Enhancing capability with robotic and autonomous systems

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While it is not unusual to see two M113AS4 APCs firing and manoeuvring, it might warrant a second look when you notice the vehicles are uncrewed – as was the case at the optionally crewed combat vehicles (OCCVs) demonstration at the Majura Training Area, ACT.

In partnership with BAE Systems Australia, two APCs were converted to OCCVs, while UAS and quadru-ped robots demonstrated a potential future to the CA’s Senior Advisory Committee on October 31.

SO1 Robotic and Autonomous Systems (RAS) Lt-Col Robin Smith said optional crewing meant a driver could be in the vehicle for normal operations but could be removed for dangerous or exploratory tasks.

“It seeks to lighten the load on the soldier from a physical and cognitive perspective, provide us with a more efficient supply chain, in medical care and the maintenance of equipment, offer the opportunity to generate mass, provide greater force protection and improve our decision-making,” Lt-Col Smith said.

“We are using M113s because we have them in service and we understand them really well.

“They are a great candidate platform for experimenting with and informing our future requirements.”

Director-General Future Land Warfare Col Simeon Ward said the demonstration showed the innovative methods through which current technology could be enhanced with new technology.

“Army is an agile force,” Col Ward said.

“We are looking to the potential for disruptive technology such as RAS, artificial intelligence and robotics to play an increasingly important role into the future and offer an opportunity to be more effective on the battlefield.”

Army and BAE will continue trials of the OCCV APCs with a number of units, training soldiers in their operating systems.

The OCCV is also available for trials under the Trusted Autonomous Systems Defence Cooperative Research Centre in Brisbane.
A technician from BAE Systems Australia remotely inputs controls to an autonomous M113AS4 optionally crewed combat vehicle at Majura Training Area.

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A technician from BAE Systems watches an autonomous M113AS4 optionally crewed combat vehicle.

Cpl Cindy Wilson controls a Ghost Robotics unmanned ground vehicle.
WHILE indulging their sweet tooth, soldiers and airmen gave more than $500,000 back to their bases last financial year.

Through AAFCANS’ automated retail vending program, $534,985 made its way back to Army and Air Force welfare.

The top three recipients were Lavarack Barracks with $108,674, Gallipoli Barracks with $50,297 and Albury-Wodonga with $47,160.

Singleton Barracks racked up $32,159 in disbursement returns despite being in the vending program for only eight months of the period.

The profits generated by 289 AAFCANS vending machines across 34 ADF bases went to 29 Defence welfare funds.

AAFCANS has procured additional tap-and-go vending machines, designed to offer heat- and serve meals. These are on trial in select bases, offering out-of-hours meals to ADF residents.

Munchies mean money as snacks give back

Envision director Sean Tee said the mobility aids went to disadvantaged communities throughout Cambodia and other third world countries.

He also said it took about 500g of recycled bottle caps and 40 hours of work to create one hand.

AAFCANS managing director Stewart McGrow said AAFCANS was also developing a strategic plan to help reduce its waste and improve overall environmental practices.

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Trails of these measures would begin on select bases in January 2020 and be expanded to other ADF bases and canteen operations during the 2020-21 financial year.

For more information contact AAFCANS National Support Office on 07 3332 6356.
Iraqis take the lead

MORE than 100 ADF personnel deploy- ing to Iraq were farewelled in Darwin on November 4.

The Iraqi School of Infantry will lead the majority of training, while Australians and New Zealanders of Task Group Taji-10 will mentor Iraqi Security Forces (ISF).

Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said that since 2014, Task Group Taji had pro- vided a major contribution.

“The ADF has made significant progress in enhancing the capabilities of the ISF to defeat Daesh,” Senator Reynolds said.

“The ADF’s local partner, the Iraqi School of Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer II, is ready to deliver most of its training without the assistance of coalition partners.

“This progress means Australia is in a position to reduce our contribution from about 250 to 120 ADF personnel.

“I am so proud of their efforts and on behalf of all Australians, I thank them and the other 2500 servicemen and women who have served at Taji.

“Together with NZ, Australia has trained more than 45,000 members of the ISF who have played an important role in combatting Daesh in Iraq, and I was proud to see their work firsthand on my recent visit to Taji.”

– Linda Reynolds,
Defence Minister

Australian and NZ troops of Task Group Taji-10, during their farewell parade at Robertson Barracks.

Photo: Cpl Shane Kelly

The S-70 Black Hawk was a popu- lar participant at this year’s annual Tumut Valley Air Show.

The air show’s popularity grows every year and the ADF demon- strated its commitment to regional Australia with a strong presence.

Sgt Karen Cahill, of Army Aviation, currently posted to DFR in Albury, described Army’s participa- tion as a “privilege”.

“A lot of people in regional Australia are doing it tough with the drought impacting so many this year,” Sgt Cahill said.

“Participating in the Tumut Valley Air Show helped us showcase a long-standing mainstay of Army Aviation – the S-70 Black Hawk.”

