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**AP-3C Orion to be delivered to the South Australian Aviation Museum**

**What:** The main components of a Royal Australian Air Force AP-3C Orion aircraft, from No. 92 Wing at RAAF Base Edinburgh, will be delivered to the South Australian Aviation Museum (SAAM) by truck.

**When:** Sunday, 10 December 2017, at approximately 9.00am.

**Where:**  South Australian Aviation Museum, 66 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide.

**Who:** A representative from the RAAF and SAAM will be available for interview.

**Background:**

The main components of a RAAF AP-3C Orion aircraft, consisting of the fuselage, wing and tail, will be delivered to the South Australian Aviation Museum (SAAM) in Port Adelaide on the morning of Sunday 10 December 2017.

The aircraft is expected to arrive between 9.00am and 9.30am, but this is subject to change.

The aircraft, tail number A9-756 was the RAAF’s sixth Orion aircraft serving with No. 92 Wing at RAAF Base Edinburgh since 1978. A9-756 has participated in all the operational and training roles and tasks undertaken by 92WG and has provided excellent service to 10SQN, 92WG and the wider ADF during its 39 years of service with Air Force.

As part of the disposal process, SAAM was successful in acquiring the aircraft for future display at the Museum.

The Orion has been in service with the RAAF for nearly 50 years earning a remarkable operational record operating around the globe in a variety of roles and missions. Based at RAAF Edinburgh, the RAAF Orion aircraft has also become a local icon of South Australia’s skies conducting training missions, flypasts and support to local emergencies around South Australia.

The AP-3C is in the process of a graduated withdrawal from service, with the aircraft due to retire in 2019 when it reaches its life of type.

The AP-3C is being replaced by the P-8A Poseidon; the first aircraft arrived in 2016.

The South Australian Aviation Museum will display the aircraft in 2018.

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