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Tenders open for Caribou

Member for Page Janelle Saffin is encouraging local historical organisations and Returned Service Organisations to tender for the retired Caribou aircraft.

Two of the aircraft will be reserved for sale to historical organisations that will preserve the aircraft as flying examples of our military heritage.

A number of Caribou components will also be made available only to historical organisations and Returned Service Organisations, such as RSLs.

“The Caribou has a special place in the hearts of local residents,” Ms Saffin said.

“It played a major role in the relief efforts during the 1967 floods in Grafton and the 1974 floods in Casino.

“The aircraft was famous for its ability to take off and land on short and unprepared runways.

“It was this unique ability which allowed the Caribou to play a major role in the flood relief operations.

“The Caribou aircraft have had a long history with the Australian Defence Force.

“They were first brought into service during the Vietnam War and have served with distinction for 45 years.”

During service, the Caribou aircraft were based at RAAF Base Richmond NSW, RAAF Base Amberley QLD and RAAF Base Townsville QLD.

Interested parties should go to www.tenders.gov.au or contact the Defence Disposals Agency on 9393 2914 for more information.

The closing date for tenders is March 1, 2011.

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