



One Day Conference
The Angry Sky
Australia's Air War over Europe 1939-1945
11 November 2013
RAAF Museum, Point Cook, Victoria

MILITARY HISTORY AND HERITAGE VICTORIA INC. RAAF MUSEUM POINT COOK AIR POWER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AUSTRALIA

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8.00 - 8.45 am **Doors Open - Conference Registration**

SESSION ONE | Australia's Air War 1939-1945

8.45 - 8.47 am **Welcome and Introduction of Guest Speaker**
Major-General Jim Barry, AM, MBE, RFD, ED MHHV
Inc. Patron

8.47 - 9.00 am **Opening Address**
Professor Weston Arthur Bate, OAM
Past President of the RHSV and Bomber Command veteran

9.00 - 9.05 am **Conference Opening and Introduction of Keynote Speaker**
Colonel Marcus Fielding
Conference Chair and MHHV Inc. President

9.05 - 9.45 am **Keynote Address: Reflections on Australia's part in the air war over Europe**
Professor Peter Stanley
Research Professor, ADFA@UNSW

9.45 - 10.15 am MORNING TEA

SESSION TWO | Remembrance

Session Chair: **Air Vice-Marshal Mark Skidmore AM (Rtd)**

10.15 - 10.50 am **Paper: Graves Too Far Away - Australian Service and Sacrifice in Bomber Command**
Dr Kathryn Spurling
School of History, Australian National University

10.50 - 11.05 am **Remembrance Day Service**
Chaplain (SQNLDR) Lindsay Carey
No 21SQN COORD Chaplain, Staff Chaplain Air Force Training Group.

11.10 am - 11.45 pm **Paper: In Defence of Bomber Command**
Peter S. Isaacson AM, DFC, AFC, DFM
Bomber Command veteran and Shrine Life Governor

11.45 – 12.45 pm

LUNCH

Inspect RAAF Museum Collection and/or
Tour RAAF Museum Aircraft Restoration Area

SESSION THREE | Training and Deployment

Session Chair:

Air Vice-Marshal Alan Reed, AO (Rtd)
MHHV Inc. Member

12.50 – 1.25 pm

**Paper: The Empire Air Training Scheme -
Evolution of the Image**

Dr Suzanne Evans
Social Historian

1.30 – 2.05 pm

Paper: Air Warriors

Cyril Ayris
Author and journalist

2.10 – 2.45 pm

**Paper: The Australian Experience in Coastal
Command.**

Mr Martin James MDefStud.
RAAF Historian

2.45 – 3.15 pm

AFTERNOON TEA

SESSION FOUR | Commemoration

Session Chair:

Dr Daryl Moran
Conference Convenor,
MA (Military History) Candidate,
Monash University

3.20 – 3.55 pm

**Paper: The Emerging Commemoration of Bomber
Command in Australia**

Mr Xavier Fowler
BA (Hons) candidate, School of Humanities and Social
Sciences, Deakin

4.00 – 4.35 pm

**Panel Discussion: What research remains to be
done?**

Professor Peter Stanley
Mr Martin James
Mr David Gardner, OAM

Close of Day – Conference Chair

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