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# Newsletter

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**EDITORIAL\*\***

I have mentioned in my Secretary’s report the RSLNSW is pushing their Sport and Recreation programme. As a Member I fully support their ideas of keeping fit, healthy and the comradery it instils.

It has been brought to my attention that there are a number of sub-Branches that involved themselves in the programme.

But when I look at it, there seems to be money supporting Affiliates to do so. Is this true? I will be asking around to find out the truth of the matter and will let you know.

I don’t want to *pee in the pickles*, but if Affiliates are receiving monetary support from RSLNSW that is not what they are there for. They are only there to help a sub-Branch raise money and keep them going.

A movement within sub-Branches is to have a written report about Affiliates and the benefit the individual has made within the organisation. If they haven’t done so, and only wish to be a knife and spooner or not attend meetings or fundraise, then they should be discharged from our organisation. I fully support that idea as I see some sub-Branches having trouble with them. Let’s see if anything happens. *Gary Roser, Editor*

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

<b>Sub-Branch Meetings</b>	
<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>General</u></b>
<b>Mondays 16:30</b>	<b>Sundays 10:30am</b>
17/2/25	23/2/25 & AGM
17/3/25	23/3/25
21/4/25	No Gen Meeting
25/4/25 ANZAC Day 6:30 hrs	

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings Members.

Here we in 2025 and I hope all had a very good Christmas and New Year and you are ready for another amazing year. With your help, I am sure that we can achieve everything we set out to do.

We finished last year with our Christmas Luncheon. A successful day with over 130 people in attendance. Santa made an appearance and handed out the chocolates. Thanks Frank.

Unfortunately we lost one of our Auxiliary Members early January. Muriel Cole was a very active Member, being involved in all aspects of the Auxiliary, particularly arranging their Bus Trips. She will be greatly missed.

During last year we average 62% attendance at our meetings. We have 90 Service, Life, Associate and Affiliate members. This lets try to increase that number. Contact a Member who is not attending and encourage the to come along and join in the Comradery following the meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

*Ian Muirhead*  
*President*

**Well, today my neighbors spoke to me. So I did what I had to do. I strapped a monitor on my ankle, went outside with my shirt on inside out, and argued with a pine tree. That should hold them off for a while.**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greetings again, but from New Zealand. *Kia Ora*

Well that's about all of the Māori I can speak.



This is the first Newsletter of 2025. And as I have forewarned everyone that has an email address you will have received it in a PDF format to read. Of course those who haven't got an email address will have a printed copy to: either pick up at the meeting, or if it's not picked up we will mail it. Not only is it a cost saving, but going out by internet there will be the availability to put things in that will allow the email receiver to "Click On" and see more information about a subject or view short videos of articles of interest. We will start in this Newsletter with you holding down the Control Key and click on coloured writing and it will display the item of interest in a more interesting format including great pictures. Under the Christmas Party Photos taken by Hao xuan NY there is an option to download photos and another link to watch a short video of our Members and Guests. Another example is a video of "**Oerlikon Skyranger Gun**". Have a look and let me know what you think.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas. I did with my Julia and her Family. I did miss my own Family, but that is to be expected at that time of the year. Christmas at home in 2025.

Don't forget to pay your \$5.00. This way we still know you are still above ground. Really, it's the only way we can keep track of those Members who cannot attend our monthly meetings and we use it as charitable money.

This year I am looking at a couple of things that you may be interested in. The RSLNSW Sport and Recreation have given me some ideas that I will have to run past them. Hoping that they might approve some interaction I have dreamed up. I'm not going to say anything more about that until I run it past them in town.

So far we haven't heard anything from our solicitor about the Board's decision to incorporate as an Incorporated Association. But it's just after the silly season and we all have to gain momentum to get back into the swing of things.

Unfortunately I could not be at the January General Meeting as I was still in NZ. My excuse is that it was a cheaper fare to come back after the meeting. Being of half Scottish descent I chose that less cost to come home.. Ask our President Ian. Being a Scott he has short arms and long pockets. (Not true. But we like to tease him) Have a healthy 2025.