The ADF and DFR contributed both in the air and on the ground to make this year’s air show spectacu- lar for the hundreds who enjoyed the two-day event.

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The crowd waves to the Black Hawk helicopter during the Tumut Valley Air Show.

Photo: Cpl Kylie Gibson

Female pelvic health survey now open

Does your pelvic health matter to you?

The Women Veterans Network Australia (WVNA) is partnering with researchers from Charles Sturt University and Bond University to explore the pelvic health of women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Pelvic health is a broad term encompassing the structures and functions of the bladder, bowel and reproductive system. The relationships between work and pelvic health have not previously been explored in female Defence personnel.

If you are biologically female, aged over 18 years, and currently serving in the ADF, or have left within the past 2 years, we’d love to know how you have maintained and managed your pelvic health during your most recent military service.

Our survey is online and completely anonymous.

The female pelvic health survey is open until 29 November 2019.


This project has been funded by the Defence Health Foundation and has been approved by the Human Research and Ethics Committees of: Department of Defence and Veteran’s Affairs 099-19, Charles Sturt University H19271, Bond University TC01733. CRICOS Provider Number for Charles Sturt University is 00005F.

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Step up to the platelet!

With only three weeks left to go in the 2019 Defence Blood Challenge, Army needs to get pumped to donate blood, plasma or platelets.

Army is falling behind as the Services vie for the most generous donor across four categories. Members’ and their families’ donations can be counted towards Army’s tally if they register their donation at www.donateblood.com.au/red25.

93% of Army have not yet donated

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Army’s target for 2019: 3500 donations

Get pumped to donate

Army is falling behind

Year-on-year growth

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Results as at 5 November 2019
Meeting the challenge

Cpl Amanda Robbie, left, supervises Denisse Valenzela as she completes a deadlift during the Army Headquarters 24-hour Charity Challenge.

Photos: Cpl Kyle Genner

Cpl Julia Whitwell

RAISING funds for Soldier On, Army Headquarters (AHQ) raced the clock to chalk up as many walking, running, rowing and cycling kilometres as possible over a 24-hour period, from 10am October 15, to 10am the following day.

More than 300 personnel participated in the AHQ 24-Hour Charity Challenge in Canberra, which resulted in 3,349.9km covered and $3400 raised for the charity.

PTI and event organiser, Cpl Amanda Robbie, said staff from all ranks across AHQ contributed to the effort.

“We had participants cycling, running and rowing late into the night, helping us towards our goal,” Cpl Robbie said.

“A lot of people put in a huge effort, and it goes to show what we can achieve as an organisation when we band together to help our community.”

The event target was to raise $4100 and reach 4100km, which was chosen as a tribute to the 41 Australian soldiers killed on operations in Afghanistan.

Soldier On CEO Ivan Slavich said the money raised would go towards programs to help veterans and their families, post-service.

“With the support we’ve received from the AHQ 24-Hour Charity Challenge, Soldier On can continue providing mental health services at no cost to contemporary veterans or family members, help with employment or education opportunities for those transitioning, and offer social activities to provide that sense of community,” Mr Slavich said.

Marines rotate out

DCA Maj-Gen Anthony Rawlins, right, presents a cheque to Jane Farrell from Soldier On.

Cpl Amanda Robbie, left, supervises Denisse Valenzela as she completes a deadlift during the Army Headquarters 24-hour Charity Challenge.

Photos: Cpl Kyle Genner

Marines of Marine Rotational Force – Darwin board an aircraft at RAAF Base Darwin to depart the Northern Territory.

Photo: PO Peter Thompson

MARINE Rotational Force – Darwin departed the Northern Territory on October 21, after training to strengthen cooperation with the ADF.

It was the largest rotation so far, with an initial force of about 1700 marines, which reached a milestone of 2500 with the addition of the marines that arrived between July and September.

Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said this year’s rotation was the force’s most capable deployment to date.

“The United States Force Posture Initiatives, of which the Marine Rotational Force – Darwin is a key component, demonstrates the strength of the Australia-US alliance and our deep engagement with the Indo-Pacific region,” Senator Reynolds said.

Future rotations will focus on increasing regional engagement, deepening interoperability between the ADF and US Marine Corps, as well as positioning forces for disaster response and humanitarian assistance.

Australia and the US will invest about $2 billion on aircraft maintenance, support facilities, fuel storage and upgrades to accommodation, training areas and ranges.

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Capt Megan McDermott

AFL players participating in the NT Thunder Under-16s Women’s Development Camp in Darwin were woken by surprise, not by their coaches but by the Army.

The sleeping players were risen in true military fashion at 6am and hurried onto the oval at TIO Stadium.

Two Army PTIs and a number of 11 female AFL players from Darwin’s Robertson Barracks put the 46 talented female players through their paces.

PTI Sgt Cameron Justice, who has led a number of these activities, said the tough session deliberately omitted football drills.

