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MAJOR GENERAL MELICK BECOMES AUSTRALIA'S MOST SENIOR RESERVIST

Major General Greg Melick, AM, RFD, S.C. has been appointed Assistant Chief of the Defence Force (Reserves) and Head Reserve Policy. He succeeds MAJGEN Neil Wilson, AM, RFD who has retired from the ADF after more than 40 years of service.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Mr Peter Lindsay, thanked MAJGEN Wilson for serving in the senior Reserve position since April 2004.

"MAJGEN Wilson has done a wonderful job during a period that has seen increasing demands being made upon our Reserve Forces," Mr Lindsay said.

MAJGEN Melick joined 2nd Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment in 1966 and later served for 10 years with 1 Commando Company where he was promoted through the ranks. This period included 15 months as ADC to His Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania.

MAJGEN Melick has held a number of commands, including Officer Commanding 40 Independent Rifle Company, a full time period as leader of a multi-national Operation Raleigh Expedition, Commanding Officer 12/40th Battalion Royal Tasmania Regiment, Commander 6 Training Group and Commander 8 Brigade.

When promoted in 2000 he was the first Tasmanian Reservist to be promoted to Brigadier and is believed to be the first Tasmanian Major General since "the Father of Legacy" Sir John Gellibrand who was promoted to command the 3rd Division Australian Imperial Force in May 1918. MAJGEN Melick is a Barrister with chambers in Hobart and Sydney and is Cricket Australia's special investigator into cricket corruption. He resides in Hobart with his wife Michelle, Thomas, 17 and Alexandra, 15. Their eldest son, Aziz, is a Tasmanian Police Officer.

"I welcome MAJGEN Melick to his new role. He takes up his new posting at a time when our operational tempo is high and the range of operations diverse. I wish him every success," Mr Lindsay said.

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