*Gary Roser, J.P.*

## Our nearest Neighbour. Our Friend

Papua New Guinea Defence Force - Wikipedia



*PNGDF soldiers at Taurama Barracks*

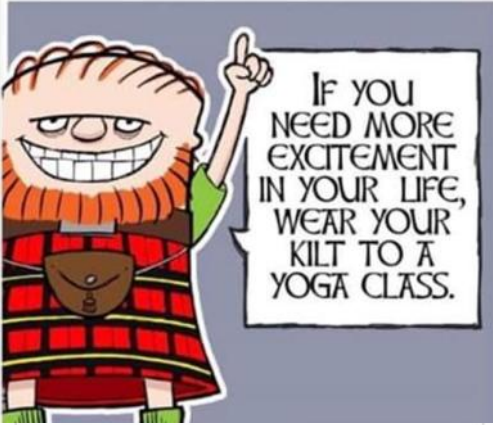
The Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) is the military organisation responsible for the defence of Papua New Guinea. It originated from the Australian Army land forces of the territory of Papua New Guinea before independence, coming into being in January 1973

and having its antecedents in the Pacific Islands Regiment. The PNGDF is a small force, numbering around 3,600 personnel, and consists of a Land Element, an Air Element and a Maritime Element. It is a joint force tasked with defending Papua New Guinea and its territories against external attack, as well as having secondary functions including national-building and internal security tasks.

Defence accounts for less than 2% of GDP, while also receiving significant assistance and training support from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and other nations.

The PNGDF Land Element includes two infantry battalions, an engineer battalion, a signal squadron, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit, and a preventive medicine platoon. The Air Element is a small air wing operating three light transport aircraft and two leased helicopters. The Maritime Element consists of four *Guardian*-class patrol boats and two landing crafts. The army is under the direct command of Headquarters PNGDF, while the air wing and navy have their own commanding officers. The PNGDF does not have a Commander-in-Chief but rather a Commander who advises the Minister for Defence. Allegiance is sworn to the King of Papua New Guinea, presently Charles III, and the realm of Papua New Guinea. The PNGDF is under the control of the National Executive Council through the Minister for Defence.

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



**Despite the old saying, "Don't take your troubles to bed," many women still sleep with their husbands.**

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**"Debbie looks exactly like me when I was 18."**



Struggling to get your wife's attention?

Just sit down and look comfortable.

An elderly man lay awkwardly sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theatre.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The elderly man didn't budge. The usher became more impatient.

"Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager." Once again, the elderly man just muttered and did nothing. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the elderly dishevelled man, but with no success.

Finally they summoned the police.

Officer Ken surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?"

*"Jim" the old man moaned.*

"Where you from, Jim"? asked officer Ken.

With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Jim replied; "The balcony above".....

Old age has come at a terrible time, just as I was starting to know it all, I'm now forgetting everything I knew.. 😊

# Military Life

## THE REAL CHAIN OF COMMAND



### ADMIRAL

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound  
Is more powerful than a locomotive  
Is faster than a speeding bullet  
Walks on water  
GIVES POLICY TO GOD



### CAPTAIN

Leaps small buildings in a single bound  
Is more powerful than a shunting engine  
Is as fast as a speeding bullet  
Walks on water if it is flat calm  
TALKS WITH GOD



### COMMANDER

Leaps small buildings with a running start  
Is almost as powerful than a shunting engine  
Is slower than a speeding bullet  
Walks on water in indoor swimming pools  
TALKS WITH GOD  
(IF SPECIAL CHIT IS PROVIDED)



### LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

Barely clears little huts  
Loses tug of war with shunting engines  
Can fire a speeding bullet  
Swims well  
IS OCCASIONALLY ADDRESSED BY GOD



### LIEUTENANT

Makes marks above window height trying to leap buildings  
Is run over by shunting engines  
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury  
Doggie paddles  
TALKS TO ANIMALS



### SUB-LIEUTENANT

Runs into buildings  
Recognises shunting engines two out of three times  
Is not to be issued with ammunition  
Stays afloat if he is put into a lifejacket  
TALKS TO WALLS



### MIDSHIPMAN

Falls over doorstep when trying to enter buildings  
Says "Look at the choo-choo"  
Not allowed elastic for his catapult  
Plays in mud puddles  
MUMBLES TO HIMSELF



### CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

Lifts buildings and walks under them  
Kicks locomotives off the tracks  
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them  
Freezes water with a single glance

**HE IS GOD**



FACE IT, SVEN, WE'RE OLD - "PILLAGE" DOESN'T MEAN WHAT IT USED TO MEAN.



