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# Newsletter

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**EDITORIAL\*\*** *Gary Roser, Editor*

Hello Members and Friends.

 A question I will ask you “*Is the Returned and Services League*” similar to other charities such as Lions, Rotary, The Garvin Institute, The Spastic Centre, etc. ?

I would answer NO. Why? Because we look after one another in all facets. Welfare, Commemoration Services both ourselves and the Community. And the education of the Community.

The other Charities may do some of the things we do, but not all of them. We were formed to look after each other.

Some sub-Branches have appealed to our RSLNSW President James Brown to take our case to the ACNC but he refuses to do so. I believe we are much different than other “charities” but the ACNC have laid down the rules for us just like every other charity. I don’t think this is fair.

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

Sub-Branch Meetings	
<u>Committee</u> Mondays 4.30pm	<u>Sub-Branch</u> Sundays 10:30am
17 <sup>th</sup> September	23 <sup>rd</sup> September
15 <sup>th</sup> October	28 <sup>th</sup> October
11 November, 10.30am Remembrance Day	
19 <sup>th</sup> November	25 <sup>th</sup> November
? December	No Gen Meeting

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



A lot has happen since our last newsletter and a lot more changes are expected before the end of the year. I am going to make a prediction, ***“This sub-Branch as we know it, will not be in existence in 12 months time.”***

That is a bold statement, but from what I have read in the draft Constitution, we will little choice. Changes are being forced upon us by the State Government and the ACNC.

At this stage there are 2 models for running the RSL and sub-Branches.

1. We incorporate and become a “Company” run by 5 directors, all of who must complete the Company Directors Course, or
2. We give all our money to ANZAC House and go cap in hand to get money to run our “Chapter”. 3 members will be appointed to run the chapter.

In either case, the trustees will no longer exist and to me, neither is particularly appealing.

Even if we knock back the new Constitution, the government are likely to step in and remove our charity status and that would put us behind the eight ball. We would have to pay tax at the company rate. That would mean that we would be paying tax at something like 38%.

The Youth Club will be disbanded and the various ancillaries will have to sort themselves into some other organisation. We will help in this regard as much as we can.

The Women’s Auxiliary will be changed to something a “Volunteer”. I cannot see it lasting more than a couple of years.

Normally at this time of the year we are taking next years memberships and as Gary has said on his page, they have knocked us back to subsidise them. However I have heard that membership may not be \$35.00 as in the past but may only be set at \$5.00 or \$10.00. The thing I find disappointing about this is that State Branch will have to employ staff to do the renewals, when we did it for nothing. It saves me a job. The only thing is we will not know who is a member and who is not. We may have to check your Membership Cards

We will keep you informed as this will take some time to implement.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> August we conducted an RSL Funeral Tribute for Lloyd Toms. Lloyd was a member here for a number and attended regularly until his health prevented him coming to the meetings.

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Continued ... Lloyd's wife Elizabeth and his family were very appreciative of the service we provided as it gave them some insight to Lloyd's RAAF service and to them we offer our deepest sympathy.

On a lighter note, what a great bus trip we had to the Waterview Restaurant for Christmas in July. Some photos by Dat are in this issue.

Over the last couple of months we have had a number of Vietnamese functions, e.g. ARVN Day and Long Tan Day, both with their respective Memorial Services. I went to both and had a excellent time.

Gary took the Women's Auxiliary on their monthly bus trip, this time to Bowral for the Tulip Festival and then to Mittagong RSL for lunch. I was to go with them, but ended up with a specialist appointment instead. This took most of the day.

Last Sunday, I attended Bankstown Sub-Branch's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations. They had planned for 170 to attend. The place was packed. I put a couple of videos on our face book page. Have a look.

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> was the Far Southern Metropolitan District Council Meeting where we would have received more information as to what is happening with the League. Since this newsletter is printed before that meeting I cannot give you that in writing. I will include a full report next time.

Our next bus trip will be a cruise on the Georges River and Botany Bay. A flyer is here today and we need it back by the October Meeting. This could very well be the last outing we have.

