



## **RIMPAC 2012 – Capable, Adaptive Partners**

### **Commodore Stuart Campbell Mayer, CSC, RAN Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander**

Commodore Mayer joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1984 and commenced training as a Seaman specialist, on completion of initial training Mayer gained Bridge Watch-keeping Certificates in the patrol boat HMAS Gladstone (J324) and frigate HMAS Darwin (FFG-04). Thereafter Mayer completed training as an Air Intercept Controller (AIC) and returned to sea in HMA ships Canberra and Sydney, including service aboard HMAS Sydney (D48) as Air Intercept Control Officer and Boarding Officer during that ship's operational deployment to the Arabian Gulf during the 1990-91 Gulf war.

In 1993 Mayer commenced training as a Principal Warfare Officer (Direction) and graduated with distinction in 1994. As Direction Officer, Commodore Mayer served in both HMA ships Canberra and Adelaide undertaking a wide range of regional deployments and operations, including service as the Task Unit Operations Officer during Operation Stabilise – ADF operations in support of East Timorese independence.



In January 2000 Mayer left HMAS Adelaide (FFG01), was promoted to Commander and posted to the United States as the first ADF Liaison officer to US Joint Forces Command based in Norfolk, Virginia. Mayer returned from the United States in mid-2002 and assumed command of the Guided Missile Frigate HMAS Canberra (D33) continuing an association with that ship that included service in every rank from trainee to Commanding Officer.

Commodore Mayer left HMAS Canberra in July 2004 and was promoted to the rank of Captain and assumed the position of Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at Maritime Headquarters (MHQ) Australia in January 2005. While posted to MHQ, Commodore 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. Commodore Mayer returned to MHQ in October 2005, resuming duties as Chief Staff Officer (Operations).

In January 2007 Commodore Mayer attended the Australian Defence College and read for a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies. He assumed command of RAN Frigate, HMAS Anzac (FFH 150) in December 2007 and completed deployments to exercise RIMPAC and to Southeast Asia as the Commander of the RAN Task Group. Mayer left Anzac in mid-2009, was promoted to Commodore and appointed Commander of the multi-national International Stabilisation Force (ISF) in East Timor on 24 October 2009. Commodore Mayer returned to Sydney after this appointment and assumed duties as Commodore Flotillas at Fleet Headquarters in April 2010.

Commodore 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).

Commodore Mayer is married to Susanne and together they have four children, three boys and a girl ranging in ages seven up to 20. A retired rugby player with an avid interest in supporting the game, Commodore Mayer's pastimes include sailing, bushwalking and kayaking.