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Australian Peacekeepers Magazine attempts to provide insight into the experiences of peacekeepers, Defence members and war veterans and the issues that confront them together with encouraging informed debate regarding issues dealing with but not limited to Commonwealth compensation, pensions, superannuation and occupational health and safety that affect peacekeepers and their families. We welcome input from members and would love to feature personal experiences in each issue. Please email the editor with any stories you would like to see printed. The views expressed in the articles are those of the particular author and not those of the Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Association (APPVA). The APPVA will not be legally responsible in contract, tort or otherwise for any statement made in the articles in this publication.

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## 8 Cover Story Commemorating our Service to the Nation 1911-2011





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# From the President's Desk

Hello and Welcome, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Allan Thomas and it is with great pleasure that I accept the appointment as the Interim National President of the Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Association effective 17th July 2011, I will remain in this capacity until our Quarterly and Annual General Meeting which will be held in Brisbane on the 22nd October 2011.

I served in the Australian Regular Army from 1983 to 1998 as an infantryman along the South East Coast of Australia with numerous battalions and Reserve battalions as Cadre Staff. I had one tour overseas as a Peacekeeper as part of the Multinational Force & Observers, Sinai, in the Arab Republic of Egypt in 1995-1996. Since leaving the Defence Force I worked amongst Ex-Service Organisations within New South Wales as a pension's officer on behalf of the veteran community. I am heavily involved within NSW attending several State Veteran Forums; I am also a Training Information Program (TIP) Presenter and a member of the National Defence Emerging Issues Forum in Canberra.

I was the APPVA NSW Branch President up until my recent appointment as the Interim National President of APPVA. I would like to take this time and farewell our past President Mr Dave Penson CSM, for his contributions and wish him well in his endeavours. Mr Penson will remain an integral part of the team as the association's representative on a Department of Veterans' Affairs and Defence Consultative Forum to the Timor Leste Family Study.

I would like to thank our members around Australia for their continued support. Without your contributions we, as an association, would not be able to represent you in matters pertaining to your entitlements both at National and State levels. We can only become stronger in unity, so tell your service friends or former members of the ADF & Police to support our endeavours to ensure that government bodies do not erode current entitlements/pay for you and your family.

So far we have representation on most National Forums and continue to provide feedback to our current financial members regarding any changes to legislation that may impact on current and former members of the ADF. We have advocates who are well versed in current and past legislation that provide a high quality of service to current and former members of the ADF & Police (Overseas service) free of charge, so don't be disadvantaged and seek advice from our friendly advocates who are located in all state regional areas within Australia.

This year alone the Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Association have responded to reviews pertaining to the current legislative Acts that being Veterans' Entitlement Act (VEA) 1986, Safety Rehabilitation Compensation Act (SRCA) 1988 and Military Rehabilitation Compensation Act (MRCA) 2004 as well as Honours & Awards and Commonwealth Superannuation policies ensuring that the veterans needs and entitlements are met.

I would like to thank all the National Executive, State President's and committee members for their ongoing voluntary support they provide to the association over

the years which has seen us maintain a high degree of credibility amongst other Ex-Service Organisation and Government bodies. We continue to support the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia through a Memorandum of Agreement which has been in force now for several years and will continue to do so.

At present the APPVA are currently reviewing BEST Funding for our paid practioners as this will only ensure that our members and those within the veteran's community are being informed of their entitlements and to advise those members who seek our help that they are being represented by highly qualified TIP Trained Practioners who are well conversed in all legislative Acts.

This year alone the APPVA have made recommendations to the Military Rehabilitation Compensation Commission (MRCC) in regards to the current legislation (MRCA) that affects the contemporary younger veteran of the modern day era by means of Compensation Offsetting, Service Differentiation, incapacity payments and other entitlement matters.

The APPVA are currently liaising with the Minister of Veterans' Affairs regarding the reduction in BEST Funding, as well as discussing future funding for the Peacekeepers Memorial in Canberra as this has been one of our main priorities.

On 22 October 2011 the APPVA QGM/AGM will be conducted in Brisbane if you would like to attend please visit our website [www.peacekeepers.asn.au](http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au) for more information, or the APPVA Facebook Site. I look forward to meeting you all there on the day.

I would like to thank those people in particular Paul Copeland our current APPVA National Chief Executive Officer and Mick Quinn the Victorian APPVA President who have continually responded to legislative matters, Honours & Awards, Superannuation policy changes and reviews in the past that may have had a significant impact on current and past members of the ADF and AFP needs and entitlements.

As I progress into my tenure as your Interim National President, I will endeavour to liaise with the National Executive and State President's and discuss issue's both past and current and determine how we could best manage these affairs. I look forward to catching up with you all during my appointment as the Interim National President.

Kind Regards  
Allan Thomas JP  
Interim National  
President



# From the Editor's Desk

## Introduction

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Peacekeeper. There have been some changes to our management team since our last edition and I would like to thank Gordon Trill for his dedication to the Peacekeeper Magazine for the past four years. Gordon was also the APPVA National Vice President for three years and was a great confidant to me during my time as the National President. He dedicated himself to the APPVA for almost 6 years and continues to do so.

Gordon has placed the APPVA Peacekeeper back on the agenda by his networking and exceptional efforts. Gordon continues to assist the Peacekeeper Magazine and will continue with the many book reviews that we are regularly approached by publishers.

I also wish the previous National President, David Penson CSM, all the best in his future endeavours. David is an enthusiastic member of the APPVA and has done much to promote the organisation. He continues in this worthy role.

I welcome Allan Thomas JP, as the interim National President of the APPVA, until Elections are held at the APPVA National Conference in Brisbane on Saturday, 22nd October 2011. Allan still holds the position as the APPVA NSW Branch President and is very active in delivering training for the Training Information Program (TIP) in NSW.

Allan's dedication to the APPVA has seen the growth of the APPVA in NSW. He is a very credible and personable member and has the best interests of the APPVA in mind. His approaches to Government and other Agencies, including the Ex-service Organisations is impeccable.

## Politics

The political scene for our veterans has seen bitter disappointment from a number of decisions made by the Government. These decisions are causing the lowest morale in the veteran community that I have been involved with in 14 years. Veterans are justifiably confused when they witness millions of tax-payer's dollars wasted on a number of areas.

Of particular note is that whilst it is a gesture of good-will and respect that are made by politicians toward our fallen in Afghanistan and other service deaths, veterans view this as a contradiction in terms of the ongoing treatment of veterans. The terms of contradiction is that they attend these funerals and photo opportunities, praise the service of ADF members and veterans, and then treat veterans poorly in terms of cost-cutting, difficulties in time taken to process compensation claims, the difficulties of multiple-eligibility and a range of other non-beneficial approaches by bureaucrats.

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Examples are that the Prime Minister will state at these funerals that the service, courage and sacrifice of our ADF is held in the highest regard, however we have seen the

refusal to properly index COMSUPER (Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefit Fund (DFRDB); and Military Superannuation Benefits Scheme (MSBS); pensions for retirement pay and invalidity in line with other pensions at the higher Public Beneficiary Cost of Living Index, instead of the Consumer Price Indexation.

We have seen the erosion of a previously enjoyed veteran entitlement of the Temporary Incapacity Allowance (TIA), which is under the Veteran Entitlement Act 1986 (VEA), taken away from eligible VEA veterans, without consulting the veteran community.

Other areas have seen difficulties in seeking Tax-Deductibility status of the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) for the APPVA and the Peacekeeping Memorial. What is so hard for the Government to approve the DGR status for two organisations that are Not-For-Profit, which is primarily run by volunteers, that provides a noble service to the veteran community and to Australia in general?

## Military Rehabilitation & Compensation Arrangements Review

The APPVA has responded with the Viet Nam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA), to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Arrangements Review Report. The APPVA spent almost 30 hours consulting with the Secretariat of the Review via Teleconference. The final draft was delivered and we await the outcomes of this Review.

The primary area of concern was the discrimination or "service differential" of Peacetime or normal Defence Service. In many cases, the Permanent Impairment of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA) for Warlike and Non-warlike service is 80% higher in value than Peacetime service. This is an unsatisfactory predicament for those who have dedicated their lives training for war, but who unfortunately did not attain the injury, wound or illness overseas.

There are a number of other points made by the APPVA, in which there has been Support toward a number of the Recommendations from the Review Report. There are also some substantial recommendations that are not satisfactory for our members, constituents and those who hold eligibility under the MRCA. We are hopeful that logic will prevail over financial implications from the Government.

## Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) Funding

Most ESO have been very disappointed in the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) cost-cutting of the BEST Funding. In terms of the APPVA, we rely heavily on this funding to perform our core business to those who have served in the ADF and Police Peacekeepers.

The APPVA experienced a significant reduction in funding for our salaried positions. As a result we have had to significantly reduce the hours of our practitioners. The outcome of this will be reduced service available to current and ex-serving members of the ADF and veterans.

The APPVA has been booked out 3 months in advance at the Heidelberg Repatriation Veteran Centre (HRVC). Our

Level 4 Advocate has this year alone handled more than 35 Veteran Review Boards (VRB) and 16 Administrative Appeal Tribunals (AAT).

The flow-on effect of this reduction of funding will be limited servicing to our clientele. In addition, our representation on VRB and AAT will now be severely limited. The people who are going to be disadvantaged from this reduction of funds are not realistically the ESO or this association. It will be to the detriment of the veteran and his/her family.

VRB's will increase, and so will the hearings at the AAT. Lawyers will be the primary beneficiary in this approach by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs. As the Reviews and Appeal increase, so too will the cost and burden on the Department.

Millions of dollars of tax-payer funds will be used to fight claims at the Appeal levels. The well-being of Younger Veterans will be put into high risk. Dare I say it, but I feel that we may witness an unfortunate increase in suicides as a result of these Departmental measures.

All of these points are in direct contravention of the Dunt Review Recommendations of which the majority were accepted by the Rudd Government. We were expecting the funding of salaries to be on a 3-year life cycle, with new salaried positions reduced from 52 weeks of salary to 44 weeks.

This situation needs to change with funding restored and the option provided for expansion of these vital services to the veteran community.

### Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project

I call on all readers, whether you are a Peacekeeper/Peacemaker or not, to please consider donating to the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee. The Committee is headed by Major General Tim Ford AO (Retired), who has been with the Committee since its inception.

The Committee have worked tirelessly to promote the Memorial and to encourage Giving Programs. One method of paying is through the Mates of Peacekeeping Giving Program. Simply allot \$5 or more per month into the Memorial and you will help contribute to building the Memorial on ANZAC Avenue in Canberra.

For those who are Peacekeepers/Peacemakers I implore you to assist with funding, donations and providing awareness to the wider community of the significance of this Memorial.

It is for us, for those who have served those who continue to serve and those who will serve in the future. It will be a living memorial, commemorating the courage, service and sacrifice of our ADF and Police members since 1947 and 1964 respectively to the current day and well into the future.

Please visit the Peacekeeping Memorial site and register as a Mate of Peacekeeping and spread the word. The link: <http://www.peacekeepingmemorial.org.au/>

### Is our service, courage and sacrifice not worthy?

Whilst veterans are in a poor morale, questions have been raised by a number of Young Veterans – "Is our service, courage and sacrifice not worthy to this Government?" I must admit, since late 2007, I have not seen anything of a real positive outcome for our veterans.

There is fear that DVA will be morphed into Centrelink. We sincerely hope that this is not true. The Government made a promise to Veterans in 1921, that is, that they will be looked after.

Commemorations have a positive effect in terms of public recognition flowing onto the continued funding of DVA and our veteran entitlements. The Public holds veterans in high esteem. Those who have selflessly served this country hold an enviable reputation as being among the best in the world. These Australians are not only soldiers, sailors, airmen; airwomen or police officers. They are ambassadors to Australia in difficult and arduous circumstances.