That's enough for now. See you at the meetings.

*Ron Duckworth, President*

**Actually I'm not complaining, because I am a Senager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I don't have acne.**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



On page 8 you will see information about our “Widows and Dependants Benevolent Fund”. It may affect your future finances. Please read it.

Another thing that has come to light is our application to RSLNSW to *part pay* a money subsidy towards your Membership fees as we have for the last number of years.

It is with regret that I inform our Members that RSLNSW have *refused* our request. So from next year the full fee will have to be paid. I believe it will be the sum of \$35.00 as passed at 2018 Congress.

I have heard that the collection will not be made at sub-Branch level, but will be collected by RSLNSW themselves. How they will do this I know not. Whether this is true? I know not.

With this Newsletter you will have the notification that our Vice President Ian Muirhead is to be nominated in the October General Meeting for Life Membership. Ian has been a great support to the sub-Branch over many years whilst on the Committee. I won't go into his history as it will be read out in October.

Vice President Kevin Mahony has sourced a tailor at Fairfield West for the supply of Committee suits for \$450.00. If anyone else wants a suit the same as the Committee to wear to functions, don't hesitate to talk to Ian Muirhead.

A new Draft Constitution has been released to Members for comment. Those who live in country areas can attend meetings to discuss the draft. If you are in a country area and wish to do so you can contact RSLNSW on 02 9264 8188 for details.

The extraordinary Congress convened to ratify the new Constitution will be held on 4th December, 2018 in Sydney.

*Gary Roser J.P.*

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

**PEOPLE MY AGE ARE  
SO MUCH OLDER THAN ME.**

Irish Craic and Humour

What did our parents do when they  
were bored with no Internet?

I asked my 18 brothers and sisters,  
and they didn't know either.

[irishcraicandhumour.com](http://irishcraicandhumour.com)

**I COULDN'T HEAR  
YOU, SO I'LL JUST  
LAUGH AND HOPE IT  
WASN'T A QUESTION.**

**I THINK I'M STARTING TO LOSE  
MY MIND.**

**BUT AS LONG AS I KEEP THE  
PART THAT TELLS ME WHEN  
I GOTTA PEE, I SHOULD BE  
OKAY.**

Don't stress about  
your eyesight  
failing as you  
get older.  
It's nature's  
way of  
protecting you  
from shock as  
you walk past the mirror.



**My super power is  
holding onto junk  
for years and  
throwing it away a  
week before I need  
it.**



"I've crunched the numbers in your  
retirement account. It's time to figure out  
who will be wearing the mask and who  
will be driving the getaway car."

**AARP - American Association of Retired People**  
**Questions and Answers from AARP Forum**

<b>Q:</b> Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them?	<b>A:</b> Try a bookstore, under Fiction.
<b>Q:</b> What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?	<b>A:</b> Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done, you will have a place to live.
<b>Q:</b> Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the bible... Is that true? Where can it be found?	<b>A:</b> Yes, Matthew 14:92: "And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt ...."
<b>Q:</b> How can you increase the heart rate of your over 70 year-old husband?	<b>A:</b> Tell him you're pregnant.
<b>Q:</b> How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?	<b>A:</b> Take off your glasses.
<b>Q:</b> Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?	<b>A:</b> Go braless. It will usually pull them out..





## **An Important Message**

### **From your Widows and Dependants Benevolent Fund Trustees**

Up until the Bergin enquiry into the Returned and Service League of New South Wales, we at Bass Hill sub-Branch have allowed monies to be paid out towards funerals and final expenses incurred by deceased Members to help the families of the deceased.

In the By-Laws of RSLNSW it states (and has always stated):

*That the only time monies can be paid is for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Bone Fide recipients. (Widows and Dependants).*

*And those Bone Fide recipients must be in dire need for assistance when their sole provider has died.*

Due to the restructure of the RSLNSW and the requirement sub-Branches have to re-distribute monies, we the Trustees of your “Widows and Dependants Benevolent Fund”, must take *the responsibility* of the outlay of monies to assist the sole dependants of deceased Members.

