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As Air Force continues to develop its professional mastery of air power, its strategy, development, doctrine and training are also being adapted, refined and updated.

Technology will continue to evolve and will remain an important part of the Air Force. Current and future members will need to continue their training and to develop new skills. Relationships with Australia's allies and Air Force's industry partners will

remain of vital importance.

While the future holds uncertainty, the RAAF will continue its tradition of service to the highest standard and continue to embrace emerging technology and to provide efficient management of operations and business. Its strength is in its air power capabilities and the personnel who help provide it.

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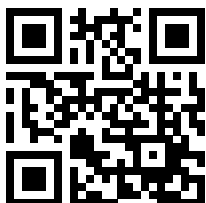
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# President's Message

## Balance Or Bust

At this time of the year your life picks up pace and there are increasing demands on your time. Then again it is a time for reflection as you approach the New Year and perhaps a fresh start in some aspects of your life.

To help you through this I thought then that I might share with you a model that is particularly favoured at the Harvard Business School as part of their three month high intensity residential course for rapidly upward mobile leaders in government and business. It is a simple but powerful construct, as is the narrative that informs it, to help you get balance in your life and it is likely you may have seen it or something similar before. It reminds me of the adage that for every problem there exists a simple, elegant solution – and it is always wrong! Not in this case though. This is the exception to prove the rule.

Life can be deconstructed into four areas as below and you have choices how you manage your time and interaction with them:

WORK	FAMILY
FRIENDS	SELF

Simple model, simple narrative. The siren of work is a call most of you would admit that you have responded too readily to over many years, probably with the rationalisation that you are still able to achieve balance in your life across the other areas. The reality is that for many people work demands in the end subvert relationships with the family and friends. By the time many people step back sufficiently from work and look around, family and friends are there in name only and it is often too late to put things right. As for self, well who has time to worry about that when you have other priorities and in any case it is all rather self-indulgent to spend time and effort working this part of the model. Not true of course. Over time a lack of attention to self raises the risk of dysfunctional conditions such as chronic tiredness, depression, intolerance to others, severe ill-health, drug and alcohol abuse, and for some, a propensity for violence. It is all too common to see a life go 'bust' in this fashion.

A balanced approach to life in terms of your attention to work, family, friends and self, guards against such self-destruction. The balance needed will change as your circumstances change over the short and long terms and you need to be sensitive to these shifts. Above all, you need to be active, not passive, in how you think about these matters and get the model to work for you.

Interestingly, when this model is presented to the Harvard Business School residential course participants, a passionate

discourse ensues as the realisation hits that many are heading towards a busted life or perhaps are already there. At the end of this course it is usual for a third to a half of the participants to embark upon a career change in an effort to get control of the model and their life.

A bit of a post script about the model. There are times you need to look at how you use the model through the eyes of others. For example you can get so close to family that your loved ones can feel the need for more breathing space. As some of my friends have remarked, 'I married him/her for better or worse, but not for lunch!'

On behalf of the National Council of the Australian Flying Corps and Royal Australian Air Force Association, may I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Travel safely and enjoy the time with family and friends.

Brent Espeland  
National President  
December 2014

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# Air Force Today

## Command Structure

### Air Force Headquarters

Air Force Headquarters provide strategic guidance for Air Force activities in raising training and sustaining Air Force capabilities.

The Commander of Air Force Headquarters is the Deputy Chief of Air Force, who is responsible for providing policy guidance for Air Force activities, as well as planning for current and future resources, personnel, force structure and facilities.

### Headquarters Air Command

Headquarters Air Command is responsible for raising, training and sustaining Air Force capabilities ready for deployment on operations.

The Air Commander Australia is responsible for executing and delivering air and space power.

Headquarters Air Command provides direction to Air Force's six Force Element Groups.

## Force Element Groups

### Air Combat Group

Air Combat Group provides a single command structure for all of Air Force's fast jet and combat aircraft to enable control of the air and the ability to conduct precision air strikes.

Headquarters Air Combat Group is at RAAF Base Williamtown, with personnel also located at RAAF Base Pearce, RAAF Base Tindal and RAAF Amberley. Air Combat Group operate the following aircraft:

- F/A-18A and B Hornets
- F/A-18F Super Hornets
- Hawk 127
- PC-9/A Forward Air Control



**Two RAAF Super Hornets taxiing behind a RAAF KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport before take-off on a mission in Iraq. Photo: SGT A. Eddie 28SQN AFID –RAAF**



**A RAAF F/A-18F Super Hornet aircraft in the skies of Iraq as part of the Air Task Group.**

*Photo: SGT M Davis 1st Joint Public Affairs Unit RAAF*

### Aerospace Operational Support Group

Aerospace Operational Support Group employs highly trained people using cutting edge technology to:

- Enhance battle-worthiness
- Improve mission success
- Increase survivability.

Aerospace Operational Support Group is comprised of an Information Warfare Wing, Development and Test Wing and the Woomera Test Range.

Headquarters Aerospace Operational Support Group is located at RAAF Base Edinburgh, with personnel also located in Adelaide, Canberra and Melbourne.





## Air Force Training Group

Air Force Training Group is responsible for providing:

- Recruit training
- Initial employment training
- Initial pilot training
- Some postgraduate training
- Professional military education.

Air Force Training Group is based at RAAF Williams-Laverton with personnel also based at RAAF Bases Wagga, East Sale, Pearce and HMAS Harman, Canberra. The Group includes:

- PC-9/A
- Air Force Band
- Air Force Balloon
- Air Force Roulettes Aerobatic Team
- RAAF Museum Point Cook



**The RAAF Roulettes Aerobatic Team performing at the Mt Panorama Racing circuit, 2014.**

*Photo: LAC M Green, 28SQN AFID RAAF*

## Air Lift Group

Air Lift Group delivers air mobility for the Australian Defence Force with missions including:

- Air logistics
- Air to air refueling
- Search and rescue assistance
- Aeromedical evacuation.

Air Lift Group provide the following aircraft:

- C-17A Globemaster
- C-130J Hercules
- CL-604 Challenger
- Boeing 737 BBJ
- KA350 King Air
- KC-30A multi role tanker transport



**A RAAF KC-30A aircraft departs for another refueling mission in Iraq. Photo: SGT A Eddie, 28SQN AFID RAAF**



**A 37SQN C-130 conducts an air drop at the Londonderry drop zone, MAY 14. Photo: RAAF**



**A RAAF C-17 takes off from RMAF Base, Butterworth, May 2014. Photo: CPL D Cotton 1st Joint Public Affairs Unit**

## Surveillance and Response Group

Surveillance and Response Group provide the surveillance, warning and airspace control capability for the Australian Defence Force. Surveillance and Response Group provide the following capabilities:

- AP-3C Orion
- E-7A Wedgetail
- Heron (remotely piloted aircraft)
- Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN)
- Joint Battlefield Airspace Controllers.

Headquarters Surveillance and Response Group is at RAAF Base Williamtown, with personnel located at almost every RAAF Base across Australia.



**A RAAF E-7A Wedgetail on takeoff in the Middle East. Photo: SGT A Eddie 28SQN AFID RAAF**

## Combat Support Group

Combat Support Group provide both home-base and expeditionary operational support services to Air Force and the Australian Defence Force. Combat Support Group capabilities include:

- Bushmaster protected mobility vehicles
- Light weight and light capability G-wagons
- Panther fire trucks
- Refuelling aircraft
- Military working dogs
- Expeditionary health services
- Mobile air load teams
- Airfield defence
- Security and policing
- Engineering Infrastructure
- Tactical communications
- Combat logistics
- Personnel support.

Headquarters Combat Support Group is at RAAF Base Amberley, with personnel located on every RAAF Base in Australia.



**LAC Brett McCormack RAAF from No 2 Security Force Squadron with his explosive detection dog, Harco.**

*Photo: CPL D Cotton RAAF*

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**RAAF Radiographer, FLGOFF Megan Lower, No 2 Expeditionary Health Squadron, reviews a patient's x-ray during testing in the deployable Weatherhaven tents at RAAF Base Williamtown.**

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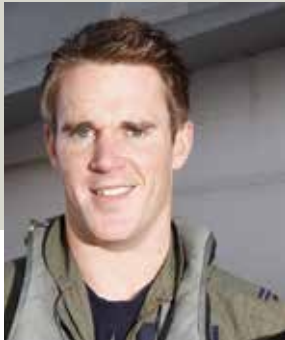
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# Australian Who Fell From the Sky

FSGT Stanley Black, an Australian airman on board an RAF Lancaster during World War II, is still known in Graignes as the Australian who fell from the sky. Graignes, in Normandy, was the scene of a desperate Allied defensive action in the days that followed the D-Day landings in France on June 6, 1944.

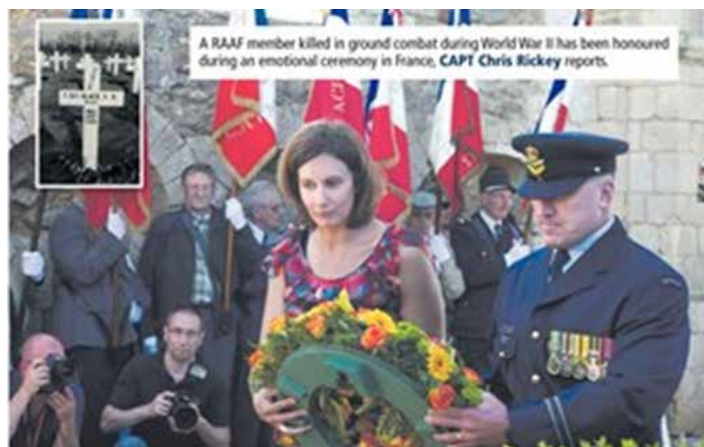
After bailing out of his stricken bomber, FSGT Black linked up with a combined unit of American paratroops from the 101st and 82nd Airborne as well as British Pathfinders. In a church occupying the only high ground in the area, the airborne troops and FSGT Black held out for two days against a German counter attack.

Estimates are that the Airborne troops were outnumbered 10-1, which led to the decision for those still capable to withdraw under the cover of darkness with the wounded to remain behind.

The RAAF airman was discovered, fatally wounded, in a fighting position with his weapon by his side. His bravery and sacrifice is remembered to this day and was honoured on June 7 2014 with the unveiling of a plaque, which bears his name, in the remains of the church where the Allies fought and died.

Three RAAF members of Australia's Federation Guard (AFG) took part in the service, which was also attended by a relative of FSGT Black, Elissa Liggins, whose grandmother was the airman's sister. She laid a wreath in his honour.

"I'm still so emotional," Ms Liggins said. "It will be hard to relay to my family back in Australia just what this meant and what it was like to be here, but for my dad especially, I'll do my best." LACW Sarah Love was by Ms Liggins' side during the service. "I arrived expecting some little event, so I was not prepared for the B-52 flyover, the American 3-star General (Commanding General US Forces in Europe, LTGEN Donald Campbell) and all the US and German troops who formed an honour guard," LACW Love said. "I was also overwhelmed to see what it meant to Elissa."



**Elissa Liggins, FSGT Stanley Black's great niece, lays a wreath together with FLTLT Mark Schmidt in France; inset, FSGT Black's burial cross.** Main photos: CPL Michael Lace.

*Inset photo: Office of Air Force History*

CPL Michael Lace, of AFG, said being at the ceremony was an unexpected honour. "To be asked to be part of this ceremony and to see how important it is to the people of Graignes has made this a highlight of my trip to France," he said.

The historical significance was not lost on AFG Contingent Commander FLTLT Mark Schmidt. "We were the first Australian military to participate in the ceremony and I believe our involvement meant a lot to the villagers and especially FSGT Black's family," he said. "To ensure he was recognised in this manner is extremely important and the fact that Australia's Federation Guard helped in some small way to unearth an untold story of an Australian servicemen who paid the ultimate price during the D-Day campaign, is a real honour."

*Office of Air Force History, Canberra.*

## Aviation Forecasts

Their Lordships are of the opinion that they would not be of any practical use to the Naval Service.

