



DEFENCE MEDIA ALERT

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NT EMPLOYERS AND EXECUTIVES TO GET DOWN AND DIRTY

What: Some of the Northern Territory's leading executives and managers will take part in Exercise Executive Stretch (EES) over the coming days. The exercise, coordinated by Defence's Directorate of Reserve Support in conjunction with the Defence Reserves Support Council (DRSC), will see NT employers gain an insight into the Australian Defence Force Reserves and how it can benefit their business and employees.

Who: Organisations involved in this year's exercise include the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, NT Police, Air North, Australia Post and the Department of the Chief Minister.

Where: This year's exercise will be held at RAAF Base Darwin, Larrakeyah Barracks, Robertson Barracks and around Darwin Harbour.

When: The exercise will begin tomorrow evening, 19 April and will finish on the afternoon of 21 April.

MEDIA NOTE: The media are invited to register their interest to attend the following activities:

- 8:30am - 11:00am - Friday, 20 April – Swim test in swimming pool plus an introduction to NORFORCE Zodiac boats and Navy Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) on Darwin Harbour - Larrakeyah Barracks. Media wishing to go out on the water must complete the swim test prior.
- 7:00am – 7:45am – Saturday, 21 April – Introduction to obstacle course including 'leopard crawling under the wire' - Robertson Barracks.
- 8:00am – 11:00am – Saturday, 21 April – Introduction to the F-88 Steyer, range shoot and rappelling on the rock wall - Robertson Barracks.

Media interested in attending any of these activities must register their interest with Dan Wheelahan on 0411885994 no later than **2:00pm, Thursday 19 April**. Photographic identification cards are required to enter a military establishment.

Officer in charge of the exercise, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Herden will be available for interviews at Robertson Barracks on Saturday, 21 April. Some participants will also be available for interviews following the activities listed above.

For more information on Exercise Executive Stretch go to: www.defence.gov.au/reserves and click on Employer and Reservist Programs.

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