Most of us are not in a destitute situation. And that is basically what the Widow or Dependand/s must be; to receive anything.

Please do not think badly of the sub-Branch for any introduction of new policies which are within the bounds of taxation issues imposed by the Australian Charities Not For Profit Commission after the Bergin Enquiry.

The attendees of the General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September, a full explanation will be presented to the Members and a new claim method by Widows or Dependants finalised.

*Trustees:*

Ralph Hannaford   Max Stone   Gary Roser

**Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.**

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**At my age “Getting lucky” means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.**





hmmmm...  
and yet another  
day has passed  
and I did not  
use Algebra  
once...very  
interesting.



### **Stock Market Terms (for those Members who have investments)...**

**CEO** -- Chief Embezzlement Officer.

**CFO**-- Corporate Fraud Officer.

**BULL MARKET** -- A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

**BEAR MARKET** -- A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewellery, and the husband gets no sex.

**VALUE INVESTING** -- The art of buying low and selling lower.

**P/E RATIO** -- The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

**BROKER** -- What my broker has made me.

**STANDARD & POOR** -- Your life in a nutshell.

**STOCK ANALYST** -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

**STOCK SPLIT** -- When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

**FINANCIAL PLANNER** -- A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

**MARKET CORRECTION** -- The day after you buy stocks.

**CASH FLOW**-- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

**YAHOO** -- What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

**WINDOWS** -- What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

**INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR** -- Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

**PROFIT** -- An archaic word no longer in use.?

# *Bus trip to Waterview Restaurant Christmas in July*

Photos by Dat







*Entertained by  
Roland Storm and  
A Great Time  
Had by All*



# Roughnecks of Sherwood Forest

## PETROLEUM IN WAR

<https://aoghs.org/petroleum-in-war/roughnecks-of-sherwood-forest/>

*As the United Kingdom fought for its survival during World War II, a team of American oil drillers, derrickmen, roustabouts and motormen secretly boarded the converted troopship HMS Queen Elizabeth in March 1943. Once their story was revealed years later, they would become known as the Roughnecks of Sherwood Forest.*

By the summer of 1942, the situation was desperate. The future of Great Britain – and the outcome of World War II – depended on petroleum supplies.

By the end of that year, demand for 100-octane fuel would grow to more than 150,000 barrels every day – and U-Boats ruled the Atlantic.

In August 1942, British Secretary of Petroleum, Geoffrey Lloyd called an emergency meeting of the Oil Control Board to assess the “impending crisis in oil.”

This is the story of the “little-known, or at least seldom recognized, all-important role oil and oilmen played in the prosecution of the war,” note two historians who have searched archives in Great Britain and the United States.

Guy Woodward and Grace Steele Woodward published ‘*The Secret of Sherwood Forest – Oil production in England during World War II*’ in 1973.

“The amazing and hitherto untold story, born in secrecy, has remained buried in the private diaries, corporate files and official records of government agencies,” explain the Woodwardes in their book.

“In the final analysis, oil was indeed the key to victory of the Allies over the Axis powers,” the authors conclude.

Today, two identical bronze statues separated by the Atlantic Ocean commemorate the achievements of World War II American roughnecks.

The first seven-foot statue stands in Dukes Wood near the village of Eakring in Nottinghamshire, England. Its twin greets visitors at Memorial Square in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

These oil patch warriors, separated by more than 2,400 miles,

commemorate American volunteers who – during a critical time of the war – produced oil. They drilled in Sherwood Forest.

The once top-secret story begins in August 1942, when Britain's wartime Secretary of Petroleum, Geoffrey Lloyd, called an emergency meeting of the country's Oil Control Board.

U-Boat attacks and the bombing of dockside storage facilities had brought the British Admiralty two million barrels below their minimum safety reserves.

The oil supply outlook was bleak.

