

ROYAL FEDERATION OF AERO CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA

DES KELLY AM SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In 2007 the RFACA decided to instigate the **DES KELLY AM SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** as a means of giving official and national recognition to pilots who achieve an 'Outstanding Performance in the Air'.

The Executive of the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia can select one recipient in any one year. Recipients can be nominated by a Club or the RFACA Executive has the right to choose a recipient if there are no nominations.

The criteria for this award is:

A PILOT MUST HAVE ACHIEVED AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE AIR

Recipients will receive a Medal and Plaque.

This award has been named after Desmond Percy Kelly AM. Des learnt to fly with the Royal Victorian Aero Club prior to WW11. At the outbreak of war he joined the RAAF. He trained in Rhodesia as part of the Empire Air Training Scheme. In the UK he served with the RAF flying Spitfires. During a sortie over France he was wounded losing an eye as a result. Reinstated to flying status he became an instructor with the first jet conversion flight flying Meteors where he led the first jet formation team.

Post war he served as: President of Latrobe Valley Aero Club for 21 years.
President of RFACA for 11 years
President of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale

Des has been a great achiever and it is most appropriate that this award be named after him.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THIS AWARD FOR 2017 SHOULD REACH: RFACA AWARDS,
PO 164 RUTHERFORD NSW 2320 or EMAIL: rfaca@ozemail.com.au
BY 5 MARCH 2018**

NOMINATION FOR DES KELLY AM SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I hereby nominate
Full Name (Please Print)

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Address

A Member of
Club/Organisation

For DES KELLY SPECIAL AM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO 2017

Signed on behalf of above Club/Organisation.....

Name.....

Position..... Tele.....

A resume showing an outline of the outstanding achievement and relevant information must accompany this nomination.