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PERTH'S AIR FORCE RESERVE SQUADRON RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Perth's Air Force Reserve unit, No. 25 (City of Perth) Squadron, will receive national recognition on Saturday 8 September, when the National Vice President of the Air Force Association, Mr Peter Fardon, presents the prestigious Air Force Association Trophy to the Squadron. The Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Dr Ken Micheal AC, will review the parade. The presentation parade, will take place at RAAF Base Pearce, Bullsbrook at 1:40 pm.

The Air Force Association Trophy is awarded annually to the nation's most proficient Air Force Reserve Squadron. It recognises the important contribution made by the Squadron to local and national Defence objectives, the high level of individual commitment and readiness displayed by members of the Squadron, and the Squadron's important achievements during 2006.

In the 45 year history of the Trophy, 25 Squadron is the most awarded unit, having received it eight times. The Air Force Association Trophy Parade is proudly supported by the Air Force Association and the Defence Reserve Support Council.

No 25 Squadron's role has changed significantly in the last twelve months under a restructure of Reserve Units. The new role sees the Squadron recruiting, training and qualifying personnel. 25 Squadron also employ Reserve personnel who by residing in Western Australia are remote from their parent unit. The Reserve Restructure Project has lead to towards a more fully integrated Air Force, as the majority of Reserve Personnel now serve within Permanent Air Force units. The presentation of the Air Force Association Trophy acknowledges 25 Squadron's ability to meet these demands and carry out their role as an elite Reserve unit.

"Our revamped role has been a challenge over the last twelve months. I am pleased that my Squadron has risen to the challenge. Recognition of our efforts, by award of the Air Force Association Trophy is an outstanding result and a great honour to be recognised nationally." said Commanding Officer No. 25 Squadron, Squadron Leader Ewen Seabrook.

Media are invited to attend the parade which commences at 1:40 pm on Saturday 8 September 2007 at RAAF Base Pearce. Arrangements for crews to arrive by helicopter can be made with prior notice.

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