2 RAR (Amphib) - Joint Pre-Landing Force FACT SHEET



What

The Second Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (Amphibious) [2 RAR (Amphib)] provides a Joint Pre-Landing Force (JPLF) capability to the Australian Amphibious Force (AAF). The JPLF consists of 2 RAR (Amphib) Reconnaissance and Small-Boats elements, supported by: Electronic Warfare elements from the 7th Signals Regiment, the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) Deployable Geospatial Survey Team (DGST), Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) from the 20th Regiment Royal Australian Artillery, an Army Beach Team from the 35th Water Transport Squadron, and RAN Expeditionary Reconnaissance and Clearance Divers.

Why

The JPLF operates ahead of the AAF, in order to conduct three key missions as part of amphibious operations:

1. Littoral Reconnaissance: including land, electronic, beach, underwater, riverine and long range reconnaissance;

2. Landing site preparation: including isolation and securing of landing zones and key terrain, obstacle clearance and lane marking, and terminal guidance for landing forces.

3. Battlefield shaping: including neutralising or destroying threats to the amphibious landing, joint effects coordination and battle damage assessment, deception operations and limited-scale amphibious raiding.

When

2 RAR (Amphib) is currently providing the Joint Pre-Landing Force capability to the AAF.

Further information

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