

LAA SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SITE VISIT & DINNER MEETING NOVEMBER 26 2008

Many local LAA members took the opportunity to meet at the RAAF Edinburgh Base with fellow RAAF logisticians. Wing Commander Grant Pinder welcomed those present and gave us an interesting presentation of the base history, the lodger units on the base, the operational focus of the base, the TennixToll partnership for warehousing and the role of the 92 Wing with its maritime intelligence, surveillance, anti submarine and search and rescue operations. Wing Commander Pinder then discussed the major capital works that commenced on site and will continue for the next two years in order that the 7th RAR Battalion Group's 2000 plus personnel and their families can relocate from Darwin to Edinburgh base in 2011.



The group toured the Toll warehouse on base and had many questions around the service standards, the storage equipment and overall utilisation. Unlike many commercial businesses the site stores some equipment for many years as part of the maintenance support task. One interesting point of differentiation was that as aircraft become obsolete it can take many years to negotiate the return of the aircraft and parts to the actual owner.

The group then went "airside" to inspect the smaller immediate parts warehouse adjacent to the aircraft maintenance hangers. Thank you to Squadron Leader Jan Thorvaldsson who gave an overview of how they supply kits for aircraft to meet the needs varying operational roles as well as the high volume spare parts to the maintenance hangers.

The group then had the opportunity to inspect one of the Orion AP3C aircraft in the hanger. This was a highlight for all the civilians present and there was a lot of interest in facilities and equipment that was on board.



The members were then hosted at the Officers Mess with refreshments and a presentation by Martin James of Jones Lang LaSalle. Martin's presentation provided an overview of the industrial property market, the future market cost drivers and the main site selection criteria that many clients have.

Many thanks to Squadron Leader Stewart Freeman for his co-ordination while on site and ensuring no-one ended up with the base security forces and their dogs of course.