— *British Admiralty, in reply to the Wright's offer of patents for their airplane, 1907.*

The aeroplane will never fly.

— *Lord Haldane, Minister of War, Britain, 1907 (yes, 1907).*

At least there was one visionary:

No place is safe - no place is at peace. There is no place where a woman and her daughter can hide and be at peace. The war comes through the air, bombs drop in the night. Quiet people go out in the morning, and see air-fleets passing overhead - dripping death - dripping death!

— *H. G. Wells, The War in the Air, 1908.*

Good advice: never make forecasts, especially in aviation – and never say **never**.



# Memorial Wall at Rathmines

Rathmines is located on the shore of Lake Macquarie, about 80 kilometres north of Sydney. Prior to WW2 there was no township. The only signs of civilisation were a few weekenders owned by families seeking peace and quiet and some crude shacks used by amateur fishermen. But this idyllic paradise was soon to be shattered.

In 1938, as the storm clouds gathered over Europe, the Australian Government decided that as the coast of Australia was unprotected and surrounded by potential enemies, a surveillance capability was required. The Government approved the purchase from Britain of eight new Short Sunderland flying boats to patrol the coastline.

An order was placed for the aircraft on 1 July 1939 and No 10 Squadron was formed. Aircrew travelled by ship to England for training on their new aircraft. Following the declaration of war on 3 September, the Squadron remained in England to operate with the RAF; ground staff followed by sea to England soon after. The Squadron was to remain based in England for the entire war. On 25 April 1942, No 461 Squadron was formed from trainees of the Empire Air Training Scheme and manned mainly by Australians; it was called the "Anzac Squadron". Like No 10 Squadron, it operated in the European theatre until the end of the war.

The two Squadrons became a part of the RAF Coastal Command and were involved mainly in Convoy Escort and U-Boat Search and Destroy operations. The Sunderland aircraft were found to be good general work horses and were used for many unusual jobs, such as flying troops out of Greece and Cyprus during the withdrawal, attempting to spirit Madame de Gaulle and her children to England after the fall of France (this operation resulted in the first fatalities of No 10 Squadron crews). The Squadron also flew Lord Gort to Malta with the George Cross when the island was awarded the bravery decoration. They also undertook many other unusual operations.

After the war, members of the two squadrons met at various places around Australia and formed a Branch of the RAAF Association, the Sunderland Squadrons Association. Its aims were: "To continue the friendship and spirit of mateship that existed during the war" and "To perpetuate the memory of mates who failed to return".

After nearly seventy years, the branches are still active and on 10 April 2013, one of the greatest efforts was realised – the dedication of "The Sunderland Memorial Wall" - took place at Rathmines, the old base that was created especially for Sunderlands of No 10 Squadron but never used by them.

During the war, Rathmines was a Catalina flying boat base, the largest in the southern hemisphere. Catalinas carried out bombing and mine laying operations against the Japanese, which required flights of up to 18 to 20 hours.

After the war, many of the airmen who had been stationed at Rathmines liked the area so much that they settled down in the area. As a result, they took over the old base and now run it as a memorial to the people who were based there

during the war. The Memorial Wall in memory of the men who died flying Catalinas was dedicated on 19 September 1984. Some time later, the Sunderland Association suggested another Memorial Wall for Sunderlands, to provide a balance for two iconic aircraft of WW2. Accordingly, the Sunderland Memorial Wall was dedicated on 10 April 2013.

The precinct was crowded with Air Force personnel, newspaper and television reporters and cameramen, on a beautiful autumn day. There were 30 or so personnel from the present day No 10 Squadron who had flown from RAAF Base Edinburgh, SA, in two P-3C Orions. Peter Dowling, Secretary of the Sunderland Branch, took the stand and welcomed all present and outlined the purpose of the meeting. Proceedings started at 1130 with the parade of the Squadron's Colours, and on cue, a P-3C flew over the Memorial area.

The Commanding Officer of No 10 Squadron, Wing Commander David Hombsch, gave a short history of Nos 10 and 461 Squadrons and their contribution during WW2 to the final victory. He thanked the members of the Sunderland Branch who, through devotion and generosity, had produced this fine monument.

Peter Jensen, President of the Sunderland Branch, spoke of the losses sustained by the two squadrons. As the squadrons were engaged in maritime operations, the members who gave their lives in combat and those who fell victim to the wild weather of the Bay of Biscay, now lie at the bottom of the sea. They have no grave and the memorial has brought Squadron mates together in a place to rest and to be remembered.

Greg Piper, MLA for Lake Macquarie and a Trustee of Rathmines Memorial Park addressed the gathering and Wing Commander Peter Friend, Chaplain of RAAF base, Williamtown, dedicated the Memorial. Group Captain John Staal, then President of the Air Force Association (NSW) spoke about the efforts of the Association to encourage the branches in ways such as this to remember those who lost their lives in the service of their country.



Rathmines during World War II





Rathmines today. Photo: Google Maps

## The Rathmines Airstrip

It may surprise readers that Rathmines, which recently commemorated the 75th anniversary of its establishment as a flying boat base, once had an airstrip. The story of how this came about is an interesting one. Post-war officers commanding Rathmines were usually old flying boat types; the names McMahon, Conaghan and Wearne come to mind. When I was a member of No 8 Officer Initial Training Course in 1953 it was the custom of the then OC, Wing Commander HA Conaghan, to have every officer course experience a flight in his personal PBY5 Catalina amphibian, the last in RAAF service. It was even suspected that he fudged the flying hours to keep it from the knackers yard.

When eventually its time was up, the current OC insisted that as it was a RAAF Base the GD OC should have an aircraft available with which to keep his flying status current. Driving across to Williamstown to achieve this would not be a solution. So a decision was made to construct an airstrip on adjacent RAAF land at the western end of Kilaben Bay, of sufficient length for an Auster to operate. As the site was tree-covered it



A RAAF Winjeel on 'run-up' before takeoff from Rathmines, 1959. Photo: Les Sullivan

needed to be cleared but as the airfield construction units were occupied with other more pressing and important tasks, work had to be carried out unofficially. It was fortuitous that at this time No 1 Recruit Training Unit was located at Rathmines and provided a ready source of labour during the time allocated to 'sporting activities'. Staff members were also co-opted at weekends into helping clear the site.

When I was posted to Officer Training School as Senior Education Officer in 1959, after the airstrip had been completed, an Auster AOP III surplus to the requirements of No 16 Air Aerial Observation Flight landed at Rathmines. As the airstrip had an uphill slope from the water's edge on one side, over a rise and down to the water's edge in the other side, neither end was visible from the other. There was no margin for an error which might result in the Auster ending in the water like the Catalina it replaced. Not only could it accommodate an Auster but on one occasion shortly before Rathmines became history, a Winjeel landed on the airstrip and took off successfully. It was a very different RAAF in those days.

*Les Sullivan RAAFA*

## Helicopters for the RAAF

The RAAF entered the helicopter age when its first rotary wing aircraft, a Sikorsky S-51 Dragonfly, was test-flown at Laverton air base, Victoria, on 9 Oct 1947. The four-seat aircraft had been ordered from the US for trials and evaluation in November 1946, and arrived in Australia on board SS *Spitfire* on 25 August. After its first flights, the S-51—now designated A80-1—was used for a variety of public relations purposes, including flying a photographer from the Department of Information over the centre of Melbourne to take pictures for a film during the early afternoon of 27 November. Two more S-51s were ordered in April 1950. When these arrived in May 1951 they were allocated to Citizen Air Force squadrons in Sydney and Brisbane, to ensure that the eastern capitals each had one for emergency purposes. Orders for different helicopters (Bristol 171 Sycamores) were also placed in 1951.

**The Sikorsky S-51 at RAAF Base Laverton, Oct 1947.**

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# AFC Aircrew Badges – ‘WINGS’

A variation of flying badges or brevets (“wings”) were in use in the AFC, some official and some not authorised. Whatever the design, they were worn to identify aircrew (mostly pilots) from those considered “less fortunate”.

## 12. FURTHER VARIANTS

### OF A.F.C. PILOT BADGE



12. 1. UNUSUAL VARIANT ON KHAKE UNIFORM CLOTH.



12. 2 HANDSOME VARIANT FROM UNNAMED MEMBER OF 2 SQUADRON A.F.C.



12. 3 VARIANT POSSIBLY MADE TO REPLACE A LOST ORIGINAL FOR WEAR ON ANZAC DAY AND OTHER RELEVANT COMMEMORATIONS.



12. 4 VARIANT UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN MADE FOR AN EX A.F.C. MEMBER SERVING IN WORLD WAR 2 AS STAFF OF THE AIR TRAINING CORP.



10. 1 PILOT BADGE TYPE 1 LETTERED FOR AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES M.O. 801/1915



10. 2 PILOT BADGE TYPE 2 UNCROWNED VARIANT OF TYPE 1 APPARENTLY IN THE BELIEF THAT THE CROWN COULD NOT BE WORN UNLESS THE UNIT HAD THE ROYAL PREFIX.



10. 3 PILOT BADGE TYPE 3 INCORPORATING THE LETTERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS M.O. 68/1918.



10. 4 OBSERVER BADGE M.O. 801/1915.

## 11. VARIANTS OF A.F.C. PILOT BADGE.



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## Maralinga

The Australian Government has formally acknowledged the excision of an area of the Maralinga Tjarutja lands, from Defence's Woomera Prohibited Area, in an event held at Maralinga Airfield on the 5th of November 2014.

Known as 'Section 400' it was the site of atomic testing, and associated trials, conducted by the British in the 1950s and 1960s in South Australia. Minister for Defence, Senator David Johnston, said the excision of Section 400, a total of 1,782 square kilometres, will see the Maralinga Tjarutja people able to use the area of land without being restricted by Defence activities.

The ceremony was attended by Maralinga Tjarutja elders and community representatives along with representatives of the Australian and South Australian Governments. Officials included: the Minister for Defence, Senator David Johnston; the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion; Senator for South Australia, Senator Nick Xenophon; the South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, Mr Ian Hunter; the Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Geoff Brown, AO and members of the Woomera Prohibited Area Advisory Board among others.



Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon David Johnston, accompanied by the Maralinga Tjarutja Chairman, Mr Sonny Pepper (left), and the Deputy Director Woomera Test Range, Wing Commander Jason McHeyzer, addresses attendees at the Section 400 Excision Event, November 2014. Maralinga Airfield, South Australia. Photo RAAF



The Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Geoff Brown, talks with Maralinga caretaker Mr Robin Matthews at the Section 400 Excision Event, November 2014. Maralinga Airfield, South Australia. Photo: RAAF

## Air Force One at RAAF Base Amberley

The G20 Summit Meeting held at Brisbane in November brought many Nation's leaders to Australia, most by their national carriers. However, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, flew to Amberley Air Base in Air Force One, following the APEC Meeting in Beijing. In addition to the B-747, other US aircraft were parked at Amberley: two USMC helicopters and two Bell Osprey Tilt rotor aircraft.



Marine One and Air Force One on the flightline at RAAF Base Amberley, 15 Nov 14



President of the USA, Barack Obama departs RAAF Base Amberley in Air Force One, with two Ospreys parked on the tarmac. Photos: LAC Brenton Kwaterski RAAF



## Wedgetail E-7A AWAC Aircraft

RAAF personnel are providing airborne early warning and control from an E-7A Wedgetail aircraft over Iraq. The E-7A Wedgetail Warning and Control aircraft (AWAC) provides direction and awareness to Coalition fighter aircraft operating within Iraq. Six RAAF F/A-18F Super Hornet, an E-7AAWAC and a KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport aircraft are assigned to the Australian Air Task Group (ATG). The ATG is supported by 400 RAAF personnel who have deployed to the Middle East since the Australian Government's announcement. Australia's efforts are in response to a request for assistance by the Iraqi Government in combating ISIL terrorists.