Australia is justifiably proud of our Defence and Police men and women. They carry on the ANZAC Tradition that was hard fought and won on Gallipoli. To wear the uniform of this country is an honour for those who serve, as they follow the footsteps of their fore-fathers and continue to show the mateship, courage and tenacity in war, peacekeeping operations and even serving at home.

Yes, our service is worthy; however we have been placed into a number of disadvantaged clauses of policy. This needs to change.

Paul Copeland.  
Editor and National Secretary  
18 August 2011

**Corrections** for winter issue: pages 1 & 6 should read "Special Air Service Regiment Soldier awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia."

## Australia's 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peacekeeping Involvement

On behalf of Major General Tim Ford, AO (Retd),  
Chair of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Committee,  
I warmly invite you to commemorate the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Australia's involvement in Peacekeeping.

The Commemorative Service, to be held at the  
AUSTRALIAN PEACEKEEPING MEMORIAL site on ANZAC Parade Canberra.

Wednesday 14 Sep 11 Commencing at 11 AM

We further invite you or your representative to lay a wreath.



*Ian Gordon*  
MAJGEN Ian Gordon (Retd), AO, Vice Chair

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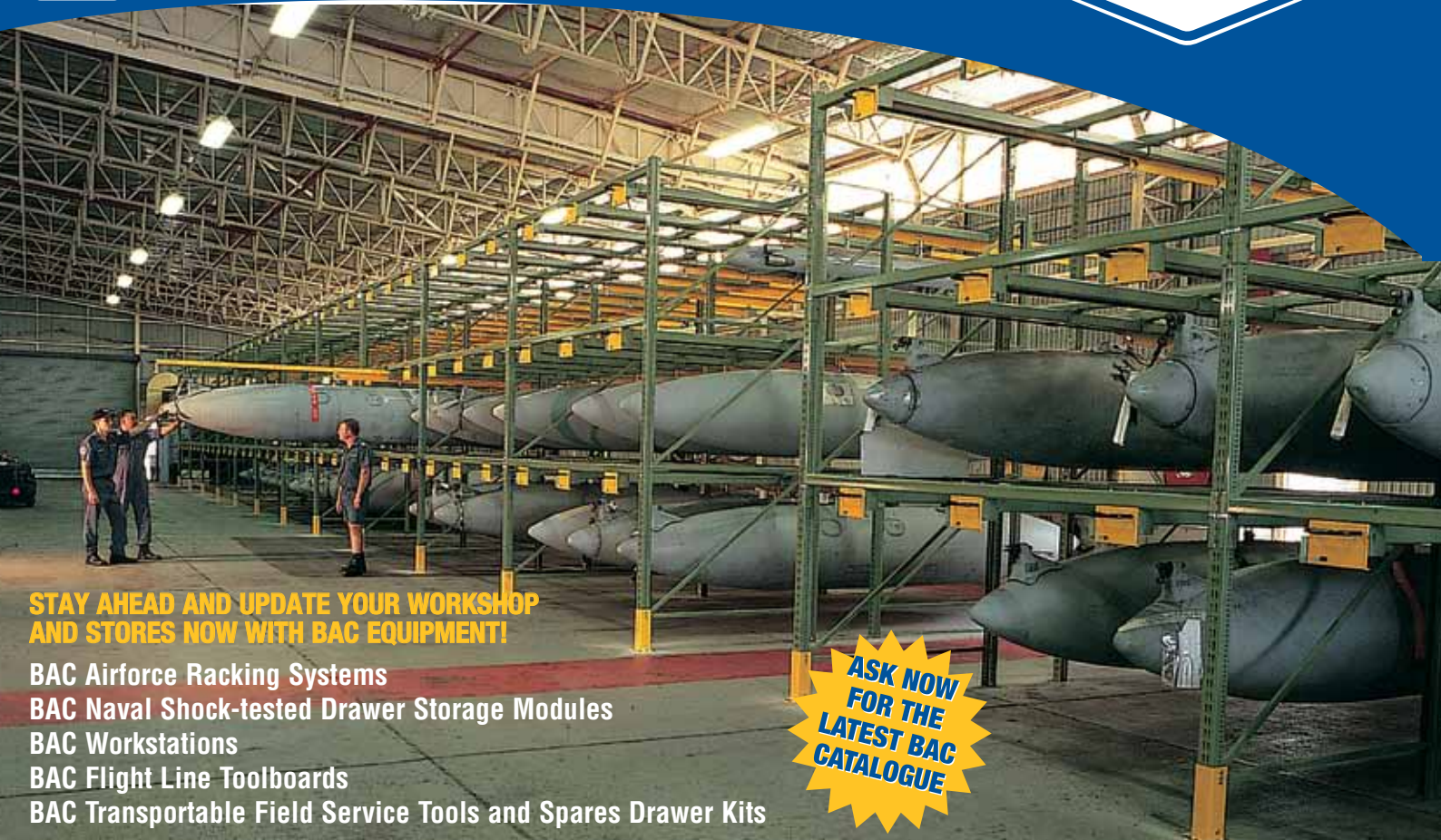
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# Letters to the Editor

## History

To reiterate our discussion:

I am a historian with a PhD in Australian cultural history, from La Trobe University (2005).

I aim to write a book about peacekeepers in the 1990s. This will be a long project. It is also a private project with no financial backing, but I believe that it needs to be done to increase recognition of our peacekeepers and their tremendous efforts. With no affiliations to any academic or other institution, I have no agenda to push, other than to represent the experiences of peacekeepers.

My approach is to get people to talk about their experiences in terms of what is important to them; from the most inspiring and happy times, through to the mundane, and the reality of the 'difficult stuff'; to capture the diversity of individual experiences and voices. I also want to give readers a sense of what it was like 'in the field', and how people reflect on what they have experienced.

I am looking for people to interview who served in Somalia (your suggestion that anyone, rather than just the 1RAR deployment, is a good one); the first deployments to Timor (2RAR, 3RAR); and Bougainville.

It would be an honour to interview anyone who is willing to help.

I am based in Beechworth, NE Victoria, but am able to do some travel.

Many thanks,  
Jacqui Durrant  
Email: jacqui@jacquidurrant.net

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<http://touchbase.gov.au/>

## Army Combat Badge

Paul,

Letting you know that I have received my [Army Combat Badge] ACB in the mail. Thanks for your assistance, which was excellent as usual.

Thanks, and I hope to catch you some time soon (this year would be good).

PS. All sorted with Kev, confirmed all details again. All good

Nick Hannay

*Editor: Recent changes to the Army Combat Badge criterion has seen veterans of FCU UNTAC and ASC UNAMIR II receive the award as a result of their direct support to Combat Teams. Contact the APPVA for further information.*

## In the Service of Peace – The Future Commemorations of Peace Operations

### This Project

This project will examine the way retired and current ADF personnel commemorate peace operations, and the role of the ADF, veterans and the broader community in such commemorations. This thesis may provide Defence and associated agencies with a greater understanding of the attitudes ADF personnel have to their service, while they are still serving and once they are working and living outside the ADF culture/community. The research and resulting findings could provide some input into future policy making relevant to Australian Peacekeeping commemorative activities.

### Name the investigator

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Mr Jeff Doyle: [JC.Doyle@adfa.edu.au](mailto:JC.Doyle@adfa.edu.au)

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# Commemorating our 1911 -





# Service to the Nation - 2011

Navy personnel at Al Minhad Air Base celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the creation of the Royal Australian Navy with a cake cutting in the Combined Mess. While HMAS TOOWOOMBA conducts her deployment to the MEAO another group of sailors are serving the nation in an area a long way from the sea. At Al Minhad Air Base (AMAB) in the UAE some 30 Navy personnel, ranging in rank from Able Seaman to Commander, are carrying out a myriad of tasks in support of Australian Defence Force operations both at sea and on land. Navy personnel can be found providing communications, administrative, finance, catering, legal and logistics support in direct support of operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and the waters of the Middle East. The recently arrived Force Communications Unit has four Navy personnel serving in it and soon another 15 RAN personnel will arrive in theatre when the Force Support Unit changes out. The bulk of Navy personnel serving at AMAB are within Headquarters Joint Task Force 633. Photo by Lieutenant Alistair Tomlinson



# COMMEMORATING THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY'S SERVICE TO THE NATION



The Royal Australian Navy will commemorate the centenary of key historical events of significance to the Navy and the Nation from 2011.

Australia's Navy has been serving Australia with pride since Federation. It first came into being as the Commonwealth Naval Forces on 1 March 1901, as a small coastal defence force. In 1909, in response to increasing international tensions and the recognition that Australia needed to assume full responsibility for its broader maritime defence, the nation embarked on a significant naval expansion program. Its aim was to create a national navy capable of both defending Australia's maritime interests and contributing to regional defence.

To reflect this responsibility and maturity, on 10 July 1911, King George V approved Australia's request to have the 'Royal' prefix attached to the Navy's title.

Australia's new fleet took several years to build but, on 4 October 1913, the powerful flagship HMAS *Australia* (I) led a force of cruisers and destroyers into Sydney Harbour for the first time. The Australian Fleet was greeted by thousands of cheering citizens lining the foreshores; a moment of great national pride and importance, one recognised as a key symbol of Australia's progress to nationhood.

Less than a year later, as war loomed, the fleet was completed with the arrival of Australia's first submarines. The Royal Australian Navy went on to play a full and active part in defeating or deterring forces which threatened our national maritime interests during World War I.

## Remembering key historical events

Proposed key commemorative events which will promote the RAN's service to the Nation during times of peace and war, include:

- Commemoration of granting of 'Royal' prefix, on 10 July 1911, with a Reception in Sydney in July 2011
- Commemoration of the first RAN fleet entry into Sydney Harbour with an International Fleet Review in Sydney in October 2013
- Celebration of 100 years of RAN submarine service in early 2014
- Commemoration of RAN operations in New Guinea and the loss of *AE1* in September 2014
- Commemoration of the ANZEF troop convoy departure from Albany in November 2014
- Commemoration of the HMAS *Sydney* (I) – SMS *Emden* battle at Cocos Islands in November 2014
- Commemoration of Navy support to the Gallipoli landings and the loss of *AE2* in April 2015
- STS Young Endeavour world voyage in 2015 involving youth from Australia and New Zealand and engaging youth in Turkey in April 2015

The Director Navy Heritage Collection (DNHC) will support public agencies and museums for relevant commemorative events and exhibitions.

Navy will commemorate key events of significance at the national level.

Relevant naval associations may have plans for their own commemorative activities and they may submit a request via the Navy website to have their events listed in the Commemorative Events Calendar.

## SERVING AUSTRALIA SINCE FEDERATION

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**HMAS Toowoomba, an Anzac Class Frigate, at sea in the Arabian Gulf. HMAS Toowoomba has commenced its role in Operation SLIPPER after replacing HMAS Stuart in early June. Toowoomba has deployed to the Middle Eastern Area of Operations (MEAO) as part of the Combined Maritime Force, which is responsible for maritime security operations in the Gulf region, the maritime environment around the Horn of Africa, and counter piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden. Toowoomba is the 26th rotation by a Royal Australian Navy ship to the MEAO since 2001. Photo by Lieutenant Alistair Tomlinson**



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# Younger Veteran Memorial Dedicated

By Phil Pyke.

A unique memorial commemorating the service of Defence, police and UN personnel who have served on UN and post Vietnam operations was dedicated at Hobart's historical Anglesea Barracks on International Peacekeepers Day on May 29th.

Attended by His Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Peter Underwood AC, State and Federal politicians, members of the APPVA, RSL and Other Ex-Service Organizations (ESO's), senior ADF and Tasmania Police officers, Defence and Police peacekeepers, the dedication ceremony took place in the historical Memorial Garden at the rear of the Barracks.

The statue of a peacekeeper carrying a child over rough ground was designed and sculptured by Geeveston based artist, Bernie Tarr – who is also a Vietnam veteran.

