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## CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to Issue No. 198 of the *Australian Defence Force Journal*.

For this issue, the Board again had an impressive range of prospective articles, which continue to demonstrate the experience and insights of ADF practitioners in Australian defence and security issues, and broader geostrategic issues of the Indo-Pacific region. The Board particularly appreciates the contribution from the CDF, and his ongoing support to the *Journal*.

In discussing the selection of articles, the Board confirmed that the *Journal's* focus should be on the 'profession of arms' in Australia, especially relating to the planning and conduct of joint operations in contemporary and future environments in which Australian forces are likely to operate.

It seemed particularly appropriate, therefore, to award the 'best article' prize to Captain Nicholas Barber for his article on hybrid warfare and the challenges it presents to the ADF. In recognition of his contribution, and as an incentive to future contributors, he will be presented with a certificate personally signed by the CDF and Secretary of Defence.

The Board also discussed other ways to increase the *Journal's* contributor base and its readership, particularly given the competition from other sources and the ready availability of on-line opinions and commentary on a range of professional topics. The Board has undertaken to address these issues as a matter of urgency, and is aiming to implement some dynamic changes, ideally to coincide with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 200<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Journal* in 2016.

In the meantime, the March/April 2016 edition will be a 'general' issue and contributions should be submitted to the Editor, at the email address above, by mid January. Submission guidelines are on the *Journal's* website: see [www.adfjournal.adc.edu.au](http://www.adfjournal.adc.edu.au)

Before closing, I would like to thank Group Captain Peter Wood, CSM, for his valued contribution as a Board member over the past two years. His replacement on the Board will be Group Captain Mark Green, the incoming Director of the Air Power Development Centre.

I hope you enjoy this edition and would encourage your contribution to future issues.

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## FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

**7 December 2015**

Lowy Institute, Sydney

Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, AO, CSC, RAN

'Interdependence, Alliance and the Winning Edge'

12-1pm

<http://www.lowyinstitute.org/events/event-vice-admiral-tim-barrett-ao-csc-ran>

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