**RAN Petty Officer Pete Gillam, a surveillance and control officer on an E-7A Wedgetail aircraft, during a mission in the Middle East, October 2014**  
*Photo CPL M Bree Defence News*



**A Royal Australian Air Force E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft takes off for a mission in the Middle East, October 2014. SGT A Eddie, 28SQN AFID**

## Air to Air Refuelling of E/F-18F Aircraft



**Royal Australian Air Force Air Refueller Operator onboard the RAAF KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport refuels two F/A-18F Super Hornet aircraft in Iraq as part of the Air Task Group.**



**A Royal Australian Air Force KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport getting ready to refuel an F/A-18F Super Hornet en-route to the Middle East.**

*Photos SGT A Eddie 28SQN AFID RAAF*



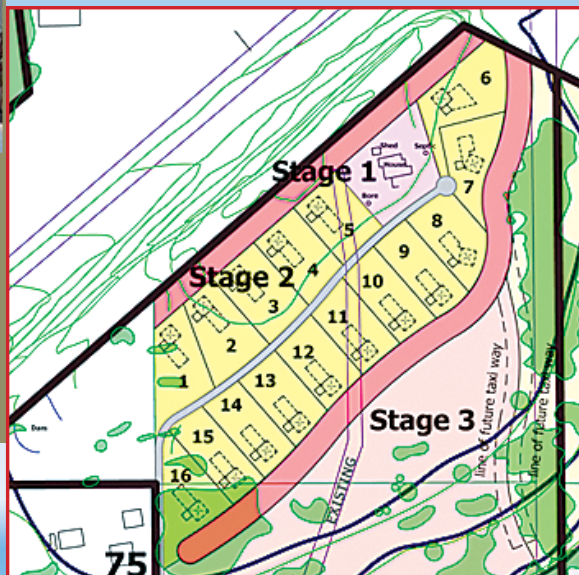
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## Australian Air League Triennial Parade

The Australian Air League's (AAL) 80<sup>th</sup> year since being formed was celebrated on 4 October 2014, by a parade that was held on the Gungahlin oval in Canberra. The RAAF Association representative attending was the former National Secretary of the Association, WGCDR Ron Usher. He was accompanied by his wife Jan Usher. They are both well known to AAL officials and their wives, having attended a number of such events over the last several years.

The principal guest was His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia: He was accompanied by his wife Lady Cosgrove. The ACT Chief Minister was represented and the ACT Minister for sport attended: The RSL was represented by Mr John King, the national secretary of the RSL Prior to the parade, guests were invited to inspect a display of model aircraft which had been constructed by the cadets to enter into the various categories for judging in the model aircraft competition. The display was very impressive and the cadets were keen to show their models to the public who attended.

Possibly the most excitement was caused by a PC9 from the RAAF's Roulettes Aerobatic Team providing an aerial display of flying skills.

The presentation of prizes took place shortly after the arrival of the Governor-General. Prizes were presented not only by the Governor-General but by Lady Cosgrove and by the invited official guests, including WGCDR Usher. The cadets were visibly pleased and proud to have their efforts publicly recognized.

Following the presentation of prizes the parade was inspected by the Governor-General and then the massed cadets marched past the Governor-General, in column of route. Once the parade had passed and the cadets had lined the perimeter of the oval, the band played the National Anthem and then the flags were lowered to mark the end of the event. The AAL flag lowering ceremony is known as the 'Sunset Ceremony' and it was accompanied by the playing of a special piece of music which was composed specifically for the AAL Sunset Ceremony.

Official guests and AAL Officers were then invited to have afternoon tea with the Governor-General, following which the Governor-General made himself available to speak to the parents of the cadets.

In all it was a successful and rewarding day.

Ron Usher

## Donation For Local Air Force Cadets

324 (City of Randwick) Squadron Australian Air Force Cadet unit has received a significant gift from the Coogee Randwick Clovelly RSL Sub Branch. President Mr Barry Collins, Vice President Mr Laurie Manning, and committee members John Clifford and Graham Keating recently presented the cadets with two ceremonial swords inscribed with the sub branch name. Mr Manning personally donated an additional sword in honour of his brother who had served with the RAAF during World War 2. The swords will be used on ceremonial occasions, including the Squadron's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations later this year.



Left to right: Cadet Under Officer Elizabeth Drapac, Cadet Flight Sergeant Marlon Schroeder, Mr John Clifford, Mr Graham Keating, Mr Barry Collins, Mr Laurie Manning, CUO Nelson Kay.



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## Passengers and Crew of Royal Netherlands East Indies Air Force C-47A Dt-941 (Vh-Rdk) Remembered

Sunday 7 September 2014 marked the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the crash of Royal Netherlands East Indies Air force (RNEIAF) C-47 DT-941 (VH-RDK). The aircraft departed Merauke in Dutch New Guinea for Cairns with four crew and sixteen passengers on board when it crashed on 7 September 1944. In spite of an extensive search and not knowing the exact location of where the crash occurred, the crashed aircraft was not located until January 1989 when a team of Australian and New Zealand Scientific Expedition (ANZSES) personnel discovered the aircraft 12.3 kilometres north west of Mossman at an elevation of 1300 metres.

Of the passengers on-board, nine were fighter pilots from 120SQN RNEIAF, on their way to Australia on rest and recreation leave, three other RNEIAF personnel, RAAF SQNLDR Leslie Roy (Smokey) Dawson from Bondi NSW, Australian Army LT Horace William Armstrong from Victoria Park WA and two civilian females. There is also some conjecture that the squadron mascot of 120 SQN, a dog, was also on board and perished in the accident.

Following the reported finding of the crash site, the then Curator of the RAAF Townsville Museum, FLGOFF Pat Kenny accompanied by WOFF Bruce Hurst, were subsequently winched into the area but failed to locate the crash site. Several days later FLGOFF Kenny and a member of the original ANZSES team were winched into the area and were able to locate and formerly identify the aircraft as RNEIAF C-47 DT-941.

On 24 January 1989, the then CO of No 27 (City of Townsville) Squadron, SQNLDR Tony Jones (now AIRCDRE Jones), was tasked with the recovery mission from the crash site using Active Reservists from 27SQN, SQNLDR Tony Austin Senior Medical Officer RAAF Townsville and helicopter support from 35SQN. Recovery operations commenced on 5 Feb 1989 and concluded on 11 February 1989 and included skeletal remains, weapons and ammunition as well as other personal items such as dog tags, watches, coins and photos. The skeletal remains were subsequently interred in a single grave with full Military Honours in the Cairns War Cemetery on 29 July 89.

A memorial Service at the Cairns War Cemetery to remember this accident was hosted by the Cairns and Townsville Branches of the RAAF Association and conducted by Chaplain (SQNLDR) Murray Fraser, Base Chaplain RAAF Base Townsville on Sunday 7 September 2014 in honour of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this accident. The service was attended by three of the original members of No 27 (City of Townsville) Squadron, RAAF Active Reserve who were members of the recovery party in 1989, the Netherlands Military Attaché, Colonel Harold Jacobs, the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Captain Kasper Kuiper, senior members of the Australian Navy, Army and Air Force, Presidents and members of the Cairns and Townsville branches of the RAAF Association, representatives from the Cairns and Edge Hill Branches of the RSL and members of the Dutch community from the Cairns area.

COL Jacobs and CAPT Kuiper addressed those assembled on behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the address on behalf of the RAAF was presented by WGCDR Dianne Turton, OIC Officer Distance Education, School of Post Graduate Studies remotely based in Cairns from her unit at Wagga Wagga. Master of Ceremonies for the service was Mr Ted Mildren CSM, North Queensland Area Vice President of the Queensland Division of the RAAF Association.

Officers, Instructors and Cadets from the Cairns based 104SQN Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) provided the Catafalque Party at the Cross of Sacrifice and laid a single poppy at the grave side during the roll call of the crew and passengers of DT-941.

SQNLDR Roy Dawson was the Commander of the Australian element of No 18 (NEI) Squadron at McDonald Airfield in the Northern Territory where he was awarded the Officer of the Order of the Orange Nassau in 1943 for "Highly valued assistance, both in training and under active service conditions". He later became the Australian Air Liaison Officer to the Dutch forces. It was during this time, while returning from New Guinea to Cairns that DT-941, on which he was a passenger, crashed. Sadly, no information can be found on LT Horace Armstrong or the other passengers on the aircraft.

A former fighter pilot from 120SQN RNEIAF, Mr Hugo Haye, was scheduled on DT-941 but was re-assigned to ferry a P-40N Kittyhawk to Australia. However, his luggage was on the fatal flight and he was able to recover some of his luggage when he visited the recovery team on 11 February 1989.



**Cadets of 104 Sqn AAFC form the Catafalque Party at the Cross of Sacrifice at the Cairns War Cemetery in honour of crew and passengers of RNEIAF C-47 DT-941 on Sunday 7 September 2014**

## Battle of Britain 74<sup>th</sup> Commemoration – Canberra 2014

'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.' Using this now famous quote by Sir Winston Churchill, the Director of the Australian War Memorial, Dr Brendan Nelson, welcomed dignitaries and Association members to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, on 15 September 2014 to mark the 74<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

With the generous assistance of the Memorial, the AFC and RAAF Association (ACT Division) was pleased to continue its support of the ceremony. About 60 invited dignitaries and guests attended the commemoration at the Western Courtyard of the Memorial under a clear and sunny sky. Dr Nelson reminded attendees that of the 'few', there were just 35 Australians who were qualified to wear the Battle of Britain clasp on the 1939-1945 Star, ten of whom died during the war.

In his commemorative address, AIRCDRE Mark Lax OAM CSM (Retd) recalled the battle's impact in deterring Germany's planned invasion of the British Isles and emphasised its importance as the first time air power saved a nation.

AVM Warren Ludwig (representing Chief of Air Force) and other dignitaries laid wreaths at the Inaugural Stone in the Western Courtyard and, most poignantly, by the Defence Attaches of both Germany and the United Kingdom, who laid their wreaths together.

Following the ceremony, the President of the RAAF Association (ACT Division), AIRCDRE Peter McDermott AM CSC (Retd) hosted dignitaries, guests and members to a morning tea in the Courtyard Gallery.

## RAAF Memorial Grove Majura ACT

The RAAF Memorial Grove was formally consecrated on the 22nd February 2002 by the Principal Air Chaplains in the presence of the then Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Angus Houston, Chief Minister of the ACT Mr Jon Stanhope, the Chairman National Capital Authority, Air Marshal David Evans and distinguished visitors.

Members of the Division have supported the Grove for many years. The late Colin Fereday, Arthur Skimin, Steve Skimin and Ron Usher were major supporters from 2000. Arthur Skimin and Lance Halvorson procured and arranged for the installation of the memorial propeller, ably assisted by Keny Engineering, Peter Cullerne and Steve Skimin. It was dedicated in 2008.

Following considerable work by ACT Division Vice President, Bob Weight, the display was extended to include display panels in the Rond Point area of the Grove.

The display depicts aviation in the region from the early days of Canberra through to the present time. Australian war-time aviation is explained, as is the development of RAAF Base Fairbairn and transition to the newly opened Canberra International airport.

The display was a vision of two of the Division's previous

presidents, Col Fereday and Arthur Skimin to provide a permanent historical record of the significant linkages between aviation and Canberra. Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Geoff Brown, formally opened the display on 14 November 2014.



**RAAF Association president ACT Division, AIR CDRE Peter McDermott (Retd) reviews the new display panels with CAF Air Marshal Geoff Brown; 14 Nov 14. Photo: CPL Aaron Curran**

The display was funded by the generous support of the Federal Department of Environment through its 'Your Community Heritage' grant program, BAE Systems (Australia), Lockheed Martin (Australia), the Canberra Airport Group and the National Council of the RAAF Association.



**The new panels at the RAAF Memorial Grove, Majura, Canberra. 14 Nov 14 Photo: CPL Aaron Curran**

## Road Named after Sir Frederick Scherger

The first RAAF officer to become Chief of Defence Staff has been honoured with the renaming of a key road at Canberra Airport.