*The reason women love military men? It's NOT the uniform. It's because they can cook, clean, iron, make beds and sew, but above all: they know how to follow orders*



## National Days of Commemoration in Australia

Australians come together to commemorate those who have served our nation and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

### ***National commemorative program***

The Australian Government leads national services and activities each year to commemorate some of the most significant moments in our military history. Some dates remain constant, such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Others are commemorated on significant anniversaries, such as the 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup>.

Our commemorations provide recognition, respect and acknowledgement to all Australian veterans. This supports the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) objectives relating to veteran health and wellbeing.

DVA also undertakes domestic and overseas commemorative activities to give the Australian community opportunities to reflect on the roles that many Australians have played in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations since Federation.

### ***Commemorative dates.***

Australia's calendar of remembrance includes officially gazetted days proclaimed by the Governor-General. These dates are formally recognised by the Australian Government, the most well-known of which is Anzac Day.

Here we've listed those gazetted days and some others that your community may wish to commemorate. This is not a complete list of dates, and days may change depending on the anniversaries commemorated each year.

**19<sup>th</sup> February *Bombing of Darwin Day***

**25<sup>th</sup> April *Anzac Day\****

**8<sup>th</sup> May *Victory in Europe (VE) Day***

**27<sup>th</sup> July *Korean Veterans' Day***

**15<sup>th</sup> August *Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day***

**18<sup>th</sup> August *Vietnam Veterans' Day***

**31<sup>st</sup> August *Malaya and Borneo Veterans' Day***

3<sup>rd</sup> September *Merchant Navy Day*

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of September *Battle for Australia Day*

14<sup>th</sup> September *National Peacekeepers' Day*

11<sup>th</sup> November *Remembrance Day*

\* Anzac Day is gazetted in the *Anzac Day Act 1995* as a national event to recognise and commemorate the contribution of all those who have served Australia (including those who died) in time of war and in war-like conflicts.

### *Other significant anniversaries*

Many other anniversaries are recognised by ex-service organisations, veterans' groups, military formations and unit associations. They are important to veterans and help us to remember important episodes in Australia's past.

If you'd like to check the dates of significant battles and military events in Australian history, we recommend consulting:

*Australia's official war histories* Coulthard-Clark, Chris. 2010.

*The Encyclopaedia of Australia's Battles* Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest.

**Note:** For those with internet access and who have received the Newsletter by Email, further information is available.

To access this information and read more about the individual Commemoration Service, hold down the Ctrl Key and Click on the blue writing and the Internet will take you to the required information.



## 2025 RSL Auxiliary Bus Trips\*

*Leaving from Chester Hill RSL Club*



10 <sup>th</sup> February	9am	Club Thirroul
10 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Brighton Le Sands RSL Club
14 <sup>th</sup> April	9am	Camden RSL Club
12 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	St. George 16 ft Sailing Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9am	Engadine RSL Club
14 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Club Central Menai
11 <sup>th</sup> August	9am	Forestville RSL Club
8 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Taren Point Bowling Club
13 <sup>th</sup> October	9am	Ingleburn RSL Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	8:30am	Shopping, then Penrith RSL Club

*A trip coordinator is Dana Sypniewski. It must be noted that you have to book to go on these trips as drivers have to be arranged and buses made available. Currently we can have 20 person seating available.*

*Sub-Branch Members may wish to join the day bus trips if seats are available. Auxiliary Members have preference.*

*If you need to know more? Ask Gary or Ron.*

\* ***Changes can be made due to driver availability***

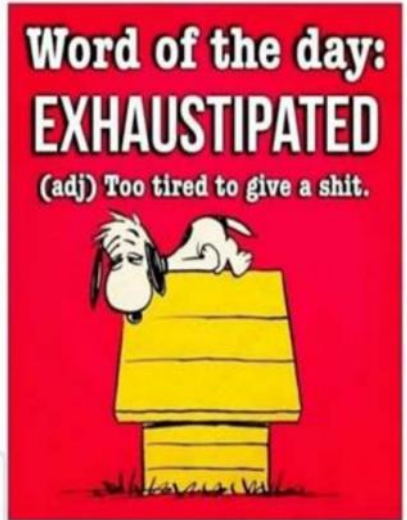


I'M BORED.  
I THINK I'LL GO TO THE MALL,  
FIND A GREAT PARKING SPOT  
AND SIT IN MY CAR WITH THE  
REVERSE LIGHTS ON.