Meanwhile, Field Marshall Erwin Rommel's rampaging North African campaign threatened England's access to Middle East oilfield sources. England's principal fuel supplies came by convoy from Trinidad and America and were subjected to relentless Nazi submarine attacks.

*"Ninety-four wells produced high quality oil, an amazing achievement," the BBC would later note.*

Many at the Oil Control Board meeting were surprised to learn that England had a productive oilfield of its own, first discovered in 1939 by D'Arcy Exploration.

The D'Arcy company was a subsidiary of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company – predecessor to BP.

This obscure oilfield was in Sherwood Forest, near Eakring and Dukes Wood. It produced modestly – about 700 barrels per day in 1942 – from 50 shallow wells.



*American volunteer  
derrickman Herman  
Douthit fell to his death.*

Extreme shortages of drilling equipment and personnel kept Britain from further exploiting the field. Perhaps America might help.

Following the meeting – under great secrecy – C.A.P. Southwell, a D'Arcy representative, was sent to the Petroleum Administration for War (PAW) in Washington, D.C.

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Continued ... Southwell's secret mission was to secure American assistance in expanding production from the Eakring field, regarded as an "unsinkable tanker."

Pressing his case in America, Southwell pursued the widely respected independent oilman Lloyd Noble, president of Tulsa-based Noble Drilling Corporation. They met in Noble's hometown of Ardmore, Oklahoma, to negotiate a deal.

American oil companies were already heavily committed to wartime production. Noble nonetheless joined with Fain-Porter Drilling Company of Oklahoma City on a one-year contract to drill 100 new wells in the Eakring field. Noble and Fain-Porter volunteered to execute the contract for cost and expenses only. PAW approved their deal and the contract was signed in early February 1943.

On March 12, a 42-man team of newly recruited drillers, derrickmen, motormen and roustabouts embarked on the troopship *H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth*.

Four drilling rigs for "The English Project" would be transported to England on four different ships. Although one ship was lost to a German submarine, another rig was subsequently shipped safely.

### **Top Secret Project**

The American oilmen joined project managers Eugene Rosser and Don Walker at billets prepared in an Anglican monastery at historic Kelham Hall, near Eakring.



*The Americans stayed at Kelham Hall. The Anglican Monastery was ideal for the year-long operation – it was isolated from the community.*

The sudden influx of Americans from Oklahoma was rumoured to be for making a movie, probably a western. It was said that John Wayne would arrive soon.

Within a month, sufficient equipment had arrived to enable spudding the first well. Two others quickly followed.

Four crews worked 12-hour tours with "National 50" rigs equipped with 87-foot jackknife masts. The roughnecks amazed their British counterparts with their drilling speed.

Using innovative methods, the Americans drilled an average of one well per week in Duke's Wood, while the British took at least five weeks per well.

The British crews made it a practice to change bits at 30-foot intervals. The Americans kept using the same bit as long as it was "making hole." By August, the Yanks of Sherwood Forest had completed 36 new wells, despite the challenges of wartime rationing of fuel, food, and other shortages.

By January of 1944, the American oilmen were credited with 94 completions and 76 producing oil wells. But not without cost. While working Rig No. 148, derrickman Herman Douthit was killed when he fell from a drilling mast. Douthit was buried with full military honours.



Douthit remains the only civilian ever buried at the American Military Cemetery in Cambridge.

The English Project contract was completed in March 1944 with the Americans logging 106 completions and 94 producers. England's oil production had shot from 300 barrels a day to more than 3,000 barrels per day.

*The roughneck workers left to return to America on March 3, 1944. They had added more than 1.2 million barrels of oil to the total output of the Eakring oilfield.*

Without fanfare, the roughnecks returned to the United States and the families they had left a year before. Their mission and success remained secret until November 1944, when the Chicago Daily Tribune ran a story, "England's Oil Boom," on a back page. Few took notice at the time.