The main thoroughfare into the Fairbairn precinct has been renamed Scherger Drive in a ceremony presided over by Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin. Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron said Sir Frederick Scherger was the first RAAF officer to be promoted to the four star rank of Air Chief Marshal.

"We believe it is important that we sustain both the historical and contemporary links between Canberra Airport and the Australian Defence Force, particularly the RAAF, and we are delighted that the current





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CDF Air Chief Marshal Binskin joins us here today.” Air Chief Marshal Binskin said during his flying days ‘Scherg’ was widely regarded as the RAAF’s most outstanding pilot.

“He was awarded the AFC in 1940 for his exceptional service as a pilot and flying instructor. He was one of the few Australians to command American Air Forces and later, British Commonwealth Forces and brought significant operational experience to the role of Chief of Air Staff. After his retirement from the RAAF he headed the Australian National Airlines Commission and the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation.

“It is fitting that a road in the airport precinct in our nation’s capital will now bear the name of a man who played such an influential role in Australia’s military and civilian aviation history.”

Mr Byron said the renaming also addressed the practical issue of Fairbairn Avenue being dissected by the civil development of the airport and the extension of the runway during the 1970s, and the road previously having two names – Fairbairn Avenue and Glenora Drive.

“Those accessing RAAF Base Fairbairn, including visiting dignitaries, as well as the businesses and government and defence agencies located here all travel along this thoroughfare. It is no mean feat to change a road name, and we would like to thank the National Capital Authority and the ACT Government for their assistance in renaming the road alignment”. “Scherg was something of a trailblazer – an exceptional airman, highly decorated and later an astute leader and quite visionary in his contribution to defence acquisition and strategic policy development – a most appropriate person to honour at Canberra Airport,” Mr Byron said.

Retired RAAF members will remember Lady Scherger Crescent at RAAF Base Amberley, where the officers married quarters were situated and where many lived when posted to units at Amberley. The Editor recalls it well as he lived there for seven years in the 70s. While the road still remains, the MQs have all been demolished.



**Terry Snow, AIRCDRE Peter McDermott (Retd), Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin and Stephen Byron unveil Scherger Drive at Fairbairn.**

## Avalon Air Show 2015

The Australian Defence Force is a major partner of the 2015 Australian International Air Show which will be held at Avalon Airport, Victoria, 27 February to 1 March 2015.

The 2015 Air Show’s theme is ‘Heroes of the Sky’ which will provide a unique opportunity for the ADF to celebrate a century of military aviation in Australia and to celebrate the centenary of ANZAC.



**Air Vice-Marshal Mel Hupfeld, DSC represents the Chief of Air Force at the 2015 Avalon International Air Show media launch, November 2014. Photo: CPL David Said RAAF**



**An F/A-18 parked next to a P-51 Mustang at Avalon Airport during the 2015 Australian International Air Show media launch, November 2014. Photo CPL David Said RAAF**



**A Sabre aircraft in a slow pass at Avalon Airport during the 2015 Australian International Air Show media launch, November 2014. Photo CPL David Said RAAF**



## Beaufort Reunion

Former Beaufort air and ground crew gathered together with those who built Beaufort aircraft during World War II attended the Bentleigh RSL for a very successful luncheon and reunion on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The crews were joined by their families and friends to celebrate and commemorate their wartime service; a total of 67 attended.

Guests included Air Vice-Marshal Kym Osley (Retd), Air Vice-Marshal Brian Graf (Retd), Air Commodore Ted Bushell (Retd), and Wing Commander Adrian Mavros, Commanding Officer 32 SQN East Sale.

Messages were received from the Governor General of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove, The Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable Tony Abbott, and The Duke of Beaufort, whose father gave assent to use the family name for the Beaufort aircraft.

A Beaufort cockpit that is being restored by the Australian National Aviation Museum at Moorabbin was transported to the reunion for the event.



**Attendees at the Beaufort Reunion at the Bentleigh RSL, Sep 14. Photo: Tony Clark**



**Beaufort pilot, John Caddy, at the Beaufort Reunion at the Bentleigh RSL, Sep 14. Photo: Tony Clark**

## Remembrance Day Canberra 2014



**National President of RAAF Association, AVM Brent Espeland AM (Retd) and National President Naval Association of Australia, LCDR Russell Pettis RANR, following wreath laying at the Stone of Remembrance, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, 11 November 2014**

*Photo: Peter Cooke-Russell*



**Service Chiefs after laying wreaths at the Stone of Remembrance, Australian War Memorial Canberra, 11 November 2014**





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station in Australia to train personnel for WW11, over 5500, many flying with Bomber Command. The southern Bombing Range has been in continuous use since 1945, with Mustangs, F111s and now Super Hornets still a part of Evans Head.

To help celebrate and remember those who trained here, as well as promoting all aspects of aviation, no matter what you fly, love aircraft or want to see what it's all about, this is the place for you!

All types of aircraft will be here, warbirds, models, recreational, paramotor gliders, GA, recreational, microlights, motorgliders, seaplanes and drones. There'll be: air displays, joy flights, static aircraft displays, the wonderful new Aviation Museum and F111 RAAF A8-147, historical displays and Vets tent, markets, Classic Car and Boat Show, the RFS, SES, Westpac Rescue, Angel Flight, Australian Warbird Association, the SAAA and much more. Staying the weekend, underwing and vehicle camping and all amenities available.

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## Senator The Hon. George Brandis Qc, Minister For The Arts

SENATOR THE HON MICHAEL RONALDSON, MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC

### MAJOR ART PROJECTS TO COMMEMORATE ANZAC CENTENARY

Today we are announcing funding for eight arts and cultural projects as part of the commemorations for the Anzac Centenary.

More than \$700,000 will be provided to support these projects through the first round of the Australian Government's \$2 million Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Production and Commissioning Fund. Funding will support the development and touring of new productions, from theatre and opera to the digital arts, as well as the commissioning of artworks that will bring Australians of all ages together to commemorate this important Centenary.

The arts are a powerful platform through which we can better understand, remember and reflect on the accomplishments and sacrifices of Australians in all conflicts and peacekeeping efforts since the First World War. We thank the Creative Advisory Panel, led by Sir Jonathan Mills, for their careful consideration of each application. It is pleasing to see many of the personal stories and experiences of Australians at war are to be given a voice through these projects.

The eight successful projects will assist to both educate and commemorate the legacy of the sacrifice and courage that so many of our servicemen and servicewomen fought for. Significant funding partnerships between the Australian Government, arts organisations, other levels of government and the private sector have been achieved through this first round of funding with project partners investing more than \$6 million to bring these eight projects to life, animating a comprehensive program of commemorative arts and culture activities.

The second round of the Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Production and Commissioning Fund is now open for expressions of interest. Expressions of interest close on 30 October 2014. Funding for arts and cultural projects is also available through the \$2 million Public Grants Program for which arts organisations, groups, individuals and cultural institutions been invited to apply. Applications close at 5pm AEST on Wednesday 10 September 2014.

During the Centenary of Anzac, we mark a century of service and sacrifice, encompassing all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australians have been involved. The Centenary will be the most significant period of commemoration in our nation's history and the Government is committed to providing opportunities for all Australians to participate. For more information about the Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Fund including guidelines and application forms for the Production and Commissioning Fund and the Public Grants Program visit [www.arts.gov.au/anzac](http://www.arts.gov.au/anzac)

The eight projects supported by the Production and Commissioning Fund are:

### Art Gallery of South Australia: *En-trenched: contemporary artists and the art of the trenches*, \$75,000

Twelve artists will produce works that respond to the Australian War Memorial's collection of trench art from World War One. The new work produced will form the heart of a touring exhibition alongside a selection of trench art made by Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women and Turkish prisoners of war. *En-trenched* will be supported by an online, interactive presence and a dynamic public and education program.

### Big Hart Inc: *Samurai Digger*, \$50,000

*Samurai Digger* is a cross-cultural theatre project about peacemaking between cultures after World War Two. This Australian/Japanese performance is inspired by one man's quest to return Samurai swords taken by Australian soldiers during the Second World War. The Fund is supporting the creative development process, which will collect true stories from the families involved in regional and rural areas in different states in Australia as well as in Nara in Japan.

### Brisbane Powerhouse Foundation: *Ten Percent Terror*, \$25,000

Brisbane Powerhouse, Dancenorth and Company 2 will partner together to develop a new performance work commemorating the Anzac Centenary. *Ten Percent Terror* will use the contemporary art forms of circus, dance and digital arts to connect modern audiences to the Anzac legacy. Sitting across two time periods, *Ten Percent Terror* explores the dual narratives of contemporary Australians serving in Afghanistan with those of young soldiers in Turkey a century before.

### Perth International Arts Festival: *The Giants by Royal de Luxe*, \$150,000

*The Giants* will be presented by large scale storytellers Royal de Luxe as a free performance at the 2015 Perth International Arts Festival. It commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the First World War through an arts and cultural event which responds to the people, place and history of Perth and the role of Western Australia in the Anzac story. Through online engagement, a fully integrated and accessible schools program, extensive volunteer involvement and deepening relationships with many Western Australian arts companies and independent artists and arts workers, *The Giants* will create an appropriate avenue for every Australian to access a high-quality arts and cultural event to commemorate the Anzac Centenary.

### Queensland Theatre Company: *Black Diggers* 2015 national tour, \$200,000

Queensland Theatre Company in partnership with Sydney Festival has created *Black Diggers*, a landmark theatre production telling the story of Indigenous soldiers who served in the First World War. It received outstanding critical acclaim when it was performed in January 2014, sparking the interest of arts organisations throughout the country. This grant will

support an eight week tour in four states and territories in 2015. It provides a unique focal point for Australians to explore this little-known part of the Anzac story.

## **The Production Company (Australia) Limited: *The Silver Donkey*, \$100,000**

*The Silver Donkey* is a new family-oriented musical based on the novel by the Australian author, Sonya Hartnett and adapted by award winning musical theatre writers Dean Bryant and Mathew Frank. *The Silver Donkey* is set during World War One, with three children and a soldier who is blind as the central characters. The musical tells how the children's lives are changed by the stories he tells them.

## **Victorian Arts Centre Trust: *Theatres of War: Wartime Entertainment and the Australian Experience*, \$60,000**

*Theatres of War* examines the crucial role played by the performing arts in the lives of Australians both on the home-front and in the field. This exhibition shines a light on the power of performance as a means of expression and as a way of bringing people together during times of adversity. The exhibition includes performance case studies from the First and Second World Wars, the Vietnam War as well as later conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

## **Victoria Opera Company Ltd: *Remembrance*, \$45,000**

Victorian Opera will create a new work called *Remembrance*, which will explore and commemorate the Australian experience during World War One through story, song and image. Referencing the popular songs of WWI, *Remembrance* will commemorate the Anzac experience through story, image and music and in doing so, honour and share the Anzac legacy.

## **New Initiative Linking Injured Veterans To Employment**

*Media release by Minister for Veterans Affairs*

Recognising the unique nature of military service, I am pleased to announce a new trial initiative that will help wounded, injured or ill veterans achieve employment opportunities as part of their recovery.

As a nation, we owe a great debt to the men and women who have served in our Defence Force. It is incumbent upon us to do everything we can to facilitate the rehabilitation of those who have been injured and to help them transition to post service employment.

This trial Veterans Employment Assistance Initiative builds on the traditional approach to rehabilitation and brings a greater focus in linking veterans to employment opportunities. Under the trial Initiative, veterans who have identified that they wish to return to work will undergo early assessment of their vocational rehabilitation needs. This will include aligning the skills they have developed in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to potential civilian employment opportunities. Participants will also undertake employment focused training

in line with their abilities and aspirations.

Those who have served in the ADF bring to future employment a unique range of skills and experiences. I am sure that every Australian will join with me in wanting those veterans who need assistance, and their families, to improve their wellbeing, restore their independence, realise their skills and capabilities, and secure meaningful employment.

