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**STAR RANK APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTION**

1. I am pleased to announce the following star-rank appointments and promotions.

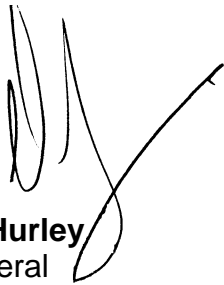
- **Deputy Chief of Army.** Major General R. Burr from December 2014.
- **Head Joint Capability Coordination.** Major General P. Symon from January 2015.
- **Commander Forces Command.** Major General P. Gilmore from January 2015.
- **Head Modernisation and Strategic Planning—Army.** Major General F. McLachlan from December 2014.
- **Special Operations Command Australia.** Major General J. Sengelman from January 2015.
- **Head Navy Capability.** Commodore J. Mead, on promotion to Rear Admiral, from December 2014.
- **Deputy Commanding General United States Army Pacific.** Brigadier G. Bilton, on promotion to Major General, from December 2014.
- **Head Helicopter Systems Division.** Brigadier A. Mathewson, on promotion to Major General, from January 2016.
- **Director Defence Intelligence.** Air Commodore J. McGarry, on promotion to Air Vice-Marshal, from December 2014.
- **Air Commander Australia.** Air Commodore G. Turnbull, on promotion to Air Vice-Marshal, from September 2014.
- **Commander 2nd Division.** Brigadier S. Porter, on promotion to Major General, from December 2014.
- **Deputy Chief of Staff ANSF Logistics—Headquarters International Security Assistance Force.** Commodore A. Grunsell from December 2014.
- **Director-General Future Submarines.** Commodore M. Houghton from December 2014.

- **Chief of Staff Navy Strategic Command.** Commodore P. Laver from December 2014.
- **Director-General Major Surface Ships.** Commodore S. Tiffen from December 2014.
- **Commander JTF633.** Commodore B. Wheeler from September 2014.
- **Commander 7th Brigade.** Brigadier A. Findlay from November 2014.
- **Deputy Commander 2nd Division.** Brigadier P. Kidd from December 2014.
- **Director-General Military Strategy.** Brigadier M. Mahy from December 2014.
- **Director-General Military Strategic Affairs.** Brigadier A. Rawlins from December 2014.
- **Director-General Aerospace Combat Systems.** Air Commodore C. Roberts from December 2014.
- **Commander 1st Brigade.** Brigadier M. Ryan from December 2014.
- **Director-General Defence Preparedness.** Brigadier M. Smethurst from December 2014.
- **Director-General Business Relationship Management.** Brigadier M. Thompson from December 2014.
- **Deputy Commander JTF633.** Air Commodore N. Derwort from April 2014.
- **Director-General Air Force Improvement.** Air Commodore H. Marshall from December 2014.
- **Commander Aerospace Operations Support Group.** Air Commodore S. Osborne from April 2014.
- **Director-General New Air Combat Capability.** Air Commodore T. Saunder from December 2014.
- **Director-General Engineering—Air Warfare Destroyer.** Captain C. Bourke, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2014.
- **Commander Surface Force.** Captain L. Goddard, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2014.
- **Director-General Maritime Operations.** Captain M. Hammond, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2014.

- **Director-General Maritime Development.** Captain S. Hughes, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- **Director-General Support to Military Operations.** Captain J. McCormack, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- **Director-General Navy People.** Captain M. Miller, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2014.
- **Director-General Maritime Support.** Captain S. Moles, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2014.
- **Director-General Technical Seaworthiness and Head Rizzo Reform Program.** Captain K. Richards, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2014.
- **Commander Fleet Air Arm.** Captain C. Smallhorn, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- **Director-General Health Capability/Navy Health Services.** Captain S. Sharkey, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- **Director-General Strategic Logistics.** Colonel M. Ashleigh, on promotion to Brigadier, from April 2014.
- **Program Manager Military Vehicles, Defence Materiel Organisation.** Colonel H. Kohl, on promotion to Brigadier, from May 2014.
- **Director-General Aerospace Development.** Group Captain A. Heap, on promotion to Air Commodore, from July 2014.
- **Director-General Australian Navy Cadets and Reserves.** Commodore B. Kafer from September 2014.
- **Commander Australian Army Cadets.** Brigadier W. Budd from May 2014.
- **Commander 8th Brigade.** Brigadier P. Connor from December 2014.
- **Commander 11th Brigade.** Brigadier W. Date from December 2014.
- **Commander 9th Brigade.** Colonel M. Burgess, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2014.
- **Commander 13th Brigade.** Colonel D. Thompson, on promotion to Brigadier, from December 2014.

2. I congratulate all officers on their appointments and welcome promotees to the Defence Senior Leadership Group.

3. Movements are expected to occur from the nominated month but may need adjustment according to Service requirements and personal circumstances.



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