

Contributors

Admiral **Chris Barrie**, AC, was Chief of the Defence Force from 1998 to 2002. Admiral Barrie joined the RAN in 1961, and commanded HMAS *Buccaneer* from 1969 to 1970, HMAS *Stuart* from 1983 to 1984, and HMAS *Watson* from 1991 to 1992. In 1995 Admiral Barrie was appointed Deputy Chief of Navy, a role he held until he was appointed Vice Chief of the Defence Force in 1997. Following his retirement, Admiral Barrie has worked as a consultant, teacher and mentor at Oxford University, the National Defense University in Washington, DC, and at The Australian National University. Admiral Barrie chairs PTSD Australia New Zealand and is a member of the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change.

John Blaxland is Professor of International Security and Intelligence Studies at The Australian National University. A retired Army officer, he is also former head of the Strategic & Defence Studies Centre and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. In 2019, the Australian Signals Directorate commissioned him to write a multi-volume history of their organisation. His publications so far include *In from the Cold: Reflections on Australia's Korean War* (2020); 'A Geostrategic SWOT Analysis for Australia' (2019); 'Tipping the Balance in Southeast Asia?' (2017); *The Secret Cold War* (2016); *East Timor Intervention* (2015); *The Protest Years* (2015); *The Australian Army From Whitlam to Howard* (2014); *Strategic Cousins* (2006); 'Revisiting Counterinsurgency' (2006); 'Information Era Manoeuvre' (2003); *Signals: Swift and Sure* (1998); and *Organising an Army: The Australian Experience, 1957–1965* (1989).

Elizabeth Boulton is a former Army officer who joined the Army in 1990 as a lieutenant in the Royal Australian Corps of Transport. She deployed to East Timor in 1999 and Iraq in 2004, and has also worked in Ghana,

Nigeria, Sudan and the Pacific Islands. Her last posting was as a research officer at Army Knowledge Centre, and she has been studying towards completion of a PhD at The Australian National University part-time.

Major General **Michael Crane**, DSC and Bar, AM, was commissioned into the Royal Australian Artillery in 1980, serving in East Timor and as Commander of the Army Recruit Training Centre. He was Chief of Staff in Headquarters Joint Operations Command from 2005 to 2006 before Commanding Joint Task Force 633 in the Middle East from 2006 to 2007. In 2008 he was appointed Head of Military Strategic Commitments, and in 2009 Deputy Director of Operations at United States Central Command. He completed a second tour as Commander of JTF 633 from 2012 to 2013 before retiring from full-time service in 2014.

Colonel **Marcus Fielding** joined the Australian Army in 1983 and graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in December 1986. He was commissioned into the Royal Australian Engineers, has held a variety of command, staff and instructional appointments, and has served on operations in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Haiti, East Timor and Iraq. Colonel Fielding transferred from full-time to part-time service with the Australian Army in 2011. He is the President of Military History and Heritage Victoria and a non-executive director of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Ltd. He is the author of *Red Zone Baghdad: My War in Iraq* (2011) and *Dealing with a Deadly Legacy: Aussie Soldiers Clearing Land Mines in Afghanistan* (2019).

Thea Gellerfy is an early career researcher with a background in defence industry, working in support of several global military operations. She is pursuing an academic career in strategic studies, focusing on developing more robust methodologies for defence acquisitions. Her thesis with The Australian National University considers the role of emerging technologies in the maritime domain, specifically the influence of unmanned technologies in anti-submarine warfare scenarios.

Professor **Robert Hill**, AC, was a member of the Australian Senate from 1981 to 2006, representing South Australia. Hill was elected Leader of the Liberal Party and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1990 to 1996 when, on the election of the Howard Government, he became Leader of the Government in the Senate from March 1996 until his resignation in January 2006. He was Minister for the Environment (1996–98), Minister for the Environment and Heritage (1998–2002) and

Minister for Defence (2001–06). Since leaving politics, Hill has served as ambassador to the United Nations and has chaired the Australian Carbon Trust (later Low Carbon Australia Ltd). He is an Adjunct Professor in Sustainability at the US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney and chairs the Control and Reporting Centre for Low Carbon Living at the University of New South Wales. He was appointed Chancellor of the University of Adelaide in 2010, a role he held until 2014.

