

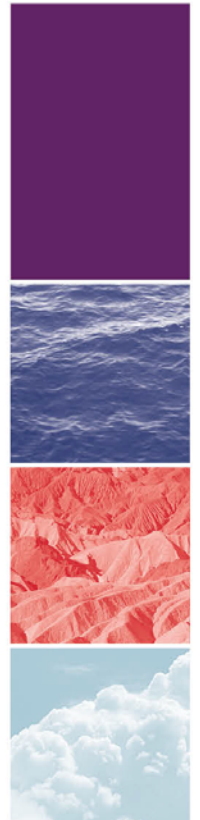


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## Foreword

I'm pleased to launch this new-look format of the *ADF Journal*, following its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the publication of its 200<sup>th</sup> issue. Over the past four decades, the *Journal* has published articles and reviews by some 2000 contributors, totalling around ten million words related to the profession of arms in Australia.

However, like any reputable journal, the critical output is not about quantity. It's about the quality of the material and, in our case, how those articles and reviews have contributed to the Australian Defence Force's professional development by stimulating thinking and debate on the issues of importance to a modern military organisation.

This special issue features a selection of some of the best articles published by the *Journal* over the past ten years. They cover a range of topics and contributions by ADF members representing each of the Services, as well as several articles from non-Defence contributors. I am particularly pleased that several articles are from relatively junior ADF members, which hopefully will provide encouragement to others to similarly contribute in future.

Indeed, I am conscious that one of the criticisms of the ADF is that we have been so actively engaged in operations over the past two to three decades that we have not taken the time to pause and reflect on our profession, nor have we given sufficient encouragement to our members to contribute and actively participate in professional debate through avenues such as the *ADF Journal*.



Some of you will recall the excellent article published in this *Journal* in 2010 by Admiral James Stavridis, US Navy, stressing the importance of ongoing professional development and professional military education more broadly. Admiral Stavridis quoted Thucydides as saying that 'the nation that makes great distinction between its scholars and its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and its fighting done by fools'.

I commend that sentiment to everyone in the ADF. We need our future leaders to be both warriors and scholars. Importantly also, our current leaders need to actively encourage those under their command to be thinking about the issues we face and to be prepared to debate those issues in forums such as the *ADF Journal*. The profession of arms in Australia is in good shape. But we can and need to be more proactive.

I encourage all ranks to participate in our professional discourse. Your ideas and your experiences are valuable and necessary to our internal deliberations and to the public debate on the profession of arms in Australia.

**Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin, AC**  
Chief of the Defence Force

# Chair's comments

Welcome to Issue No. 201 of the *Australian Defence Force Journal*.

I am particularly pleased that the Chief of the Defence Force has provided the foreword to this issue. His support and encouragement to ADF members to actively participate in the professional debate is much appreciated by the Board, as is his exhortation to senior leaders to encourage the ADF's future leaders to contribute to the ongoing development of the profession of arms in Australia.

As CDF has indicated, this issue contains a selection of articles published by the *Journal* over the past ten years. Some were awarded 'best article' recognition in their respective issue. Others have been selected to highlight a particularly topical issue. Collectively, they hopefully represent an interesting and readable compendium of issues addressed by the *ADF Journal* over the past decade.

In this issue, we also launch the new-look format of the *Journal*, which we will utilise for both the ongoing e-version and planned printed version. It has been designed by Defence Publishing Service to incorporate contemporary trends in graphic design and publishing. We will change the cover-page photos for each issue.

Our next issue, to be published in July/August, will revert to the normal content of contributed articles and book reviews. Contributions are sought by mid-June and should be submitted to the editor in accordance with the guidelines – see <http://www.adfjournal.adc.edu.au/site/authguidance.asp> The planned printed version, which we are aiming to introduce later in the year, will be based on the e-version but will include a selection of full-colour images.

In closing, I would like to thank Group Captain Mark Green for his work on the Board over the past two years. His replacement, representing Air Force, is Group Captain David Millar, Director of the Air Power Development Centre.

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

**Ian Errington, AM, CSC**

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