

In October, AAHU participated in another Heritage “pop-up display” as party of ***Army Innovation Day*** in Canberra. Demonstrating that innovation has always been part of soldiering in the Australian Army, some truly innovative heritage items were on display, including:

- The Loughrey Rifle, a Bullpup-rifle developed by Kevin Loughrey whilst studying at the Royal Military College Duntroon in the early 1970s;
- a Multiple Claymore firing device improvised by an Engineer Officer in Vietnam, and later mass-produced by the US Army;
- two hand-grenades, including the post-WW1 Boomerang Hand Grenade – an unsuccessful but uniquely Australian attempt to develop a hand-grenade that could be thrown a long-distance.



Captain John Land (AAHU) briefs Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Ric Burr, and Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army, Warrant Officer Grant McFarlane. The Loughrey Rifle is directly in from of General Burr.

Note: The RMC Museum has on display a full sized plaster copy of the Loughrey rifle. It looks completely real. The original is in the Infantry Museum armoury, Singleton in firing condition.