



Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO
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 the Launch of Reserve Forces Day 2014

As Patron-in-Chief of the Reserve Forces Day Council I send greetings to former Reservists, serving Reservists, their friends and families, employers and supporters.

Reserve Forces Day acknowledges the contribution Reservists and their supporters make to the defence and security of our nation. We also acknowledge the increasing role of Reservists in the deployment of Australian forces overseas. We pay tribute to Reservists who have served in conflicts, peacekeeping, humanitarian and defence roles since volunteer reserve forces were formed in the late 19th century.

This year we specially remember Reservist sailors and soldiers who so readily enlisted at the outbreak of World War 1, including those who first served in the War in the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force in German New Guinea.

With all other Australians I celebrate the contributions of our Defence Force Reservists and thank the volunteers of the Reserve Forces Day Council and the Defence Force for their support that makes Reserve Forces Day a significant event in the Australian calendar.

With warm greetings.

Quentin Bryce

30.10.13.