretta & John hd & RAAF
LANDALE, John RAAF
LANE, Bruce RAAF
LANE, John RAAF
LANE, Judith hd
LARKIN, Suzanne clerk
LENNOX, John RAAF
LIDDLE, William electrician
LIEBKE, Helen tele typist
LONG, Dawn & David hd & RAAF
LONGMORE, Trevor radio technician
LOOSEMORE, Leonard gardener
LOWE, James pilot
LYNCH, Clive photographer
LYONS, Ronald airman
McALISTER, William RAAF
McBRIDE, Helen clerk

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McCLEARLY, Betty & John hd & RAAF officer
McCUTCHEOM, Barry RAAF
MACGOWAN, James airman
McGREGOR, Ian airman
McINNES, Robert clerk
MACINTYRE, John fitter
McKENZIE-TROUT, Stuart RAAF
McKLAREN, Robert clerk
McLAREN, John radio technician
McMULLEN, Yvonne & Ronald hd & RAAF
MAHON, Kevin airman
MARTIN, James clerk
MARTIN, John aircraft fitter
MARTIN, Peter airman
MARTIN, Roberts RAAF
MASON, Alix & Eric hd & RAAF
MATTHEY, Alfred fitter
MAUNDERS, June & Keith hd & dental surgeon
MEIER, Ingo fitter
MICKLESSON, Gordon RAAF
MILLAN, Bailee RAAF
MILLARD, Trevor clerk
MILLER, Richard engine fitter
MILLMAN, Robert RAAF
MONK, Colin RAAF
MOORE, Mary WRAAF
MURPHY, Roger RAAF
MURPHY, Thomas RAAF
MURRAY, Alexander RAAF
MUSPRATT, Anthony engine fitter
NICHOLLS, Martin air frame fitter
O'BRIEN, Francis RAAF
O'BRIEN, Thomas RAAF
OLSEN, Dennis RAAF
OOMS, Johannes airman
PATRICK, Andrea clerk
PENGILLEY, Ian airman
PENNICOTT, Graeme airman
PETERS, Gregory clerk
PHILLIPS, Joseph transport driver
PLANT, Pamela pre-school teacher
PLATFORD, Nerida WRAAF
POLLOCK, John instrument fitter
PORTER, Donald pilot
PURRY, David RAAF
QUIGLEY, Michael RAAF
QUINTAL, Keith service policeman
RANDALL, Joy telephonist
RATTEY, Donald RAAF
REID, Elton flight steward
RICHES, Joseph airman
ROBB, Llewellyn fitter
ROCHE, Renee & James hd & airman
RUSSO, Andrew airman
RYAN, Peter airframe fitter
SHEEAN, Hazel & Albert hd & airman
SHERWOOD, Norman engineer
SIDEBOTTOM, Arthur RAAF
SMITH, Estelle stenographs
STEPHENS, Geoffrey airman
STERNS, Peter trainee
STITT, William airman

STRACHAN, Geoffrey airman
STRATFORD, Lawrence RAAF
SUTER, Daly RAAF
TARRANT, Ross air frame fitter
TAYLOR, Ian RAAF officer
TAYLOR, Janice hd
TAYLOR, Dorothy hd
TAYLOR, Keith technical officer
TAYLOR, Norman RAAF
THORPE, Dian WRAAF
TILLEY, Raymond RAAF
TODD, Barry electrical fitter
TREASE, Robert pilot
TURNER, Alice & Richard hd & airman
VENEMA, Tonnis driver
VLIES, William radio technician
WALKER, Malcolm RAAF officer
WALSH, Barrie RAAF
WALTER, Joseph airman
WATERS, Barry RAAF
WATSON, Robert RAAF (has RAAF base Fairbairn)
WEEKS, Eric clerk
WEST, Ian fitter
WHITTAKER, Graham RAAF
WHITTLE, Dennis airman
WHITTORN, Lynette WRAAF
WICKS, Stanley airman
WILLIAMS, Arthur RAAF
WILLIAMS, Jeffrey RAAF
WILLIAMSON, Jock air frame fitter
WILSON, Graeme RAAF
WITTER, Ian transport driver
WOODS, Suzanne nurse
YOUNG, Ronald RAAF
ZANTUCK, Gordon RAAF officer

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Cottage 2 ADAMS, Carol & George bowser attendant
& airport fireman

RAAF TRAINING SCHOOL GUNGAHLIN

BLUNDELL, Barnett radio technician
BLUNDELL, Beverley tele op