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VICTORIAN EMPLOYERS OF AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE RESERVES RECOGNISED

A ceremony to recognise 13 Victorian employers for their support of Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserves was held last night at the ANZ Pavilion, Melbourne.

The event, organised in conjunction with the Victorian Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council, recognised employers who have supported their Reservist employees by releasing them to perform Defence service.

Professor David de Kretser AC, Governor of Victoria, presented the Employer Awards. He was joined by the Right Reverend Peter Hollingworth; Major General Greg Melick, Assistant Chief of the Australian Defence Force (Reserves); Mr Jack Smorgon, Deputy National Chair Defence Reserves Support Council; and Ms Susan Heron, Chairman of the VIC Committee.

To be eligible for such recognition, employers needed to display consistent support of their employees' service in the ADF Reserves.

"In an environment of heightened operational tempo, Reserves are being called upon to play an increasingly vital part in the fulfillment of Defence objectives," General Melick said.

"These Awards are our way of publicly saying thank you to employers of Reservists for their contribution to ADF capability. Without their support, our ability to meet the current operational and training needs of the ADF would be significantly reduced."

For more information about the Awards and the support available for ADF Reserves and their employers, go to www.defence.gov.au/reserves or call 1800 803 485.

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