



Defence Reserves Association

DRA National Conference – Saturday, 14 August 2021

“If you want peace, prepare for war: the contingent role and tasks for the ADF Reserves” PROGRAM

Serial	Timing	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
1.	0830 - 0855	<i>Assembly/Registration</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
2.	0855 - 0900	Opening Address	MAJGEN Paul Irving, National President DRA
3.	0900 - 0925	What the Government is demanding of the Reserves in preparing for war!	Hon Peter Dutton, MP, Minister for Defence
4.	0925 - 0950	What the Opposition is demanding of the Reserves in preparing for war!	Hon Brendan O’Connor, MP, Shadow Minister for Defence
5.	0950 - 1000	Open Forum	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
6.	1000 - 1030	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
7.	1030 - 1055	Defence support to National Crisis Management Machinery including mobilisation of the ADF and Defence’s workforce	Air Vice-Marshal Robert Chipman, Head Military Strategic Commitments Division
8.	1055 -1120	Mobilisation of the ADF – a balanced and affordable future force	Commodore Michael Turner, Director General Force Exploration
9.	1120 - 1145	A “non-Defence” view on mobilisation and use of the Reserves as an expansion base	Mr Michael Shoebridge, Director of Defence, Strategy & National Security Program, Australian Strategic Policy Institute
10.	1145 - 1205	Open Forum	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association

11.	1205 - 1305	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
12.	1305 - 1330	Role of the 2 nd Division within the Defence Mobilisation Strategic Framework	MAJGEN David Thomae, Commander 2nd Division
13.	1330 - 1355	Initiatives and issues in implementing the Total Workforce System and alignment with the Defence Mobilisation Strategic Framework	MAJGEN Natasha Fox, Head People Capability
14.	1355 - 1420	Implementation of the Army Objective Force	BRIG Langford, Director General Future Land Warfare
15.	1420 - 1440	Open Forum	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
16.	1440 - 1510	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
17.	1510 - 1535	Initiatives affecting the Defence Reserves	BRIG Nicole Longley, Acting Head Joint Services Support Division
18.	1535 - 1550	Development of a balanced and affordable RAN, including use of Reservists	CDRE Matt Buckley, Director General Navy People
19.	1550 - 1605	Initiatives being undertaken and proposed to enhance the Army Reserve	BRIG Michael Bond, Director General Reserves – Army
20.	1605 - 1620	Development of a balanced and affordable Air Force, including use of Reservists	AIRCDRE Tony Hindmarsh, Director General Workforce Design and Reserves – Air Force
21.	1620 - 1640	Open Forum Forum about Reserve workforce initiatives and issues	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
22.	1640 - 1650	Closing Address	MAJGEN Paul Irving, National President DRA
23.	1900 for 1930	<i>Conference Dinner</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>