On 12 September 2014, I presented Downer EDI Works with a certificate of appreciation, in recognition of their employment of a former ADF member. I have asked my Department to work closely with employers to match employment opportunities with veterans and ensure the best outcome for all. The Veterans Employment Assistance Initiative will broaden the vocational and non-vocational assistance and support available to former ADF members.

This initiative will further strengthen our already world-leading repatriation system by assisting those who wish to return to employment following injury. The Veterans Employment Assistance Initiative is being undertaken as a trial in Queensland involving up to 50 participants and will help inform a future national approach.

For more information visit [www.dva.gov.au/rehabilitation](http://www.dva.gov.au/rehabilitation)

## **RAAF Veterans' Residences Trust**

The RAAF Veterans' Residences Trust was established by an act of Parliament on the 12 December 1953. The Trust was established for the purpose of providing residences for former members of the Air Force and their families.

The capital of the Trust was provided from a prize captured by Commonwealth Forces during World War II. The Air Force share of the prize amounted to \$458,000. Over the years this amount has been invested and applied to obtain 76 residences throughout Australia. The residences are located in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart. The residences generally comprise a one or two bedroom unfurnished but self-contained unit.

Further information about the Trust, eligibility and tenancy can be obtained from:

The Manager  
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## Pension Increase For The Veteran Community

Media Release by Minister for Veterans Affairs 19 Sep 14

From 20 September 2014, veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers across Australia will see an increase to their pensions.

I am pleased to confirm that the Abbott Government has delivered upon its promise to annually index the income limit for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) to CPI. This will provide a fairer income limit for card holders and will

mean around 120 additional DVA clients will now be eligible for the Card in 2014-15.

As pension rates are calculated on a daily basis, the next pension paid after the 20 September increase (on payday 2 October 2014) will be paid partly at the old rate and partly at the new rate. The first full payment at the new rates of pension will be payday 16 October 2014.

The table below highlights the key changes to fortnightly rates.

Pensions are indexed twice a year in March and September. A full list of pension rates are available on [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au) or by calling 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

Pension	Old Rate (per fortnight)	New Rate (per fortnight)	Increase
Service Pension—single	\$842.80	<b>\$854.30</b>	\$11.50
Service Pension—couples (each)	\$635.30	<b>\$644.00</b>	\$8.70
(combined)	\$1,270.60	<b>\$1,288.00</b>	\$17.40
War Widow(er)'s Pension	\$856.20	<b>\$868.00</b>	\$11.80
Income Support Supplement	\$252.40	<b>\$256.00</b>	\$3.60
Special Rate (TPI) of Disability Pension	\$1,293.20	<b>\$1,311.30</b>	\$18.10
Intermediate Rate of Disability Pension	\$877.80	<b>\$890.10</b>	\$12.30
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$714.10	<b>\$724.20</b>	\$10.10
100 per cent General Rate of Disability Pension	\$459.60	<b>\$466.10</b>	\$6.50
CSHC income limit (single – annual))	\$50,000	<b>\$51,500</b>	\$1,500
(combined partnered – annual)	\$80,000	<b>\$82,400</b>	\$2,400

These are the maximum rates of payment and include any Clean Energy Supplement payable.

## Webclaim Online Service for Health Care Providers

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has launched a new online claims system for allied health providers servicing the veteran community.

DVA Webclaim is a no-cost online service that has been developed specifically to help reduce the administrative costs and practice resources required to service the needs of veterans. DVA Webclaim is now accessible to all allied, dental and optical health providers through the Department of Human Services (DHS) Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) portal.

The system enables providers to lodge claims through an online 'smart form', reducing the resource costs and delays associated with preparing and lodging paper-based claims. The system will also allow providers to cancel paid claims before they are paid, download up to two years of DVA claiming history and enquire about specific claims using the secure email facility.

DVA values the allied health, dental and optical professionals who continue to provide services to veteran clients and will continue to provide high quality services to the veteran community. To access DVA Webclaim health professionals will need a Medicare provider number and an individual

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate. To register for an Individual PKI Certificate visit the DHS PKI page to fill out an application form.

More information on DVA Webclaim can be found at [http://www.dva.gov.au/service\\_providers/Pages/Webclaim.aspx](http://www.dva.gov.au/service_providers/Pages/Webclaim.aspx)

Important announcements about DVA Webclaim will be also be available via social media on the DVAAus Facebook page.



SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMUNITY COMMEMORATIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS				
APPROVED FOR FUNDING - AUGUST 2014				
RECIPIENT	ELECTORATE	LOCATION	FUNDING DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
<b>ACT</b>				
Woden Valley RSL Sub-branch	Canberra	PHILLIP	To install a flagpole at Eddison Park, Woden	\$500
Regimental Council of The Royal South Australia Regiment Inc	Fraser	CAMPBELL	To install a plaque for the 27th Australian Infantry Battalion South Australian (Scottish) Regiment at The Australian War Memorial, Canberra	\$1,362
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS – ACT:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS – ACT:</b>	<b>\$1,862</b>
<b>NSW</b>				
Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association NSW Branch	Blaxland	BANKSTOWN	To hold a commemorative event on Vietnam Veterans' Day marking the 50th anniversary of the first Australian soldier killed in action in Vietnam	\$3,000
Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee	Calare	TULLAMORE	To install plaques on the Remembrance Gateway at the entrance to Tullamore Memorial Park	\$4,000
Blayney RSL Memorial Restoration Committee	Calare	BLAYNEY	To restore and upgrade the Blayney War Memorial	\$4,000
Bundeena RSL Sub-branch	Cunningham	BUNDEENA	To restore the Bundeena RSL War Memorial Crypt	\$4,000
Snowy River RSL Sub-branch	Eden-Monaro	BERRIDALE	To upgrade the Berridale War Memorial to include Veterans from the Second World War and subsequent conflicts	\$4,000
Deniliquin Council Tidy Towns Committee	Farrer	DENILIKUIN	To erect a memorial in Waring Gardens to commemorate those who served in the Vietnam War	\$4,000
Shoalhaven City Council	Gilmore	HUSKISSON	To provide lighting to the proposed Remembrance Court project	\$4,000

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RECIPIENT	ELECTORATE	LOCATION	FUNDING DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Cootamundra RSL Sub-branch	Hume	COOTAMUNDRA	To erect a new memorial in Albert Park Memorial Precinct, Cootamundra to commemorate those who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975	\$4,000
Cowra RSL Sub-branch	Hume	COWRA	To purchase three glass cabinets to display memorabilia at the sub-branch rooms	\$3,000
Maitland Vietnam Veterans and Services Legion	Hunter	MAITLAND	To install bronze plaques on the War Memorial wall at Maitland Park	\$4,000
Singleton Council	Hunter	SINGLETON	To install lighting at the Burdekin Park War Memorial to illuminate the flagpole	\$2,805
Taree RSL Sub-branch	Lyne	TAREE	To upgrade access to the Taree War Memorial Clock	\$4,000
Avalon Beach RSL Sub-branch	Mackellar	AVALON BEACH	To install a display cabinet at Avalon Beach RSL Club to house military uniforms	\$3,000



Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans & Associated Forces Inc	Macquarie	SPRINGWOOD	To hold an event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the deployment of RAAF Caribou Flight to Vietnam	\$2,171
City of Fairfield RSL Sub-branch	McMahon	FAIRFIELD	To publish a short history of the fallen servicemen of the Fairfield area	\$1,672
Gilgai Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Trust	New England	GILGAI	To purchase and install four plaques on the Gilgai War Memorial to commemorate Australian service in the Boer War, Korea/Malaysia, Vietnam, and National Service	\$3,511
Piallaway Community Hall Committee	New England	PIALLAWAY	To erect a war memorial in Piallaway to commemorate First World War and Second World War servicemen	\$4,000
Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association	Newcastle	WARATAH	To install two additional plaques to the memorial entrance of Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus	\$2,899

## SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMUNITY COMMEMORATIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS

### APPROVED FOR FUNDING - AUGUST 2014

RECIPIENT	ELECTORATE	LOCATION	FUNDING DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Eumungerie-Coboco RSL Sub-branch	Parkes	EUMUNGERIE	To install a concrete slab for the placement of temporary seating during services at the Eumungerie Cenotaph	\$4,000
Australian Water Transport Association RAE AIF	Parramatta	WENTWORTHVILLE	To produce a book titled 'Army Mariners' about the Australian Army Water Transport Units	\$3,000
Concord Public School	Reid	CONCORD	To construct a new memorial garden around a Lone Pine tree at Concord Public School and install a plaque	\$2,200
Kingscliff RSL Sub-branch	Richmond	KINGSCLIFF	To install two plaques on the Kingscliff Memorial Walk to commemorate Australians who served in Balikpapan in the Second World War, and in Somalia from 1992-1993	\$1,700
Davistown RSL Sub-branch	Robertson	DAVISTOWN	To upgrade the surrounds of Davistown RSL War Memorial	\$4,000
Hillsborough Public School	Shortland	CHARLESTOWN	To install a new flagpole at Hillsborough Public School	\$664
Ex-WRANS Association (NSW)	Warringah	MANLY	To install a centre piece paver in Australia's Memorial Walk in Manly to recognise the service of women in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service and the Royal Australian Navy	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS – NSW:</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS – NSW:</b>	<b>\$79,122</b>
<b>QLD</b>				
Seasons Living Australia Pty Ltd	Blair	EASTERN HEIGHTS	To install a war memorial at Seasons Eastern Heights aged care facility to commemorate all servicemen and women	\$3,319
Supreme Court Library Queensland	Brisbane	BRISBANE	To purchase banners for the travelling exhibition to commemorate the contribution of Queensland lawyers as Australian service men and women during the First World War	\$2,995

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RECIPIENT	ELECTORATE	LOCATION	FUNDING DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Naval Association of Australia Brisbane Sub Section	Lilley	WAVELL HEIGHTS	To install glass display cabinets to display Naval Military wartime memorabilia	\$2,877
Veterans' Support and Advocacy Service Warwick Branch	Maranoa	WARWICK	To install a new war memorial at Eden Gardens in Warwick	\$2,031
Gold Coast Navy Week Committee Inc	McPherson	CURRUMBIN	To hold a service to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Lyte Gulf and honour the service of HMAS Shropshire	\$1,403
Vietnam Veterans' Federation of Australia Queensland Branch Inc	Moncrieff	NERANG	To construct a new community war memorial in Nerang, Queensland	\$4,000
Stephens RSL Sub-branch	Moreton	ANNERLEY	To restore five honour boards at the Stephens RSL Sub-branch rooms	\$4,000
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS – QLD:</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS – QLD:</b>	<b>\$20,625</b>
<b>SA</b>				
RSL SA Branch Inc	Adelaide	ADELAIDE	To restore military books in the RSL SA Branch collection.	\$2,600
7th Battalion RAR Association (SA Branch) Incorporated	Adelaide	ADELAIDE	To install a new war memorial on the Pathway of Honour at Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide to commemorate the 7th Battalion Australian Imperial Force	\$4,000
Mypolonga RSL Sub-branch	Barker	MYPOLONGA	To install plaques and a 'Lest We Forget' sign on the memorial wall at Mypolonga RSL Sub-branch	\$2,928
Wellington Progress Association Inc	Barker	WELLINGTON	To upgrade and restore a war memorial and plaque in Wellington, South Australia	\$1,445
Beachport / Rivoli Bay Lions Club	Barker	BEACHPORT	To construct a new war memorial in Beachport, SA	\$2,894

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RECIPIENT	ELECTORATE	LOCATION	FUNDING DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Peterborough RSL Sub-branch	Grey	TEROWIE	To restore the First World War statue on the Terowie War Memorial	\$1,373
The Naval Association of Australia (SA) WRANS Sub Section	Hindmarsh	HENLEY BEACH	To produce copies of a book called 'Something of Ourselves' to commemorate the 60th anniversary	\$2,184
Touched by FIRE Australia	Kingston	MORPHETT VALE	To purchase mannequins and showcases to display military uniforms from the Vietnam War in a mobile exhibition	\$2,067
Victor Harbor RSL Sub-branch	Mayo	VICTOR HARBOR	To purchase display cabinets and mannequins for the display of memorabilia at the Victor Harbor RSL Club	\$2,930
Langhorne Creek Soldiers Memorial Hall	Mayo	LANGHORNE CREEK	To construct a new honour board to recognise servicemen and women who have served in conflicts since the Second World War	\$2,750



