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"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance"

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EDITORIAL ** *Gary Roser, Editor*

Page 15 is a poem written by Bill Charlton of Newcastle, NSW. A former infantryman. He is a great advocate for veteran's rights.

Isn't that what the RSL is all about?

Where are the statements from RSLNSW representing veteran's rights? I see nothing about fighting the DVA for mefloquine and tafenoquine recognition causing brain damage and poor mental health. So far I have only heard from the Royal Australian Regiment Association about this.

We, on social media such as Facebook, will continue to advocate for veteran's rights. And hope that the renewal of RSLNSW's ideals will finally wake up to their core business. I ask our delegates to bring this up at FSMDC.

DVA need to look at the scientific evidence that Defence Force personnel have suffered because of the anti-malarial drugs. Just because the Defence Force denies it doesn't mean they are telling the truth. Look what they said about Agent Orange!

Please support our veterans suffering from any illness. Yes, we have some of our own Members in that same boat.

***The editorial is entirely my own opinion and does not reflect the Sub-Branch Executive.*

Sub-Branch Meetings	
<u>Committee</u> Mondays 5.00pm	<u>Sub-Branch</u> Sundays 10:30am
20 November	26 November
Committee Friday, 15 December, 3pm	
NO GEN MEETING IN DECEMBER	
15 January, 2018	21 January, 2018
19 February	25 February AGM—10am

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since our Last Newsletter we have attended 3 funerals of Members (see last post). A sad time.

Gary took the Women's Auxiliary on their October bus trip to the Shellharbour Club for Lunch and in November we went to Homy-ped shoe outlet and Forestville RSL for lunch.



All schools have now visited the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway and we are now gearing up for their Presentation Days. Details are on the events list for the meeting.

Remembrance Day Commemoration on November 11th was well attend for a Saturday. We had the Australian Air League with us and forming a guard at the Cenotaph. We also conducted Services for 3 Nursing Homes on the Friday.

The bus trip to Newcastle was a great success, even though it was along day, taking 2 hours to get to the freeway at Hornsby. Lunch was excellent and the prawns just kept coming.

If you have not yet renewed your Membership. Get in early. Remember the sub-Branch subsidy will be removed if you renew after the AGM.

I got away for 2 weeks after the October Meeting and travelled the Great Ocean Road through to the Barossa Valley and back along the Murray River. A great time and very relaxing. Check out the wild weather along the Victorian Coast.



Due to the Australia Day Weekend in January, our meeting will be held on 21st January, which is a week earlier than normal.

The Office will be closed from 15December to the 15 January 2018.

Finally, I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and I want to see you all here safe and sound in the new year.

Ron Duckworth
President

At the last Far Southern Metropolitan District Council Meeting the Specialist Aged Care Officer (SACO) presented this paper.

HAVE A SAFE CHRISTMAS

The 88 year old mother of one of our members got out of bed in the dark of night to go to the toilet. She tripped over a slipper and broke her hip. When asked why she didn't put the light on, said she was saving electricity and thus is responsible for this discussion:

NIGHT LIGHTS:

Night lights are a necessity even though you might be able to walk around the house blindfolded. You never know who will move items from designated positions. There are two types:-

One that is plugged into a power socket at skirting level and comes on automatically as it gets dark.

One that is plugged into a power point bench height in kitchen for example, which has an on-off switch.

Both have a torch light size globe having minimal cost. It is also advisable to have a torch on the bedside table in case of blackouts (of which two had recently).

SMOKE ALARMS:

Smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month to make sure battery is ok. I try to test the first weekend in the month and at the same time check for leaves in the roof gutter near downpipe.

DEAD LOCKS:

These were designed so that if you were out and thieves broke in through the window etc. they would not be able to carry out large items. Never never deadlock the door when you are home. If fire breaks out smoke inhalation will get you before you can find the key – result, burnt out pensioner.

HANDRAILS:

We are all getting old and dodderly and might have visitors who aren't so spritely, so it's advisable to have handrails at steps to house as carrying shopping parcels into house sometimes puts you off balance. Handrails should also be put at strategic points in bathrooms were required.

GARDEN HOSES:

If you can't afford an automatic retractable hose reel, buy a plastic 'U'

SECRETARY'S REPORT



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lee-Ann Taylor

shape holder to fix to fence to hang hose on. Hoses laying on grass is just asking for broken bones. When hosing I usually walk from tap to right side of garden then continually hose anti-clockwise. This keeps hose away from feet. Never walk backwards while hosing, turn around to walk towards tap so you can see where you are going and don't trip.

