

Department of Defence

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SENIOR OFFICER APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

1. I am pleased to announce the following senior officer appointments and promotions, which are planned to occur from the nominated month. All are subject to ongoing work being undertaken under the auspices of the First Principles Review implementation that may result in a reduction in the number of Senior Leadership Group positions across the Department.
 - a. **Head One Defence Implementation.** Air Vice-Marshal Neil Hart from April 2015.
 - b. **Head Joint Enablers/Commander Australian Defence College.** Major General Simone Wilkie from December 2015.
 - c. **Head Land Systems.** Major General David Coghlan from December 2015.
 - d. **Australian Military Representative to NATO.** Brigadier Gavan Reynolds, on promotion to Major General, from December 2015.
 - e. **Commander JTF 633.** Air Commodore Tim Innes, on promotion to Air Vice-Marshal, from January 2016.
 - f. **Deputy Inspector General ADF.** Brigadier James Gaynor has been extended in this appointment until December 2016.
 - g. **Head Australian Defence Staff – London.** Air Commodore Brian Edwards from December 2015.
 - h. **Director-General Strategic Issues Management.** Commodore Brett Wolski from December 2015.
 - i. **Director Combined Planning Group USCENTCOM.** Group Captain Michael Gray, on promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2015.
 - j. **ADF Liaison to US Joint Chiefs.** Commodore Mark Hammond from December 2016.
 - k. **Commandant Australian Command and Staff College.** Group Captain Margot Forster, on promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2015.
 - l. **Director-General Military Strategic Commitments.**
 - Brigadier Anthony Rawlins has been extended in this appointment until June 2016.
 - Commodore Jaimie Hatcher from June 2016.

- m. **Director-General Strategic Health Coordination.** Group Captain Mike Paterson, on promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2015.
- n. **Director General Policy and Research Coordination.** Colonel Len Brennan, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2015.
- o. **Director General Joint Capability Coordination.** Brigadier John Gould from December 2015.
- p. **Deputy Head Cadets, Reserves and Employer Support Division.** Air Commodore Andrew Elfverson from May 2015.
- q. **Director-General Capability Development Life Cycle Work Stream.** Commodore Bob Morrison from May 2015.
- r. **Director-General Plans.**
 - Brigadier Dave Luhrs has been extended in this appointment until March 2016.
 - Brigadier Craig Furini from March 2016.
- s. **Commander Northern Command.** Commodore Brenton Smyth has been extended in this appointment until December 2016.
- t. **Commander Air Task Group.**
 - Group Captain Stuart Bellingham, on temporary promotion to Air Commodore, from July 2015.
 - Group Captain Antony Martin, on temporary promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2015.
- u. **Chief J3 Headquarters Operation Resolute Support.** Brigadier David Wainwright from September 2015.
- v. **Chief J5 Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve.** Brigadier John Mackenzie from February 2016.
- w. **Deputy Director Sustainment Operation Resolute Support.** Brigadier Scott Hicks from July 2015.
- x. **Deputy Commander JTF633-A.**
 - Brigadier Michael Annett from June 2015.
 - Brigadier Cheryl Pearce from March 2016.
- y. **Director-General ADF Simulation.** Colonel Dave Smith, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2015.

- z. **Director-General Navy Capability, Transition and Sustainment.**
 - Commodore Robert Elliott from December 2015.
 - Captain Jonathan Sadleir, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2016.
- aa. **Director-General Submarine Capability.** Captain Timothy Brown, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2016.
- bb. **Director-General Maritime Operations.** Commodore Michael Rothwell from December 2016.
- cc. **Chief of Staff Navy Strategic Command.** Captain Jeff Godecke, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2016.
- dd. **Commodore Training.** Captain Justin Jones, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2016.
- ee. **Chief of Staff Army Headquarters.** Brigadier Jane Spalding from December 2015.
- ff. **Director-General Army Operations.** Brigadier Cam Purdey from December 2015.
- gg. **Director-General Modernisation – Army.** Brigadier Ben James from August 2015.
- hh. **Chief of Staff Forces Command.** Brigadier Jake Ellwood from December 2015.
- ii. **Commander 3rd Brigade.** Brigadier Christopher Field from December 2015.
- jj. **Director-General Special Operations Capability.** Brigadier Shane Gabriel from September 2015.
- kk. **Commandant Royal Military College.** Brigadier Mark Brewer from December 2015.
- ll. **Commander 6th Brigade.** Brigadier Marcus Thompson from December 2015.
- mm. **Director General LAND 400.** Colonel Chris Mills, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2015.
- nn. **Commander Cadets.** Brigadier Wayne Budd has been extended in this position until December 2016.
- oo. **Commander Air Force Training Group.**
 - Air Commodore Bob Rodgers from October 2015 until May 2016.
 - Air Commodore Geoff Harland from May 2016.

- pp. **Director-General Chaplaincy – Air Force.** Principal Chaplain Kevin Russell has been extended in this position until December 2017.
- qq. **Commander Air Lift Group.** Group Captain Richard Lennon, on promotion to Air Commodore, from June 2015.
- rr. **Director-General Personnel – Air Force.** Air Commodore Henrik Ehlers from December 2015.
- ss. **Deputy Air Commander Australia.** Group Captain Bill Kourelakos, on promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2015.
- tt. **Commander Surveillance and Response Group.** Air Commodore Craig Heap from December 2015.
- uu. **Director-General Logistics – Air Force.** Air Commodore Peter Yates has been extended in this position until December 2016.
- vv. **Director-General Army Aviation Systems Branch.** Colonel Anthony McWatters, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2015.
- ww. **Director-General Land Manoeuvre Systems.** Colonel Simon Stuart, on promotion to Brigadier, from July 2015.
- xx. **Director-General Munitions.** Captain Simon Ottaviano, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- yy. **Director-General LHD/AWD Transition Manager.** Commodore Colin Lawrence from December 2015.
- zz. **Director-General Integrated Soldier Systems.** Brigadier Simon Welsh has been extended in this position until December 2016.
- aaa. **Director-General Surveillance and Control.** Group Captain Sally Pearson, on promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2015.
- bbb. **Director-General Submarines.** Commodore John Chandler has been extended in this position until December 2016.
- ccc. **Director-General Combined Arms Fighting Systems.** Colonel Greg McGlone, on promotion to Brigadier, from July 2015.
- ddd. **Director-General Land Development.** Brigadier Kath Toohey from December 2015.
- eee. **Director-General Integrated Capability Development.** Air Commodore Mike Walkington from December 2015.
- fff. **Director-General Base and Customer Support Services.** Group Captain Sue McGready, on promotion to Air Commodore, from October 2015.
- ggg. **Director-General US Force Posture Initiatives.** Colonel Tim Bayliss, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2015.

- hhh. **Director-General Weapons & Technical Intelligence.** Commodore Peter Scott from December 2016.
- iii. **Director-General Workforce Planning.** Colonel Natasha Fox, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2015.
- jjj. **Director-General Defence Force Recruiting.** Commodore Tony Partridge from June 2015.
- kkk. **Director-General Health Reserves – Navy.** Captain Andrew Robertson, on promotion to Commodore, from June 2015.
- III. **Commander 4th Brigade.** Colonel David Westphalen, on promotion to Brigadier, from June 2015.



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