

Narrow escape for A12 radar



A severe thunderstorm in Brisbane recently blew several large branches onto the shelter protecting the AN/KPQ-1 radar A12. The radar wasn't damaged but it was a near miss for A12 radar with only minor damage to the shelter.



As 2I/C Major Geoff Meekan stated, "A12 radar is a significant and irreplaceable piece of the Regiment's and RAA history, being directly linked to the events on and IVO the ATF's Nui Dat base that precipitated the Battle of Long Tan – It's our part of cultural heritage!"

With commendable initiative Geoff had the radar removed to safe storage. Repairs to the shelter and assessment by an arborist of the "offending" gumtree will be done before it's reinstalled before ANZAC Day.

We invite you all to attend the Locator's reunion in Brisbane as 20th STA Regiment, with the support of LSTAA, are planning a dedication service of the A12 radar during the open day on Friday 12th October. It will be dedicated to the service of the 463 who served with Det. 131 Div Loc Bty in South Vietnam between 1966 and 1971.