“We ran a military-style ‘gun-run’ session designed to give them a greater appreciation for each other’s strengths and weaknesses and to build on their communication and teamwork,” Sgt Justice said.

The young players were required to work together to transport heavy loads from one point on the field to another to simulate what a soldier might carry on operations.

“The change in style allowed us to place the players under different types of duress compared to their normal training regime,” Sgt Justice said.

NT Thunder head coach Heidi Thompson said the players came from remote communities to participate in the training camp scheduled during the school holidays.

“As well as players from Darwin and Alice Springs, we had players from Elcho Island, Goulburn Island, Gove, Katherine, Milngunis, Tennant Creek, Tiwi Islands and Wagait,” Ms Thompson said.

“They were identified to attend by their clubs, school, AFLNT remote development officers and AFLNT talent and pathways staff.

Over the week-long training camp, the players trained hard to be selected for the NT Thunder Under-16s Women’s Representational Team for 2020.

The Army training session was just one aspect of the camp, providing an opportunity for the budding players to train in a high-performance environment where they receive coaching on technical and tactical skill development, nutrition, recovery, mindset and wellbeing.

Sgt Justice said while the military twist added something out-of-the-norm to the AFL program, achieving success in Army and sporting organisations such as the AFL required a similar mindset.

“Army prides itself on being a professional organisation and lays on the key foundations of team work, sacrifice, selflessness, respect and courage, to succeed in its missions,” Sgt Justice said.

“A professional sporting organisation like the AFL has very similar values that underpin their ability to become successful.”

Local 13-year-old participant Kierra Zerafa said the session was challenging but rewarding.

“The toughest part of the session was definitely lifting the tyres and the logs - for the logs you needed four people,” Ms Zerafa said.

“My favourite part was being called up as one of the leaders and then having to tell my group what we were going to do to get them moving ... it involved a lot of leadership and we had to work as a team.”

The entire session lasted an hour and, by the end of it, the military instructors had the players exhausted but still smiling.

The session ended with stretching and a post-workout breakfast where the players had the opportunity to get to know their uniformed instructors.
Humble digger honoured

Cpl Julia Whitwell

ENVELOPED in the creases of a wrinkled hand, a newly presented Pacific Star medal caught the sunlight as its 98-year-old owner, Peter Carberry, sat in the courtyard of his nursing home.

The medal was one of three Mr Carberry received, along with the Returned From Active Service Badge, when RSM-A WO Grant McFarlane visited him at his nursing home in Tumut on October 3.

Having discharged before the war ended, Mr Carberry never applied for his medals – believing he wasn’t entitled to any – and rarely talked about the war.

Even as his medals were being presented, he humbly quipped about his entitlement to them.

“I’m not sure what they’re for. They must have had some spares lying around,” Mr Carberry said.

As a 21-year-old, Mr Carberry enlisted with the Army and was sent to Papua New Guinea, leaving behind his love, his parents, high-needs sister and the family farms.

His brother also enlisted but was captured in Italy and transferred to Germany as a POW.

In 1943, after serving for two years, Mr Carberry returned home on leave to attend his mother’s funeral.

He spent two weeks with his family and his bride before leaving them to head back to Papua New Guinea.

After his mother’s death and his brother’s capture, Mr Carberry felt the weight of the responsibility he had left his father with – looking after his sister and working the family’s three farms to keep up food supplies for the war, all by himself.

Eight months passed before Mr Carberry heard more heartbreaking news – his wife had lost their baby and almost died during child birth. He served another five months before he took absence without leave.

He was the subject of a search warrant and subsequently discharged on compassionate grounds.

Mr Carberry returned to his wife and the farms.

In the decades that followed, he said little about the war that had cost him time with his late mother, had caused his brother to be imprisoned and left him heartbroken for his wife and stillborn child.

It was only when Mr Carberry’s children and grandchildren were working out how to pay the fees for his nursing home care that they started to find answers to their questions about his service.

“He worked on the farm for most of his life so he didn’t have any superannuation and had never claimed a pension,” his grandson, Nathan Dean, said.

“We knew he had served but didn’t know much more than that, so we started making some enquiries and found out he was entitled to the veterans’ pension and these medals.”

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Current and former serving members of the ADF take part in a physical training session at Government House in Canberra as part of Veterans’ Health Week.

Photo: Cpl Julia Whitwell

Healthy heads

Cpl Julia Whitwell

SWEATING it out on the pristine lawns of Government House, 90 serving and former-serving members of the ADF, including the service chiefs, participated in an outdoor gym session with Governor-General Gen (ret’d) David Hurley in Canberra on October 30.The training session was one of several events to mark Veterans’ Health Week from October 26 to November 3, and aimed to highlight the importance of veterans improving and maintaining good mental health.

Governor-General Hurley said the training session was a fun way to get a serious message out to stay connected.

“Veterans’ health is about mental wellbeing, it’s about nutrition, having social connection and physical fitness,” he said. Around the Governor-General’s residence, three workout stations were dedicated to different activities, with participants moving between a strength and conditioning circuit, a cardio activity and boxing drills.