Attending the dedication were several younger veterans from the 12<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the Royal Tasmania Regiment and 16<sup>th</sup> Field Battery who had recently returned from peacekeeping operations in the Solomon Islands.

While the memorial commemorates those who have lost their lives on peacekeeping and peacemaking (warlike) operations, it also recognises the contribution and commitment of those Defence, police and civilians who are currently serving overseas on such operations.

The dedication was the culmination of the work of a group led by Mr Tony Richings with representatives from the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veterans' Association, RSL, Defence and DVA selecting the design from three submissions.

The memorial will be used for annual commemorations on International Peacekeeper's Day on the 29th of May, Australian Peacekeepers Day on the 14th of September and on other significant dates.

Support for the construction of the memorial has come from a number of sources, including the State Government, Dept of Defence, Returned and Services League, Hobart RSL Sub-Branch, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Anglesea Barracks Officers' and Sergeant's Messes, the 12<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup> Battalion Regimental Trust Fund, Defence Health, and the Naval Military and Air Force Club.



(left) From left: Mike Romalis, MAJGEN (Professor) John Pearn AO, KSJ, RFD (APPVA Patron); and COL (Professor) Peter Warfe CSC (Commander of the Second ADF Contingent to the Second United Nations Assistance Mission to Rwanda (UNAMIR II), 1996).

(below) Front gate and guard house at Anglesea Barracks in Hobart





## The Memorial depicts an Australian Soldier on UN Service





# UN Peacekeepers Fight an Uphill Battle

GENEVA (IDN) - Nearly 85,000 military personnel, more than 14,000 police officers, 5,700 international civilian and 13,700 national staff are serving in 15 operations on four continents as peacekeepers striving to navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace, according to the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO).

UN defines peacekeeping as "a unique and dynamic instrument developed by the Organisation as a way to help countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace". It is distinguished from both peace-building and peacemaking.

Peacekeepers -- often referred to as Blue Helmets because of their light blue berets or helmets -- monitor and observe peace processes in post-conflict areas and assist ex-combatants in implementing the peace agreements they may have signed. Such assistance comes in many forms, including confidence-building measures, power-sharing arrangements, electoral support, strengthening the rule of law, and economic and social development.

But peacekeeping is far from a bed of roses. Since the first UN Peacekeeping mission was established in 1948 (Australian War Memorial states that the first Peacekeeping Mission was by four Australian Defence Force Officers on 14 September 1947 to the Dutch East Indies), more than 2,900 military, police and civilian personnel from 120 countries have lost their lives in the service of peace as a result of acts of violence, accidents and disease.

When the Security Council established the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal in July 1997 for posthumous award to those who had lost their lives in UN peacekeeping operations, more than 1,500 dedicated individuals from 85 countries had died while serving under the blue flag. A decade and a half later, when the awards ceremony

took place at the UN headquarters on May 27, 2011, that number had almost doubled.

The award is named after the Swedish diplomat who served as the second UN Secretary-General (April 1953-September 1961) and died in a plane crash in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), while on a peacekeeping mission to the Congo.

The ceremony for honouring the men and women who work to advance peace in war-torn countries was overshadowed by an attack the same day on UN peacekeepers in Lebanon.

According to media reports, a roadside bomb ripped through a convoy of UN vehicles belonging to the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), which is headquartered at Naqoura in southern Lebanon. The attack, which took place north of Sidon, wounded six UN peacekeepers of the Italian battalion and two Lebanese civilians.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the UN family availed of the award ceremony also to pay tribute to the more than 120,000 military, police and civilian personnel serving in peacekeeping missions across the world.

"Their deployment is a manifestation of our collective conviction that people who have survived a war should not have to suffer again through a period of insecurity, injustice and fear -- and that only by removing these conditions can we engender lasting peace," Ban said in his message on the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, observed on May 29 every year.

In a separate statement, Ban condemned the attack on a UNIFIL convoy, adding that the UN will work closely together with the Lebanese authorities to have a "full and swift" investigation to bring the perpetrators to justice.







**The UN Flag that was recovered from a bombing attack in Baghdad in 2003.**

The commemoration of the Day this year was already a particularly sombre occasion. In early April, seven personnel were killed in an attack on a UN compound in Afghanistan, and a few days later, 32 lives, many of them UN staff, were lost in the crash of a plane serving the UN peacekeeping operation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Those incidents followed others involving fatalities around the world, including last year's loss of a total of 173 peacekeepers to natural disasters, violence, accidents and disease, including the more than 100 who died in a single catastrophic event – the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

"The victims came from all over the United Nations system. They were military, civilian and police -- UN volunteers and national staff," UN Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro said in her remarks at a wreath-laying ceremony at UN Headquarters for fallen peacekeepers.

"They had different responsibilities, nationalities and interests. But they shared an abiding belief in the principles of the United Nations Charter. They put their lives on the line, so that others could have a safer and brighter future."

The 73 peacekeepers who lost their lives between March 1 and December 3, 2010 as a result of hostilities, accidents and diseases posthumously received the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal at a ceremony presided over by Migiro. Twenty-six peacekeepers who died between January 1 and April 10, 2011 were also honoured at the ceremony.

"While it is Member States that authorise our missions, and governments that send us their uniformed personnel, in the end -- the burden falls on individuals: in particular the men and women we posthumously honour today," Migiro said.

Ban noted that on the International Day, the world body not only remembers the heavy sacrifices of its staff, but it also hails their accomplishments. "From supporting the Southern

Sudan referendum to helping resolve the post-electoral crisis in Côte d'Ivoire, from supporting training, capacity-building and institutional development of police in Timor-Leste to patrolling the hills of southern Lebanon, United Nations blue helmets have represented the Organisation at its best -- restoring stability; fostering reconciliation; and nurturing hope for a better future," he said.

This year's observance highlights the important work that peacekeepers are doing to strengthen the rule of law in many of the post-conflict countries where they serve.

Ban stressed that upholding the rule of law is essential to successful peacekeeping and that it required strengthening confidence in police, justice systems and correctional services. "That is why the United Nations trains police to never abuse their power, supports the proper functioning of courts to serve justice, and works for humane conditions of detention," he said.

Echoing the Secretary-General's sentiment, Alain Le Roy, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations said: "Developing fully functioning and unbiased police and judicial court systems is fundamental to building sustainable peace. Without law and order, there can be no peace. And without peace, there can be no law and order."

Almost 60,000 UN personnel are today actively engaged with national counterparts to help rebuild, renovate and strengthen the foundations on which criminal justice systems are built, according to Dmitry Titov, the Assistant Secretary-General for the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions.

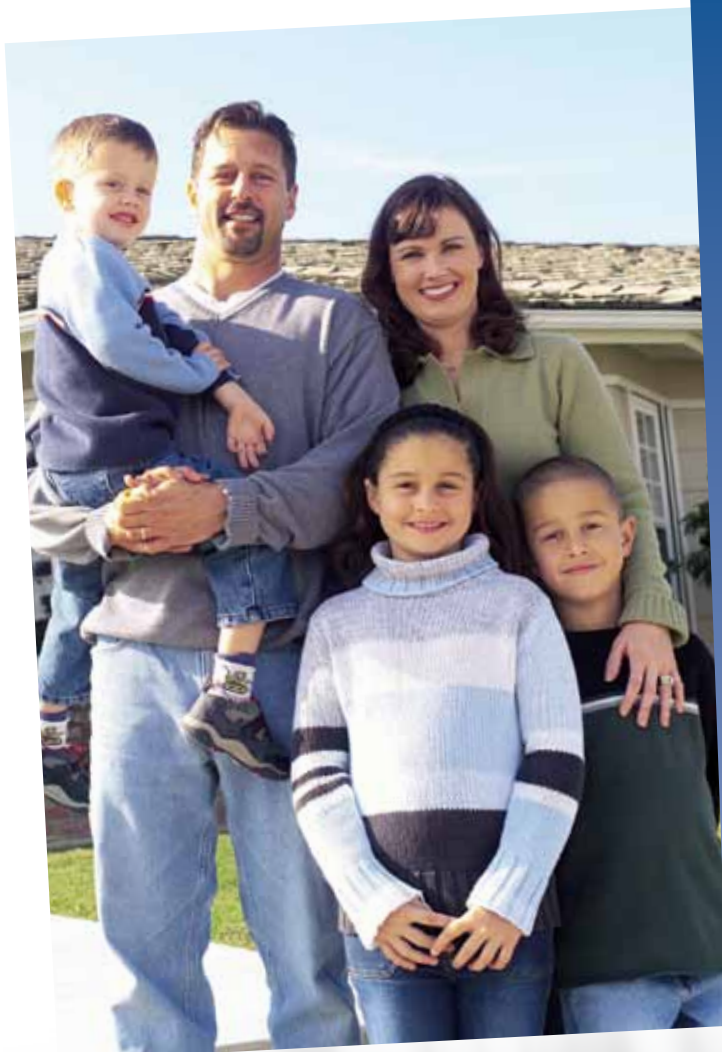
"Conflicts begin with a myriad of reasons. The United Nations aims to help post-conflict societies rebuild institutions that will make it possible for future conflicts to be managed peacefully," he told reporters at UN Headquarters.

Source: UN Headquarters Department of Peacekeeping Operations New York, USA.

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# Resolute team works together for five years

17 July 2011 was just another day for most Australians, but it was a birthday for the Navy's patrol boats at sea, RAAF AP3C Orions in the air, and the Army units scanning the coastline.

It marked the fifth anniversary of the commencement of Operation RESOLUTE, the ADF's contribution to the whole-of-government effort to protect Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests.

Over the past five years, more than 1400 Armidale and Fremantle Class Patrol Boat and other major fleet unit personnel, about 9000 AP3C Orion flight hours and in excess of 7000 regional force surveillance man-days have been committed to Joint Task Force 639, which covers not just Northern Australia's coastline, but all of Australia's maritime approaches.

Chief of Joint Operations, Lieutenant General Ash Power, has praised the efforts of ADF personnel who have contributed to the Operation since it began.

"The service personnel on Operation RESOLUTE consistently and constantly display the professionalism, tenacity, effectiveness and often the courage of the Australian Defence Force on this particularly important operation," Lieutenant General Power said.

"I want to let the sailors, soldiers, airmen and airwomen know that I am aware and commend their contribution to Border Protection Operations across Australia's maritime approaches.

"You are all doing a stellar job amid tough conditions. I especially understand the around-the-clock nature of the hardworking patrol boat crews who are often on station in difficult sea conditions."

In addition to the force assigned assets, ADF units transiting the area of operations also contribute to the overall surveillance and security effort through their presence and standard reporting procedures.

Operation RESOLUTE follows on from Operation RELEX from 2001 to 2006.

It is now part of the broader whole-of-government approach to maritime security under Border Protection Command. BPC is commanded by Rear Admiral Tim Barrett who is also designated Commander JTF639.

Headquarters JTF 639, located at Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin, controls the ADF units assigned to Operation RESOLUTE.

As part of the whole-of-government operation, the ADF works alongside Customs, Australian Fisheries Management Authority, Australian Quarantine Inspection Service and Australian Federal Police.

## Operation at a glance

**Up to seven RAN Armidale-class patrol boats (ACPBs) patrolling northern Australia's waters from Cairns to Christmas Island at any one time;**

**AP-3C Orion Maritime Patrol Aircraft providing surveillance of Australia's north-west and northern approaches;**

**Australian Army Regional Force Surveillance Unit patrols conducting land based security operations from Cairns in Far North Queensland to Exmouth in Western Australia;**

**A Transit Security Element assisting the crews with boarding vessels at sea and security; and**

**A standby RAN Major Fleet Unit (for northern waters response).**



**Lieutenant General Brian (Ash) Power**







# Cessation of SECDET Mission in Iraq – a Tribute

## Operation Kruger

Operation Kruger was the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the provision of security and support for the Australian Embassy and its staff in Iraq.

The operation came to an end in late July 2011 when the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's civilian contractor assumed responsibility for diplomatic security.

