



The AnyFace Association Newsletter February 2023

Hello members!

Firstly, a welcome to our new AnyFace members this month, **Allison Hone** and **Richard Buckland**. Allison was a grubber on 849 A Flt from 2000-2004 and Richard a Sea King Mk 2 observer from 1984-1991 which included an appointment as 849 B Flt SOBS.

AnyFacers Down Under.

I'm lucky that my job at UK Space Command gets me out and about and during a recent visit to Australia and New Zealand, I took the opportunity to meet up with some of our overseas members. In a beautiful suburb of Auckland called Hobsonville, once a RNZAF flying boat station, I met with **Michael Brown** to hand deliver his copy of Richard Scott's book; it saved on postage! Michael was a Skyraider observer on 849 from 1956-1960.



In Canberra I met with **Arthur 'Chalky' White** and his lovely wife Cindy for a drink (or two). Arthur was a Gannet pilot on various 849 flights from 1962 – 1967 where he ended his career in the RN as Senior Pilot 849D. He joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1968 and spent many more years in the cockpit. Some will have read Arthur's dit about a slightly heavy landing in front of a young future King.

<https://www.anyfaceassociation.com/post/gannet-display-gains-a-royal-seal-of-dis-approval>

P.S. Arthur did also receive a copy of Richard's book a few days after the photo when Qantas eventually reunited me with my luggage!

We still have a box of copies left so please follow the link to secure yours – I can't promise any further hand delivery though! [Eyes of the Fleet Book Order](#)

Society of Friends of the FAA Museum Talk.

A huge thank you to **Mike Yeates** and **Dicky Lewis** for delivering a very well received talk on the history of the Sea King Mk2 and Mk7 at the SoFFAAM monthly meeting last night (23 Feb).



Mike Yeates (L) pictured with Chairman Mike Rawlinson who was in the audience.

Virtual AGM.

We're all set for our inaugural AGM this Tuesday (28 Feb) and we look forward to seeing some of you 'virtually' courtesy of Zoom. We will kick off at 2000, with the Chairman's welcome followed by an update of current FAA operations by **Cdre Andy Rose**, Deputy Director Plans in the Force Generation pillar at Navy Command. We will then run through a short agenda which will include the Chairman's report, Treasurer's Report, the election of a new committee member and any points to raise from the Committee or the members. We will finish the meeting with a 'tot' to remember absent friends. Thanks to those who have already RSVP'd, particularly to those who intend to dial in from overseas. There is no need to RSVP but if you'd like to then please do so here [Virtual AGM](#) . In an attempt to aid the smooth running of proceedings we welcome any input on points to raise beforehand if possible. The agenda and zoom link will be emailed to all members on Monday night.

Red Rat 20 Year Anniversary event.

A reminder that a remembrance event will be held at RNAS Culdrose on 22 March to mark the 20th Anniversary of the 849 A Flt crash which killed 7 of our aircrew. A service at the Culdrose church will start at 1500. If you would like to attend, then please email David.Thomas598@mod.gov.uk.

Yours aye,
Admin Director