Cpl Alex Whittle, of Army Headquarters, said the mid-week training session was a morale booster.

“Physical training is a good outlet for stress and it was great to be able to do that in an informal environment in the beautiful gardens at Government House, while interacting with people from all three services. It was a relaxing start to the work day,” Cpl Whittle said.

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FOR Iraqi-born soldier Cpl Fadi Jabbori, his deployment to the Taji Military Complex evokes memories of his past.

He was born in Baghdad and his deployment to Iraq with TGT-9 in July returned him to his place of birth for the first time in almost 25 years.

Cpl Jabbori and his family fled war-torn Iraq in 1995 in search of a better life. The Jabbori family initially settled in Brisbane before moving to western Sydney in 1999.

“Dad took me to an Army recruiting display when I was 13 and I remember asking him to translate for me. I told the soldier that when I grow up and speak English, I wanted to do what he was doing,” Cpl Jabbori said.

“It was my dream to join the Army.” His dream became a reality in 2004 when he enlisted. With his family’s support and perseverance, he learnt English, adopted the culture of his new home and graduated from high school.

“I took the oath to defend Australia, the country that has supported me and given me a fair go,” he said.

Cpl Jabbori is an infantry section commander with 4/3RNSWR, based at Holsworthy, and first deployed to East Timor in 2013.

Six years later, Cpl Jabbori is now on his fifth operational deployment, this time as a trainer with TGT-9.

“Every day in Iraq has a memorable feeling for me. I imagine what it would have been like 30 years ago,” he said.

“I feel honoured to return to my place of birth – to help rebuild, mentor and assist the Iraqi Army to protect its borders and national interests.”

Cpl Fadi Jabbori, centre, deployed with TGT-9, chats with Iraqi Army soldiers at the Taji Military Complex in Iraq. Photo: Cpl Nunu Campos
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BRISBANE residents received a nice surprise when the Army arrived at their doorstep with food from Meals on Wheels. Soldiers from 7CSSB’s 5 Tpt Sqn have been on daily meal runs for the charity’s Mitchelton branch, delivering goods using Army G-Wagons.

Troop commander Lt Matthew Sanderson said all soldiers involved enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the community.

“It’s really good for our soldiers to get out and support the community, especially after a very busy year,” Lt Sanderson said.

The recipients were very surprised seeing soldiers delivering Meals on Wheels, but it’s been good.”

Meals on Wheels is a charity that relies on volunteers to deliver food to the elderly, disabled, injured and others needing assistance. Mitchelton Meals on Wheels president Ralph Davies said he was delighted when 7CSSB approached the organisation with an offer of assistance.

“It’s wonderful and a first. I’ve been here for more than 25 years and it’s the first time the Army has come to offer help,” he said.

“It’s a different experience that not only the Army is getting, but also Mitchellon Meals on Wheels is getting, which we’re very appreciative of.”

Mr Davies said the recipients enjoyed the novelty and experience of having the Army involved.

Lt Sanderson and Mr Davies hope the relationship will continue.

“We [participated during] the month of October, but we’re looking to make it an annual thing with 5 Tpt Sqn,” Lt Sanderson said.

Pte Adele Brown and LCpl Brendan Thompson help deliver food for Meals on Wheels at Mitchelton, Brisbane.

Photo: Maj Anna-Lise Brink
Military personnel from 12 NATO and partner nations tested their force protection electronic countermeasure systems at the Woomera Prohibited Area in South Australia for Exercise Thor’s Hammer.

Exercise Director Cmdr Matthew Carroll, of the ADF’s Joint Counter Improvised Threat Task Force, said the work carried out from October to early November was at the cutting edge of counter improvised explosive device (IED) technology.

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Troops amid the turmoil

September 30, 1999 –
Timor time

The ADF began its biggest troop lift since the Vietnam War in Darwin last Monday as the initial elements of the 4500-strong Australian commitment to Operation Stabilise left for Dili.

August 31, 2000 –
Defence minsters discuss biggest ever security operation: 4000 diggers at the ready for Games duty

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July 31, 2003 –
Operation Anode: Soldiers help stabilise Solomon Islands

A FLURRY of media cameras, a new noise, and a certainly different feel to the Solomons.

At the invitation of the Solomon Islands Government, the ADF personnel are part of a police-led regional assistance mission that also includes civilian contingents.

March 25, 2004 –
King of the battlefield:

Hardening up with the M1A1 Abrams

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December 1, 2005 –
Livesavers: Relief for quake victims

DESPERATELY needed medical aid is now reaching the people of the earthquake-devastated mountain region of Dihansh thanks to efforts of ADF personnel deployed on Op Pakistan Assist.

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May 4, 2006 –
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El Camino: A Breaking Bad Story Netflix

IF YOU think El Camino: A Breaking Bad Story is a tale about redemption, you’re probably going to be disappointed.