## Overview

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) provided dedicated security to Australian government officials operating in Iraq since the conclusion of combat operations in 2003 until mid-2011.

The ADF's Security Detachment (SECDET) Baghdad provided close personal protection for key Australian government officials as well as physical security for the Embassy precinct and protected transport for travel within Baghdad and other areas of Iraq.

THE popular image of SECDET was undoubtedly ASLAVs and infantry patrols. What most people forget is that forming the nucleus of SECDET are eight Military Police (MPs) performing Close Personnel Protection (CPP) for Australia's embassy staff in Iraq.

In effect, most of SECDET was in support of these guys, as MPs form the inner circle of SECDET's mission of "providing protection to the Australian embassy in Baghdad".

During the eight years of security operations, the SECDET adjusted its capability to reflect periods of increasing danger or improved security in post-2003 Iraq. Initially deployed under Operation Catalyst, SECDET transitioned to Operation Kruger on 1 July 2008 and remained in Baghdad after the ADF's larger commitment to the rehabilitation of Iraq concluded in mid 2009.

## SECDET Action

May 2003 sees the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (2 RAR), lead the first SECDET (SECDET I), deploying to Baghdad with two weeks' notice to move.

26 January 2004, a three-vehicle cavalry patrol is attacked by a VBIED. No Embassy officials in the patrol. One soldier is seriously wounded and another five suffer minor wounds. Three ASLAVs are damaged.

On the 24th of May 2004, a 1,000 pound VBIED exploded outside of the SECDET "Flats" killing a number of Iraqi men, women and children in the street outside of SECDET 4. Amazingly, the bomb just missed an outgoing ADF ASLAV convoy by one minute. No Australians were killed or wounded.

Three Soldiers were recorded as wounded and were the ADF's first Battle Casualties in the Iraq Conflict. Unfortunately, the Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) killed two Iraqi civilians and wounded several others, who had been in a parked car on a busy main road in Baghdad. On 25 October 2004, a SECDET 5 convoy of three ASLAV was en-route to the International Zone, traversing a route that is used by a large number of coalition convoys and forces. [The patrol] was about two or three hundred metres from one of the main entrances to the international zone and as it passed a parked car, that car blew up about one-and-a-half or two metres away from a LAV, pushing the gun car into the centre of the dual carriageway road. The LAV was un-drivable.

On 19th January 2005, a VBIED bombing near the Australian Embassy killed two Iraqi Nationals and wounded several people, including two ADF soldiers. At a glance, since they set foot in Iraq in early January 2005, the 6 RAR based SECDET 6 endured a sniper attack, a 500lb VBIED attack on their compound – known as the flats – and in one day, two separate incidents – the shooting of a man who attempted to abandon a vehicle laden with petrol drums next to their compound, and a VBIED attack against an ASLAV-PC on tasking that resulted in eight Australian casualties, three of whom were evacuated from Iraq.



**Shattered:** SECDET soldiers survey the damage of the 500lb truck-bomb, which wounded two Australian soldiers at the SECDET flats, Baghdad, on January 19 2005





**Sergeant Major of SECDet XVI (16), Warrant Officer Class 2 Socrates Lekatis (right) and Officer Commanding SECDet XVI, Major Allan Hamley on the top of Carl Hall, the home of SECDet in Baghdad. Taken 31 March 2010.**

2005 – SECDet relocates to CAMP VICTORY near the Baghdad Airport for a short time before establishing The Cove within the International Zone.

On the 21st April 2006, PTE Jake Kovco of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR (Para)), was accidentally shot dead in a firearms incident in the SECDet Barracks. There was much controversy over the unfortunate death. However, PTE Kovco's name is rightfully placed as a Battle Casualty for the Iraq Campaign and is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance in the Australian War Memorial.

On 21 June, a patrol is involved in an engagement with an armed group in Baghdad. Subsequent investigation identifies the armed group as bodyguards for an Iraq Government Official. The investigation finds SECDet personnel acted in accordance with their rules of engagement.

On the 14th of August 2006, a random 155mm Rocket attack of three rockets aimed at SECDet, wounds CPL Sarah Webster of the 3rd Combat Signal Regiment, along with three other comrades. CPL Webster was MEDEVAC for further treatment in Germany prior to repatriation to Australia. CPL Webster's role was a Communications Specialist for SECDet 9. CPL Webster continues to serve in the ADF and is now promoted to SGT. It is touted that SGT Webster is the first female soldier to be wounded since the Viet Nam war.

On 13 January 2007, soldiers engage a vehicle which failed to heed instruction and warnings. Subsequent investigations reveal a US contractor was killed in the

incident. An investigation into the shooting finds soldiers acted correctly and in accordance with their rules of engagement.

2008 – ASLAV-25 vehicles are removed from the fleet and the ASLAV-PC fleet is augmented by up-armoured civilian vehicles.

2009 – SECDet transitions from ASLAVs to solely up-armoured civilian vehicles.

SECDet moves to Carl Hall adjoining the current Australian Embassy.

Late July 2011 – SECDet soldiers cease security operations and formally hand over security to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which has contracted a security solution.

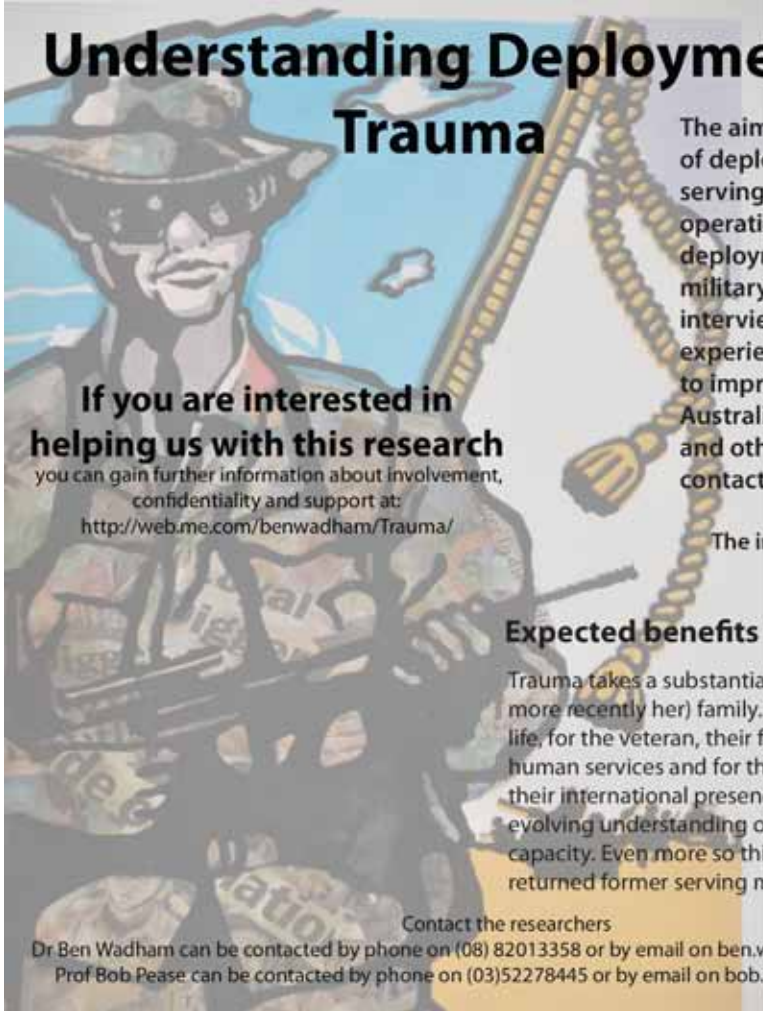
## Winding Down

In association with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the SECDet gradually scaled back the provision of security and assisted in the transition to a contracted security solution in line with that provided to other Australian diplomatic missions. The complete transfer of security capabilities to the civilian contractor took place in late July 2011.

The Australian Security Detachment (SECDet), the ADF contingent providing security to Australian Government officials in post-2003 Iraq, has completed its mission and returned home to Australia.



# Understanding Deployment Trauma



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The aim of this project is to contribute to the understanding of deployment trauma (PTSD) for returned veterans (former serving members) in the contemporary theatre of military operations. We hope to enhance current understandings of deployment trauma by improving our understanding of military employment in today's world. We would like to hold interviews with former (post Vietnam) members who have experienced trauma while serving, or upon return. We hope to improve the ways that this issue is understood so that the Australian Defence Force, the Department of Veteran's Affairs and other agencies and groups that you might come into contact with are better equipped to understand the issue.

The interviewers are former regular Army (arms corps) soldiers themselves.

## Expected benefits to the wider community

Trauma takes a substantial personal toll, not only upon the veteran, but upon his (and more recently her) family. Trauma bears a considerable cost, across many facets of human life, for the veteran, their family, the community and broader society, for government and human services and for the Australian Defence Force. As the ADF continue to develop their international presence in humanitarian, peacekeeping and combat operations an evolving understanding of deployment trauma is crucial to the ADF's operational capacity. Even more so this understanding has the capacity to help the DVA work with returned former serving members experiencing deployment trauma (PTSD).

Contact the researchers

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On the 5th of August 2011 the last SECDT soldier departed Iraq, marking the completion of a significant, complex and challenging mission, dedicated to ensuring the security of the Australian Government representation in Iraq. I thank all who have served, either as members of the SECDT or in support of the mission, at home and in the Middle East Area of Operations. The SECDT mission has not been without sacrifice and I encourage you and your families, to reflect with great pride on your service and achievements.

The SECDT was first deployed to Baghdad in 2003 in the immediate aftermath of the war and prevailed, over 18 rotations, throughout a prolonged insurgency. Over the duration of the eight year mission, the composition, structure and location of the SECDT have continuously evolved to meet the dynamic nature of the operating environment. By comparison, the professionalism, dedication and commitment of our people have been marked and enduring.

Over 1900 Australian soldiers served as part the SECDT, under the banner of two operations, CATALYST and KRUGER. The SECDT worked closely with Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces, throughout Iraq, in order to ensure that the Australian Government mission could go about its essential work, safely and with a minimum of disruption. It is an impressive legacy that no Australian diplomats or staff were harmed while under the protection of the SECDT. The improved security situation and the progress of Iraq as a nation now permits our Government to pass responsibility for securing the Australian mission to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

When the SECDT flag was lowered for the last time in Baghdad, they paused to remember Private Jake Kovco who died while serving with SECDT in 2006.

Over the course of the SECDT mission our soldiers have done their duty with the character for which Australian soldiers are renowned - with courage, initiative and teamwork. The cessation of the SECDT mission closes another chapter in Army's long contribution to the people of Iraq and to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Iraq as a nation. It is reflective of the progress that is being made toward an open and democratic society that we continue to hope will become one that is deserving of the sacrifices and aspirations of its people.

**D.L. MORRISON, AO**

Lieutenant General

Chief of Army

10 August 2011



SECDT provided top level protection to key government personnel and depart a successful eight-year mission. While under SECDT's protection, no diplomats or embassy personnel were injured by insurgent action. The mission has passed responsibility for security to a contracted security organisation managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The cessation of SECDT closes another chapter in the ADF's long contribution to the rehabilitation of Iraq. Two ADF personnel remain in Iraq serving as United Nations Military Officers with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) known as Operation RIVERBANK. One Colonel is located in Baghdad and the other, a LTCOL is located in Kirkuk.



**CPL (now SGT) Sarah Webster who was wounded by a Rocket attack on SECDT 9 on 14 August 2006. SGT Webster has since deployed to Afghanistan after her recovery.**



# 2011 Long Tan Parade

(right) Commanding Officer 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR) Lieutenant Colonel Mark Jennings attaches the Meritorious Unit Citation Streamer to the 6 RAR Colours.

(below) Mr Geoff Kendell, former platoon Commander of Delta Company 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR) at the Battle of Long Tan, attaches the Unit Citation for Gallantry Streamer to 6 RAR Colours.