Summerhill Inc	Mayo	URAILDA	To erect a flagpole at Summerhill in Uraidla to fly the Australian National Flag	\$975
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS – SA: 11</b>			<b>TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS – SA:</b>	<b>\$26,146</b>
<b>TAS</b>				
Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association Tasmanian Branch	Bass	LAUNCESTON	To install a peacekeeping commemorative plaque on the memorial wall adjacent to the Launceston Cenotaph at Royal Park	\$1,134
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS – TAS: 1</b>			<b>TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS – TAS:</b>	<b>\$1,134</b>
<b>VIC</b>				
Bungaree & District Historical Society Inc	Ballarat	BUNGAREE	To restore the First World War honour boards of Bullarook Primary School and Bolwarrah Primary School on display at the Bungaree & District Historical Society	\$2,750

<b>SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMUNITY COMMEMORATIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS</b>				
<b>APPROVED FOR FUNDING - AUGUST 2014</b>				
<b>RECIPIENT</b>	<b>ELECTORATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>FUNDING DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Reservoir Lodge / Dependable Care	Batman	RESERVOIR	To install a flagpole at Reservoir Lodge in Reservoir to fly the Australian National flag	\$1,000
Rokewood & District RSL Sub-branch	Corangamite	ROKEWOOD	To upgrade and repair the Rokewood War Memorial	\$4,000
Geelong Lodge / Dependable Care	Corangamite	BELMONT	To install a flagpole at the Geelong Lodge in Belmont to fly the Australian National Flag	\$1,000
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association				
Victoria Branch	Flinders	SAN REMO	To install an interactive display highlighting the activities of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV) at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum	\$2,464
34th Australian Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery Association	Flinders	BALNARRING	To publish the association journal 'The Best of the Echo'	\$1,000
Rowen Street Kindergarten	Higgins	GLEN IRIS	To install a flagpole at Rowen Street Kindergarten to fly the Australian National Flag	\$500
Wahgunyah Progress Association Incorporated (WPA)	Indi	WAHGUNYAH	To restore and upgrade the Memorial Garden in Wahgunyah, Victoria	\$4,000
Benalla RSL Sub-branch	Indi	BENALLA	To replace the original flagpole at the Cenotaph in Benalla	\$1,320
Natimuk RSL Sub-branch	Mallee	NATIMUK	To restore and preserve a 25 pounder field gun	\$2,008
Birchip RSL Sub-branch	Mallee	CURYO	To restore and relocate the Curyo Community Memorial Gates to the new Curyo CFA Fire Shed and Community Centre	\$2,764
National Boer War Memorial Association (Victoria)	Melbourne	MELBOURNE	To hold a Boer War commemoration service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne	\$2,690

SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMUNITY COMMEMORATIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS				
APPROVED FOR FUNDING - AUGUST 2014				
RECIPIENT	ELECTORATE	LOCATION	FUNDING DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Nagambie RSL Sub-branch	Murray	NAGAMBIE	To restore the war memorial and memorial garden in Nagambie	\$3,800
St Albans Secondary College	Murray	STRATHBOGIE	To install a flagpole at Strathbogrie Campsite to fly the Australian National flag	\$500
Nelson Cemetery Trust	Wannon	NELSON	To install a flagpole at the Nelson Cemetery to fly the Australian National Flag	\$500
TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS – VIC: 15		TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS – VIC:		\$30,296
WA				
Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-branch	Canning	BYFORD	To install a new flagpole in ANZAC Memorial Park at The Glades, Byford to fly the Australian National Flag	\$1,500
Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-branch	Canning	BYFORD	To install plaques on a memorial wall at The Glades, Byford	\$3,000
Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-branch	Canning	BYFORD	To construct a new war memorial at The Glades, Byford	\$4,000
Djugerari Remote Community School	Durack	FITZROY CROSSING	To install a flagpole at Djugerari Remote Community School to fly the Australian National flag	\$695
Shire of Corrigin	O'Connor	CORRIGIN	To upgrade the war Memorial in Corrigin	\$4,000
Grass Valley Progress Association	Pearce	GRASS VALLEY	To restore the First World War honour board in Grass Valley Hall	\$3,000
WRAAC Association of Western Australia	Perth	MORLEY	To publish a book recording the stories of 50 women who served in the Australian Army between the years 1951 and the present day	\$3,000
TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS – WA: 7		TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS – WA:		\$19,195
OVERALL NUMBER OF GRANTS: 68		OVERALL VALUE OF GRANTS:		\$178,380

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## Projects Supporting Our Veterans Receive Funding

Organisations across the nation that provide vital services and support to our veteran and defence communities will receive a welcome funding boost under the Government's Veteran and Community Grants program.

I am pleased to announce that 59 organisations who are concerned with the health and welfare of our veteran community will share in more than \$884,000 in funding that will enable them to conduct a range of activities, programs and projects.

The funding will help organisations to host seminars and bus trips, which will bring their members together and provide essential social interaction, especially for elderly members who may live alone.

It will also help organisations to purchase critical equipment such as defibrillators, upgrade their office equipment and to conduct necessary renovations and improve their facilities.

These activities, programs and projects will enrich the lives of Australian veterans, war widows, widowers and their families and

help them, especially the elderly, to remain independent, healthy and active.

The ongoing commitment of the men and women behind these organisations is invaluable to the veteran community. The day-to-day support they provide to our veteran and defence communities is immeasurable and should never be underestimated.

Ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups, private organisations and projects that promote improved independence and quality of life for veterans are eligible for funding through the Veteran and Community Grants program.

I encourage any eligible groups to consider how a grant could help deliver care and support to their local veteran and defence communities and apply for the next funding round.

For further information on how to apply visit [www.dva.gov.au/grants](http://www.dva.gov.au/grants) or contact your nearest DVA office on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

*Editor's note: All figures are GST inclusive. In accordance with the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines, approved grants will be added to the list on the DVA website within 14 days of the funding agreement between DVA and the organisation taking effect.*



## Veteran and Community Grants 2014-15 Funding Round Two

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Recipient	Location	Electorate	Funding description	Amount \$
Air Dispatch Association of Australia Incorporated	Mt Kuring-gai	Parkes	To purchase a defibrillator and to conduct first-aid training courses for members.	\$5,470
Casino RSL Sub-branch	Casino	Page	To purchase a public address system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$3,929
Frank Partridge VC Military Museum Incorporated	Bowraville	Cowper	To upgrade the roof and install heating and cooling for the wellbeing of the veteran and local community.	\$60,242
Grafton RSL Sub-branch	Grafton	Page	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$2,090
Nelson Bay Diggers Bowling Club	Nelson Bay	Paterson	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$3,200
Richmond RSL Sub-branch	Richmond	Macquarie	To refurbish the kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$5,829
Terrigal Wamberal RSL Sub-branch	Wamberal	Dobell	To upgrade computing equipment to enhance the production of a newsletter and to maintain a website.	\$7,094
The City of Newcastle RSL Sub-branch	Newcastle	Newcastle	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$14,756
The Entrance Long Jetty RSL Sub-branch	Long Jetty	Dobell	To purchase a public address system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$4,820
Tocumwal RSL Sub-branch	Tocumwal	Farrer	To refurbish the roof and kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$69,801
Toukley RSL Sub-branch	Toukley	Dobell	To purchase a new bus for transporting veterans to commemorative and social functions as well as on day trips.	\$59,435
<b>Total Grants - NSW - 11</b>			<b>Total \$236,666</b>	

### QUEENSLAND

Recipient	Location	Electorate	Funding description	Amount \$
Bremer River Day Club Incorporated	North Ipswich	Blair	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$5,280
Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia Queensland Division	Wurtulla	Fisher	To purchase computer equipment for the production of a newsletter.	\$1,339
Kilcoy RSL Sub-branch Incorporated	Kilcoy	Blair	To upgrade kitchen and dining facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$18,893
Manly Lota RSL	Manly	Bonner	To upgrade existing toilet facilities and construct a wheelchair ramp.	\$49,951
National Malaya/Borneo Veterans Association Queensland Incorporated Sunshine Coast Sub-branch	Palmwoods	Fairfax	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$3,000

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# Veterans Information

Naval Association of Australia Brisbane Sub-section Incorporated	Wavell Heights	Lilley	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$9,050
Naval Association of Australia Coral Coast Sub-section	Rubyanna	Hinkler	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation and to upgrade computer equipment for the production of a newsletter.	\$12,890
Tewantin Noosa Legacy Laurel Club	Tewantin	Wide Bay	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$7,620
Veterans' Support Centre Lockyer/Brisbane Valley Incorporated	Laidley	Wright	To purchase computer equipment and a photocopier for the production of a newsletter.	\$12,286
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Queensland Branch Brisbane North Incorporated	Murrumba Downs	Dickson	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$2,882
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Sunshine Coast Sub-branch Incorporated	Quilpie	Maranoa	To purchase five air conditioners for the Alaric Veterans Retreat to improve services provided for the veteran community.	\$8,618
<b>Total Grants - QLD - 11</b>			<b>Total \$131,809</b>	

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>				
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Funding description</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
8 Field Ambulance Association (SVN) 1967-1972	Mount Barker	Mayo	To purchase computer equipment and a photocopier for the production of a newsletter.	\$9,111
Legacy Club of Adelaide Incorporated	Adelaide	Adelaide	To install two defibrillators in Legacy House for the wellbeing of the veteran community.	\$3,690
Naval Association of Australia - Port Adelaide Sub-section Incorporated	Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide	To upgrade the toilet facilities of the clubrooms for the benefit of the veteran community.	\$54,763
Port Vincent Memorial Bowling Club Incorporated	Port Vincent	Grey	To upgrade the kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$42,420
The Returned and Services League of Australia (SA Branch) Incorporated	Adelaide	Adelaide	To provide a series of information seminars for the veteran community regarding the causes and treatments for pain arising from arthritis and musculoskeletal injuries.	\$4,400
<b>Total Grants - SA - 5</b>			<b>Total \$114,384</b>	

<b>TASMANIA</b>				
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Funding description</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Fingal RSL Sub-branch Incorporated	Fingal	Lyons	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$350
Launceston Sub-branch of Tasmanian Branch of Returned and Services League of Australia	Launceston Sth	Bass	To replace carpets in the RSL clubrooms to improve safety and comfort for the veteran community.	\$4,350
RSL Women's Auxiliary Tasmanian State Branch	New Town	Denison	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$2,985
Sorell RSL Sub-branch Incorporated	Sorell	Lyons	To replace ageing carpets to improve safety and enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$8,983
Spring Bay RSL Sub-branch Incorporated	Triabunna	Lyons	To purchase 250 function chairs to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$4,995
<b>Total Grants - TAS - 5</b>			<b>Total \$21,663</b>	

