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THE ROYAL FEDERATION OF AERO CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA

OSWALD WATT GOLD MEDAL AWARDS

- 1921** **F.S BRIGGS, ESQ.**
Melbourne to Brisbane, Melbourne to Perth
- 1922** **H.T. SHAW, ESQ**
Melbourne to Sydney, Sydney to Melbourne, 60hp Maurice Farman Sports
- 1923** **NO AWARD**
- 1924** **FLIGHT LIEUT. I.E MCINTYRE**
Seaplane flight around Australia
- 1925** **E.J. JONES ESQ**
Melbourne to Normanton, Normanton to Melbourne.
- 1926** **FLIGHT LIEUT. I.E. MCINTYRE**
Flight to the Solomon Islands with Group Captain R. Williams (later Air Marshal Sir Richard Williams, KBE, CB, DSO)
- 1927** **H.J.L HINKLER, ESQ**
1200 miles non stop flight England to Latvia in "AVRO" Time occupied – 10 ¾ hours, business trip.
- 1928** **SQUADRON LEADER E.J.L. HINKLER**
England to Australia
- 1929** **SQUADRON LEADER C. KINGSFORD SMITH**
Derby (W.A) to England
- 1930** **AIR COMMODORE C. KINGSFORD SMITH**
England to Australia and Trans-Atlantic Flight.
- 1931** **SQUADRON LEADER H.J.L. HINKLER**
America to Africa
- 1932** **SQUADRON LEADER H.J.L. HINKLER**
South Atlantic Flight
- 1933** **AIR COMMODORE SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH**
England to Australia (Record Flight)
- 1934** **AIR COMMODORE SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH**
Pacific Flight
- 1935** **H.F. BROADBENT, ESQ.**
England to Australia, Around Australia
- 1936** **CAPTIN EDGAR PERCIVAL** England to Morocco and Return in one day. Speed Record in King's Cup Race. Folkstone Speed Trophy.

- 1937** **DR. C.C. FENTON**
Meritorious work in the Northern Territory during 1937.
- 1938** **CAPTIN D.C. BENNETT**
Flight across the Atlantic in the “Mercury”
- 1939-1945** **NO AWARDS**
- 1946** **AIR VICE MARSHAL D.C.I. BENNETT, CB, CBF, DSO**
For his survey flight of the South American route for B.S.A.A.
- 1947** **SQUADRON LEADER H.B.MARTIN, RAF, DSO & BAR, DFC & BAR**
For England/ Capetown record on 1 May 1947 in Mosquito.
- 1948** **No awards**
- 1949** **No awards**
- 1950** **MARTIN WARNER, ESQ,**
For a British Empire Altitude Record in a Gull TV Glider on December 30, 1950 during which a maximum altitude of 23,500 ft. Was attained
- 1951** **CAPTIN P.G. TAYLOR**
For his flight across the pacific to South America.
- 1952** **THE LATE SQUADRON LEADER P.G. FISHER**
Who piloted a Canberra Jet Bomber between England and Australia in the record time of 23 hours 5 minutes on 12 May 1952. He also flew from Darwin to Laverton in 3 hours 55 minutes.
- 1953** **WING COMMANDER D.R. CUMING, OBE, AFC**
For the part played by him in connection with the England to New Zealand Air Race and his valuable contribution to aviation as Chief Test Pilot to the RAAF.
- 1954** **MERVYN M. WAGHORN, ESQ**
On account of his Gliding flight of 303 miles from Narromine to Wangaratta.
- 1955** **No Award**
- 1956** **No Award**
- 1957** **D.G. ANDERSON, ESQ.**
(later Sir Donald Anderson, CBE) Director General of Civil Aviation for the most notable contribution to aviation and in particular for his performance on behalf of Australia and Qantas in enabling this country to become an all-round-the –world operator.
- 1958** **SQUADRON LEADER D.W. LECKIE, OBE, AFC,**
In recognition of his work as leader of the RAAF Flight with Australia’s Antarctic expedition.
- 1959** **A.E.CHADWICK, ESQ**
For outstanding work and devotion to duty with the Flying Medical Service of the Bush Church Aid Society.
- 1960** **BRIGADIER GUY N. MOORE, CBE, DFC, ED**
For a most notable contribution by an Australian to the advancement of civil aviation.
- 1961** **No Award**
- 1962** **HENRY K MILLICER, M.SC, AFR, AES**
For a most notable contribution to aviation by an Australian or in Australia.

