

Cold War Warriors

Cold War Warriors tells the little-known story of the operations by the Royal Australian Air Force's P-3 Orions during the latter years of the Cold War. The aircraft's largely low-profile missions, usually flown far from their base, were often shrouded by confidentiality. Now, access to declassified documents has allowed this story to be told. From the lead-up to their delivery in 1968, to the end of the Cold War in 1991; from the intrigues associated with the procurement of the aircraft and subsequent upgrades, to perilous moments experienced by the aircraft and their crews while conducting operations; and from triumphs to tragedies; *Cold War Warriors* documents the P-3's service in the RAAF in the context of the unfolding domestic and international events that shaped the aircraft's evolving missions. As well as being a story of the RAAF Orions and their growing capabilities, *Cold War Warriors* is also the story of the crews who flew the aircraft. Using their words, *Cold War Warriors* faithfully describes a number of incidents, both on the ground, and in the air, to provide a sense of the enormous breadth of service the P-3 Orion has provided to the Royal Australian Air Force, to Australia and to our allies.