

A Penguin missile is launched by a United States Navy SH-60B Seahawk.



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### RNZAF Skyhawks fly from *Albatross* for the last time

No 2 Squadron RNZAF flew from *Albatross* for the last time and the familiar shape and unmistakable sound of the A-4 Skyhawk left Australian skies. The squadron's departure was the result of the New Zealand Government's decision to disband the RNZAF's air combat element and withdraw the aircraft based at *Albatross*. The RNZAF Skyhawks had been at

*Albatross* since February 1991 and provided the ADF, particularly the RAN, with air defence training during exercises.

At a personal level, many RNZAF families had developed strong bonds of friendship with RAN colleagues and the Shoalhaven community. They were farewelled with a Chapel service, followed by a march out from *Albatross* and a civic reception at the (then) Museum of Flight.

Three RNZAF Skyhawks over HMAS *Creswell* in Jervis Bay.

