

## NSW Centenary of Anzac Ambassadors

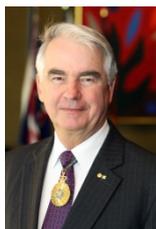


### General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Ret'd)

#### *NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council Chair*

General Peter Cosgrove served in the Australian Army 1965-2005, and as Chief of Defence Force 2002-2005. He served in Vietnam and commanded INTERFET, the international forces overseeing East Timor's transition to independence. He was the 2001 Australian of the Year.

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### Lieutenant General Kenneth James "Ken" Gillespie AC DSC

Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie enjoyed a unique 43 year Army career. He rose in rank from a 15 year old Army apprentice to Army Chief. His many awards including the Companion of the Order of Australia, Distinguished Service Cross, Conspicuous Service Medal and international decorations stand in strong testament to his operational service, outstanding leadership and interpersonal skills.

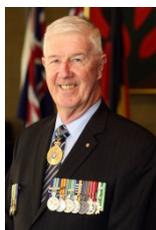
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### Rear Admiral Raydon Gates AO CSM RANR

As Maritime Commander Australia 2002–2004, Rear Admiral Raydon Gates commanded the Australian Fleet during the Iraq War and the War on Terror. His distinguished career in the Royal Australian Navy saw him awarded the Order of Australia, the Conspicuous Service Medal, the United States Legion of Merit and the French Order of Maritime Merit.

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### Air Vice-Marshal RB "Bob" Treloar AO

Air Vice-Marshal Bob Treloar enlisted in the RAAF in 1966. He flew Iroquois helicopters in Vietnam and Mirage/Hornet aircraft in Australia and Malaysia. His several commands include Commander of the Integrated Air Defence System in Malaysia, and as Commander Australian Theatre 1999–2001 he was responsible for planning and supporting ADF operations in East Timor and ADF support to the Sydney Olympics.

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### Corporal Mark Donaldson VC

Corporal Mark Donaldson, VC joined the Australian Army in 2002 and in 2004 passed selection into the elite Special Air Service Regiment. In 2009, he was awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia, 'for most conspicuous acts of gallantry in action in a circumstance of great peril'. In 2010 he was named Young Australian of the Year.

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### Dr Michele Bruniges AM

Dr Michele Bruniges is the Director-General of the NSW Department of Education and Communities and Managing Director of TAFE NSW. She is responsible for all NSW Public Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care, TAFE NSW, Communities, Aboriginal Affairs, Veterans' Affairs and Sport and Recreation. Previously, she held senior roles in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the ACT Department of Education and Training.



### **Don Rowe OAM**

A decorated Vietnam veteran, Don Rowe is President of the Returned and Services League (NSW Branch). He has served in this role since 2003 and as Deputy National President since 2005, following long service with the Armidale RSL sub-Branch. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1997 for services to the veteran and local community.

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### **Ron Brown OAM JP**

Former 'Nasho' Ron Brown is President of National Servicemen's Association (NSW Branch), a position he has held since 1999. He has also served as Chair of the Anzac Day Dawn Service Trust since 2003. In 2006 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the ex-service community.

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### **Will Davies**

Will Davies is a documentary producer and author. His films include When the War Came to Australia and 30 short films on relics in the Australian War Memorial. He is the author of seven books including the best-selling Somme Mud (editor) and Beneath Hill 60 and is widely regarded as a leading First World War historian.

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### **Rhoda Roberts**

Bundjalung woman Rhoda Roberts is the first-ever head of Indigenous programming at the Sydney Opera House. Her outstanding career in the arts and as a journalist includes appointments as Producer for Vibe Australia, Creative Director of Sydney New Year's Eve, Founder and Festival director for the Dreaming Festival 1995-2009 and a co-founding member of the Aboriginal National Theatre Trust.

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### **Gabrielle Chan**

Political journalist and writer Gabrielle Chan has reported for the Australian, the Daily Telegraph and the ABC. She has been author/editor of four books, including Australia Though Time, Flickers of History and War On Our Doorstep, the last of which developed out of a daily column in The Australian commemorating the critical wartime year of 1942. Gabrielle developed a strong interest in the Kokoda story while researching her books. She is a director of Network Kokoda, a charity which raises funds for the villages along the Trail, which she has walked twice.

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### **Dr Harry Harinath OAM**

Dr Harry Harinath's long association with the NSW cricket community includes appointments as NSW State Squad Medical Director, Sydney Cricket Club President and NSW Cricket Board Director. He is currently Chairman Board of Cricket New South Wales, Director to the Board of Cricket Australia as well as serving on the Governing Council of the South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service.



