



Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Message from Her Excellency the Honourable
Quentin Bryce AC CVO
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

for Reserve Forces Day 2013

As Patron-in-Chief of the Reserve Forces Day Council, I send warm greetings to Reservists, your families and supporters across Australia.

On Reserve Forces Day we acknowledge the contribution Reservists make to the defence and security of our nation. We honour Reservists past and present who have served in peacekeeping, humanitarian and defence roles since part time forces were re-formed after World War II. This year we also remember Reservist soldiers and nurses who forged our Australian military identity during the Boer War.

The centenary this year of the Royal Australian Navy fleet's first entry into Sydney Harbour reminds us of lasting contributions made by our naval Reservist personnel.

I join with Australians across our country in celebrating the contributions of our Defence Force Reservists, your high levels of professional skill and your history of distinguished service.

My warmest best regards.

Quentin

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