



## The Old Fliers Group

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In opening the meeting, I mentioned that I had attended a Rotary meeting to celebrate World Rotary Polio Day where Patsy Millett was a guest speaker. She is the sister of Robin Miller and daughter of Captain Horrie Miller.

Truly aviation royalty.

Here today were Stephanie and Rob Vaughan-Johnson. Stephanie is helping Vaughan record his memories of the day in 1983 when he flew his Sikorsky S76 to rescue crew from the stricken Bay Biscayne oil rig.

This will be posted on our YouTube channel in due course.

Vern Benjamin returned to complete his telling of the history of the South African Air Force between 1960 and 1980.

These were the years when the UN placed an embargo on military imports.

Supplying and maintaining an Air Force was very difficult especially during the "Border wars" period.



Our second speaker was the former President of the Australian Ex Services Atomic Survivors Association, Rex Kaye.

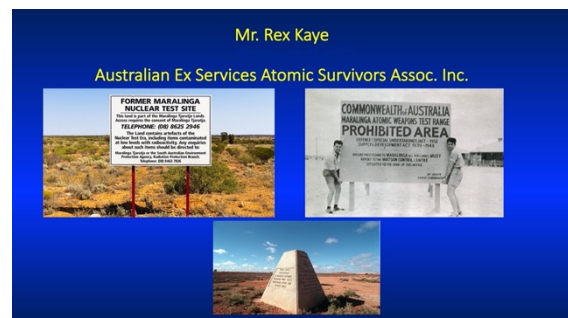
Rex spoke of his time in the Royal Australian Air Force.

At Wommera Rocket Range he was tasked with washing aircraft and sweeping hangar floors.

Little did he realise, or was told, that these aircraft were contaminated with the dust from nuclear testing.

In later years he developed leukemia which his doctor postulated was because of exposure to radiation.

Service personnel and contractors brought in to clean up the sites didn't appreciate the health risks they were incurring.



Our November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the last for 2021.

Lunch will be followed by Christmas pudding.

Will you join us?

In the New Year, on January 28 we will recommence.

A yearly membership fee of \$25 can be paid on the day.

Regards

Steve Rogers.