

MEDIA RELEASE



Peter Lindsay

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence

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ACT EMPLOYERS OF ADF RESERVES RECOGNISED

Seven ACT employers have been recognised for their support of Defence Reserves at a ceremony tonight at the Australian Defence College, Weston Creek.

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

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Mr Peter Lindsay MP, presented the Employer Awards. He was joined by Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, National Vice-Chair of the Defence Reserves Support Council, Mr Jack Smorgon AO and Chairman of the ACT Committee, Mr Chris Peters, AM.

To be eligible for such recognition, organisations needed to display consistent support of their Reservist employees' service as a member of the Defence Reserves. Awards were presented in the categories of Government, Large Private Enterprise, Medium Private Enterprise and Small Private Enterprise.

"In an environment of heightened operational tempo, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserves are being called upon to play an increasingly vital part in the fulfilment of Defence objectives," Mr Lindsay 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. Media are welcome to attend the event. Please advise the Media Contact prior to the evening.

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EMPLOYERS RECEIVING AWARDS:

ACT Legal Aid Office	Certificate of Recognition
Logistic Solutions Australasia	Certificate of Recognition
Thine Projects Australia Pty Ltd	Certificate of Recognition
Office of National Assessments	Certificate of Recognition
Directorate of Senior Officer Management, Defence Personnel Executive	Certificate of Recognition
Deputy Chief Executive Officer Division, Defence Materiel Organisation	Certificate of Recognition
Directorate of Materiel Operations and Planning, Electronic and Weapon Systems Division, Defence Materiel Organisation	Certificate of Recognition

Media note:

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