The movie, set directly after the events of the Breaking Bad finale, follows Jesse Pinkman through life post-captivity and uses flashbacks to flesh out some of the events and characters that were glossed over in the final series.

While it may end in what could be seen as a new beginning for Pinkman, the depth of the story tells of his transformation from who we knew in the series, to a hardened, scarred man who – remorselessly – is willing to kill to get what he needs.

Director Vince Gilligan translates his trademark depth from the TV series across to a feature-length film, with each scene imbued with subtle acting and character development.

Aaron Paul transitions from young to current Pinkman expertly, showing his acting chops and why he’s one of the most highly awarded supporting actors, now blossomed into lead roles. If you’re a fan of the original series, we highly recommend you set aside an hour and a bit to watch this, if only to give closure to the original series.

There’s a behind-the-scenes movie on Netflix as well, if you want even more depth. It’s well worth watching too.

The charm of David Suchet as renowned Belgium detective Hercule Poirot touches through the screen, leaving you engaged from start to finish.

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Frayed
Six-part series
CRINGE TV is an art form that deserves a category of its own in industry awards and Frayed would be a contender for top honours. The cringing in this case is couched in a satisfying mix of nostalgia, humour and bitter sweet family drama, set in 1989 Newcastle, Australia.

Sarah Kendall’s Simone Cooper is a wealthy Australian-born London housewife who is forced to return to her hometown of Newcastle – or “north Sydney”, as she tries to kid herself – when her husband dies in scandalous circumstances, leaving her and two bemused teenagers (who, along with everyone in her London circle, knew nothing of her Australian heritage) destitute.

Simone is unceremoniously plonked back into the past she worked so hard to expunge, and where everyone knows her as Sammy. She moves back in with her recovering-alcoholic mother and deadbeat brother and finds herself grovelling to old school peers she was once too cool for.

What’s worse, lost luggage and a lack of funds leaves her wearing fashion from her youth, which appals even 1980s Novocastrians. Thankfully, those outfits are retired after a couple of episodes, but there is no respite from the Krystle Carrington hardline – the source of many sarcastic one-liners from her Dynasty-loving brother – or the accent that swings wildly from posh Pommy to broad Aussie, depending on who Sammy is talking to.

The infantile sibling fights – between Sammy and her brother, not her son and daughter – are a hoot, as are the in-your-face ‘80s references and the cameras’ sly attempts to shoot Newcastle in an ‘80s light.

Quick-fire questions

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3. What is the capital city of Slovakia?
4. What is the collective noun for a group of unicorns?
5. What is the fear of being buried alive?
6. Magnesium
7. c. Misophobia
6. Which element is number 12 on the periodic table?
7. What is the dot over the letters “i” and “j” called?
8. What was the first toy to be advertised on television?
9. Which country has the world’s longest coastline?
10. What flower has been used to clean up radioactive waste?

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An out of this world experience

The Outer Worlds
Publisher: Private Division
Developer: Obsidian Entertainment
Platforms: Windows (reviewed), PlayStation 4, Xbox One
Release Date: October 25, 2019
RRP: $89.95
Reviewer: Cpl Sebastian Beurich

IF YOU’VE been disappointed by the recent fare of role-playing games (RPGs) being released, you’re probably not alone. Bioware’s Anthem and Bethesda’s Fallout 76 both fell flat, despite the lineage of the studios and game series behind them, the latest in a string of disappointing role-playing releases.

Then along came The Outer Worlds, by Fallout: New Vegas (arguably one of the best titles in the series) by developer Obsidian Entertainment, who showed their RPG building skills in one of the best title releases of the year.

If you can imagine the role-playing elements of Fallout, combined with the atmosphere of Bioshock, with a bit of Borderlands-esque humour, you’ve got The Outer Worlds.

No RPG would be complete without a fleshed-out world and Obsidian doesn’t fail to deliver with Halcyon, a solar system controlled by a group of corporations and run by “The Board”.

This is where Obsidian’s pedigree comes into its own – they’ve built a responsive world full of choices, each of which influence the storyline of the game and how various factions respond to you.

They could be as small as choosing to give medicine to someone with a plague, or to someone who will distribute it to other people who need it more – although who they are is not specified. On the opposite end of the scale, you could be supporting the corporation by shutting down a breakaway enclave’s power, or vice versa.

Or note, both of those decisions are made in the game’s introductory world and they only get more involved – and grey – from there.

The art style, while not particularly unique, has been polished in such a way that each of the planets and areas you’re able to access have their own sense of character, with plenty of places to explore and find hidden secrets.

The distinction between the cold, metallic cities – except for the flashy, neon advertising – and the open natural spaces around them is vast and makes each area, although not particularly large, feel spacious and more involved than it actually is.

From a witty, morally questionable AI in “your” ship, to a backroom-dealing grandma, characters in The Outer Worlds actually feel like they have their own motivations and concerns about the world around them.

Characters are fleshed-out throughout the storyline and quests you have to perform for them, and as you build – or destroy – your relationships with both the characters and your companions, they’ll treat you differently and can even abandon you.

