

David E Clark ESM

(24th March 1932 – 24th December 2020)

David joined the RAAF in 1950, he had trained as a Dental Technician after leaving School. He had spent four years in the Air Cadets from 1946 to 1950, and on applying to join the Air Force wanted to be a Dental Mechanic. He was unable to have his wish granted but was accepted and trained as an Aircraft Engineer / Engine Fitter.

His 22 Year Career saw him posted to Avalon / Point Cook in Victoria, Edinburgh in South Australia, Darwin before returning to Pearce as a Dental Mechanic. He was awarded the Long Service Good Conduct Medal.

While at Edinburgh his duties included maintaining the Aircraft which had flown through to Atomic Clouds during the testing in South Australia.

In 1952 David was injured in a Motor Cycle crash which saw him in plaster for some nine months. The injury prevented him being deployed to Korea.

David's outside interests included Surf Lifesaving in which he was instrumental in the introduction of the IRB or "Rubber Duckies". He was a Life Member of Surf Lifesaving and his service was recognised with the award of the Emergency Services Medal.

He was a very active supporter of Freemasonry in the Northern Suburbs and was one of a Group which established Wanneroo Lodge in 1983.

David was married to Coral, who he met in the Air Force, for nearly 70 Years. He was interested in photography and was a Member of the Valiant Car Club. His next project was to be the restoration of an S Series Valiant.

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