

## **Families are the most important asset of the ADF's most important asset, its people**

### **Here's an opportunity for them to have their say**

Under joint sponsorship from the Chief of the Defence Force and the Defence Community Organisation, the first national ADF Families Survey will be mailed out to families of ADF members on from late October 2008.

The survey will be an important source of data about experiences and attitudes of ADF families, particularly how they balance the unique circumstances of service life with family needs.

What ADF family members tell us about themselves will inform the development of policies and conditions of service that may enhance quality of life for ADF families, satisfaction with the ADF lifestyle, retention and Defence capability.

Who should complete the survey?

- Spouses and ADF recognised interdependent partners of permanent full-time ADF members (spouses or partners may be ADF Reserve members)
- Permanent full-time ADF members who are single parents
- Both members of dual ADF couples (where both are permanent full-time ADF members)

The survey will be mailed out to the home addresses of all those currently on the mailing list of the *Defence Family Matters* publication, from late October. Completed surveys will need to be returned via the reply paid envelope supplied with the survey by **19 December 2008**.

As an alternative to the paper survey, there is an option to complete the survey on-line. The on-line survey will be open from **Thursday 30 October to Friday 19 December 2008**. It will be accessible via the following websites:

- Defence Community Organisation: <http://www.defence.gov.au/dco/>
- Defence Families Australia: <http://www.dfa.org.au/>

Extra copies of the survey can be requested by contacting the Project Manager, Ms Samantha Atkins on (02) 61272159, or at DCO, Ms Paula Sear, on (02) 6266 2313. You can also request extra copies of the survey by sending an email with your name and return address to: [Defence.Surveys@defence.gov.au](mailto:Defence.Surveys@defence.gov.au). Please remember to put "FAMILIES SURVEY" in the subject line.