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, presented the Unit Citation for Gallantry to Delta Company, the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR) for acts of extraordinary gallantry in action at the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. The parade, at Gallipoli Barracks in Enoggera, also involved the presentation of a Meritorious Unit Citation to soldiers from 6 RAR-led Mentoring Task Force 1 (MTF-1), who recently returned from serving in Afghanistan.







## Canadian Rangers visit the Top End



(above) Canadian Ranger Philip Rodgers from the 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (right) and Private Duncan Blackburn from Charlie Company 51st Far North Queensland Regiment (left) work together during a Bush Survival Course at Kangaroo Flats Training Ground, Northern Territory. Twenty four members of the 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (4 CRPG) have been warmly welcomed to the Northern Territory by the North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) as part of a seventeen day cultural exchange and professional training exercise from the 3rd to the 19th of August 2011. The aim of this activity is to introduce members of the Canadian Ranger Patrol Group to NORFORCE, how the unit operates throughout the Northern Territory and to generate camaraderie, respect and a shared knowledge between the two units. The role of the Canadian Rangers is "to provide a military presence in those sparsely settled northern, coastal and isolated areas of Canada which cannot conveniently or economically be covered by other elements of the military", similar to the role NORFORCE undertakes to conduct surveillance and reconnaissance across the Top End of Australia.

(left) Canadian Ranger Philip Rodgers from the 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, holds a juvenile crocodile at Kangaroo Flats Army training ground. Twenty four members of the 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (4 CRPG) have been warmly welcomed to the Northern Territory by the North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) as part of a seventeen day cultural exchange and professional training exercise from the 3rd to the 19th of August 2011.

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# HMAS Perth

(above) Able Seaman Communications Information Systems (ABCIS) Cherry Quintel onboard HMAS PERTH

(right and below) Families and Friends greeted the crew of HMAS Perth on arrival back in the ship's home-port of Fleet Base West, Rockingham, WA. Perth deployed in April 2011 to the east coast of Australia and Hawaii, US and have conducted trials of their phased array on completion of the Anti Ship Missile Defence upgrade. On successful conduct of ASMD trials, Perth participated in the bilateral exercise Talisman Sabre, off the coast of Queensland







## 90th Anniversary of the approval for 'Royal' - Australian Air Force

(above) The approval of 'Royal' appeared in the Commonwealth Gazette on 18 August 1921. The Royal Australian Air Force will mark 90 years since the title of 'Royal' was bestowed on 13 August 2011. Although RAAF celebrates its birthday on 31 March 1921, on this date the service was officially known as the Australian Air Force. But the decision had already been made, in February, to ask the King to grant the 'Royal' title. The approval of 'Royal' appeared in the Commonwealth Gazette on 18 August 1921, but what was printed there was the order signed by the Governor-General five days earlier. This stipulated 13 August as the date from which the service was to be known as the Royal Australian Air Force.

(below) A Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) C-17 Globemaster at Tarin Kot airfield, in Southern Afghanistan loads a damaged Mack truck. Mid Caption: C-17 aircraft from the RAAF Amberley (Queensland) based 36 Squadron provide routine strategic lift support to Australian forces in the Middle East Area of Operations, including Afghanistan. The first RAAF C-17 Globemaster mission into Afghanistan was conducted on 10 July 2009.

## C-17 at Tarin Kot







# F/A-18F Super Hornet Homecoming Ceremony

(above) The crowd get a closer look at the new F/A-18F Super Hornets at the home coming ceremony at RAAF Base Amberley. Australia is acquiring 24 Block II F/A-18F Super Hornets as a bridging air combat capability during the transition to the F 35 Joint Strike Fighter. The F/A-18F Super Hornet (Rhino) is a true multi-role aircraft that spans the air combat spectrum, including maritime strike which is vital for Australia. The Super Hornets will be progressively introduced to their new home at Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley throughout 2010 and 2011.

(below) Home sweet home ! The crew of one of the latest Super Hornets to arrive from the United States at RAAF Base Amberley taxi towards the jets new home at No.6 Squadron. Another two F/A-18F Super Hornets have joined the Air Force's fleet having touched down at RAAF Amberley in Queensland on 03 August. The latest arrival of Rhinos brings the Australian fleet to twenty with the remaining four to be delivered by the end of the year.







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# Updates of the Defence Honours Awards and Appeals Tribunal (DHAAT)

The DHAAT was established under the Rudd Government in 2008, as an avenue for Inquiries into long term medallic recognition issues that is independent from Defence and Government influence.

However, when one reads the fine print, it is bound by antiquated and inappropriate Principles from the Committee into Defence Awards (CIDA) from 1993-1994. The Principles are “through the eyes of 1994” of which there have been a number of dynamic changes to medallic recognition and precedents since then.

The former Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Dr Kelly, MP – member for Eden-Monaro, had set the criteria for the Tribunal to operate within. The DHAAT is now a statutory body and is legislated within section 110 of The Defence Act 1903.

It is a disappointing aspect that the move to make DHAAT a statutory body under the Act was never widely consulted with the very people that it would affect – the wider veteran community.

Unfortunately, the APPVA, whilst providing clear and logical submissions into a range of Inquiries by DHAAT, have been relatively unsuccessful in attaining a number of desired and appropriate outcomes for our members and constituents.

The Commonwealth Monitoring Force – Rhodesia,

ADF Service in PNG from September 1975 onward and Peacekeeping Service from 1947 onward have yielded a strong resistance from the respective Tribunal Inquiry Panels for such change and recognition of the retrospective service.

It is evident that the Reports from the DHAAT into the above have been subject to influence by Defence and Government. The rationale for the rejection of the articulated issues with the opinions of Panel members. The lack of Procedural Fairness and Natural Justice has been a contentious issue by applicants are conflicting and inconsistent with previous awards to other veterans, particularly those who have served from 1945-1975. Many precedents have indicated the inconsistency in the Inquiries and Government and/or Defence medal policy.

Certainly there is some consolation, with the Somalia Inquiry rightfully and correctly awarding the AASM Clasp SOMALIA to the RAN Crew of HMA Ships JERVIS BAY and TOBRUK, along with AUSCDT 1 - a long awaited and positive outcome for those Navy veterans. This decision by Government places the criteria of 1 day in the Area of Operations of Somalia in the eligibility as those who served in the RAAF for 1 Sortie and one-day service for other ADF force assigned members.

However, the issue of a Somalia Campaign Medal and other recognition in the form of the Meritorious Unit Citation





for the 1 RAR Battalion Group and ADF Contingents to UNOSOM II was rejected, with this decision being poorly received by those veterans.

The APPVA has been for 12 months, since the Gillard Government came to office, requesting a meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence – Senator David Feeney, whose responsibility is within the Medallie recognition for Defence and veterans.

It has been very disappointing that Senator Feeney has not seen fit to meet with a delegation from the APPVA to discuss these medallie recognition issues and a possible way forward with these issues. It is perhaps correct to say that this Government does not care about younger veterans, except for photographic opportunities, or the wider veteran community as a whole as the DFRDB issue has highlighted.

Recent decisions through DHAAT, which are adopted by Government, have not been favourable towards the younger veterans who have sought these reviews, especially if there is a financial impost on Government.

We also wait for the Opposition to provide support toward our issues with a number of contacts with Senator Ian McDonald's office not bringing any response. However, "Lofty" Evans, President of the APPVA North QLD Branch, did pay a visit to the Senator to outline our issues some months ago. We are hopeful that some form of response will emanate from the Opposition in the not too distant future.

It is recommended that members view the submissions on the APPVA website: [www.peacekeepers.asn.au](http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au); which are under "For Veterans" then click on "Submissions". Feedback and comments are most welcome from our members, constituents and visitors.

In the mean time, the DHAAT Inquiry into the recognition of service for those who served on OP LAGOON (South Pacific Peacekeeping Force (SPPKF)), Bougainville in 1994 remains ongoing. The APPVA is hopeful that logic will prevail in terms of the AASM/ASM Regulations that allow for the respective medal to be awarded as a result of the premature withdrawal due to the hostile environment on Bougainville at the time. The Clasp SPPKF will provide a unique recognition to this Operation, rather than the repetition of the ASM Clasp BOUGAINVILLE, which pertained to the Truce Monitoring Group (TMG) 1997-1998 and the Peace Monitoring Group (PMG) from 1 May 1998 to 23 August 2003.

To view the DHAAT Inquiry Reports go to the website for further information: <http://defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au/>

## INTERFET Medal

On 29 November 2009, the Governor-General signed a new Instrument of determination for the INTERFET Medal.

Prior to the cessation of INTERFET, the United Nations-led Operation TANAGER commenced in East Timor, thus creating a 50 day overlap of operations in the same area. Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on Operation TANAGER who met the qualifying conditions are eligible for the United Nations Transitional Authority in East Timor Medal (UNTAET Medal), not the INTERFET Medal.

The new determination clarifies the operational overlap in

relation to Medallie entitlement to the INTERFET Medal.

## AASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT' and ASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT'

On 29 October 2009, the Governor-General signed new Instruments of determination for the AASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT' and ASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT'.

A recent review by the Nature of Service Branch determined that service on Operation DAMASK VI during the period 13 January 1993 to 19 January 1993 was inappropriately classified. In June 2009 the Prime Minister, following a recommendation by the CDF, agreed that the Operation DAMASK VI operational area be added to Schedule 2 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA)*.

The determinations for the AASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT' and ASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT' have been updated to reflect appropriate recognition for the ship's company of HMAS CANBERRA engaged on Operation DAMASK VI in January 1993.

The Instruments amend the AASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT' by adding a specific provision for service on Operation DAMASK VI, and amend the ASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT' by adding an exclusionary clause preventing members being awarded both medals for the same deployment.

In accordance with established policy, eligible personnel who have been awarded the ASM with Clasp 'KUWAIT' for Operation DAMASK VI will not be issued with the AASM until they physically return the previously awarded ASM; the exception being in cases where other clasps to the ASM are held, or where the Clasp 'KUWAIT' has been awarded for a separate deployment.

*Editor's note: There have been approaches made by some HMAS CANBERRA veterans of OP DAMASK VI advising that they were awarded the US Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA). Unfortunately the JMUA is only awarded to eligible US Armed Forces Personnel, not other Members of Forces from other nations.*

## AASM Clasp IRAQ for No-Fly Zone Operations

As of 10th of August 2009, the following Operations have been retrospectively changed from the ASM IRAQ to the AASM Clasp IRAQ.

OP JURAL Service as a member of the ADF assigned for service with the United Kingdom elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones 18 Jun 91 12 Jan 03 1 day/1 sortie no visitor provision in determination S136 of 10 Aug 09.

OP PROVIDE COMFORT Service as a member of the ADF assigned for service with the United States elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones 11 Aug 91 15 Dec 96 1 day/1 sortie no visitor provision in determination S136 of 10 Aug 09.

OP BOLTON Service as a member of the ADF assigned for service with the United Kingdom elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones (for non-warlike component please see ASM IRAQ) 31 Aug 92 12 Jan 03 1 day/1 sortie no visitor provision in determination S136 of 10 Aug 09.

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OP NORTHERN WATCH Service as a member of the ADF assigned for service with the United Kingdom elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones 1 Jan 97 12 Jan 03 1 day/1 sortie no visitor provision in determination S136 of 10 Aug 09.

Editor's note: The above changes to the AASM has also had subsequent effects for the eligibility of Warlike Service under the Veteran Entitlement Act 1986 (VEA) and the Military Rehabilitation & Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA).

### AASM Clasp MIDDLE EAST – OP PALLADIN

On the 19th of May 2011, the Government gazetted the retrospective awarding of the AASM Clasp MIDDLE EAST to four Australian Army Officers who served in the Observer Group Lebanon (OGL) to the UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO), during the Israeli and Lebanese War of 2006. The dates for qualification are the 12th July 2006 to 14th August 2006 for 1 day service.

