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## TOUR – LIFERAFT SYSTEMS

On Thursday 19 July, members of Hobart Branch toured the factory of Liferaft Systems Australia at Prince of Wales Bay. It was a fascinating episode to learn of the world -wide reputation the company has. It was recently announced the company had a contract worth \$10m to supply life -saving equipment to the RAN for their new frigates coming into service. After the tour, the group adjourned to the Carlyle Hotel in Derwent Park for a very enjoyable lunch.

Some photos of the event are opposite and below



Table 1 at the Carlyle for lunch



The two groups of Hobart Members who toured the factory photographed with one of the Life Rafts.



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Table 2 at the Carlyle for lunch

## NAVY PRESENTATION



**Commander Bob Curtis, CO Navy HQ TAS is pictured receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Commander Norm MacMillan. CMDR Curtis delivered a most informative and thought provoking presentation on 'The Navy and the Nation' at the meeting on Thursday 17 May 2018.**

## Historic photo – Bridging a Century 1917 - 2017



*This historic photo shows a Bristol Fighter of No 1 SQN Australian Flying Corps (AFC) which flew in the Middle East in 1917 and an F/A-18F Super Hornet of No 1 SQN RAAF which flew in the Middle East in 2017. 100 years of separation and a great historical photo.*

## DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER

CAPT Bob Fielding, who was a member of the RUSI of Tasmania until his move to Canberra, died on Thursday 14 June 2018. Bob was graduate of Scheyville Officer Training Unit and was a Captain in the Military Police when he left the Army. Bob served in Tasmania Police and reached the rank of Commander. His son Craig is a senior officer in the SAS and his daughter, Amanda, is a Colonel in the Army. **RIP Bob.**

## COLONEL REG BEESLEY AM

*Colonel Reg Beesley AM, a former Commander of 6<sup>th</sup> Military District (Tasmania) 1984-1988, passed away in Canberra on Saturday 09 June 2018.*

*Reg was also a former CO of the SASR and served in Vietnam as an SASR Squadron Commander.*

*He is survived by his wife, Trish, and four children. He was 80 years of age and had suffered ill health for a number of years.*

**RIP Reg, fine soldier.**

## AN ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE

On Thursday 21 June 2018, WGCDCR Ben Cullen, Senior Air Force Officer Tasmania, gave a most interesting and thought provoking presentation on ADF Antarctic Operations.

He even distributed sweets to those members of the audience who correctly answered his questions. My mother always told me to beware of men who you offered you sweets!!!! but Ben came through OK.

Some photos of the night are below and opposite.



Members Dining at the President's Table before the Presentation.

Left: AVM Scully, CMDR Bob Curtis, MAJ Malcolm McWilliams, WGCDCR Charles Hill (President), Mr Jared Yost and LTCOL Mark Cooper



WGCDR Ben Cullen being presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Air Vice-Marshal Peter Scully AO.



The SOUTH POLE  
(Looks a bit like a Barber's Pole)