



# ANZAC DAY 2017

Aircraft from the Biggin Hill Historic Aircraft centre at RNZAF Ohakea will again be conducting flypasts around the Manawatu/Rangitikei/Whanganui region on ANZAC Day. As 2017 marks the 80th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the 1944 Supermarine Spitfire and 1945 Grumman Avenger from the Biggin Hill collection will be joined by a 1942 North American Harvard from the RNZAF Historic Flight and one of the new Beechcraft Texan 2's from 14 Squadron.

This unique formation will follow the following schedule:

Depart Ohakea	0950
Sanson	0953
Rongotea	0955
Palmerston North	1000
Ashhurst	1004
Pohongina	1007
Apiti	1013
Huntermville	1020
Aramoho Cemetery	1032
Whanganui	1033
Whanganui Airport	1034
Marton	1043
Halcombe	1047
Feilding	1050
Bulls	1055
Ohakea	1100



The RNZAF aircraft in the formation cover 75 years of RNZAF service and the Avenger is representative of the Pacific campaign in WW2 and the Spitfire the New Zealand contribution to the war in the air over Europe.

Pilots: Grumman Avenger - SQNLDR Jim Rankin (Formation Leader)  
 Supermarine Spitfire - SQNLDR Sean Perrett  
 North American Harvard - FLTLT Stuart Anderson  
 Beechcraft Texan 2 - SQNLDR Hayden Sheard