### AASM Clasp SOMALIA

The Government accepted the recommendations of the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal Inquiry into the recognition of ADF service in Somalia from August 1992 to March 1995. The only recommendation that was warmly welcomed is the retrospective awarding of the AASM Clasp Somalia to HMA Ships JERVIS BAY, TOBRUK and the AUSCDT1. This is effective 20 May 2011 for 1 day service, during the period 10 January 1993 to 21 May 1993 in the Area of Operations of Somalia.

### AASM Clasp SIERRA LEONE

On the 30th March 2011, the Government retrospectively

changed the award of the ASM Clasp SIERRA LEONE for OP HUSKY to the AASM Clasp SIERRA LEONE; to members of the International Military Advisory Training Team (IMATT). The eligible period is from 15 January 2001 to 28 February 2003, for 1 day service in the Area of Operations of Sierra Leone.

### ASM Clasp Counter Terrorist/Special Recovery Duties (CT/SR)

As a result of recommendations from the DHAT Inquiry into the recognition of SASR Counter Terrorist/Special Recovery Operations (CT/SR), ADF members are recommended for the award if they served 60 days on-call with a Tactical Assault Group (TAG); or Special Recovery Force. The award was gazetted on 30 March 2011. Applications should be made to Defence Honours and Awards (DHA), which in turn will be verified by Special Operations Command (SOCOM).

### ASM Clasp LEBANON

Service for OP RAMP and OP RAMP II has been recognised with the award of the Australian Service Medal (ASM) Clasp LEBANON. Service eligibility is during the period 20 July to 20 August 2006 (OP RAMP) for 14 days service in the prescribed area. OP RAMP II service is eligible during the period 13 November 2007 to 5 December 2008. It is awarded to Defence Supplementation Staff – Beirut with the aforementioned eligible service.

### ASM Clasp KOREA (1975-)

Changes to the Medal Regulations for service in Korea with the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC), to those ADF members who are assigned for duty in Korea or are posted to a third country deployment in Korea. The period of eligibility is 30 days from 14th February 1975 onward.

Paul Copeland  
National Secretary







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# APPVA Upcoming Events

**Saturday 10 September** – APPVA QLD Branch Peacekeeper's Day. Windaroo Peacekeepers Memorial, Carl Heck Blv, WINDAROO. Dress: Jacket, Tie, Medals and beret. Contact is Glenn Warnes 0410 132 711.

**10 September** – RSVP for the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Commemoration at the Memorial Site, ANZAC Parade, Canberra. POC: Secretariat APMPC: 0406 168 655 secretariat@peacekeepingmemorial.org.au

**14 September** – Australian Peacekeeper Day. Check the APPVA Website and Facebook for further details from your respective Branch.

**14 September** – Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Commemoration at the Memorial Site, ANZAC Parade, Canberra. Commences at 1100. Dress jacket, tie and medals.

**17 September** – Wall to Wall Charity Ride for Remembrance. Visit the website for further details. <http://walltowallride.com/>

**25 September** – APPVA QLD QGM. Greenbank RSL Club Rooms, BRISBANE. Commences at 1400. POC: email: qldsec@peacekeepers.asn.au

**20 October** – APPVA Reunion Drinks at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club, Brisbane. Dress neat casual. POC is the National Secretary, email: secretary@peacekeepers.asn.au or 0419 355 226.

**21-23 October** – UNTAC (Cambodia) Veteran Group Reunion in Perth. Check the APPVA Website and Facebook for further details. POC is Gary Fitzgerald Email: bulldog503@hotmail.com 0488951892

**21 October** – APPVA National Conference. Commences with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at 0915, Kedron-Wavell Services Club. Dress – Business, with Medals and respective beret for the Ceremony. POC is the National Secretary, email: secretary@peacekeepers.asn.au or 0419 355 226.

**21 October** – Informal Dinner to be confirmed, email: secretary@peacekeepers.asn.au or 0419 355 226.

**22 October** – National QGM, AGM and Elections. To be held at Enoggera Barracks, Enoggera. Commences at 0930. Dress Neat Casual. POC is the National Secretary, email: secretary@peacekeepers.asn.au or 0419 355 226.

**22 October** – Informal Dinner. To be confirmed. POC is the National Secretary, email: secretary@peacekeepers.asn.au or 0419 355 226.

**23 October** – APPVA National Workshop, Enoggera Barracks. Commences at 0930. POC is the National Secretary, email: secretary@peacekeepers.asn.au or 0419 355 226.

**23 October** – Brotherhood MC UN Day Service. Canungra Memorial, QLD. Contact is the APPVA QLD Branch.

**24 October** – UN Day. Check the APPVA Website and Facebook for further details from your respective Branch.

**6 November** – AGM/QGM, APPVA Victorian Branch. RAAF Association, 20 Camberwell Rd, East Hawthorn. Commences at 1100. POC is Victorian Secretary: email: vicsec@peacekeepers.asn.au

**3 December** – APPVA Victorian Branch Christmas Party. Location To be advised. POC: email: victreas@peacekeepers.asn.au - ph 0425 726 183.

All members and interested people are encouraged to support these activities. A lot of hard work by the various APPVA Committee members is done to support you as the members. Show your support for these dedicated people and participate in these activities and meetings. You get what you put into the APPVA and it is very rewarding.

## Just a Peace-keeper

“So what was it really like over there?”

“Did you kill anyone?”

“East Timor wasn't a real war. You wouldn't know what a real war is like”

“I don't see what your problem is. It was only a peace-keeping mission”

“I don't see you as a real veteran”

“Stop complaining. You guys' had it easy over there”

“You were just a peace-keeper”.

Sometimes when it's late at night I think that these people might be right.

I was an in-subordinate little s&#t.

But a damn good soldier when it came down to it.

I've had problems with substance abuse, maybe East Timor is a good excuse.

I've been so broke in the past that I took food from a bin.

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Brett Wiggins,

East Timor Veteran.

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## SGT Todd Matthew Langley

SGT Todd Matthew Langley was shot dead during operations in Afghanistan on 4 July 2011. SGT Langley was deployed as a Commando Section Commander and this was his seventh operational deployment.

SGT Langley is survived by his loving family. Of note, SGT Langley has a brother who is a Corporal in the Australian Army.

SGT Todd Matthew Langley was born in Margaret River, Western Australia in 1976. He enlisted in the Army Reserve on the 18 April 1993 and transferred to the Regular Army on the 14 September 1994 and was posted to 1 RAR. On completion of the Commando selection and training course in 2004, he was posted to 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (Commando), now 2nd Commando Regiment (2 Cdo Regt).

SGT Langley was an extremely experienced Section Commander who always set an example to all those who had worked with him. He was an exemplary Commando, a warrior and a leader who gave his best, and always got the best out of those around him.

SGT Langley was universally respected by all the men and women of the 2nd Commando Regiment. Even after his death, his comrades remained inspired by the man he was and relentlessly took the fight to the insurgents.

SGT Todd Langley has been awarded the following honours and awards: Commendation for Distinguished Service 2002 and 2008, Australian Active Service Medal with clasp East Timor, clasp ICAT, Afghanistan Campaign medal, Defence Long Service Medal, Australian Defence Medal, United Nations Medal UNTAET, NATO Non Article 5 Medal with clasp-ISAF, Infantry Combat Badge and the Unit Citation for Gallantry.

During Sergeant Todd Langley's service in the Australian Army he deployed on the following operations:

OPERATION TANAGER (East Timor) - October 2000 – May 2001.

OPERATION CITADEL (East Timor) – May 2003 – October 2003.

OPERATION SLIPPER (Afghanistan) - February 2006 – May 2006.

OPERATION SLIPPER (Afghanistan) - May 2007 – August 2007.

OPERATION SLIPPER (Afghanistan) - December 2008.

OPERATION SLIPPER (Afghanistan) – July 2009 – November 2009.

OPERATION SLIPPER (Afghanistan) – March 2011 – July 2011.

## SGT Brett Mathew Wood MG

SGT Brett Mathew Wood MG, 2nd Commando Regiment. Whilst patrolling with a partnered Special Operations Task Group (SOTG) and Afghan National Security Forces mission in Helmand province SGT Wood was killed on the 23rd May 2011 by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). SGT Wood was born in Ferntree Gully, Victoria in 1978. SGT Wood enlisted into the Regular Army in 1996 and was posted to the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR). He successfully completed the Commando Selection Course and was posted to the 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (4 RAR (Commando)) – later re-named the 2nd Commando Regiment (2 CDO Regt).

SGT Wood served in Bougainville in 2000, followed by East Timor in 2001 and Iraq in 2003. In 2006, SGT Wood deployed to Afghanistan, where he was awarded the Medal for Gallantry (MG) for his leadership in action as a team commander. He also received the Special Operations Commander – Australia Commendation for his service with the Tactical Assault Group – East in 2007.

SGT Wood returned to Afghanistan in 2009 as a Section Commander again, for the third time in March this year. Throughout his distinguished career SGT Wood was awarded the following accolades:

The Medal for Gallantry;

The Australian Active Service Medal with clasps: EAST TIMOR, ICAT, and IRAQ 2003;

The Afghanistan Campaign Medal;

The Iraq Campaign Medal;

Australian Service Medal with Clasps: BOUGAINVILLE and CT/SR;

The Australian Defence Medal;

The United Nations East Timor Medal;

The NATO ISAF Medal;

Special Operations Command Commendation;

Unit Citation for Gallantry; and

The Infantry Combat Badge.

He was posthumously awarded the US Meritorious Service Medal for his service on operations in 2011.





## LT Marcus Sean Case

LT Marcus Sean CASE was killed when an Australian Chinook Helicopter crashed while undertaking a re-supply mission in Zabul Province, 90 km east of Tarin Kowt. LT Case was deployed to Afghanistan as a Heron Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator.

LT Case was born in Melbourne, Victoria in 1984. He enlisted into the Army Reserve in 2002 and was posted to 5th/6th Battalion, Royal Victorian Regiment (5/6 RVR). In 2003, he started the Commando Selection and Training process with the 1st Commando Regiment (1 Cdo Regt). He was posted to 1 Cdo Regt and deployed to East Timor in 2007.

In March 2008, LT Case transferred to the Australian Regular Army, undertaking pilot training at the Army Aviation Training Centre, Oakey, Queensland. In December 2009, he was posted to the 6th Aviation Regiment.

In January this year (2011), LT Case was part of the aviation deployment to Queensland to provide assistance as part of flood relief efforts. LT Case has been awarded the ASM Clasp TIMOR LESTE and the Australian Defence Medal. He was presented with the AASM Clasp ICAT, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the NATO ISAF Medal at his funeral.



## LCPL Andrew Gordon Jones

LCPL Andrew Jones was serving with the Mentoring Task Force 3 (MTF3), Force Support Unit (FSU), when he was shot by an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier and later died of his wounds on 30th May 2011.

LCPL Jones was born in Melbourne, Victoria in 1986. He joined the Army in 2004. After recruit training, he completed his initial employment training as a cook and was posted to the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1 RAR). He was then posted to the 9th Force Support Battalion (9FSB) in 2008.

LCPL Jones' first operational deployment was to East Timor in 2008. His second, to Afghanistan, commenced in November 2010. LCPL Jones was awarded the ASM with Clasp TIMOR LESTE, the Timor Leste Solidarity Medal and the Australian Defence Medal. He was presented with the AASM Clasp ICAT, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the NATO ISAF Medal for his funeral.



## SPR Rowan Jaie Robinson

SPR Robinson was killed during a small-arms engagement with insurgents in southern Afghanistan on the 6th of June 2011. He was part of an Afghan National Police and Special Operations Task Group patrol as they uncovered one of the largest insurgent caches found by Australian Special Forces this year.

Twenty-three year old SPR Robinson was from the Sydney based Incident Response Regiment (IRR), Special Operations Command (SOCOM).