### **Honouring Oklahoma Roughnecks**

By the end of the war, more than 3.5 million barrels of crude had been pumped from England's "unsinkable tanker" oilfields. Petroleum industry expertise would again come into action – solving the challenge of oil pipelines across the English Channel – read about "Operation PLUTO" in Secret Pipeline of World War II. British Petroleum continued to produce oil from Dukes Wood until the field's depletion in 1965.

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*Continued ... Visiting Tulsa in 1989, a member of Parliament was fascinated by Guy and Grace Woodward's book.*

The story remained largely unknown until the 1973 University of Oklahoma Press publication of *The Secret of Sherwood Forest – Oil production in England during World War II* by Guy and Grace Woodward.

Then in 1989, British member of Parliament Tony Speller visited Tulsa for a speaking engagement – and was given a copy of the book.



*Artist Jay O'Meilia of Tulsa, Oklahoma, travelled to England for the May 1991 dedication of his Oil Patch Warrior statue.*

Surprised and intrigued by the story it told, Speller joined with the International Society of Energy Advocates, Noble Drilling Company and others who believed that the singular accomplishment of this handful of Americans should be remembered. Well-known artist Jay O'Meilia was chosen to create a bronze tribute to these men.

O'Meilia, born in 1927 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he resides today, was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1999. Interviewed for this article, he recalls, that the statue's designed quickly evolved.

"The notion of an 'oil patch warrior' soon developed...at parade rest with a roughneck's best weapon – a Stillson wrench – instead of a rifle," he says.

O'Meilia also remembers how authenticity was critical, down to period gloves and hard hat. "They even sent me a pair of original overalls so I would get it exactly right," he explains.

Those who look *very* closely will see the tell-tale impression of a pack of cigarettes in the oil patch warrior's pocket. "Lucky Strike," O'Meilia laughs – "because Lucky Strike Green Goes to War" was a contemporary advertising campaign.

### **Statues dedicated in 1991 and 2001**

In May 1991, Noble Drilling Corporation funded the return of 14 surviving oilmen to the dedication of O'Meilia's seven-foot bronze Oil

Patch Warrior in Sherwood Forest. The statue was placed on the grounds of England's Dukes Wood Oil Museum on land donated by British Petroleum.



*Adam Sieminski and wife Laurie visited the Sherwood Forest statue in 2005.*

In 2001, ten years after the ceremony in England, the citizens of Ardmore, Oklahoma, determined to honor veterans with a downtown Memorial Square. They discovered that the original moulds remained in O'Meilia's Colorado foundry.

"Our mission was to create a memorial park that would honour those who sacrificed their lives, those who served in the military during times of war and peace, and the oil drillers and energy industry that came to England's rescue in World War II," explains Jack Riley, chairman of the Memorial Square committee.

O'Meilia recast the Sherwood Forest Oil Patch Warrior for Ardmore from the original moulds. The statue was

dedicated on November 10, 2001, with representatives from Noble Oil and Fain-Porter joining veterans at the ceremony. A brick walkway through Memorial Square displays the names of Ardmore area veterans.

"Memorial Square honours veterans who are responsible for the freedom we enjoy today – and the energy industry, which is responsible for the economic strength of our community," declared Wes Stucky, president of the Ardmore Development Authority.

Time has taken away many of those on both sides of the Atlantic who struggled to preserve democracy. As many as 1,100 die every day, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Fortunately, in these two imposing bronze Oil Patch Warriors, separated by an ocean of history, the story of the roughnecks of Sherwood Forest can always be remembered.

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## The Below Article appeared in the Navy, Army and RAAF Newspapers

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**NAVY**

### Exercise KAKADU 2018

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*Boatswains mates in HMAS Newcastle, Able Seaman Andrew Gill and Seaman Nathaniel Sanders, conduct 12.7mm heavy machine gun drills with Chief Petty Officer Boatswain Jeffrey East, during Exercise Kakadu 2018.*

Held biennially, Exercise Kakadu is a joint exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Navy and supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. In 2018 it included 23 ships, 21 aircraft, a submarine and more than 3,000 personnel from 27 nations, and delivered a range of activities both ashore in Darwin and at sea.