BACK YARD:

With windy weather still not quite finished, make sure any loose bits of timber, etc. are tied up and squared away. It's a lot cheaper to buy a two dollar length of cord than to call a glazier in.

Have a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year.

GARY TOMKINS OAM

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You Know When Your Over the Hill When.....

We all went to visit Grandma. She was so pleased to see us. She's getting old, and her eyesight is waning.

We wanted to help her enjoy this final stage of her life, have quality time with her, and enjoy our visits to help remember her when she's gone.



After my recent Prostate Examination, which was the most thorough Examination I've ever had, the Doctor left the room and the nurse came in.

As she shut the door, she asked me a question I didn't need to hear.

She asked"Who Was That Guy?"



"The first number ... is ... five."



"This should keep you going while I'm on vacation."



"So I said to her, 'How about giving me something to remember you by?'"



"What else did you fix today?"



"Hey, it's good to see you again. That medicine must have worked!"



"Good news. The pain in your chest wasn't a heart attack. It was your belt buckle."

Remembrance Day 2017

Photos by Dat





Hands on the future

<http://www.defence.gov.au/Publications/NewsPapers/Army/editions/1409/1409.pdf>

*Army personnel get a glimpse of tomorrow at Innovation Day,
Cpls Sebastian Beurich and Julia Whitwell report.*

*“We had future sights which track a moving target and only
release a round when it’s guaranteed to hit.” –*

Brig Chris Mills, Director General of Modernisation

ARMY personnel had the opportunity to get a closer look at some of the technologies which might be coming into service in the future at the **fourth Army Innovation Day**, held at ADFA on November 6. Vendors displayed a wide variety of equipment, from shotgun inserts for the in-service 40mm GLA to armed drones capable of firing up to 80 rocket propelled grenades at targets 3km away.

Head of Land Capability Maj Gen Kathryn Toohey said some of the gear displayed may end up in the hands of soldiers within 12 months. “These technologies might not be fully fielded in 12 months, but we really want to get them out; we want our soldiers playing with them,” she said. “We need to be identifying relatively cheap, agile and better technologies we can roll out faster than through the normal acquisition process. “Innovating isn’t just about the technology. It’s about the technology, the employment of the technology and the structure around it. “I think the business term is ‘innovate or die’, which obviously Army personnel get a glimpse of tomorrow at Innovation Day, Cpls Sebastian Beurich and Julia Whitwell report. Hands on the future has a particular resonance with Army.” The theme of the day was ‘novel weapons and novel effects’ – a broad category which covered a range of applications.

Of particular interest to Army were applications of robotics and autonomous systems, possibly to replace soldiers performing dull, dirty or dangerous jobs. They are also another way to generate ‘mass’, which for a small defence force defending the largest island continent in the world, is quite important. Director General of Modernisation Brig Chris Mills said the day was about enabling our soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, as part of the joint land force, to win in future operations. “In simple terms, Army puts out a challenge to industry and they present back with innovative solutions to our challenge,” he said. “We had 19 different companies showcasing 25 different proposals, each of which was about giving the winning capability back to our soldiers. “We had future sights which track a moving target and only release a round when it’s guaranteed to hit. “We also had a drone which is large enough to loiter around an area and provide indirect fire support to infantry, through to

robotics and a range of other systems.” We’ve chosen a few key items which stood out from the presentations, to give you a bit more detail on what could be in your hands in the future. One thing is for sure – the technology on display could potentially change the game for our soldiers.



Great advances have been made in the **body armour** we use. It was only a few years ago deployed soldiers were using the heavy and bulky MCBAS system, which significantly reduced mobility. The current issue SCE is definitely a step in the right direction, giving the wearer a high level of protection, as well as mobility, but reducing the weight of a soldier’s equipment can never hurt. DefendTex has come up

with a new form of low-profile armour plates, moving away from the composite and ceramic plates currently in use. The low-profile plates measure in at around half the thickness of traditional plates, but due to a combination of extremely high-hardness steel and new composites, they offer the same protection as ceramic plates, but are rated for double the number of strikes. The plates DefendTex had on show weighed in at 1.8kg and because of their hardness, weren’t damaged due to drops or heavy impacts.

