

BIOGRAPHY

COMMODORE STEVEN JOHN TIFFEN

CSM RAN

An experienced Marine engineer with over 29 years in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Commodore Tiffen has had a wide range of diverse and challenging positions. He is currently the Director General Major Surface Ships for the Maritime Systems Division of the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group.

Born in 1966, he joined the RAN in 1986 as an Undergraduate Engineer Officer whilst studying Mechanical Engineering at Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia. He was posted to sea as Assistant Marine Engineer Officer (MEO) on HMAS PARRAMATTA in 1989. He gained his Marine Engineering Charge Qualification in February 1995 following a posting to HMAS NEWCASTLE. Subsequently, he was posted to Naval Support Command as the Manager of Auxiliary Ship Configuration overseeing capital equipment projects. On completion of a posting as the MEO of HMAS CANBERRA in December 1997, he completed the Air Force Command and Staff Course. Selected in 1998 for an exchange officer position at HMS SULTAN in the United Kingdom, he

instructed marine engineering theory and practice to the Royal Navy marine engineers. He returned to Western Australia in August 2000 to take up the role of Capability Support Manager for the ANZAC Class of ships. In April 2002 he took up the position as MEO of HMAS ANZAC. Selected for promotion to Captain he commenced duties as the Capability Manager for the ANZAC Class of ships in May 2004. He took up a position with the Defence Materiel Organisation as Platform Systems Director for the AWD Program in July 2006. Then in October 2007, he was selected to manage the AWD Alliance's activities at Navantia's Ferrol facility in Spain. Promoted to Commodore in March 2010, he commenced duties as General Manager Technical with responsibilities for, amongst other things, the establishment of the sustainment arrangements for the future Hobart Class destroyers.

He took up his current position with the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group in December 2014 as Director General Major Surface Ships in Maritime Systems Division, responsible for the materiel aspects of asset management of the 15 major warships represented in the ANZAC, FFG and Amphibious and Afloat Support System Program Offices.

Commodore Tiffen is a chartered fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology (IMarEST), a chartered member of Engineers Australia (EA) and an Affiliate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He lives in Sydney and commutes to Adelaide where he and his partner Rachel and their three young children Zoe, Cooper and Nikki are building a new home. He enjoys dining out, spending time with the kids, and travelling with his family.



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@ PKF 755 Hunter St, Newcastle

Guest speaker

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