@REBEL\_CIRCL5

Did you know that  
14 muscles are  
activated when  
opening a bottle  
of wine? Fitness  
is my passion 🤓

*Ron Duckworth take note*



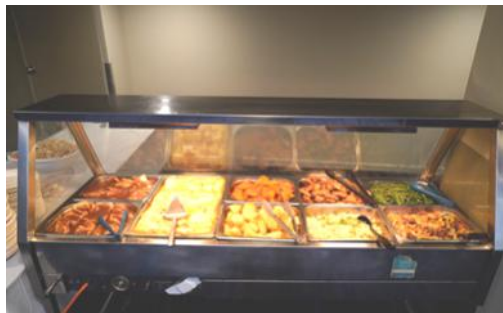
THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR **BONNET**



# Christmas Party 2024



*Photos by Hao Xuan Ny*



Link to download Full-size Photos: (500MB)

<https://www.mediafire.com/file/lc7qvq43bnbzrx/Christmas+Party+2024.rar/file>



**See. There is a Santa.  
Thanks Frank!**

Video:

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## Academy aims high for 2025

By Lieutenant Commander Nicholas Robinson

26 December 2024 *ADF News & Events*



*Able Seaman Combat Systems Operator Shimea Toomey, right, conducts training with Lieutenant Sabastian Chee in the ops room on board HMAS Ballarat at HMAS Stirling, WA. Photo: Able Seaman Zac Dingle*

The Navy Coaching Academy has released its program for 2025 with the development of high-functioning teams at the top of the list of current opportunities for Navy members.

Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Mark Hammond officially launched the academy at Indo Pacific 2023.

Since its launch, the academy has provided personal and professional development for more than 1000 individuals through its modules, workshops, and programs, and is supported by more than 50 coaches who are accredited to international standards.

Chief Petty Officer Ann Bradbery has been leading the programming for the new year, which will commence in February 2025.

“Navy members are able to participate in a suite of three facilitated workshops to assist them with using 'A Coaching Approach' to grow a high-functioning team,” she said.

“Members then apply their learning in a self-paced workplace activity to gain the additional ‘A Coaching Approach to Leading a High-Functioning Team’ proficiency.”

The workshops include:

1. Building trust in your team;
2. Encouraging productive conflict in your team;
3. Developing commitment; building accountability; achieving results in your team.



Executive Officer HMAS *Ballarat* Lieutenant Commander Stefan (Kane) Stuart appreciated the benefits of working with the High-Functioning Team Framework in 2024.

“It was a tremendous opportunity for me to be involved. It has not only been of benefit to me as an individual, but my team has really felt the rewards,” he said.

“We have a range of individual ranks in our team, from seaman to lieutenant commander, all of whom engaged with the High-Functioning Team Framework.

“You conduct the workshops with no uniforms, and no ranks. It genuinely gives you the opportunity to understand your colleagues’ motivations at a human level. That not only improves your operational tempo as a team, but it also makes coming to work each day a more rewarding experience.

“When I found out about the program from a mentor, I was surprised that Navy offered this type of opportunity.

“We are based at Fleet Base West at the moment, and having Navy Coaching Academy facilitators available through workshops makes it really accessible, which I thought was a great commitment.”

Chief Petty Officer Bradbery highlighted the unique nature of the program in Defence.

“The fact that Navy offers this type of development opportunity demonstrates a commitment to the growth of its people and to the advancement of culture, right across our organisation,” she said.

“Building social mastery through opportunities like those offered by Navy Coaching Academy are crucial contributions to our collective warfighting mindset.”

The Navy Coaching Academy represents the maturity of Next Generation Navy and its focus on social mastery.

Navy’s investment in social mastery contributes to personal and professional capability through the empowerment of individuals to undertake self-development.

Navy members are able to apply for high-functioning team workshop suites now via the intranet.

For further information on the Navy Coaching Academy, visit <https://horizon.navy.gov.au/article/what-navy-coaching-academy>

## **Soldiers paddle out of their depth to build resilience**

By Major Tom Maclean

3 January 2025 *ADF News and Events*



*Australian Army soldiers from the 7th Brigade conduct sea kayaking during a resilience training course in Twin Water, Queensland.*

**Photo: Sergeant Dustin Anderson**

The Australian Army's 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade joined forces with Paddle Australia to deliver a sea kayaking program designed to build resilience, leadership and teamwork.