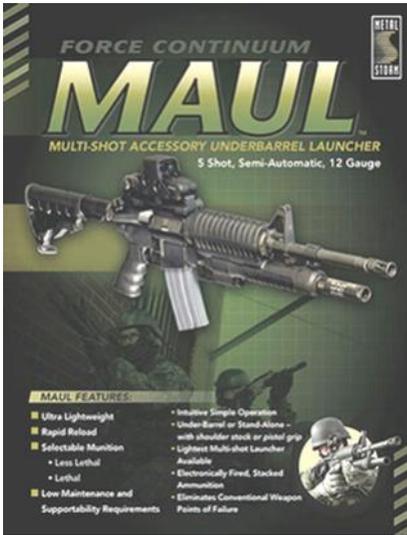
ARMED drones are a hot topic, but companies are still trying to find the right balance between lethality and mobility. While you wouldn’t want to carry DefendTex’s Tempest Fire Support Drone, which weighs in at up to 100kg, it could provide a tactical advantage for infantry in a firefight. Capable of flying up to 20km from the control station, it can be fitted with 80 rocket propelled grenades which can engage up to 40 targets simultaneously out to 3km. It’s also capable of acting as a



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carrier for swarms of DefendTex's Drone-40 loitering smart-munitions. Drone is heavy stuff The Tempest Fire Support Drone.



MAUL Light-weight Modular Shotgun System DefendTex Pty Ltd A shotgun is a useful weapon when performing urban operations, but it's also one extra thing for a soldier to carry. DefendTex's system offers a way to adapt an existing 40mm GLA to a 5-shot shotgun, meaning less equipment carried and quicker transitions when breaching doorways. It's capable of using the full spectrum of 12 gauge ammunition, including lethal, door breaching, or less-than-lethal. F90 SMASH Assault Rifle – Thales Australia and Smart Shooter One of the key parts of Army readiness is weapons currency, or

being able to shoot accurately. So what if you had a system integrated into your weapon which allowed you to track a target and only fire a shot when a hit was certain? Thales Australia and Smart Shooter have designed the system to fit the F90 (civilian production version of the EF88). The system lets the shooter identify and track a target, then release the round when the weapon is on the perfect point of aim. The system is backwards compatible with the EF88, and rifles can be upgraded at the unit level. It's also unaffected by firing position, target size, shape or speed, or the shooter's physical and mental condition. Offensive advances GPS Jamming & Spoofing Countermeasures GPSAT Systems Australia Pty Ltd Frequency jamming has long been a threat, capable of crippling a force by interrupting its technical infrastructure. The practice targets mission-essential tools such as GPS and telecommunications, and support assets such as airport operations and electrical power grids.

GPSAT Systems Australia has developed **GRIFFIN, a countermeasure to frequency jamming** activities. Working over small areas with accuracy of just metres, and to an accuracy of tens of metres in larger AOs, GRIFFIN quickly detects and pinpoints jamming and spoofing signals. Cyber Security Wireless Illusion and Surveillance Probe PEN10

Services Pty Ltd One of the core parts of an electronic warfare capability is the ability to locate the source of the enemy's transmission, but if we can do it, so can our adversary. When the enemy starts triangulating our transmissions, deception.ai's (a Pen10 company) Wireless Artificial Intelligence Decoy (WAID) comes into play. The disposable devices can be placed in the environment to create the digital illusion of a real force by mimicking the characteristics of communications traffic, without the content. They will also be able to listen for, and respond to, attempts to probe them, acting as a honeypot and gaining information about enemy capability.

Integrated Non-Protuberant Structural Antennas QinetiQ Pty Ltd wants to put an antenna on your head. They have developed a material to make mission-essential equipment that functions as antennas, rather than carrying the extra piece of kit around. Ranging from tank turrets to helmets and other items applicable across all three services, this technology integrates with military vehicle and soldier systems. These antennas perform to the same standard as traditional flat antennas, but are compact, undetectable, and one less thing to pack for battle. **Antenna Concealment** Pieris Services Australia Pty Ltd Satellites and antennas can make for obvious targets in the battlespace, with easily identifiable shapes. Using other objects to disguise them can impede their ability to receive signal, and leaving them in plain sight can leave them vulnerable to attack. Pieris has developed a construction material for disguising these communications apparatus, which retains their effectiveness while reducing their target signature. These antenna concealment products take many standard forms, ranging from sheds and demountable buildings to connex containers, or can be ordered in a custom configuration. Signals advances Innovating isn't just about the technology. It's about the technology, the employment of the technology and the structure around it.



