

CDF Conference Program

DAY ONE: MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER

THEME: CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS AND CONCEPTS

0745–0830	Registration
0830–0840	Admin Brief: Australian Defence College Staff
0840–0845	Welcome: Rear Admiral James Goldrick, AM, CSC, RAN (Australian Defence College)
0845–0900	Opening Remarks: Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC, AFC (Chief of the Defence Force)
0900–1000	Keynote Address: 'US Special Operations and Irregular Conflict since 9/11' → Lieutenant General John F. Mulholland Jr. (Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command)
1000–1030	Morning Tea
Panel Session Chairman: Professor Peter Leahy, AC (Lieutenant General (Retd)) (Director of the National Security Institute, University of Canberra)	
1030–1230	21 st Century Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in South-East Asia and South Asia: → Dr Joseph Liow (Singapore Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University): <i>The Case of Southern Thailand</i> → Professor Clive Williams, MG (Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University): <i>The Case of the Philippines</i> → Major General Ranjit Nadkarni, VSM (Indian Army, Rtd): <i>The Case of Sri Lanka</i>
1230–1330	Lunch
Panel Session Chairman: Dr Alan Ryan (Principal, Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian Defence College)	
1330–1500	Approaches to Counterinsurgency and Stabilisation in the 21 st Century: British and Australian Views → Colonel Alex Alderson, MBE (Land Forces Stability Operations and Counterinsurgency Centre, British Army Land Warfare Centre) → Dr David Matthews (Counterinsurgency Studies Team, Defence Scientific and Technology Organisation) → Associate Professor David Martin Jones (School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland)
1500–1530	Afternoon Tea
Panel Session Chairman: Dr Alan Ryan (Principal, Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian Defence College)	
1530–1700	Preparing Personnel for Stabilisation and Counterinsurgency → Major General Michael Smith, AO (Retd) (Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre for Excellence): <i>Stabilisation and 'Whole of Government' Processes: An Australian Model</i> → Dr Bruce Oswald, CSC (Lieutenant Colonel) (School of Law, University of Melbourne): <i>Dispute Settlement Frameworks in Afghanistan: Some Background for the Tactical Level</i> → Dr Michael Evans (Australian Defence College): <i>Educating Security Professionals for Contemporary Counterinsurgency: An Australian Perspective</i>
1730 for 1800	General Sir John Hackett Centenary Profession of Arms Lecture: 'Educating Officers for a Complex World' → Lieutenant General David Hurley, AC, DSC (Vice Chief of the Defence Force)
1930	CDF's Conference Dinner at Australian Defence College Mess (by invitation)

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DAY TWO: TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

THEME: CONTEMPORARY AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

Panel Session Chairman: Major General Jim Molan, AO, DSC (Retd)

0830–1000	<p>Future Defence Policy-Making and the Place of Counterinsurgency: American Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Professor William Rosenau, Ph.D. (Strategic Studies Division, Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), Alexandria, Virginia)→ Ms Celeste Ward Gventer (RAND Corporation)→ Dr T.X. Hammes (Colonel, United States Marine Corps Rtd) (Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC)
1000–1030	Morning Tea
<i>Panel Session Chairman: Group Captain Sheldon Kimber, AM (Chief of Staff, Australian Defence College)</i>	
1030–1230	<p>The Afghanistan Crisis: Prospects and Projections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Lieutenant General David Barno (United States Army Rtd) (Center for New American Security (CNAS)): <i>The US Military in Afghanistan</i>→ Dr Benjamin Schreer (Strategic and Defence Studies, Australian National University): <i>The Europeans, NATO and ISAF in Afghanistan</i>→ Major General Ishfaq Nadeem Ahmed (Divisional Commander, Swat Valley, Pakistan Army): <i>Pakistan and the Afghanistan War</i>→ Professor William Maley, AM (Asia Pacific College of Diplomacy, Australian National University): <i>Towards a Solution? Afghanistan and the Geopolitics of South Asia</i>
1230–1330	Lunch
<i>Panel Session Chairman: Captain Richard McMillan, CSC, RAN (Director of Studies – Navy, Australian Command and Staff College)</i>	
1330–1445	<p>The Australian Defence Force and Irregular Conflict: Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Commodore Richard Menhinick, CSC, RAN (Australian Command and Staff College)→ Major General Mark Kelly, AO (Retd) (Repatriation Commission)
1445–1515	Break for Melbourne Cup Interlude: 'Cultural Introduction' by Colonel John Hutcheson (Director of Studies – Land, Australian Command and Staff College). Race on Screen in the Blamey Theatre.
<i>Panel Session Chairman: Rear Admiral James Goldrick, AM, CSC, RAN (Australian Defence College)</i>	
1515–1645	<p>Counterinsurgency and Stability Operations and the Future of 21st Century Warfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Lieutenant General David Barno (United States Army Rtd)→ Professor William Rosenau, Ph.D. (Center for Naval Analyses)→ Dr T.X. Hammes (National Defense University)→ Colonel Alex Alderson, MBE (British Army Land Warfare Centre)→ Dr Michael Evans (Australian Defence College)
1645–1700	Closing Remarks – Rear Admiral James Goldrick, AM, CSC, RAN (Australian Defence College)



CDF's Message



My vision is that the Chief of Defence Force's Conference, both now and in the future, will bring together military, civilian and academic professionals to share knowledge and ideas bearing on the contemporary strategic security environment. The nature and complexity of the modern battle space pose serious challenges for those who operate in this domain. My intention is that these conferences will allow us to draw upon the experience, knowledge and expertise of those who work in this environment and those who study it, so that we can benefit from both field experience and analysis.

This inaugural Conference focuses on counter insurgency and stability operations during the last decade. This is an entirely relevant subject, not only for those within the Defence community, but also for the various agencies involved in the stabilisation and rebuilding process. In Afghanistan, Australia and its allies and partners are engaged in operations designed to bring security and opportunity to a population that has known neither in recent generations. This civil and military operation requires a whole of Government approach and, while numerically the ADF predominates, the mission requires the involvement of many departments, agencies and Non Government Organisations (NGOs), all of which have vital contributions to make. Australia is also engaged in nation building activities in the Asia Pacific region where the same whole of Government principles apply. I therefore encourage the staff of our partner Government departments and agencies to attend the conference.

I am also delighted to welcome distinguished national and international guest speakers to the conference and thank them for their work in preparing papers for presentation.

I anticipate that this event will be a useful forum where we can learn first hand from the experiences of those who have been in the field, and where contacts can be made for continuing interchange. I commend it to all members of the ADO and to all others who are engaged in building Australia's capability to counter insurgency and conduct stabilisation operations.