VICTORIA				
Recipient	Location	Electorate	Funding description	Amount \$
Apollo Bay RSL Sub-branch	Apollo Bay	Corangamite	To refurbish the kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$14,307
Balwyn War Widows & Widowed Mothers Association	Box Hill	Chisholm	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$2,024
Ben's Shed Incorporated	Yarra Junction	Casey	To install air-conditioning in the Men's Shed for the wellbeing of the local veteran community.	\$8,800
Bluestone Day Club	Coburg	Wills	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$2,245
Coburg RSL Sub-branch	Coburg	Wills	To refurbish the clubrooms to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$71,509
Creswick/Smeaton RSL Sub-branch Building Patriotic Fund	Creswick	Ballarat	To construct an access ramp for the disabled for the safety and benefit of the veteran community.	\$15,155
Ex-Prisoners of War and Relatives Association (Victoria)	Melbourne	Melbourne	To develop and establish an internet website to expand the activities provided to the local veteran community.	\$2,000
Hamilton RSL Sub-branch Incorporated	Hamilton	Wannon	To purchase a public address system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$3,119
Hopetoun RSL Sub-branch	Hopetoun	Mallee	To upgrade the kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$31,427
Lara RSL Sub-branch	Lara	Corio	To purchase an audio-visual system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$9,165
Mildura TPI/EDA Social Club	Mildura	Mallee	To purchase equipment to facilitate bus trip programs and to undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$5,912
Mirboo North RSL Sub-branch	Mirboo North	McMillan	To refurbish the clubroom roof to sustain activities provided to the veteran community.	\$18,150
Port Fairy Men's Shed	Port Fairy	Wannon	To purchase equipment to facilitate activities provided by the Men's Shed.	\$6,649
RAAF Association (Victorian Division)	Hawthorn East	Kooyong	To upgrade the Association's internet website to improve services and online interaction with the veteran community.	\$8,272
River Day Club	Maribyrnong	Maribyrnong	To purchase new equipment to improve safety and enhance the programs provided by the Day Club.	\$2,200
Simpson & District Community Centre Incorporated	Simpson	Wannon	To upgrade the kitchen facilities and purchase equipment to facilitate activities provided by the Men's Shed.	\$15,048
Terang RSL Sub-branch	Terang	Wannon	To purchase a public address system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$3,119



V.V. Holdings Pty Ltd (trading as Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club Incorporated)	Greta South	Indi	To purchase first aid equipment and defibrillator, a BBQ and power generator to support activities provided for the local veteran community.	\$11,411
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia – Melton Sub-branch	Melton	Gorton	To construct a barbeque area to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$6,245
Wodonga RSL Sub-branch	Wodonga	Indi	To purchase outdoor furniture to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$15,041
<b>Total Grants - VIC - 20</b>			<b>Total \$251,798</b>	

WESTERN AUSTRALIA				
Recipient	Location	Electorate	Funding description	Amount \$
Australian Ex-Services Atomic Survivors Association Incorporated	Canning Vale	Tangney	To purchase a public address system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$500
Gosnell's Community Men's Shed Incorporated	Gosnells	Hasluck	To purchase tools and equipment for the Men's Shed to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$50,000
Returned and Services League Dawesville Sub-branch	Dawesville	Canning	To purchase a self-contained mobile catering unit to support activities provided for the veteran community.	\$14,130
The Port Kennedy RSL Sub-branch Incorporated	Port Kennedy	Brand	To purchase new tables and chairs and upgrade carpets for the benefit of members.	\$34,227
Toodyay RSL Sub-branch	Toodyay	Pearce	To purchase a portable public address system and audio-visual equipment to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$11,127
TPI Association of WA	Bull Creek	Tangney	To install a defibrillator in the Association's clubrooms for the wellbeing of the veteran community.	\$1,900
WA RSL Bowls Section	Yokine	Stirling	To assist with bus hire and promotional costs for the 48th National Lawn Bowls Carnival.	\$15,997
<b>Total Grants - WA - 7</b>			<b>Total \$127,881</b>	

<b>Other States and Territories : NIL</b>		
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<b>National Total: 59</b>	<b>National Total</b>	<b>\$884,201</b>
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# Thinking of leaving the military?

Defence has launched a new manual that brings together all you need to know about leaving Defence, including planning and preparation, administration requirements, and support services for you and your family.

Eventually there comes a time when you start to think about life out of uniform, whether it be a permanent separation or a shift to Reserve service. Either way, planning makes the move smoother and simpler for both you and your family.

The ADF Transition Manual is a single document that describes all the policy and administrative requirements associated with your transition to civilian life or the Reserves.

Tracie Stevens, who runs Defence Community Organisation's transition support services, says it's important to start planning your transition early.

"Policies associated with separating from Defence are contained in a range of instructions, manuals and documents," she explains. "The ADF Transition Manual brings all this information into one place, effectively streamlining the process for transitioning members."

"We're pleased to launch this new manual, as it means members and their families can now plan their transition early, know their administration responsibilities, and find out what support services they can access."

Developed in close collaboration with the three Services, the Manual provides an easy to follow process to help you access entitlements and conduct administration processes correctly.

You and your family can also talk to advisory staff at our ADF Transition Centres or attend an ADF Transition Seminar at any stage in your career, not only when planning an imminent separation.

ADF Transition Centres are located on or near military establishments and staff can provide referrals, help you with administration, and can provide information about training and employment.

ADF Transition Seminars are held throughout the year and are for military personnel and their families to get information, advice, and resources to help them plan their transition to civilian life.

"To start planning your transition, get your hands on the new ADF Transition Manual. Then, speak to your unit staff early and request an appointment with your local ADF Transition Centre," says Tracie.

"The Manual is available for download from the defence intranet. You can also visit the transitions website, call the Defence Family Helpline anytime, contact your local ADF Transition Centre, or talk to your unit staff about the pros and cons of leaving Defence and the support available if you do."

Transitions intranet site (DRN only) [www.defence.gov.au/transitions](http://www.defence.gov.au/transitions) 1800 624 608 Defence Family Helpline



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## Air Marshal Sir Charles F Read KBE CB DFC AFC

### 1918-2014

Charles Read was born in Woollahra NSW on 9 October 1918 and in his early years worked briefly with Stack & Company, the Pontiac dealership on York Street and then with the Clifford Love organisation, selling Uncle Toby's Oats. When reading a newspaper in Hyde Park, he saw a recruitment advert for the Air Force and applied to join and train as a pilot. He was accepted and joined the RAAF as a cadet on 21 July 1937.

After graduating as a Pilot Officer in June 1938, he was posted to No 3 Squadron at Richmond to fly Hawker Demons, Gypsy Moths and Ansons. Eight of his fellow graduates elected to travel to England to fly with the RAF. None of whom returned from the war.

At the start of World War II in September 1939, Charles Read was posted to No 22 Squadron as a flying instructor and following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour in December 1941, he was stationed at RAAF Base, Amberley. During this posting, he spent some of the time escorting USAF B-17 bombers to Darwin and rescuing lost American airmen in the vast outback of Australia.

After the raid on Darwin in February 1942, Charles was a member of No 30 (Beaufighter) Squadron, formed at Richmond and soon deployed to New Guinea. Following the Japanese momentum southwards in the Pacific, Read formed No 31 Squadron at Wagga and deployed to the Northern Territory where the Squadron attacked enemy shipping and airfields at Penfui and Taberfane in Portuguese Timor.

After a short posting to Point Cook, Read returned to the South-West Pacific as CO 77 Wing, which was stationed at Morotai in the Netherland East Indies as part of the Oboe Six offensive on Labuan. He was an Actg/GPCAPT in the HQ of the 1st Tactical Air Force at the time of the atom bomb attack on Hiroshima in August 1945.

He was finally posted home in early 1946, when he married Betty Bradshaw, a young redhead from Dover Heights he had first met some years earlier when she was serving with the WRAAF in New Lambton in Newcastle. Charles had a reputation for wanting only to fly and several years passed before he was offered a permanent commission in 1948 with the RAAF at the provisional rank of Squadron Leader. After a posting to Wagga, he was promoted to Wing Commander in 1950.

Read excelled in flying posts, commanding No. 24 (Commonwealth) Squadron in England, Central Flying School back in Australia and No. 82 (Bomber) Wing at Amberley. Notwithstanding his reputation as an unenthusiastic staff officer, he became a shrewd and skilful practitioner of the bureaucratic art, serving as Senior Air Staff Officer in Training Command, and in 1960 as a Group Captain, the Director of Operational Requirements in Canberra.

In 1963 he was a member of the team that visited USA to review suitable aircraft to replace the Canberra aircraft. He was a strong advocate of the F-111 and believed that the large amount of money the RAAF traditionally spent on fighter

aircraft was not always justified and that more should be done to develop the strike force.

On promotion to AIRCDRE in December 1964, Charles Read attended the Imperial Defence College in London and on his return was OC RAAF Base Point Cook and then RAAF Base Richmond. In August 1969, on promotion to Air Vice-Marshal, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Air Staff. He was instrumental in leasing two squadrons of F-4E Phantoms as an interim strike force at 82 Wing, Amberley, pending delivery of the delayed F-111. On promotion to Air Marshal in March 1972, Charles Read became Chief of Air Staff (CAS). He maintained his reputation for contrary behaviour to the end by refusing to sit for the portrait traditionally painted of all Chiefs of Air Staff.

Throughout his long service career, Charles Read was something of an enigmatic character, sometimes regarded as reserved and introspective. His reputation as a reluctant CAS, his suspicion of the bureaucracy and his dislike of the social activities associated with high public office tended to conceal from casual observers his excellent mind, strong character and accomplished staff skills.

On his retirement from the RAAF in March 1975, Charles Read elected to withdraw from the politics and demands of high public office, preferring instead to move to Pittwater in Sydney, where he continued to share his great love of sailing and fishing with family and friends.

He was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) in 1976. His final years were spent on the NSW mid-north coast, near Woolgoolga, NSW.

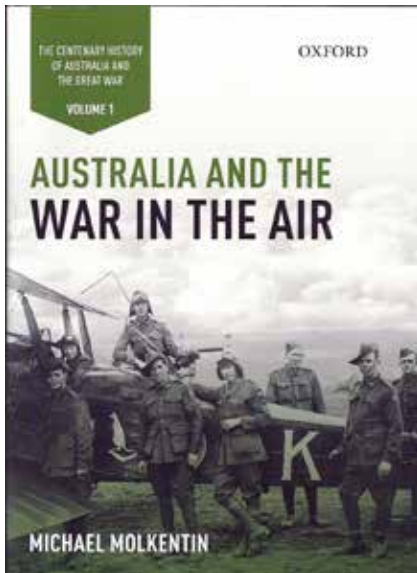
Sir Charles Read, KBE, CB, DFC, AFC, is survived by his sons Peter, Ian and Phillip, daughters-in-law Jill and Jenny, and grandchildren Georgina, William, Genevieve, Kew, Millie, Lucy and Emily. Betty died in 2005.

*Lance Halvorson, with acknowledgement to his son, Ian Read, and Air Force history records.*

Editor's Note:

The photo of AIRMSHL Read depicts his decorations of CB CBE DFC AFC – he was not awarded the KBE until 1976, a year after he left the RAAF. The KBE then took precedence over the CBE.





## Australia and War in the Air

Author: Michael Molkentin

Hard cover: 273 pages, with black & white photos

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Availability: Bookstores Email: [www.oup.com.au](http://www.oup.com.au)

RRP: \$59.99

*Australia and War in the Air* is the first volume in the new series *The Centenary of Australia and the Great War*. The book has been funded through the generosity of the Australian Army as Australia marks the centenary of World War I.

Stated in the preface, the book describes and evaluates the Australian contribution to the first major war in the air. Britain's use of aircraft in the War has to be considered not as a separate service fighting in a discrete arena but as an adjunct to the Empire's land and sea force. The author considers that for this reason, it is entirely appropriate for the Australian Army to include an 'air' volume in the Centenary History of Australia and the Great War series.

The author takes a broad perspective and in addition to considering Australia's modest air war input to the overall war effort, he looks at what he terms the peripheral issues, eg, administration, organisation and training. While Australia's AFC contribution was small compared with the size of the RFC's effort, it was significant from Australia's view and a detailed review appears beneficial. He considers that many previous historians have focussed on fighter aces and dogfighting which has impaired our understanding of aviation in World War I. In addition, other studies have focussed on strategic bombing, considered by some to be a peripheral role in the Great War, but one that was prominent in later wars.

The Australian Government's establishment of unique AFC squadrons in the much larger RFC and their manning with Australians didn't seem to provide officers with enough administrative and planning experience that they maybe would have gained in RFC units. Further, the lack of such

experience existed when the RAAF was formed in 1921 and may have continued for some years as aviators of the Great War still occupied practically all of the senior appointments in 1935.