Titan 2 REACT – Remote Approach Capability Tug – Deakin University The Titan 2 Remote Approach Capability Tug (REACT) is an Australian designed and built tracked, lightweight, universal robotic platform, capable of autonomous or remote operation with a top speed of 15km/h. While similar to current systems on the market, its modular design enables it to carry a number

of different payloads to support its users, including ballistic shields,

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remote sensors, manipulating arms and weapons. Designed to limit the exposure to high-threat environments, its modular packages can be selected to breach doors, clear debris, defuse explosive ordnance or deploy ladders to gain difficult access ahead of advancing soldiers. The system weighs 300kg but it can carry 300kg, its jaws have a two tonne crushing/spreading force and can lift more than 300kgs.



3 Lengths: 360mm, 407mm, 508mm

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on the perfect point of aim. The system is backwards compatible with the EF88, and rifles can be upgraded at the unit level. It's also unaffected by firing position, target size, shape or speed, or the shooter's physical and mental condition.

Ground Warfare Acoustical Combat Systems (GWACS) – Spearpoint Solutions & Technology Pty Ltd GWACS is an intelligent detection system for enemy fire. It works in both open vegetated and complex urban terrains, to detect and display where enemy gunshots, unmanned aerial systems (UAS), and indirect fire are coming from, and their distance from the user – all in less than a second. GWACS operates best as a set of networked units, and uses sound to locate enemy fire, and a mesh network to determine friendly force location. The user can receive information via a portable display, or even on a wearable smart watch platform.

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www.defence.gov.au/news/armynews

Thank Them For Their Service

Bill Charlton c2017

*A*t night the diggers pace the wards
Their trousers have no pyjama cords
For they're a danger to themselves
As long as in the past they delve.

*B*ut the only danger in this place
Are the demons they must face
For in their minds they're far away
Where the enemy lurks night and day.

*T*hey see the death and hear the screams
That interrupt their valium dreams.
They look for comfort from a mate
Who sadly shares a similar state.

*A*nd together they will pace the floor
Each sleepless night they fight that war.
Trusting no-one but their own
Just as they did when far from home.

*A*s younger men they were fit and strong
That fought to uphold right from wrong.
But things they saw were kept inside

Till it was something they could no longer hide.

*T*heir emotions spilled over when they finally cracked

And it took a long time to get back on track.

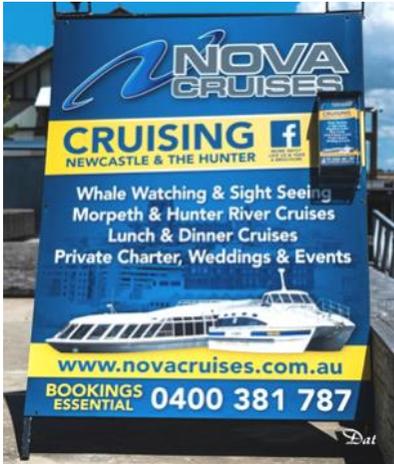
Some are still in a war somewhere on their own
You could say for a fact they never came home.

*T*oday they are forgotten, shunned and maligned
Victims of another moment in time.

But I only see them as young and brave
And I thank them for all of the service they gave.

Nova Cruises 2017

Photos by Dat



Congratulations to our Kokoda Memorial Guides

By Gary Roser



Front row from left: Charlie Jennings, Lloyd Birdsall, Reg Chard and Roy Dockery
Back row from left: Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, and John Haines with an unknown (to me) woman.



Reg Chard showing his presentation certificate

On Thursday, 14th November, 2017 the City of Canada Bay held a Mayoral reception on the 75th Anniversary of Kokoda.

An interesting morning with *cakes and scones and a cuppa* we were entertained by three beautiful ladies singing the Andrews Sisters hits of the 40's.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas paid tribute to the historical significance of the Canada Bay and Ryde areas during World War Two when industry concentrated on the small ship boat building.

The President of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway John Haines thanked the support Canada Bay Council give “the Memorial track”, stating that younger people including Alice Kang might like to tread the actual Kokoda Track in New Guinea so they can relate their personal experience. This brought the house down.

Presentations were made to veteran guides Charlie Jennings, Lloyd Birdsall, Ray Gentles (unable to be present), Roy Dockery and our own Associate Member Reg Chard, for their service as guides at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway.

Mr. Peter Rout from the Australian National Maritime Museum announced the presentation of an APP “*Rising Tide*”, where movies of the many historical features of the area can be seen. The APP was produced with a donation from the Museum. The APP can be downloaded on any Android or Apple device.

