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MEDIA, NEWS & EVENTS**Flying high - the Spitfire lives on**

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Dr Nigel Greenwood was awarded the Spitfire Memorial Defence Fellowship at UNSW last night for his project *Blue Mongoose*, an artificial intelligence guidance system for air defence against cruise missiles.

The Fellowship assists those undertaking postgraduate studies or research that will lead to an improvement in the defence of Australia. It also creates a lasting memorial of the important contribution of the Spitfire and its Squadrons during World War 2.


"Nigel's work is very innovative. It's so encouraging to see that the quality of the recipients of the Fellowship is in keeping with the reputation that was established in the Battle of Britain, Malta and the defence of Darwin by Spitfire Squadrons," said Ted Sly, Vice-President of the Spitfire Association and co-founder of the Fellowship.

The Fellowship will enable Dr Greenwood, CEO of the Blue Mongoose Guidance Systems company, to continue the development and validation of *Blue Mongoose*, the culmination of 14 years research and development originating in his PhD at the University of Queensland on differential game theory, the mathematics of strategy and conflict. The project has already gained the support of former Chief of Air Force (RAAF) Air Marshall Errol McCormack and the Hon. John Moore (former Minister for Defence).

Air Marshall McCormack attended the ceremony along with 91-yr-old Air Vice-Marshal Ian Esplin, a former Nightfighter pilot and Australian Rhodes Scholar, members of the Spitfire Association, former fellowship recipient Dr Frances Miley from the School of Business at ADFA, Vice-Chancellor Professor Mark Wainwright and other senior UNSW staff.



Ian Esplin and Dr Greenwood

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