SPR Robinson leaves behind his loving mother, father, sister and two brothers who received support from Defence.

SPR Robinson was born in Wahroonga, NSW in 1987. He joined the Army in 2006 and after his initial recruit training joined the 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment. After four years of service he was posted to the Incident Response Regiment at the start of 2010 where he completed his reinforcement cycle.

This was SPR Robinson's second deployment to Afghanistan, having deployed on Operation Slipper in 2007.

His colleagues described him as a superb young man who was fit, happy go lucky and a great team member. SPR Robinson was a dedicated and professional soldier whose skill belied his youth. Those who had the pleasure of meeting him instantly warmed to him and his easy going nature made him popular with his peers and chain of command alike.

SPR Robinson was awarded, the Australian Active Service Medal with clasp: International Coalition Against Terrorism (ICAT), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Australian Defence Medal and the NATO ISAF Medal. He has also been awarded the Army Combat Badge and the Returned from Active Service Badge.

During SPR Robinson's service in the Australian Army, he deployed on the following Operations:

OPERATION SLIPPER (Afghanistan) – Sep 2007 – Apr 2008.

OPERATION SLIPPER (Afghanistan) – Mar 2011 – Jun 2011.



# Explosive Detection Dog (EDD)

## ‘Lucky is MIA

Explosive Detection Dog (EDD) ‘Lucky’ is ‘missing in action’ in Afghanistan after the same battle that took the life of Sergeant Todd Langley in northern Helmand province on 4 July 2011.

During the course of the battle Lucky broke away from his patrol and despite repeated attempts to call him back he was last seen in the vicinity of a major insurgent concentration. It was not possible for the Australian soldiers to search for the dog in safety as they were under heavy insurgent fire.

Australian Special Forces and their Afghan partners have since made all reasonable attempts to secure Lucky’s return, including repeated calls to the dog by loudspeaker and broadcasting an offer of a monetary reward in the local area.

Despite efforts to recover the dog and confirm his status after the battle, Lucky is likely dead. It was Lucky’s first operational deployment.

The Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Task Group, Lieutenant Colonel ‘G’ said, “Our dogs are important to our operations and our handlers form extremely close bonds with their dog – losing an EDD is particularly hard on them, but it also affects the whole team who enjoy the company of the dogs.”



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### Lucky the EDD

Lucky was a male Golden Retriever/Labrador cross born in October 2009.

He was acquired from Canberra City Pound and was within six-hours of being euthanised when he was assessed as being suitable for EDD training by a visiting School of Military Engineering assessment team.

Lucky entered service in September 2010 and was registered in the Army as ‘EDD 499.’

He completed EDD training at the School of Military Engineering at Moorebank, NSW and was assigned to the Incident Response Regiment in Sydney. Lucky later proceeded on his first operational tour in Afghanistan.

Lucky is officially categorised as missing in action.

EDD 499 Lucky will be commemorated on a dedicated EDD memorial at the School of Military Engineering.





The bill to improve DFRDB Payments was passed unanimously in the lower house but was lost by one vote in the Senate, cast by Senator Kate Lundy. Readers should be aware that prior to the 2010 Federal Elections, Senator Lundy supported the ex military in their campaign and offered her support in their campaign for A Fair Go.

## IN THE POLITICAL ARENA —YES MEANS NO

Dedicated to the 2011 Champion of Smoke Screens —  
Senator Kate Lundy

Benedict Arnold, Judas and fairy tale Pinocchio too  
Are well known in history and are but a few  
But compared to Aussie Pollys, they're not in the race  
Cos many of our elected reps are a bloody national disgrace  
With Yes then No stampedes by Labor and Greens  
The government's going around in circles it seems  
They break more promises while on the hop  
Than a panicked bull with vases and plates in a China Shop  
As they blunder and stumble in familiar "trust me" political games  
Gawd, Parliament's no longer a guiding beacon but a flickering flame

The current trophy holder for changing camps is Kate Lundy  
It's enough to make any old soldier get back on the Bundy  
Before the elections she fluttered her eyes and said Yes for show  
Now it's a cold lonely bed cos when the crunch came, she said No  
Mind you there were many others close for the winning prize  
They too said Yes when all the time No was written in their eyes  
It's true that the old military should pursue the debate  
But for cris-sake you best hurry up, times getting late  
Otherwise in time, Kate and her mob will have a great coup  
The old mob will be dead and gone and that includes you

We can't shoot them or riot and throw bricks from the crowd  
So we must continue to let them hear our protest clear and loud  
So as well as sensible debate with Pollys those who now support us  
Perhaps it's time to plan on being mobile and hiring a bus  
It could well be part of planning Option Two  
To travel to major towns for a protest or two  
Don't forget the centre of those strategic marginal seats  
To remind them all they can be beat.  
No more the treachery of Yes then No  
It's time for a fair go or out the bastards go

By BRIG "Warry" George Mansford AM (Retired)  
George Mansford ©June 2011



## The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God.

No torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise they did appear to die

Their going looked like a disaster,

Their leaving, like an annihilation,

But they are in peace.

RIP our mates who left us today suddenly 15 years ago today, you are never far from our thoughts.

15 Members of the Special Air Service Regiment, and three Aircrew of the 5th Aviation Regiment were killed in a collision between two Blackhawk Helicopters during a night training exercise of inserting the Counter Terrorist Tactical Assault Group (TAG WEST), on the evening of 12th June 1996 at High Range Training Area 30 km South West of Townsville, QLD.

LEST WE FORGET.

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## Caught in the Crossfire

### Matina Jewell



By Rear Admiral Ken Doolan, AO RAN (Retired):

Most times I am a swift reader of new books – but this was not my experience as I consumed the excellent work in the book *Caught in the Crossfire*. The reason is that there was not one person reading on this occasion – but three.

The first “me” is an average Australian older bloke enjoying the good things in life after a successful career and blessed

with a loving spouse, children of whom we are proud and grandchildren whom we adore and try not to spoil. In other words I am a family man with all the tugs at the heart strings that this privileged position in our lucky country brings with it – and one who hopes for the best for his family and our wider society.

The second “me” is the former naval Flag Officer seared yet toughened by the cut and thrust of a 41 year career in the ADF but still absolutely convinced that commanders at all levels must always respect, nurture, encourage, protect, train and monitor the welfare of all those of lower rank for whom they are responsible.

And the third “me” is the author and publisher who knows how challenging it is to write about personal experiences that are unpleasant; and how mentally tough one has to be to put out into the public arena one’s own opinions and views about difficult and contentious subjects.

Each “me” demanded I take time reading, reflecting on, understanding and savouring your book. And each “me” thought deeply about what was written and the impact of your story on Matina Jewell and on many.

Each “me” is in awe of what Matina has produced – as I shall try to explain.

The personal “me” empathised with Matina’s grandmother and her view that you should not join the Australian Defence Force. But the same “me” understands the pride and love Matina’s parents and her brother Mark have for what Matina is, what she has achieved and the adversities Matina has overcome. And this “me” feels the same sort of sense of loss that Matina experienced when her ADFA friend Nikki De Wit was accidentally killed.

Many who have read or will read *Caught in the Crossfire* will identify with the way Matina describes the reactions of her family – and will, like Matina, be so thankful that she had met Clent and that he stood by her in the darkest hours. Readers will travel with Matina through the emotional roller coaster ride that Matina has so effectively written – and her chilling description of Matina’s mental outlook of helplessness and hopelessness will indeed bring tears to many eyes. But it is the happy ending of the triumphs of Dr Rudzki in diagnosing the cause of

Matina’s stomach disorder; and of Matina’s frequently and movingly expressed love for Clent and his for Matina, that will capture the hearts and minds of many. Matina may not realise it but in a way she has written a love story.

The former naval officer “me” is a different person. My experience of harsh physical treatment and cruel psychological torment during early naval training left me with a burning desire never to tolerate bullies and to stand up to those who demean others or improperly use the powers inherent in military command, political office or bureaucratic position. This “me” was so thoroughly angry with the way your Australian Commander in UNMO treated Matina that if he had been present as I read the book I would have verbally “torn strips off him”. And the same “me” would have vigorously remonstrated with the UN hierarchy whose actions were so grossly incompetent they bordered on criminal negligence. But this “me” also understands how “the fog of war” can impact on events and the perceptions and actions of those in political or military command – and how mentally tough and courageous one has to be as a very senior commander when political or military instructions from on high are wrong and have to be contested. Too few promoted to high political or military office have the courage to stand their ground when the going gets tough – and human foibles and shortcomings are just as prevalent in this select group of human beings as in any other.

The third “me” was delighted with the way Matina told the story. It cannot have been easy to write so intimately while at the same time respecting that others might have a differing interpretation of events. Matina avoided boasting yet made it plain she was prepared to give most things a go. Matina was also generous to many in the medical profession when it would have been so easy to have been critical of the failure of many to diagnose the rupture of her diaphragm; and she did not shy away from the use of occasional strong language (because that was what was said or thought in times of high stress) when it would have been less confronting to some readers had Matina refrained from the use of certain expletives.

In sum *Caught in the Crossfire* is a great read and I offer Matina Jewell my heartiest congratulations and hope the tome continues to sell well.

(Edited Version.)

Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retd)  
National President  
Returned Services League of Australia.

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## The Memorial - a Design and a Site

We have the design. The Memorial will be an enduring landmark. The design encompasses a glowing passage of light that is the powerful entry for the Memorial. The passage is between two massive monoliths, raised slightly off the ground in a stone courtyard. The lit interior will evoke the Australian Peacekeepers' role and their help to local populations.

## We have the site

The Canberra National Memorials Committee has approved a site for the Memorial on ANZAC Parade in Canberra. The Memorial will be a focal point for national parades and remembrance ceremonies in recognition of Australian peacekeeping on occasions such as ANZAC day, UN International Day of Peacekeepers, Australian Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' Day and United Nations Day.

## The Management

A voluntary Committee of peacekeeping veterans includes representatives from the Australian Defence Force, the Australian Federal Police, the United Nations Association of Australia, the United Nations Police Association of Australia, the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veterans Association and the National Headquarters of the Returned and Services League of Australia.

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Mates of Peacekeeping are individuals who support the Memorial Project by making regular contributions using their credit card or by direct deposit from a bank account.

## The Target

Our funding target is \$3.5m. We have raised over \$600,000 to date and have spend part of those funds on the Memorial design and prototyping. We feel that we need to raise a further \$2m to bring the project to completion. We need your help.

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# Approaching 50 years of police in peacekeeping

On 26 May 1964 when the members of first Australian police touched down in Cyprus to join the United Nations Force In Cyprus (UNFICYP) mission, they could not have anticipated that they were the first of a long line of Australian police to serve overseas communities.

Police from all Australian state and Commonwealth jurisdictions joined the newly formed UNFICYP which was made up of military contingents from Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, along with civilian police units from Austria, Denmark, New Zealand and Sweden, and of course, Australia.

Since its creation in 1979, the AFP has been the source of Australian police for overseas missions, with support from state police officers, who are seconded to the AFP for the term of the mission. AFP members deployed to UN and other overseas missions typically have a broad variety of responsibilities during their period of secondment. While liaising with local authorities in an effort to maintain peaceful relations between disputing parties, other functions carried out by AFP officers include investigating criminal offences, advising authorities of strategies to reduce disturbance to

the peace, providing scientific support to investigations, resolving disputes between civilians, and escorting civilians through disputed areas.

It was quickly established in Cyprus that Australian police officers had a talent and commitment for resolving difficult situations diplomatically and fairly. This skill led to requests from the UN for Australian police to participate in other missions in other world trouble spots as they arose.

## UN Border Relief Operation, Thailand

In early 1989, Superintendents Barry Carpenter and Bill Kirk were seconded to work with UNBRO in Aranyaprathet in north-eastern Thailand to assist the UN and the Thai government to improve security and protection of 300,000 displaced Cambodians located in refugee camps along the Thai-Cambodia border. The AFP members established, trained and equipped a 1267-strong police force of Cambodian refugees, and also convinced competing political parties or influential groups to support the police, established a traditional Cambodian court and prison systems, and wrote a criminal code and regulations for police, the court and the prisons.

## UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia

In May 1992, 10 AFP members, again led by Superintendent Bill Kirk, were deployed to Banteay Meanchey Province in an area under the shared command of Cambodia factions including the Khmer Rouge.

Along with German and Tunisian police, and later the addition of Indian and French police, the group patrolled an area which covered 2500 square kilometres and extended to the Thai border, where refugee camps were set up and the UN had forged good relations with Khmer camp police.

While there, the contingent helped to establish a UN police presence, which:

investigated human rights violations; fostered a calm environment conducive to holding free elections; controlled and supervised the factionalised local police; and provided training and development for local police.

The first contingent was replaced by another 10 AFP members in February 1993, led by Superintendent Bob Bradley. From July 1992 to August 1993, more than 200 cases involving the death or injury of 355 people were investigated by contingent members. The AFP peacekeepers also trained 438 police, which represented 42.9 per cent of the total police personnel in the Thmar Puok district.



Australian police arriving in Cyprus 1964



**While in Cambodia the AFP contingents assisted in the distribution of educational materials sent by Australian charity organisations. – AFP Museum Collection**

## UN Operation in Somalia

In May 1993, Superintendent Bill Kirk was seconded to UNOSOM II as senior police adviser to the special representative of the secretary general to provide advice on the need for police monitors and, where possible, organise the development and training of a civilian police authority in Somalia.

In November the same year, a second superintendent, Barry Carpenter, was appointed as the director of police services and deputy director of justice in Somalia. His task was to control and direct UN police to help re-establish the Somali Police at local and regional levels to restore peace, stability and law and order.

## UN Mission in Mozambique

A 16-member contingent of AFP personnel, led by Superintendent Bob Bradley, joined a police component of 1144 to the UN Operation in Mozambique in 1994. The operation's mandate was to verify the demobilisation and disarmament of forces and the withdrawal of foreign troops, to assist and monitor the organisation of elections, and to coordinate humanitarian assistance.

The AFP contingent was dispersed across the country in headquarters and police posts, undertaking tasks ranging from regional and provincial commanders to investigations and operations officers. This was the first time since the first deployments to Cyprus in the 1960s that Australian civilian police were broken up and deployed into small units. A second contingent was deployed from September to December 1994, and was led by Superintendent Geoff Hazel.

## South Africa

In 1994, Superintendent Clive Banson served with the Commonwealth Observer Mission in South Africa working with South African police.

During the first part of his three-month deployment, Superintendent Banson's mission was to assist in training soldiers of the National Peacekeeping Force, which aimed to facilitate security during the first national

elections in South Africa to include the black vote. The second part of Superintendent Banson's tour of duty was as a delegate with the United Nations Observer Mission during the conduct of the elections. He was part of a group which included prominent Australian state and federal government office holders and official representatives from other Commonwealth countries.

## Multi-National Force to Haiti

An Australian contingent of 30 officers from the AFP, Victoria Police and Queensland Police Services were part of a multi-national force deployed to Haiti in November 1994 to help restore democracy to the island plagued by human rights abuses. As part of the International Police Monitor component of Operation Uphold Democracy, the group, led by Commander Alan Bird, monitored and mentored the Interim Police Security Force over a six-month period, facilitating the restoration of confidence within the community so that matters could be reported without fear of IPSF retribution. Authority and responsibility was handed over to the UN Mission in Haiti police in March 1995.

## Truce and Peace Monitoring Groups – Bougainville

After New Zealand-based peace talks in October 1997, four AFP members, Andrew Brown, Andrew Clarke, Robert Edwards and Alf Turketo, were deployed to Bougainville as part of a Truce Monitoring Group (TMG). Their role was to observe, monitor and facilitate the peace process; investigate and report any breaches of the truce; provide a liaison function; and discourage potential truce breaches.

The TMG ended on April 30, 1998, and was replaced by a Peace Monitoring Group (PMG) to which the AFP maintained its contribution of two members. Each team served two months on the island. The monitoring group's role was to record, locate and arrange disposal of arms, ammunition and explosives; monitor and report on ceasefire compliance; promote confidence in the peace process; provide information to Bougainvilleans about the peace process; assist the Bougainvillean constabulary with training; and assist in other matters aimed at democratic resolution of the conflict.

The PMG served in Bougainville from 1998 to 2003. During that time more than 3,500 Australian military personnel, police, and civilians served as unarmed peace monitors on the ground and offshore, in a remarkably patient and successful operation. Before the mission had run its course, instability occurred elsewhere in the Pacific, particularly in East Timor and the Solomon Islands.

## UN Assistance Mission to East Timor

In June 1999, the AFP sent a contingent of 22 officers to East Timor to assist with the ballot for self-determination due to take place in August of that year. The AFP members served with UNAMET, InterFET and UNTAET, often in conditions of danger, hardship and privation.

From February 2000, state police officers from all Australian jurisdictions were sworn with the appropriate powers as AFP special members in order to join the AFP's



contingents to East Timor (now Timor-Leste). A resurgence in the numbers of AFP members serving in Timor-Leste was requested by the Timor-Leste Government when civil unrest rose in 2006.

The AFP continues to contribute to capacity development in Timor-Leste under the auspices of two programs: the Timor-Leste Police Development Program (TLPDP) and the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor (UNMIT).

## Operation Helpem Fren



**The AFP component of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) arrived in Honiara to begin Operation Helpem Fren on 24 July 2003. – AFP Museum Collection**

On 24 July 2003 Australian Army and AFP personnel touched down in the Solomon Islands as part of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI), Operation Helpem Fren. Working alongside other Pacific nations and the Australian Defence Force, in less than a year RAMSI removed almost 4,000 weapons and more than 300,000 rounds of ammunition from the streets and made more than 3,000 arrests. This enabled the people of the Solomon Islands to enjoy a safer community and heralded new directions in the AFP's approach to regional policing through the creation of the International Deployment Group (IDG).

Progress was stalled in 2006 with breakdown in the peace process. Post-election violence erupted in the streets of Honiara on 17 April following the announcement of the results and Parliament's selection of a new prime minister. The protests that followed wrought destruction on many public buildings and injured 31 Australian police. Unlike the civil unrest that occurred prior to the arrival RAMSI in 2003, no one died during this disturbance, due in part to the absence of firearms surrendered in the first wave of the mission.

## The International Deployment Group

The IDG was created to provide a pool of members ready for deployment to regional areas to work alongside state and territory police in response to calls for assistance and at government request and when it was formed in February 2004, IDG personnel were already working in the Solomon Islands, Cyprus, Jordan, and Timor-Leste.

## Papua New Guinea

Another IDG assignment, the mission to Papua New Guinea as part of the Enhanced Cooperation Program, aimed to repeat the success achieved in the Solomon Islands. Deployments were undertaken in Bougainville and Port Moresby, with encouraging early success recorded by means of high density and highly visible patrols.

At its peak, 161 Australian Assisting Police were assisting the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary become a more professional, sustainable and accountable policing entity. However, a constitutional challenge to the legality of the Enhanced Cooperation Program by the Governor of the Morobe Province, Luther Wenge, led to the suspension of this mission.

## Afghanistan

The entry of the AFP into Afghanistan began in 2007, initially in small numbers but now at around 20 officers, has been designed to help improve peace and stability through supporting the Afghan National Police. The AFP helps to train Afghan police recruits and supports the Afghan National Police develop their planning and capability functions. AFP members also work closely with other law enforcement agencies in Afghanistan in support of counter-narcotics efforts.

A particular success for the AFP in Afghanistan in 2009–10 was its participation in a joint Major Crime Task Force operation that resulted in the arrest of corrupt Afghan police officials for drug trafficking and arms smuggling offences.

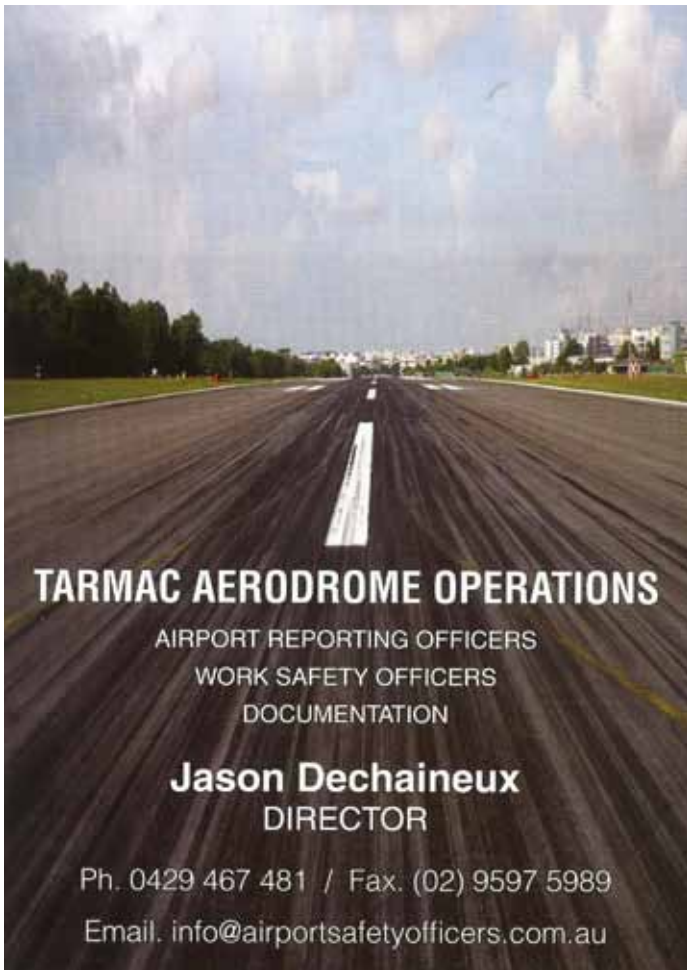
## Cambodia

The Government of Australia, through AusAID, has been providing development assistance to Cambodian Criminal Justice sector institutions since 1997 through the Cambodian Criminal Justice Assistance Program (CCJAP). A third phase of support – CCJAP III – began in January 2007, with AusAID and the AFP entering into a strategic partnership for delivery of a component of assistance to the Cambodian National Police (CNP). A senior AFP adviser is co-located within the CNP to work directly with a Deputy Commissioner on a range of strategic and policy related initiatives. Priority issues include facilitating the passage of the draft CNP police law through the legislative phase; implementing a Community Policing strategy; and increasing gender equality within the CNP.

## Ongoing commitment

In recent times, almost half a century after the first Australian police left Australia to assist restore stability to a troubled island in the Mediterranean, hundreds of officers have followed their lead in Cyprus and helped to stabilise a dozen or so of the world's trouble spots over the past half century. Today, the AFP finds itself significant numbers of police officers in Afghanistan, Sudan, Cyprus, Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Samoa, and Tonga sharing its expertise gained over that time to contribute to the eventual resolution of conflict in those countries.





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Wayne Enright; the son of a Korean War Veteran and a keen military historian; is Managing Director and Principal Guide for Free Spirit Adventures. Wayne will this year complete his 15th crossing of the Kokoda Track with a group of trekkers from Nova Defence Systems and others from Adelaide South Australia, where he lives and works as a trekking guide and facilitator of leadership and team development programs. With his other company Healthy Teams; he has provided team and stress management services for the ADF, including being keynote speaker at the Annual Defence Transition Seminar.



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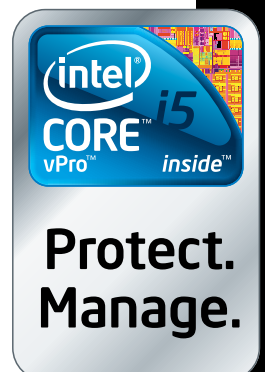
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