Graduation Parade at HMAS Cerberus



The Graduation Parade for General Entry 357 Taylor Division was held on the Recruit School Parade Ground on Thursday 09 NOV 2017 at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria. The division commenced their course on 28 AUG 2017 with 87 recruits graduated in front of over 400 family and friends. The Reviewing Officer for the Graduation Parade was Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, AO, CSC, RAN.

Taylor Division is named in honour of Leading Seaman Ronald 'Buck' Taylor, who served in HMAS Yarra during WWII. After being attacked by Japanese warships, Yarra began sinking, LS Taylor ignored orders to abandon ship and stayed alone at his gun, firing slowly and defiantly at the enemy until he was killed shortly before the ship went down.

Recruit School is the culmination of 11 weeks of basic training to enable sailors to think for themselves and work with each other, the school provides them with the many skills needed to pass onto a naval career. Teamwork, self-discipline and professionalism are the key attributes developed within Recruits undertaking Recruit training. Recruits are expected to adopt and display in their behaviour and their attitude the Navy Values, Honour, Honesty, Courage, Integrity and Loyalty.

Future fleet oilers named

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Nov2017/>



HMAS Parramatta (left) and SPS Cantabria (right) conducting a replenishment in the Timor Sea in 2013. The Navantia design for the two ships is based on the design of the Cantabria class.

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, today

announced the names of the Royal Australian Navy's future support ships.

The new fleet replenishment ships will be named *Supply* and *Stalwart*.

Supply will be the second vessel in the Royal Australian Navy to bear the name that has its origins with the armed tender ship that accompanied the First Fleet to Australia. *Stalwart* is being named after two previous Australian Navy vessels, one a destroyer that served between 1920 and 1925 and the second destroyer tender served from 1968 to 1990.

The ships will be known as Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment vessels and will replace the current HMA Ships *Success* and *Sirius*.

Minister Payne said great care is taken when naming vessels.

"In considering names for classes and ships, the Navy chose names with deep historical roots or names that are uniquely Australian," Minister Payne said.

"For these ships, we have been able to achieve both. *Supply* was instrumental in establishing the British colony and *Stalwart*, like the Australian Navy itself, has its origins in the Royal Navy and subsequently two Australian ships.

Minster Payne said that today the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, will conduct the tradition of placing a coin in the ship at the keel laying at the Navantia shipyard in Ferrol, Spain.

"When these ships enter service from 2020, they will be an important part of the future fleet that the government has committed to in the 2016 Defence White Paper," Minister Payne said.

Supply will be built in two years, with full operational capability scheduled for 2022.

Histories of previous ships to bear the names are available at navy.gov.au.

Army Delivers Final Component of Plan Beersheba

A procession of more than 65 armoured military vehicles and three new M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks rolled into the 7th Brigade at Enoggera Barracks, signifying Army's delivery of Plan BEERSHEBA to deliver a more capable and effective Army.



Chief of Army Lieutenant General Angus Campbell, AO, DSC said Plan BEERSHEBA consisted of four components; structure, workforce, amphibious capability and training cycle.

“Army now has three commonly structured brigades in Darwin/Adelaide (1 Brigade), Townsville (3 Brigade) and Brisbane (7 Brigade) to enhance our capability to sustain our forces deployed on operations,” Lieutenant General Campbell said.

“These three brigades are supported by the six brigades of Army’s 2nd Division (reserves), 16th Brigade (Aviation), 17th Combat Service Support Brigade (Logistics), 6th Combat Support Brigade (Intelligence and Surveillance) and Special Forces.

“We have changed the way Army generates forces through the integration of regular and reserve personnel into one total workforce of approximately 45,000 people. This change will be enduring.”

The Australian Army has developed a specialist amphibious infantry battalion, 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, to provide pre-landing force support to ground combat units embarked on HMA Ships *Adelaide*, *Canberra* and *Choules* to further contribute to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) amphibious capability.

Lieutenant General Campbell said enhanced training and management of Army personnel through the introduction of a three year cycle will ensure our soldiers are better prepared for operations and that the Army is

sustainable into the future.

“The changes delivered through this plan have established foundations to ensure that as the Army moves forward we will continue to be a modern, connected and technologically advanced force,” Lieutenant General Campbell said.

“We are committed to continually improving how we recruit, train and employ our people, to provide the most effective contribution to the ADF mission to defend Australia and its national interests.”

Through investment from the 2016 *Defence White Paper* all the brigades will continue to evolve into a more networked, protected and empowered force ready to meet future requirements.