Vice Admiral **Peter Jones**, AO, DSC, joined the RAN in 1974 and is a surface warfare specialist. His sea-going postings have included command of HMAS *Melbourne* and Commander Australian Surface Task Group. From 2002 to 2003, Jones commanded the RAN Task Group in the Persian Gulf and the multinational Maritime Interception Force. Subsequently, he has had appointments including Commander Australian Navy Systems Command, Head of ICT Operations/Strategic J6 and Head Capability Systems within Capability Development Group. In 2011 he was appointed Chief of Capability Development Group, serving in this capacity until his retirement in 2014.

Lieutenant General **Peter Leahy**, AC, served as Chief of Army from 2002 to 2008. He first joined the Army in 1971 as an infantryman, and held multiple instructional roles both domestically and abroad, including with Gurkha soldiers and at the US Army Command and General Staff College. He commanded the 8th/9th Battalion from 1990 to 1992 and the 3rd Brigade from 1997 to 1998 before assuming duties as Deputy Chief of Army in 2000. Since his retirement in 2008, Leahy has been a professor at the University of Canberra and chaired the boards of Soldier On and the Australian International Military Games.

Colonel **Mick Lehmann**, CSC, graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1986 and entered the Australian Intelligence Corps. He commanded the Defence Intelligence Training Centre from 2006 to 2007, and has served as senior intelligence officer at brigade and division levels. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2007, 2011 and 2015 before retiring from the Army in 2016.

Major General **Dan McDaniel** is a senior Army officer who has served in command positions several times on combat operations in the Middle East. He has led at all levels of special operations, from patrol to command. He commanded the Special Air Service Regiment from 2007 to 2008

and the Special Operations Command from 2013 to 2014. He began his Army career in 1988, and joined the Royal Australian Infantry Corps in 1989.

Professor **William Maley** is Emeritus Professor of Diplomacy at the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at The Australian National University. He served as the College's Foundation Director of the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy from 2003 to 2014. He has taught at the Australian Defence Force Academy and has served as a Visiting Professor at the Russian Diplomatic Academy, a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Public Policy at the University of Strathclyde, and a Visiting Research Fellow in the Refugee Studies Programme at Oxford University. He is a barrister of the High Court of Australia, vice-president of the Refugee Council of Australia, and a member of the Australian Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific.

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Karen Middleton is a political journalist and Chief Political Correspondent for *The Saturday Paper*. In 2011 she published her first book, *An Unwinnable War: Australia in Afghanistan*, which told the political backstory of Australia's involvement in Afghanistan. She has worked in the federal parliamentary Press Gallery since 1989 and was the president of the Press Gallery for four years.

Major General **Jim Molan**, AO, DSC, is a Senator for New South Wales representing the Liberal Party. He joined the Army in 1968, serving as an infantryman and helicopter pilot, and in 2000 was Commander of

the evacuation force from Solomon Islands. In 2004 Molan deployed to Iraq as the coalition's Chief of Operations, and upon his return to Australia commenced posts as Defence Materiel Advocate and then as adviser to the Vice Chief of the Defence Force on Joint Warfighting Lessons and Concepts. Following his retirement from the Army in 2008, Molan published books and articles on his experience in Iraq, and became a regular media commentator on defence and security issues.

Superintendent **Steve Mullins** has held a variety of roles in the Australian Federal Police, including as Senior Liaison Officer and Coordinator of Economic and Special Operations. He is now retired from the AFP.

