



Defence Reserves Association

DRA National Conference Program – Saturday, 24 August 2024
‘The ADF Reserves Strategic Review – Outcomes and Next Steps’

Serial	Timing	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
1	0800 - 0845	Arrival and Registration	Conference Secretary
2	0845 - 0900	Conference Welcome and Admin Brief	BRIG Mike Annett, National President DRA
3	0900 - 0920	Address to Conference by Government spokesperson	Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite, MP - Assistant Minister for Immigration
4	0920 - 0940	Address to Conference by Opposition spokesperson	Hon. Michael McCormack, MP - Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific
5	0940 - 1010	The ADF Reserves Strategic Review and optimizing the role of the Reserves in National Defence	ADM David Johnston, Chief of the Defence Force will be represented by LTGEN Natasha Fox
6	1010 - 1040	ADF People System and ADF Recruiting Update	LTGEN Natasha Fox, Chief of Personnel
7	1040 - 1100	Panel Discussion/Questions	BRIG Mike Annett
8	1100 - 1130	Morning Tea	
9	1130 - 1200	Update on the ADF Reserves Strategic Review and Implementation Approach	MAJGEN Doug Laidlaw, Head Reserve and Cadet Support Division
10	1200 - 1230	Panel Discussion / Questions	BRIG Mike Annett
11	1230 - 1330	Lunch	

12	1330 - 1400	2nd Division update and remarks on the Reserves Review from the Commander's perspective	MAJGEN David Thomae, Commander 2nd Australian Division
13	1400 - 1450	Reserves within Joint Capabilities – current and future Air Force – Reserve Component update	AVM Ken Robinson, Deputy Commander Joint Capabilities Group and AIRCDRE Gregory Frisina, Director General Reserves – Air Force, Air Force HQ
14	1450 - 1510	Navy – Reserve Component update	CDRE Letitia Van Stralen, Director General Navy People, Navy HQ
15	1510 - 1530	Army – Reserve Component update	BRIG Mike Kalms, Director General Workforce Integration, Army HQ
16	1530 - 1600	Panel Discussion / Questions	BRIG Mike Annett
17	1600 - 1620	RSL Update	MAJGEN Greg Melick (Rtd), RSL National President
18	1620 - 1640	Defence Force Welfare Association Update	Ms Del Gaudry, President DFWA
19	1640 - 1700	Conference Summary & Closing remarks	BRIG Mike Annett
20	1900 for 1930	Conference Formal Dinner	Dinner Guest Speaker – Repatriation Commissioner, Kahlil Fegan