The skill and perk progression systems aren’t particularly in-depth, with the statistics you’d be used to from any other RPG influencing a basic set of skills; however, as you level them up, the game will give you either perks or flaws.

I’d highly recommend giving the game a go, if only for a refreshingly good – although not necessarily ground-breaking – RPG that will give you around 30 hours of enjoyment for your first run, and more if you decide to take different paths on subsequent playthroughs.
A shake-up for movers

OPERATOR Movements (OPMOV) ECN035 will no longer join as recruits from January 2021. Instead, junior positions will be drawn from other RACT and some RAAOC trades. Soldiers from selected ECNs will be posted to private and corporal mover positions following the Distribution Specialist Employment Category Review.

This aims to make the workforce more sustainable and increase the pool of movements-qualified soldiers. Commander 1JMU Navy Capt Fiona McNaught said the role of OPMOV soldiers would not change.

“They’ll still deliver the joint movement effect in support of the war fighter,” she said.

“It’s just where they’re drawn from that will change and the length of time they’ll spend in movements functions at private and corporal.”

Soldiers from the four RACT trades, command support clerks and two supply trades (soon to be amalgamated as distribution operators) will be eligible to post as private and corporal movers.

After private and corporal postings, soldiers can specialise as movers, electing to transfer to Operator Movements when they qualify as ECN035 sergeant.

Training will be provided to soldiers before posting to 1JMU or other operator movements positions.

The revised workforce model will also reduce the number of soldiers at each rank, with four WO1 positions being re-established at WO2 and more sergeant positions established using offsets in the current workforce.

“With future privates and corporals having spent less time in movement roles, they’ll be less experienced than those today, so there’s a need to increase the number of sergeants,” Capt McNaught said.

“Additional sergeants will provide mentoring and supervision of less experienced junior movers.”

Some things will be changing for OPMOV soldiers, but their fundamental role in support of the war fighter will not change. Photo: Cpl Sebastian Bruch

With the changes, we’ll have sufficient soldiers to generate the number of sergeants and warrant officers we need to deliver movement effects,” she said.

“We have deployed our people often, we’re relying on the same people and in time they can become fatigued or non-deployable.”

From 2021, soldiers in feeder trades can volunteer for a mover posting.

A selection process will include on-the-job experience with 1JMU, followed by training, which is due to start in the 2021-22 training year.

At the end of their first mover posting, soldiers will return to their parent unit for the next phase of their career.

“As present, most OPMOV soldiers come straight to the joint space without having single-service context behind them,” Capt McNaught said.

“They might not really understand what it is to be supported before they’ve put into a supporting role.”

“These changes, they’ll have the chance to gain that context and develop their Army networks prior to being called on to execute a movement effect which directly impacts on capability.”

The career and training pathways for existing full-time and part-time movers will not change.

Covenant pins down a pledge

AUSTRALIANS will be encouraged to pledge support for veterans and their families as part of a covenant recognising the unique nature of military service.

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA), in consultation with Defence, has developed an Australian Defence Veterans’ Covenant that includes an oath, which would be recited at community commemorative events, a veteran card and new lapel pin, and reservist lapel pin.

The theme of the symposium is ‘Reforming to Transform – Seaworthiness as a Defence-wide priority’.

IN BRIEF

Housing assistance costs adjusted

MEMBERS’ housing contribution costs are likely to change from February following Defence’s annual review of housing assistance. Rates for service residences, living in accommodation, rental, meal and other allowances may increase or decrease. Members will be notified of changes through means such as signal and Defgram. Annual reviews aim to ensure Defence shares the national cost of housing with personnel on a 50:50 basis. Questions should be directed through the chain of command.

Change to medal

THE Australian Operational Service Medal can now be awarded to allied foreign military personnel and ADF members on third-country deployments after changes to the criteria. Personnel in third-country deployments can receive the Greater Middle East Operation version, while allied military personnel can receive the Border Protection and Greater Middle East Operation variants. The Directorate of Honours and Awards reviews medals to ensure they reflect operation start and end dates, changes to operation areas and other amendments. A list of declared operations, dates and areas is at defence.gov.au/Medals/Australian/

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People who have served in the ADF in a permanent or reserve capacity are eligible to apply for the covenant. The veteran card is a redesign of the DVA health card and has been available to applicants since March. Existing card holders will receive the new-look cards through a phased refresh. The new card will not change anything for veteran service providers. DVA clients and veterans and reservists who have applied for the covenant are encouraged to apply through at dva.gov.au/service.

Veterans and reservists who have applied for the covenant packs in coming weeks.
Sgt Dave Morley

ARMY soccer players came out on top as ADF inter-service champions during the National Championships, hosted by the ADF Football Federation in Sydney from October 26-30.

The championships were held at Valentine Sports Park in Glenwood and included ADF teams from across Australia and three Royal Navy teams from the UK.

Men’s coach WO2 Neil Dickie said Australian Army Football was pleased with their performances during the championships.

