



## The Old Fliers Group

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This was our last luncheon for 2023. I estimated 100 guests joined us. Many members came with their wives because of the topic of our presenter. Apron Cafe provided excellent fish and chips. President Ray Challen and John Ridgway presented Tim Smaile with a Life Membership. John spoke highly of the work that Tim gladly carries out at Murrayfield Airfield.

After these formalities we had lunch.

Flt. Lt. Sue Freeman then took the podium to tell us about her journey, firstly in the RAF and then, here in Australia, in the RAAF.

Sue spoke about the various aircraft she has flown from the humble Chipmunk to the Tornado F3. She has piloted an aircraft to over Mach 2.

Sue then held a Q & A. There were many questions posed to her by the audience.

Sue encourages men and women to consider a career in the Air Force. Her own son is of an age where he may take that path. Sue said that she will ensure that she isn't his instructor to avoid embarrassing him!

We finished by wishing everyone a safe and joyous festive season. My position as Coordinator is still open for a contender to take over and carry the Old Fliers Group into 2024 and beyond.

Kind regards  
Steve Rogers.