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ADF RESERVISTS STRETCH SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS

Thirty employers from South Australia will spend a few days at RAAF Base Edinburgh this week (12–14 March) discovering the benefits of Reserve service.

They will be participating in Exercise Executive Stretch (EES). EES gives business executives the opportunity to observe and experience the personal, technical and professional skills training their employees receive during Defence Reserves service.

“This is a unique opportunity for employers to get amongst the action, as they experience the military training and lifestyle of a Reservist in the Australian Defence Force,” Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP said.

Activities will include leadership and survival skills training as well as team building exercises and physical challenges.

Head Reserve and Employer Support Division Major General Greg Melick said EES provided employers with an opportunity to directly experience some of the leadership and management skills that a Reservist can bring to the civilian workplace.

“Our aim is to highlight the skills Reservists gain from being in the Australian Defence Force and how those skills can benefit civilian employers.

“Furthermore, we want to encourage employers to make use of support measures available through Defence, including the Employer Support Payment scheme.

“The scheme can provide \$1123.30 per week to qualified employers who release their employees for Reserve service.”

For more information about the financial and other support available to employers, as well as the Reserves in general, visit www.defence.gov.au/reserves or call 1800 803 485.

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