- 1963** **No Award**
- 1964** **EDWARD J CONNELLAN , OBE**
For a most notable contribution to aviation by an Australian or in Australia.
- 1965** **No Award**
- 1966** **H.H. SCHNEIDER, ESQ.**
For a most notable contribution to aviation in Australia.
- 1967** **SIR WILMOT HUDSON FYSH , KBE, DFC**
For a most notable contribution to aviation in Australia.
- 1968** **No Award**
- 1969** **G.A.LLOYD JNR, OBE**
For a most notable contribution to aviation in Australia during his Presidency of The Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia from 1958 to 1970 and in particular as Chairman of the 1969 BP England to Australia Commemorative Air Race.
- 1970** **No Award**
- 1971** **No Award**
- 1972** **No Award**
- 1973** **SIR NORMAN BREARLEY, CBE, DSO, MC, AFC**
For a most notable contribution to aviation in Australia.
- 1974** **SIR LAWRENCE JAMES WACKETT, DFC,AFC,SDCCENG, FRAES**
For a most notable contribution to aviation in Australia.
- 1975** **SIR REGINALD ANSETT, KBE**
For a most notable contribution to aviation in Australia.
- 1976** **MR CLIVE R CANNING**
For the most brilliant performance in flying his own amateur constructed aircraft from Melbourne to London and return in the course of which he established a number of FAI World Class Records.
- 1977** **CAPTIN H.C. (HORRIE) MILLER**
For a most notable contribution to the development of aviation in Australia.
- 1978** **No Awards**
- 1979** **W.T.J. MOYES**
For a most notable contribution to the development of Hang Gliding in Australia and throughout the world.
- 1980** **No Award**
- 1981** **No Award**
- 1982** **No Award**
- 1983** **MR R.H. (DICK) SMITH**
For a most notable contribution to the development of aviation in Australia and throughout the world in his successful Around the World flight in a helicopter.
- 1984** **No Award**

1985	No Award
1986	No Award
1987	No Award
1988	MR IAN ATHOLD HONNERY For the outstanding contribution he made to the development of aviation in Australia, particularly in his dedicated organisation of the 1988 Bicentennial Air Show.
1989-1991	No Awards
1992	MR CHRIS DEWHIRST For the most notable contribution to aviation in 1991 by successfully piloting a hot air balloon over Mt Everest. The was the first balloon flight of any kind over Mt Everest.
1993	CAPTAIN SCOTTY ALLAN, CBE, AFC. For a most notable contribution to aviation in Australia.
1994	No Award
1995	JON JOHANSON For the most brilliant performance in the air by an Australian in 1995.
1996	SHIRLEY ADKINS OAM For a most noteworthy contribution to aviation in Australia.
1997	BERNARD J SARROFF OAM For the most notable contribution to aviation in Australia by organizing flying safaris overseas and in Australia
1998	ANDREW SW THOMAS PhD NASA ASTRONAUT – For a most notable contribution to Aviation by an Australian
1999	DR PAUL SCULLY-POWER DSM, DSc, FAICD For a most notable contribution to Aviation by an Australian
2000	No Award
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2002	No Award
2003	No Award
2004	No Award
2005	No Award
2006	No Award
2007	No Award
2008	No Award
2009	No Award
2010	No Award

- 2011** **SQUADRON LEADER PAUL JAMES SIMMONS**
For a most notable contribution to Aviation by an Australian for his unique combination of professional mastery as an operational fighter pilot, dedication to the mentoring and instruction of junior aircrew, commitment to the preservation of aviation heritage as the Australian CA-27 Sabre pilot and establishment of the LIFT youth charity.
- 2012** **JOHN WALLACE DICKENSON**
For a most notable contribution to Aviation by an Australian for his invention of the modern Hang Glider and making improvements in flight safety.
- 2013** **MARJ (DAVIS) GILLESPIE OAM**
For a most notable contribution to Aviation by an Australian for her service to the aviation industry and in particular the flying training sector.
- 2014** **AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ANGUS HOUSTON AK AFC (Ret'd)**
For leadership with the Joint Agency Coordination Centre coordinating the Australian Government's support for the search into missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 and his role as Special Envoy to Ukraine to lead Australia's efforts on the ground in Ukraine to help recover, identify and repatriate Australians killed in the MH17 crash and to assist relatives of Australian victims, and ensure that a proper investigation of the crash was initiated in accordance with international standards.
- 2015** **No Award**
- 2016** **No Award**