The aim of Exercise Kakadu is to generate active and effective security and humanitarian partnerships, with all nations emerging from the coming weeks more capable, united and focused on safeguarding the region.



*Hats of commanding officers of participating ships in Exercise Kakadu 2018 at RAAF Base Darwin.*

## Statement regarding the use of gender-neutral language

<https://news.defence.gov.au/media/on-the-record/statement-regarding-use-gender-neutral-language>

Reports regarding Defence requiring the use of gender-neutral language are wrong.

ADFA Cadets are not being told that they should not use terms like him or her.

As was explained to the journalist prior to publishing, the Department has not, and is not intending, to issue a directive on the use of gender-neutral language.

For example, every day ADFA cadets address their seniors as Sir and Ma'am. This has not, and is not, changing.

There are around 80,000 personnel in the Australian Defence Force. Supervisors and commanders are required to lead teams from all walks of life, who often work, eat and sleep in close proximity for extended periods.

Commanders must be skilled in harnessing these diverse backgrounds and experiences in their teams to deliver what is required.

Effective teamwork is at the centre of ADF capability and it is built on respect and cohesion.

Members of the Australian Defence Force are required to work with each other, and address each other, in a respectful manner. This includes members addressing each other by rank and using the customary military compliments.

**While driving along a country road today, I came across a sight for saw eyes. I suddenly spotted a large bull tangled in an electric fence.**

**Then I realised that he must have been CHARGING.....**



*An Australian Army soldier shows Kate Carpenter (left) the EF89 Minimi mounted on a Bushmaster protected mobility vehicle during the Army Demonstration Day held at Blamey Square, Russell Offices, Canberra.*

The Australian Army demonstrated vehicles and other equipment at Army Demonstration Day held at Blamey Square, Russell Offices, Canberra on 24 August 2018.

Equipment included the M1A1 Abrams main battle tank, Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter, Wasp and Black Hornet unmanned aerial systems and individual soldier combat equipment.

Army Demonstration Day is an annual event that showcases Army's equipment and modernisation to Canberra-based Defence personnel.

### **Army's next armoured fighting vehicle announced**



The Australian Government has announced that the next generation of Army's combat reconnaissance vehicles will be built by Rheinmetall.

The armoured vehicles will deliver improved firepower, protection, mobility and communication systems to ensure our soldiers can fight, win and survive while

operating in an ever-changing threat environment.

Army's next generation of fighting vehicle will be more capable than any other vehicle Army has operated. These vehicles will have digital



warfare and information networking capabilities that will provide operational commanders with advanced knowledge and understanding of the battlefield.

This bigger and better protected armoured fighting vehicle will provide Australian troops with increased firepower and protection on the battlefield in the decades ahead.

The Department of Defence completed a comprehensive tender process over three years, during which the vehicles were rigorously and extensively tested across Australia.

The process was designed to secure the best outcome for Defence. Rheinmetall's Boxer was assessed as the most capable vehicle for Australia.

As part of the LAND 400 Phase 2 project Rheinmetall will deliver 211 Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles with the first vehicles ready for training in 2020.

Rheinmetall's Boxer will replace Army's current reconnaissance vehicle, the Australian Light Armoured Vehicle (ASLAV) that has been in service since 1996 and seen extensive operational service.

## Land Forces 2018

<https://images.defence.gov.au/assets/archives/5056-Army%20at%20Land%20Forces/>

The Australian Army partnered with Industry Defence and Security Australia Limited to present Land Forces 2018 in Adelaide from 4-6 September 2018.



*A Rheinmetall Boxer combat reconnaissance vehicle on display during Land Forces 2018 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia.*

Land Forces is an international industry exposition showcasing equipment, technology and services for the armies of Australia and the Indo-Pacific. The Chief of Army Land Forces Seminar is conducted alongside Land Forces.

It is a forum for senior Australian and international military leaders, key stakeholders, and academics to discuss strategic issues relevant to land forces.