Run in partnership with 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade's Combat Behaviour Centre (CBC), the program uses challenging environments to push participants out of their comfort zones and develop skills for military operations.

Training and participation manager for Paddle Australia, Mark Thurgood, said the "zero-to-hero course" was packed into three weeks.

"Soldiers earn a Paddle Australia qualification that enables them to lead similar exercises in the future," he said.

"Beyond the technical skills, it's about putting them in environments they're not used to and pushing their physical and mental limits."

The course combines intensive training with practical challenges. Participants engage in surf sessions, rolling drills and group management scenarios, encouraging soldiers to rely on teamwork and problem-solving to overcome obstacles.

“Sea kayaking is unique because it’s so different from anything most participants have experienced,” Mr Thurgood said. “Whether it’s capsizing in a kayak or navigating tricky landings, the challenges test resilience and adaptability.”

He said the program also had a broader vision of leadership development.

“Earning this qualification gives soldiers a pathway to take their peers or subordinates through similar exercises in the future,” Mr Thurgood said.

“It’s not just about their individual growth but about empowering them to share these experiences and skills with others.”

“Every soldier approaches these challenges differently,” he said.

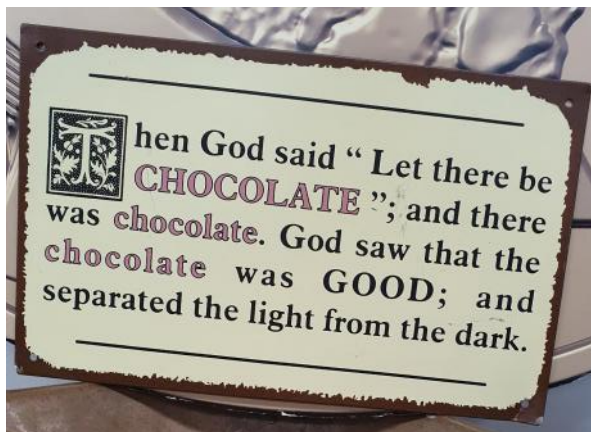
“For some, it’s about staying calm while capsized; for others, it’s navigating tricky surf landings. The point is to help them identify their limits and find ways to overcome them.”

Resilience Training Approving Officer Lieutenant Colonel Matt Clarke, of 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, said helping soldiers achieve these results was at the heart of the training.

“7<sup>th</sup> Brigade foundation war-fighting skills are complemented by resilience training,” Lieutenant Colonel Clarke said.

“Smooth teamwork, quiet confidence and good morale doesn’t just happen – it’s built by junior leaders through a variety of challenging activities, such as the sea-kayaking and high-roping that is conducted by the Combat Behaviours Centre, and I’m very proud of all of the CBC’s instructors and its work that assist our Units to grow.

“Such training hones the attitude and self-belief of our soldiers so they don’t hesitate to demonstrate initiative when it counts most.”



## Enhancing security with new capability

By Corporal Steven Lawton

31 December 2024 *ADF News and Events*



*Participants of the first Air Force Test Ranges Squadron Defence Remote Pilot Licence Course, conducted at Evans Head, NSW, and led by Squadron Leader Martin Young.*

Photo: Corporal David Martin

With a large estate of test and training ranges across the country, the Air Warfare Centre's Air Force Test Ranges Squadron (AFTRSQN) has identified uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) as one of the most advantageous security controls that it could implement.

As the current security landscape for all locations is complex, AFTRSQN quickly identified that a training system needed to be created in order to realise a safe, effective and credible UAS capability.

UAS Flight Commander Squadron Leader Martin Young identified the existing Defence Remote Pilot Licence (DRePL) as suitable, and has completed the required processes to deliver the training in-house. Essentially a copy of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approved civilian Remote Pilot Licence (RePL), the DRePL enables night flying, beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) flying and flight above 400 feet.

The team liaised directly with private industry and other ADF units during the concept development phase, quickly identifying the Parrot and Skydio X10 as the ideal platforms for initial employment. Both US-developed platforms have proven to be a significant capability enabler for operators.

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AFTRSQN's UAS Flight has further developed the course to suit the AFTRSQN operating environment, establishing a foundation for the introduction of more capable systems in the near future.

Courses have been conducted at RAAF Base Edinburgh and Evans Head Air Weapons Range, with more courses forecasted to be run across other sites.