Major General **Anthony Rawlins**, DSC, is Deputy Chief of the Australian Army. Formerly, he was Director General Military Strategic Commitments Branch, and previously he was Commander of the 7th Brigade based at Enoggera in Brisbane. He has completed operational service deployments with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Israel and Lebanon and with the Headquarters International Security Assistance Force. As Commanding Officer of 2nd Cavalry Regiment in southern Iraq, he commanded Overwatch Battle Group West (Two). Since 2017 he has been on the board of Mates4Mates.

Dr **Alan Ryan** has been Executive Director of the Australian Civil-Military Centre since 2012. He was previously Principal of the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies at the Australian Defence College from 2006 to 2012, and Senior Adviser to the Minister for Defence, Senator Robert Hill, from 2003 to 2006. From 1999 to 2003 he was Senior Research Fellow in the Army's principal conceptual research institution, the Land Warfare Studies Centre. He has held several consulting and teaching positions, including as an assistant dean at the University of Notre Dame Australia. He served with the Australian Army Reserve between 1981 and 1994 and on attachment with the British Territorial Army from 1987 to 1991.

David Savage, AM, has been a deputy director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade since 2010. He began his career in the Australian Federal Police from 1982 to 2001, contributing to peacekeeping operations in East Timor, Mozambique and Bougainville. From 2001 to 2005 he was Chief of Investigations for the United Nations Serious Crimes Unit East Timor, then worked on various overseas policing projects targeting human trafficking. In 2002, he published *Dancing with the Devil: A Personal*

Account of Policing the East Timor Vote for Independence. In 2009 he joined the International Crisis Group as a consultant researching war crimes and human rights abuses. In 2011 Savage deployed to Afghanistan as a stabilisation adviser for AusAID, returning in 2012. In 2013 he began volunteering for Soldier On Australia as a Wounded Ambassador. Savage was a Visiting Fellow with the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at ANU.

Ric Smith, AO, PSM, was Secretary of the Department of Defence from 2002 to 2006. He began his career in the Department of External Affairs in 1969, serving in New Delhi, Tel Aviv and Manila. From 1987 to 1989 he was Consul-General in Honolulu, then Head of the Pacific, Africa and Middle East Division of DFAT up to 1992. In 1992 he was appointed a deputy secretary of DFAT, and in 1996 was named Australian ambassador to the People's Republic of China. From January 2001 to 31 October 2002, Smith served as Australian ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and in 2008 he led a review for the Rudd Government of Australia's homeland and border security. In April 2009, Smith was appointed as Australia's Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Superintendent **Col Speedie** was commander of the second Australian Federal Police mission to Afghanistan from 2008 to 2009. He served in senior police executive roles in Solomon Islands and Jordan and as head of the United Nations Police in Cyprus. Following his retirement from the AFP in 2014, Speedie has been a law enforcement and security adviser and also engaged in lecturing on expeditionary policing strategy and operations, domestically and internationally.

Professor **Craig Stockings** is the Official Historian of Australian Operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor. He is a graduate of both the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and served as an infantry officer with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. From 1999 to 2000 he deployed to East Timor, then was appointed aide-de-camp to the Governor-General of Australia. He has been a lecturer and associate professor at the University of New South Wales, Canberra, since 2006. In 2016 Stockings was appointed the Official Historian for the Official History of Australian Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Australian Peacekeeping Operations in East Timor.

Air Commodore **Chris Westwood** joined the RAAF in 1982 and held several executive posts, including Commanding Officer of 1 Radar Surveillance Unit in 1994, Commanding Officer 3 Control and Reporting Unit from 2002 to 2003, and Officer Commanding 41 Wing from 2004 to 2008. Westwood has been responsible for domestic defence operations, including security for the Melbourne Commonwealth Games of 2006, and deployed with the Control and Reporting Centre Afghanistan for three short visits. In 2010 he became Director General Joint Capability Coordination, a role he held until 2013 when he was appointed Deputy Air Commander Australia. Subsequently he served as Commander Surveillance and Response Group from late 2013 until his retirement in 2015.

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