“In the history of the championships only Army has provided a clean sweep of the inter-service trophies, last done in 2010,” he said.

“Significantly across the three divisions, Army has now won back-to-back in the men’s, three in a row in the veterans’ and regained the trophy from Navy in the ladies’, after Army held it for six years prior.”

WO2 Dickie said Army’s standout player was Cpl Craig Brown, who was nominated as male player of the tournament.

“Cpl Brown has been captain of the men’s team for the past two championships. He displays the Army core values, but further as a footballer, he is a fierce competitor and is determined to achieve success for Army,” he said.

“He has a high work-rate as the defensive midfielder in the side and inspires those around him for success through his actions.”

WO2 Dickie said Army were always striving to improve.

“We set ourselves the challenge of not just competing against, but beating the UK teams when they come over.”

The championships were held to announce a champion service and as a means to select the next ADF-nominated players for 2019-20.

The 2020 National Championships will be held at the Valentine Sports Park, Sydney, from October 30 to November 5.

Members interested in playing soccer for Army can contact WO2 Dickie at australianarmyfootballmailbox@drn.mil.au

Lasting memory

THE Lavarack Army Rugby Club has retained the Bill Coolburra Shield in a hard-fought 16-8 victory over the Palm Island Skippjacks.

It was the first time in three years the two sides have met on the Skipjacks’ home ground.

With Lavarack leading the series six matches to the Skipjacks’s five, the game began nervously, but built into one of the toughest encounters to date.

Skipjacks made the first breakthrough with Isaac Bulsey crossing in the 10th minute of the game.

With the Palm Island community cheering on their team, the Skipjacks kept the pressure on with relentless defence and attacking plays.

An injury to an Army player shortened the match to 30-minute halves.

After the break, Army surged, scoring their first try and converting to take the lead.

Brute strength and determination saw Army cross twice more before the Skipjacks struck back with a try. It wasn’t enough though and the Lavarack team took the match and retained the shield.

The annual contest honours the memory of Uncle Bill Coolburra, one of the legendary Tunnel Rats and a former member of 3 Fd Tp and 1 Fd Sqn.

Uncle Bill was an important community leader on Palm Island, mentoring local youth and encouraging them to live healthier lives through sport.

This year marks 10 years since Uncle Bill’s passing.

The inaugural all-women’s Edna Coolburra Plate, named in honour of Uncle Bill’s wife, took place between the Skippjacks women’s side and the Townsville Walkabouts, a team of local and Army members.

Dust was flying in a fast moving, no-holds-barred game.

The Skippjacks scored first, but the Walkabouts dominated, winning the match 14-4.

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Members from the Lavarack Army Rugby Club and the Palm Island Skippjacks gather at the gravesite of Uncle Bill ‘Kookaburra’ Coolburra.

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Drone racers fly high

THE fastest drone racers in Army were centre stage in a tightly contested battle against 96 of the nation’s best drone racers for the coveted title of Australian Drone Racing National Champion.

Canberra was buzzing with drones and excitement during the Australian Drone Nationals held October 18-20 at Phillip Oval, Woden.

Combat engineer Cpl Zak Martin-Taylor, of 3CER, ADFA engineering student Lt Tom Gash and signals officer Capt James Jenkins, of 2RAR, qualified for the event.

Using first-person-view goggles and flying at up to 160km/h, there were plenty of crashes and mid-air collisions as pilots raced to get three laps of the track in two minutes.

“It was the toughest track I have ever raced on and the skills and abilities of racers at this level is incredibly high. To even qualify is a real achievement for all of us,” Cpl Martin-Taylor said.

“All three made it through the elimination rounds into the top 48 but were knocked out in the finals. Capt Jenkins finished in 25th place, Cpl Martin-Taylor in 28th and Lt Gash in 29th out of 96 racers.

Capt Jenkins and Capt James Jenkins are preparing to compete in the International X-Class Drone Racing Championships in Houston, Texas, in November.

“The Army Drone Racing Team won the Military International Drone Tournament in 2018 and they continue to improve and expand,” Lt-Col Kerin Joyce said.

“Our army is the largest user of unmanned aerial systems in the country and our soldiers are embracing the use of drones both tactically and as a sport.”

Capt Sarah Vesey

A soldier repairs a drone at Nationals.

Drones take off at the start of a race.

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Wheelie strong comp

Sgt Dave Morley

THE hills of Canberra’s Mt Stromlo were crawling with Defence cyclists as they put their feet to the pedals in the ADF Cycling Championships held from October 19-25.

ADF Cycling (ADFC) POC WO2 Brett Postlethwaite said while off-road events were conducted on the mountain, road races were held at Sutton Road Driver Training Centre.

“The events went well with an attendance of 80-90 across all categories and services,” he said.

While this number was down from previous years, overall I’m happy with how it turned out.

“Having the road race at Sutton Road, which is a closed circuit, allowed us to run our own race.”

