



Rear Admiral Stuart Campbell MAYER, AO, CSC and Bar, RAN

Rear Admiral Mayer joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1984 and trained as Seaman Officer, specialising as a Principal Warfare Officer (Direction) in 1994. His initial service included deployments included HMAS *Sydney* during the 1990-91 Gulf war and in HMAS *Adelaide* during ADF operations in support of East Timorese independence in 1999.

Mayer assumed command of the Guided Missile Frigate HMAS *Canberra* in 2002 continuing an association with that ship that included service in every rank from trainee to Commanding Officer.

Upon leaving *Canberra* in July 2004, Mayer was promoted to Captain and assumed the position of Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at Maritime Headquarters (MHQ) Australia. While posted to MHQ, Rear Admiral Mayer was seconded to the Australian Maritime Deployable HQ staff for duties as Commander Task Group 58.1 - *Northern Arabian Gulf Maritime Security Operations Commander*.

In 2007 Rear Admiral Mayer assumed command of Anzac Class Frigate HMAS *Anzac*, Mayer left *Anzac* in mid-2009, was promoted to Commodore and was appointed Commander of the multi-national International Stabilisation Force (ISF) in East Timor on 24 October 2009.

Rear Admiral Mayer assumed duties as Commodore Flotillas, and subsequently Commodore Warfare, at Fleet Headquarters in 2010. Highlights in this period included the opportunity to act as the Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) Commander in RIMPAC 2010, and the first non US Commander of the Combined Force Maritime Component (CFMCC) in RIMPAC 2012.

Rear Admiral Mayer served within Navy Strategic Command as Director General Navy Capability Plans and Engagement and then as Chief of Staff before being promoted to Rear Admiral and assuming command of the Fleet in June 2014.

Rear Admiral Mayer is a graduate of the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, RAN Staff College, holds a BA from the University of New South Wales, an MBA from the University of Southern Queensland, an MA from Deakin University, and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

Rear Admiral Mayer is married to Susanne and together they have four children. A retired rugby player with an avid interest in supporting the game, Rear Admiral Mayer's pastimes include sailing, bushwalking and kayaking.