

Building Australia's Defence



Redback Infantry Fighting Vehicle

Originally set out to get 1,100 in 2004.

Now getting 129.

That is one for each 209,000
Australians.

Not enough.

David Archibald

Old Flyers Group, Perth, 26th June 2024

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Numbers were less than desirable today. Just 35 people shared lunch. It is disappointing to see the lack of support for the Old Fliers Group.

If it becomes uneconomical to stage these luncheon talks then there will be an end to 21 years of history. The most common excuse to not attend has been the shift from Fridays to Wednesdays. Yes, this may disadvantage some, but also advantages an equal number for whom a Wednesday is better. Other claim that they miss the Bain Marie smorgasbord. The costs to provide this now is exorbitant. An excellent compromise was the \$18 offering we have now. Some have complained about that. The \$18 also covers the reward we now give to our presenters. The future of the OFG luncheons is up to our members.

Our presenter today was David Archibald. His topic: "Building Australia's Defence". David's research covered the threat that China poses to the region, the Ukrainian-Russian conflict and the state of Australia's military preparedness. David has strong views on all of these topics. David spoke fluently for 90 minutes, without reference to notes. Very impressive. Our next meeting is Wednesday 24th of July. Steve Rogers
Coordinator