The off-road events included downhill, gravity enduro and cross-country.

WO2 Postlethwaite encouraged Defence members to get involved.

“If anything, the physical and mental health aspects should be the standout reason,” he said.

“I’ve found cycling gives me not only the physical outlet I need, but the mental focus, particularly completing downhill races, to distract me from other issues.”

The cycling community was laid back and accepting, so even a novice felt at home, according to WO2 Postlethwaite.

“Joining ADFC is free, as is attending the National Cycling Carnival, so I’d encourage anyone who cycles to give it some consideration,” he said.

“ADFC also supports events around the country, which our members compete in, such as the upcoming Thredbo Cannonball, which is predominantly a downhill/gravity-based event.”

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ADF softball team tests its limits in Qld

The ADF men hit it out against some of the best ballers in the sunshine state when they competed in the Queensland state softball titles in Brisbane from October 18-20.

Defence finished 8th out of 10 teams that included Ipswich, Noosa and Townsville: managing to score one win of the tournament against Maryborough, 8-7.

Third-base player Cpl Casey Fenn said the win was clinched in style.

“Cpl Paul Nealson made a walk-off homerun that took it out in the last innings,” he said.

“We were behind for most of the game and came back at the end.

“The fact it was our only win really showed the competitiveness of the guys we were playing.”

Despite the hard slog through the competition, Cpl Fenn said it was worthwhile for Defence to test themselves against high-calibre teams.

“A lot of the teams were very competitive, very talented and they knew what they were doing,” he said.

“It was a good experience and to see the talent that’s out there allowed us to try ourselves out playing against guys like that.”

Cpl Fenn said he looked forward to the chance to try at a state-level tournament again.

“It was good to know we were actually competitive to play at that level and I’m really excited to get out there and play some more tournaments like that,” he said.

Rookies stole the show at the INBA Defence and Emergency Series show held in Brisbane on October 13.

First-time competitor Cpl Sharnna Walker, who came second in both the bikini novice and open, said the atmosphere was “really good”.

“It was chilled backstage while we were prepping, then when we were actually behind the stage the guys were really helpful answering any questions we had. It was a positive experience,” she said.

“I was the only Army girl in the bikini section, with the majority of competitors from Air Force. However, they were really friendly so it was great to meet and learn from them.

As it was her first competition, Cpl Walker said she had an open mind going into the event.

“I’d wanted to compete since I first joined Army and got into fitness, but a lot of my career has been out field and I hadn’t had time to prepare for a competition. I specialised in my job this year so I thought it was time to give it a go,” she said.

“My prep wasn’t stressful at all – I was coached by Army PTI Cpl Damien Richardson, with my training including five weight sessions a week and one cardio.”

The competition was dominated by Air Force competitors, who won most of the categories including the men’s bodybuilding.

Cpl Sharnna Walker at the INBA Defence and Emergency Series show in October.

Strong finish

Cpl Sharnna Walker at the INBA Defence and Emergency Series show in October.

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AFTER coming within minutes of walking away on top, the ADF team was beaten by the New Zealand Defence Force in the second Pacific Military Cup.

The cup, in Canberra from October 24–26, brought together women’s rugby 7s teams from Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, New Zealand and Australia.

Pte Sarah Ricanen said the teams had different strengths and weaknesses. “We really had to tailor each game to each of the teams,” she said.

“Towards the end it got a bit more difficult, with the final being what we expected – really fast.”

“The Kiwis always offer a really good challenge, but unfortunately they were a little bit better than us on the day. The girls did really well. We stuck in there and fought hard until the end.”

“A lot of the Pacific Islanders hadn’t left their countries and been exposed to competitions like this, so the vibe and happiness they brought really made the competition for us.”

“That’s what it was all about – networking and exposing women to a bunch of different things.” The teams all helped run a coaching clinic for students at Gold Creek Primary School in Canberra, splitting into different teams and running drills for the kids.

Flg-Off Izzy Atkinson-Smith said the children rotated through activities concentrating on different skills, such as tackling and passing.

“We made them fun for the kids – into competitions and races to help keep them engaged,” Flg-Off Atkinson-Smith said.

She said the players grew as a team during the competition. “I think my standout moment was towards the end of the cup when I noticed all our training paying off,” Flg-Off Atkinson-Smith said.

The women had a week of training at RAAF Base Amberley before splitting into two 7s teams for a competition in Byron Bay.

AB Mahalia Ellis said the games were tough and “the New Zealanders were quite speedy.”

“It was really good to get involved with the other teams, both in the coaching clinic and during our farewell function, where they performed cultural dances,” she said.

“Even just eating with them and talking about rugby and our lives was really enjoyable.”

Cpl Nicole King passes the ball to Flg-Off Izzy Atkinson-Smith in their game against New Zealand during the Pacific Military Cup in Canberra.

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Cpl Nicola Emsley takes a tackle from a New Zealand Defence Force player during the Pacific Military Cup in Canberra. Photo: Cpl Sebastian Beurich