AFTRSQN is also conducting further training to provide UAS operators with the required competency to run future DRePL courses for Air force.

Future progression will seek to upskill to larger and newer systems, and continue developing specialist skills such as 3D mapping and change detection. Opportunities to branch into fixed-wing UAS exist and will also be a focus for continued growth allowing for extended BVLOS and the introduction of autonomous missions.

Executive Officer AFTRSQN Squadron Leader Samuel Baldock highlighted that the pace at which they've achieved an organic raise, train, sustain (RTS) capability was exciting.

"The team have leveraged their technical competencies, operational experiences and networks to deliver a capability that has enabled immediate security enhancements," Squadron Leader Baldock said.

The positive effects on AFTRSQN personnel was something not conceived in early planning. While experienced aircrew members developed the course, the majority of participants are from a non-aircrew background.

"Members are trained on key aviation concepts and TTPs (tactics, techniques, procedures), and are able to gain hands-on experience and connection with the air domain that they wouldn't otherwise," Squadron Leader Baldock said.

"It's also been great for team cohesion and moral – I've thoroughly enjoyed the requests for flying suits and allowances, call-sign suggestions and patch/brevet ideas."

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Having realised an organic RTS capability on expedited timelines, AFTRSQN continues to evolve and develop TTPs, and looks towards the introduction of larger more capable UAS soon.

The integration of innovative technologies and collaborative efforts will remain essential as global security dynamics continue to evolve. The advent of AI-powered tools like UAS offer a shift from reactive to proactive capabilities allowing AFTRSQN to continue evolving ahead of the fight.

Given the increased need for AFTRSQN ranges, particularly from coalition and partner nations, the continued application of technology to address security challenges will be vital.

Officer-in-Charge of Evans Head Weapons Range Flight Lieutenant Jason van Rysbergen summed it up best: "We're able to easily and directly connect junior aviators with the air domain, deliver important security effects, and all while having fun. Small effort, high pay-off."

## *Looking at our Allies*

### **Combat operation of the 35mm single-barreled anti-aircraft artillery module "Oerlikon Skyranger Gun" Switzerland / Germany Source: KNDS France**

Copywrite: [Skyranger – Mobile air defence | Rheinmetall](#)



The Oerlikon Skyranger® is a mobile ground based air defence (GBAD) system which can be deployed against air targets at short and very short range and against ground targets.

The Skyranger is equipped with state-of-the-art search and tracking sensors which provide seamless 360° air and ground surveillance and accurate fire control data. The integrated 35 mm Oerlikon Revolver Gun® provides ultimate firepower and precision. Combined with the Oerlikon Ahead® Air Burst Technology an engagement against current and future air threats is highly effective.

The Skyranger family offers mobile defence against all current and future battlefield air threats. The Skyranger combines superior firepower, active and passive sensors and the dynamics needed to engage the most demanding targets performing loiter, pop-up or dive attacks. The use of best-in-class cannon systems means that the Skyranger can stand its

ground against swarming attacks and its mobility means that it can be deployed alongside ground forces or for stationary vital-asset protection. The Skyranger can independently generate its own local air picture whilst its command and control architecture (Skymaster), IFF and data link mean that it can be seamlessly integrated into the battle order and command structure.

Depending on the tactical needs and the required target spectrum, the Skyranger can be equipped with a 35 mm x 228 KDG revolver cannon or a 30 mm x 173 KCE revolver cannon. Both cannons are characterised by a high rate of fire, excellent precision and airburst ammunition. The 35mm calibre offers C-RAM capability and an effective range of up to 4,000m. The 30 mm calibre has an effective range of up to 3,000m and the gun turret is designed to also mount short-range air defence missiles.

The highly modular design approach chosen allows customized active or passive sensor configurations. These include AESA radars, passive panoview systems and optronic packages. Advanced algorithms are used to fuse the sensor data together, classify the targets and support the operators in their decision making. As the threats evolve, so does the Skyranger. Integration of a high-energy laser or vertically launched C-PGM missiles is being explored.

Facebook article:

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**LAST POST**



**Murial Cole**  
5 January, 2025  
RSL Auxillary Member

*May Muriel Rest in Peace*

**STOP PRESS**

*A reminder to everyone*

That your Newsletter will be delivered  
by your Email from this month.

Those Members without Email will have  
a printed version that will have your name on it.

If you don't pick it up at the General Meeting  
it will be posted to you.