The book is not a rendition of war stories and events at the squadron or wing level, but provides information from official records, many aviation experts views of air power over the time and much opinion of the effectiveness of the AFC in the bigger picture of the Great War. Air power seems to have been relegated to, primarily, support of the Army and Navy. While this was the situation in World War I, it hasn't always been the case since.

Since the AFC was formed and over the years since, most senior officers of the Army and Navy did not understand the nature and employment of air power; many still don't. While AFC members did form the nucleus of the RAAF in 1921, the pilots trained in the mid 1930s had no 'lineage' to the AFC and many went onto senior operational command appointments in World War II and few had doubts on the efficacy of air power.

The book is a wealth of official facts, information, dates and views and, together with the small font used, is heavy reading. Worthwhile for the historian and readers to gain insights into the war in the air in World War I.

*Lance Halvorson*

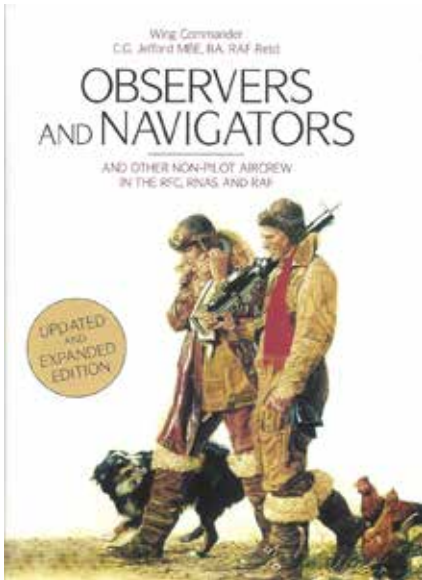
## Book Rear Cover

From the earliest days of the Great War Australians volunteered to fight in the air-warfare's newest arena, and one that would transform the nature of military operations. In the squadrons of the Australian Flying Corps and with Britain's flying services, Australian airmen fought in campaigns that spanned the length and breadth of the conflict; between 1914 and 1918 they served in the Middle East, in the Mediterranean and on the Western Front. By 1919 over 4000 Australians had participated in the air war. Though modest compared to some of the other British dominions, Australia's part had been the most conspicuous. Whereas the other dominion governments opted to provide manpower to serve with British squadrons, the Commonwealth's insistence on a distinctly national contribution ensured recognition for Australia's contribution to the empire's effort in the air.

This book examines Australia's role in history's first major air war. Unlike previous accounts, which focus on the airmen of the Australian Flying Corps in isolation, this study conceives the Australian part as one of an imperial—and international—whole. In addition to using Australian involvement as a case study to analyse the impact air power had on military operations, this study also addresses aspects of organisation, training, administration and command, as well as the imperial politics and strategic issues that contextualised dominion participation in the war.

Drawing on archival records in Australasia, Europe and North America, *Australia and the War in the Air* provides a fresh perspective on Australia's involvement in the Great War and a revaluation of air power's early influence on warfare.





## Observers and Navigators and Other Non-Pilot Aircrew in the RFC, RNAS and RAF

Author: WGCdr C.G. Jefford MBE BA RAF (Retd)

Hard cover: 397 pages, with black & white photos

Publisher: Grub Street London

Availability: Booktopia Email: [www.booktopia.com.au](mailto:www.booktopia.com.au)

RRP: \$79.99

First published in 2001 to universal acclaim *Observers and Navigators* is an absolute essential reference guide for all those interested in military aviation. Now in 2014, C.G. Jefford has brought years of continued research into a new updated and expanded edition.

The book begins with a detailed examination of the previously little understood observers, aerial gunners/gunlayers and kite balloon observers who flew with the RFC, RNAS and latterly the RAF between 1914 and 1919. It goes on to examine the proliferation of non-pilot aircrew categories until 1942 when the observer was supplanted by the air bomber and a variety of specialised types of navigator.

Having provided an overview of wartime aircrew training, the story continues with a consideration of the ill-conceived '1946 Aircrew Scheme' which had to be abandoned in 1950 in favour of an all-officer policy for pilots and navigators. The author examines the way in which this egalitarian policy has actually been implemented while continuing to trace the rises and falls in the fortunes of all non-pilot aircrew categories and the evolution of post-war aircrew training until the last navigators graduated in 2011.

With the demise of most non-pilot aircrew in the 1980s and 90s, other than navigators, the author, a navigator himself, concentrates on the Navigator and Weapons Systems Officer categories in the RAF. The last navigators to graduate in the RAF were in February 2011.

The author goes on to say that an air force study, conducted shortly before it was decided to merge most rear crew categories, had concluded: that fast-jet navigators shared a common level of responsibility with their pilots; that pilots and navigators required comparable skills, training and leadership qualities; and that the demands placed on the tactical co-ordinator in a maritime crew equated to those of the fast-jet navigator. In other words, that pilots and navigators are far more alike than they are different.

He includes a postscript - *A straw in the wind?*

In an interview in which he discussed the conduct of, and the lessons learned from (or, at least taught by - there is a difference) Operation SERVAL - the French intervention in Mali in 2013 - Lt Gen Jean-Patrick Gaviard stated that, in his opinion '... it's again been proven (note that 'again' -CGJ) that for long and complex missions two-seat combat aircraft are to be preferred - one of the crew needs to master that entire C2/datalink-networking.' Unfortunately, there is no back seat in most of the RAF's Typhoons and there will be none at all in its F-35s.

It may appear that the author has an 'axe to grind', but he has highlighted developments in the RAF. He doesn't forecast employment of any Unmanned Combat Aerial Systems (UCAS) for the strike role; maybe someone else will as they will feature prominently in the future. It is interesting to note that the RAF is acquiring the JSF F-35B, a VSTOL aircraft, as their main strike aircraft.

In conclusion and in addition to reviewing the non-pilot aircrew categories, the book is a wealth of historical information on the equipment, both navigation and bombing, in the history of the RAF. Some of it relates to equipment in the Lincoln and Canberra aircraft the RAAF operated in the 1950s-80s.

*Lance Halvorson*



## Great Tiger Moth Air Race

The Great Tiger Moth Air Race was successfully held on 4 October when a fleet of Tiger Moths flew along the East Coast of NSW to Camden, tracking down the coast to the Heads, up the harbor, arriving at the Harbour Bridge at 1030, and then to Camden. There were many spectacular viewing points available along the route – others were from other Tiger Moths, as seen in the photos below.



**Four Tigers turning over Nobby's Beach, Newcastle.**  
Photo: Mark Wigglesworth: [airviewonline.com](http://airviewonline.com)



**Four Tigers approaching the Sydney Harbour Bridge.**  
Photo: Mark Wigglesworth: [airviewonline.com](http://airviewonline.com)

## Exercise Stoneage

RAAF personnel had the rare chance to release a large number of cutting-edge guided weapons in May. Held at Woomera Test Range, Exercise Stoneage was the setting for long-range strike missions by RAAF F/A-18F Super Hornets.

The aircrew dropped a mixture of ordnance, comprising the AGM-154 Joint Standoff Weapon (JSOW) and Guided Bomb Unit (GBU) GBU-10s, GBU-24s, and GBU-31s. The GBU-10 and GBU-24 are 2000lb Paveway series laser-guided weapons, and the GBU-31 is a 2000lb Joint Direct Attack Munition – a GPS-aided inertial navigation system guided weapon.

The exercise was conducted as a series of long-range strike missions to support Raise Train Sustain (RTS) employment of the AGM-154 JSOW, and performance validation for the remaining guided weapons. Aircraft were launched from RAAF Base Amberley and transited to Woomera Test Range with No. 33 Squadron KC-30A air-to-air refuelling support. The weapons were released

Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM)	
	
GBU-31: A Mk84 bomb fitted with JDAM kit	
Type	Fixed target, precision strike, moving vehicle
Place of origin	United States of America
Service history	
In service	1997–present
Used by	See <a href="#">operators</a>
Production history	
Unit cost	Approx. US\$25,000 (Depends on acquisition lot. Foreign sales have considerably higher prices.)
Variants	See <a href="#">variants</a>
Specifications	
Length	9.9–12.75 feet (3.02–3.89 m)
Maximum firing range	Up to 15 nautical miles (28 km)
Wingspan	19.6 to 25 inches (500 to 640 mm)
Accuracy	Specified 13 meters; Realized around 7 meters

**The Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM)** Photo Wikipedia

at the test range with a small recovery team in place. The Hornet's aircrew had a four-and-a-half-hour flight time, which was substantially longer than sorties at a typical bombing camp.

Exercise Stoneage also differed from a typical bombing camp in that the exercise involved a large collection of guided weapons, and a large number of 2000lb weapons, in the one camp. A further unique aspect to the exercise was that it employed the JSOW. The JSOW is a high-tech weapon which has limited RTS releases, and this exercise saw the testing of the JSOW capability from end-to-end; from mission planning through to weapon employment and analysis of weapon effects.

The successful completion of mission objectives and the ability for the Super Hornet squadron to carry out long-range strike through integrated KC-30A air-to-air refuelling support were highlights of the exercise. A further highlight was the exposure to the number of guided weapon types used in the exercise.

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# Defence Relocations and Housing Managers are there to assist you during your relocation

**By Ken Parks, Acting Assistant Director Operations, Directorate of Relocations and Housing**

Defence Support and Reform Group (DSRG) has a dedicated Defence Relocations and Housing Manager based in each region. At the local level the Defence Relocations and Housing Manager (DRHM) is the primary Defence representative with Defence Housing Australia (DHA) and Toll Transitions. DRHMs are employed to assist Defence personnel and their families by liaising with DHA, Toll Transitions and the Defence Community Organisation (DCO) in each region to make their relocation easier for them and their families. The DRHMs have considerable experience in all aspects of relocations and housing.

The ultimate aim of the DRHM is to ensure that you and your family experience high quality customer service as you undergo a removal or change to your housing situation.

The DRHM network seeks feedback from members on the complete

relocation service. This feedback is used to provide management in Defence and the service providers with information on how members feel about their removal experience but more importantly, the feedback is used to ensure that all removals and future removals are as stress-free as possible. A DHRM may visit you during an uplift or delivery to discuss and assess the standard of service being provided. In some instances the DRHM will contact you after a relocation to discuss whether the relocation met your expectations. In the past, these discussions have revealed region-wide trends or issues which have been addressed with contractors.

If you have an inquiry regarding your housing maintenance/allocation or relocation services, do not hesitate to contact your local DRHM. If you are dissatisfied with the service provided or decision made by DHA or Toll Transitions your local DRHM will assist you to address and resolve your concerns.

DRHM Location	First Name	Surname	Phone	Mobile
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Brisbane	Brian	Grear	(07) 3332 6975	0402 824 035
	Phyllis	Gore	(07) 3332 6992	
Cairns	Merv	Dicton	(07) 4411 7922	0408 457 468
Canberra	Anton	Pecovnic	(02) 6265 8808	0404 823 765
	Treena	Stone	(02) 6265 8809	0404 823 765
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	James	Muir	(08) 8935 4224	0458 241 867
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	Carmen	Azzopardi	(02) 9377 2148	0408 972 933
Tindal	Kylie	Henderson	(08) 8973 6594	0429 780 211
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## Change to Relocation Model

Defence and Toll have developed, and will implement a new model for the sourcing of removals and associated dates for Uplift of a member's furniture and effects.

The new model is called the Whole of Relocation Cost model (WORC)

The WORC model is based on the premise that substantial savings in relocation costs can be achieved under the following circumstances:

- taking advantage of cost differences in services arising from the day the service is supplied (e.g. generally midweek hotel rates are less than a Friday);

- Sourcing quotes for services within a date range as opposed to a specific date (e.g. a relocation price for an uplift for each individual day in the date range of Monday to Friday);
- Considering all relocation costs across each day of the requested uplift week when making the procurement decision (e.g. removal, accommodation, flights and allowances); and
- Choosing the day of the week which provides the most cost effective combination of costs, unless operational considerations or extenuating personal circumstances dictate otherwise.

The WORC model was successfully trialled in South Queensland from 30 July 2013 -30 Oct 2013.