### **Justice Dennis Cowdroy OAM**

Justice Dennis Cowdroy was appointed to the Federal Court of Australia in 2006. He is also Judge Advocate of the Australian Defence Force, and Member of the Defence Force Disciplinary Appeal Tribunal, Commander in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve, an RSL National Trustee and Queens Counsel Emeritus to the NSW State Branch of the RSL. He was instrumental in advocating for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Australian War Memorial.

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### **Professor Stephen Garton**

Stephen Garton is a Professor of History and current Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney. He is the author of five books and over 80 articles, chapters and encyclopaedia and historical dictionary entries. Recently published research concentrates on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. He was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for services to Australian history.

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### **Ahmet Keskin**

Ahmet Keskin is co-founder and Executive Director of Affinity Intercultural Foundation. Affinity was formed to meet the needs of the Muslim community in its interactions with the greater society and to increase the public's awareness about its religion and culture. He has been instrumental in developing an ANZAC Spirit Study Tour for Australians wanting to immerse themselves in Turkish culture.

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### **Elvi Wood**

Elvi Wood's husband Sergeant Brett Wood was serving with the Special Operations Task Group in Afghanistan when he was tragically killed in action as a result of the explosion of an Improvised Explosive Device on Monday 23 May 2011. She continues to work closely with serving members and ex-service organisations in the interests of veterans' welfare.

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### **Beth Whitaker**

Beth Whitaker is a young mother and legatee. Her father served with Australian Forces during the Vietnam War. She is well known in the Legacy family, having sung the national anthem at the Legacy Week Memorial service in Martin Place for a number of years. In 2009 Beth completed the Kokoda Track as a result of generous sponsorship by the Castle Hill RSL and Legacy.

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### **Mark Lee**

Mark Lee is an Australian actor and director, whose most prominent role was the lead in the film Gallipoli (1981) alongside Mel Gibson. He has worked extensively in Australian film, television and theatre for over thirty years. In 2012, he appeared on stage as defence lawyer Major J.F. Thomas in The Theatre Troupe's production of Breaker Morant.



### Joshua Favaloro

With both English and Italian background, Joshua Favaloro's family has a long history of involvement in campaigns including Gallipoli and Tobruk. In 2010 he delivered the Schools Remember Anzac Address at the Anzac Memorial and was chosen as a Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholar for travel to Belgium and France. He was School Captain at De La Salle College, Ashfield in 2011.

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### Jessica Lewis

Jessica Lewis is a Year 12 student and Creative Arts Captain at O'Connor Catholic College, Armidale. She has voluntarily sold badges for Legacy, inspired by the memory of her great grandfather, great uncle and grandfather, (a legatee) who all assisted in the construction of Legacy House in Armidale. She travelled to Korea as a Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholar in 2010. Several relatives fought in both WWI and WWII which arouses her passion for history and the Anzac legend.

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### Mark Arbib

Mark Arbib was elected Senator for New South Wales at the 2007 Federal Election and commenced his term on 1 July 2008. Arbib has served the Australian Parliament in a range of portfolios, most recently as Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Small Business. He resigned from Cabinet and from the Senate in March 2012. He was General Secretary of the ALP in NSW from 2004-2007.

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### Anthony Ball

Anthony Ball joined ClubsNSW in 1999 and was appointed CEO in 2010. He is also CEO of ClubKENO Holdings and Executive Director of ClubsAustralia. He is a graduate of the Australian National University, University of Sydney and the American University's Public Affairs Advocacy Institute in Washington DC. ClubsNSW's membership includes RSL and Services clubs and supports the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge.

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### Doug Dean AM

Managing Director of Veolia Environmental Services Doug Dean has held many Company Director roles throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Europe and the United States, in the areas of waste management, transport and water supply. In 2012 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for service to business and commerce and to the community.

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### Olwyn Green OAM

Olwyn Green continues to honour her late husband's memory and all Australians who fought in Korea. She has written a book about her husband's role in the Korean War, *The Name's Still Charlie*, and strongly advocates for the recognition of Korea veterans in Anzac history.



### **Godfrey (Rusty) Priest AM**

Rusty Priest enlisted in the 2nd AIF in June 1945, serving in Japan with British Commonwealth Occupation Forces from April 1946 to December 1948, the Australian Regular Army from 1946 to 1967 and the Emergency Reserve until 1975. He is a past President of the RSL (NSW Branch), patron and past chairman of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway and continues to be an advocate for veterans' welfare.

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### **Major General Gordon Maitland AO OBE RFD ED (Ret'd)**

Major General Gordon Maitland enlisted in the 2nd AIF during World War II at age 17. He rose through the ranks, serving in three regimental battalions - the last as its commanding officer. Major General Maitland is an honorary elder in the NSW Veterans' community. He has written several books relating to military history.

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The positions are honorary and unpaid. More Ambassadors may be appointed in the future.