



Defence Reserves Association

DRA National Conference – Saturday, 3 September 2022

“Calling out the Reserves – the need for balance and sustainability”

PROGRAM

Serial	Timing	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
1.	0830 - 0855	<i>Assembly/Registration</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
2.	0900- 0905	Opening Address	MAJGEN Paul Irving, National President DRA
3.	0905 - 0930	How the Government will achieve balance & sustainability of ADF Reservists in meeting domestic disaster operations	Hon Matt Keogh, MP, Minister for Defence Personnel
4.	0930 - 0940	How the Opposition would achieve balance & sustainability of ADF Reservists in meeting domestic disaster operations	Hon Andrew Hastie, MP, Shadow Minister for Defence
5.	0940 - 0950	Open Forum	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
6.	0950 -1000	Presentation to MAJ Hains	MAJGEN Paul Irving/WGCDRE Ross Day
7.	1000 - 1030	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
8.	1030 - 1055	The Canadian experience – use of Canadian Reservists on domestic operations	MAJGEN RRE MacKenzie, Chief of Reserves & Employer Support, Canada
9.	1055 -1120	A “non-Defence” view – interface between State Emergency Services & the ADF in domestic operations	Mr Andrew Crisp, Victorian Emergency Management Commissioner
10.	1120 - 1130	Open Forum	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
11.	1130-1155	Defence’s role in the Australian Crisis Management Framework	BRIG Simon Johnstone, Director General, Military Strategic Effects
12.	1155-1220	Role of the 2 nd Division, as a new functional command, in the conduct of domestic operations	MAJGEN David Thomae, Commander 2nd Division
13.	1120-1245	How other countries use Reservists on domestic operations & work of International Committee on Employer Support	WGCDR Ross Day, representing Head Joint Support Services Division

14.	1245-1255	Open Forum	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
15.	1255-1350	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
16.	1350 - 1415	Personnel initiatives & issues associated with the call out & use of Reservists on domestic operations; & progress on implementation of the Total Workforce System	MAJGEN Wade Stothart, Head People Capability
17.	1415 - 1435	Mobilising the Reserves for Emergency Response	COL Renée Kidson, Science and Technology Executive, Defence, Science & Technology Group
18.	1435-1455	Ability of the Reserves to enhance ADF capability	Dr Wendy De Luca, Lecturer, Adult & Vocational Education, Charles Sturt University
19.	1455 - 1505	Open Forum	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
20.	1505 - 1525	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>
21.	1525 - 1545	Use of Naval Reservists on domestic operations & training of Naval Reservists	CDR Emma McDonald-Kerr, Senior Naval Officer SA and CO HMAS Encounter
22.	1545 - 1605	Enhancing the value of the part-time workforce in Army	BRIG Michael Bond, Director General Reserves – Army
23.	1605 - 1625	Air Force Reserve – repositioning & refreshing for the future	AIRCDRE Tony Hindmarsh, Director General Workforce Design and Reserves – Air Force
24.	1625 - 1635	Open Forum about Reserve workforce initiatives & issues	Mr Neil James, Executive Director, Australia Defence Association
25.	1635 - 1645	Current issues affecting Veterans	MAJGEN Greg Melick, National President RSL
26.	1645 - 1655	What can the Royal United Services Institutes do for you?	MAJGEN Mike O'Brien, President of RUSI VIC
27.	1655 - 1700	Closing Address	MAJGEN Paul Irving, National President DRA
28.	1900 for 1930	<i>Conference Dinner</i>	<i>Conference Secretary</i>