Media note: Imagery from the Freedom of Entry Parade for the 2nd /14th Light Horse Regiment in Brisbane will be available this afternoon at:

<https://images.defence.gov.au/s20172632>

<https://www.army.gov.au/media-room/media-releases/army-delivers-final-component-of-plan-beersheba>

Jobs for Army Reservists



*Photo
Cpl Colin Dadd*

As an Army Reservist, Craftsman Martin Herrling has two careers - he is a pilot in his civilian life and also serves as a part-time Vehicle Recovery Mechanic in the Army Reserve posted to the 9th Combat Service Support Battalion in South Australia.

<https://images.defence.gov.au/assets/archives/5003-All%20Defence%20Imagery/>

The flexibility of the C-27J allows it to undertake a wide range of missions



C-27J Spartan airlifters from 35 Squadron. (Defence)

Australia's C-27J Spartan battlefield airlifter has achieved initial operating capability (IOC), Minister for Defence Senator Marise Payne has announced.

“The Spartan can access airfields that are unable to support larger transport aircraft, thus increasing the reach for Defence when supporting communities across Australia and throughout the Asia Pacific region,” Minister Payne said in a statement. “The Spartan can now be tasked on missions to transport 40 passengers or three military pallets of cargo, as well as fulfil roles such as light equipment airdrop.”

Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Leo Davies described the C-27J as the missing piece in Australia's air mobility matrix.

“The arrival of the Spartan will greatly increase the mobility and flexibility for local commanders, allowing intra-theatre airlift that will bridge C-130J Hercules and CH-47 Chinook options,” CAF said.

A transition of command ceremony was held for 84 Wing on December 16 at RAAF Base Richmond with Group Captain Paul Long accepting command from GPCAPT Carl Newman, while 35 Squadron and the C-27J transitioned to 84 Wing control, having previously been managed by the C-27J Transition Team.

To date, the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) **has received four of the 10 C-27J Spartans** that Australia has on order.

<http://adbr.com.au/raaf-declares-ioc-for-c-27j-spartan-airlifter/>

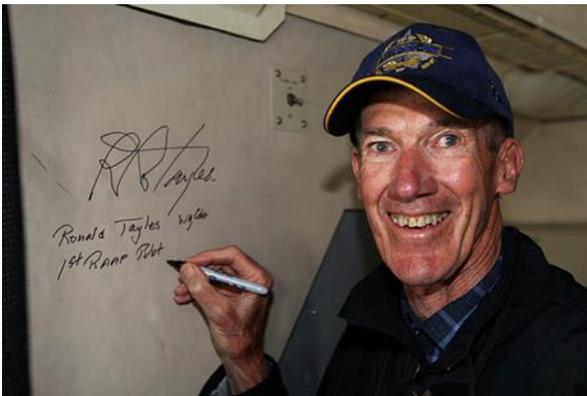
Air Force's first AP-3C Orion A9-751 transferred to RAAF Museum



Photo Veronica O'Hara

The Air Force's first AP-3C Orion, with tail number A9-751, was transferred from operational service to the Royal Australian Air Force Museum for static display on 16 November 2017. A9-751 conducted its maiden flight on 5 January 1978 and was subsequently delivered to the Royal Australian Air Force at United States Naval Air Station Moffet Field on 17 February 1978. The aircraft was ferried to Australia and arrived at Royal Australian Air Force Base Edinburgh on 26 May 1978. The AP-3C Orion aircraft will be replaced by both the P-8A Poseidon and the MQ-4C Triton.

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Air Commodore Ron Tayles (ret'd) signs the inside of the AP-3C Orion A9-751 aircraft he ferried to Australia nearly 40 years ago as the Commanding Officer of No 10 Squadron, upon the aircraft's arrival at RAAF Base Point Cook.

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LAST POST



Francis Ellerton Young

Born: 22nd May 1922—Died: 19th September 2017

Lance Corporal

Driver—Australian Army, WWII



William Tonkinson

Born: 21st December 1943—Died: 11th October 2017

Corporal

Australian Army—Vietnam

Percy Ronald Hodge

Born: 28th May, 1921—Died 18th October 2017

Warrant Officer Class One

Military Police—Australian Army, WWII

Rest In Peace

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**A
Merry Christmas
And a Sappy New Year
To All
Of our Members, their Families,
And our friends**

**DURING THIS CLOSED DOWN PERIOD
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FOR URGENT ENQUIRIES ONLY**