



## The Old Fliers Group

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Retired Engineer Jack Apgar told us that there were three major inventions that helped win WW2 for the Allies. These were radar, proximity fuses and nuclear weapons. It was 'Deak' Parsons that had a hand in two of these. It was proximity fused flak that brought down V1 Doodlebugs aimed for London and Antwerp and Kamikaze pilots in the Pacific theatre. He brought his expertise to the Manhattan project, working alongside Robert Oppenheimer.



Jack's father was a B29 Captain. Jack rated the F111 aircraft very highly, an ideal fighter /bomber/ reconnaissance aircraft for Australia. We then broke for ten minutes during which 85 thirsty people headed for the bar.

On return, Paul Williams rose to tell us of an upbringing in the UK where, as an Air Cadet he flew in a Piston Provost at the age of 14. No wonder then that Paul joined the RAF as an avionics technician. When volunteers were called for to work in the Zambian Air Force, he applied. Returning to the UK, he worked on the RAF Britannia and third prototype Concorde before emigrating to Australia and obtaining his CPL.



We have now 102 members for 2022. Our Old Fliers Group channel has had 2,734,451 views.

No wonder, with 686 talks to choose from!

See you on June 24<sup>th</sup> at our next luncheon.

Steve Rogers.