The theme for the Chief of Army Land Forces Seminar 2018 was 'The application of Land Power in the Indo-Pacific'.

## Technical camp for young women, RAAF Base Williamtown

<https://news.defence.gov.au/media/stories/technical-camp-young-women-raaf-base-williamtown>



Fifteen people attended the Technical Camp for Young Women at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Williamtown between 27-30 August. Participants experienced engineering and technical roles first hand, and the day-to-day routine of an Air Force base. Participants also met with Air Force members and Defence Force Recruiting specialists to discuss

career opportunities

Technical Camp Officer in Charge, Flight Lieutenant Esther Suh, said Air Force was strongly committed to enhancing a more diverse and inclusive work environment, and recognised that diversity was key to capability.

“To be the strongest possible organisation, Air Force needs to be able to recruit from the entire talent pool in the Australian community, both women and men,” Flight Lieutenant Suh said.

Two Newcastle students, Hannah Newham, 17, and Lucy Goodman, 16, were among the participants.

“I liked a lot of the more hands-on activities, such as the flight simulator,” Hannah said.

Lucy said Air Force was appealing because of the diverse range of opportunities it offered.

She enjoyed working in the classrooms solving technical problems.

Flight and technical camps for young women have been running since 2013 and have produced positive results with 80 per cent of participants actively pursuing Australian Defence Force careers through Defence Force Recruiting.

Due to the success of those camps, Air Force delivered the inaugural Aviation Camp for Women in July this year at RAAF Base Amberley, in Queensland.

Technical Camp Second Officer in Charge, Flight Sergeant Michelle Snape, said Air Force camps for women were incredibly rewarding for both participants and the personnel who delivered them.

“In addition to the education and training components of the camps, the camps provide a mentoring opportunity with participants engaging with inspiring Air Force personnel,” Flight Sergeant Snape said.





## Try a Trade Day Brings Prospective Recruits to RAAF Richmond

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RAAF Base Richmond paired with Defence Force Recruiting's Parramatta Office to conduct a 'Try a

Trade' Day on 23 August 2018.

The event allowed up to 100 people aged from 15 to 29 years to experience a range of technical careers within Air Force. Participants were drawn from Defence Force Recruiting applicants and others who had registered an interest, and focused on women and those with an indigenous background.

As of May 2018, women account for less than five per cent of the Air Force's aviation technical workforce – specifically, the roles of avionics technician, aircraft technician, and armaments technician. More broadly, Indigenous Australians represent only 1.6 per cent of the Air Force as of August 2018.

Try-a-Trade Day was an opportunity for women and Indigenous prospective recruits to see an Air Force working environment firsthand, according to Corporal Jessica Johnson from Defence Force Recruiting's Parramatta office.

"We're aiming for them to build confidence and perspective on the jobs that are available to them," Corporal Johnson said.

"The idea was to create an experience that would hopefully inspire a career in Defence."

Whilst Corporal Johnson is currently posted to a position with Defence Force Recruiting, she has worked in the past as an Avionics Technician, and holds experience on the C-27J Spartan and C-130J Hercules transport aircraft. Try-a-Trade Day allowed participants to have a go at soldering, lock wiring, and other day-to-day skillsets employed by technicians at RAAF Base Richmond.

They were familiarised with the major systems on the Spartan and Hercules aircraft, including the Rolls Royce turboprop engine that produces 4600-shaft horsepower. Personnel at RAAF Base Richmond also took groups through the basics of aircraft marshalling and ground handling.

Participants were also able to experience the role of Life Support Fitter, which maintains a diverse range of equipment including survival kit, life rafts, night-vision goggles and flying helmets. Initial feedback to Try-a-Trade Day was positive, according to Corporal Johnson.

"A lot of these candidates haven't used these tools before, but have a general interest in the area – this is a supportive environment where they could have some practice and see if they enjoy it," Corporal Johnson said.

"For women, the main (barrier) they face is a perception that a trade role isn't for females – a lot of women don't think of applying for a trade because they think it's a man's role."

"This is about breaking down that barrier."

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