DES KELLY AM SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In 2007, the RFACA instigated 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 may select one recipient in any one year. Recipients can be nominated by a Club/organisation or the RFACA Executive may select a recipient if there are no nominations. Recipients will receive a Medal and Plaque.

The criteria for this award is:

A PILOT MUST HAVE ACHIEVED AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE AIR

This award has been named after Desmond Percy Kelly AM. Des learnt to fly with the Royal Victorian Aero Club prior to WWII. At the outbreak of war, he joined the RAAF and trained in Rhodesia as part of the Empire Air Training Scheme. In the UK, Des 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, and led the first jet formation team.

Post war Des 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 2021 should be forwarded to the Secretary at secretary@rfaca.com.au by **11 June 2021**.

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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 the **Des Kelly AM Special Achievement Award**

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

Name: ……………………………………… **Position** …………………………………..

Tel: …………………...................... **Email:** ……………………………...……………

A summary of the outstanding achievement and any other relevant information must accompany this nomination.

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Des Kelly Special Achievement Award - Nomination