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Amendment

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Complete Revision

Cancellation

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SEA POWER CENTRE—AUSTRALIA

1. The Maritime Studies Project commenced in April 1990, evolving into the Maritime Studies Program in mid-1991. In January 2000 the Program became a directorate of the Navy Strategic Policy and Futures Branch in Navy Headquarters, being renamed the Royal Australian Navy Sea Power Centre. The title was amended to the Sea Power Centre—Australia (SPC-A) in late 2002.
2. The mission of the SPC-A is:
 - a. to promote understanding of sea power and its application to the security of Australia's national interests;
 - b. to manage the development of Royal Australian Navy (RAN) doctrine and facilitate its incorporation into Australian Defence Force (ADF) joint doctrine;
 - c. to contribute to regional engagement;
 - d. within the higher Defence organisation, to contribute to the development of maritime strategic concepts and strategic and operational level doctrine, and facilitate informed force structure decisions; and
 - e. to preserve, develop and promote Australian naval history.
3. In fulfilling its mission the SPC-A:
 - a. conducts and sponsors briefings, conferences, seminars, lectures and study periods on maritime affairs, strategy and naval history;
 - b. conducts research and publishes papers on maritime issues relevant to the development of maritime strategy and naval history;
 - c. studies developments in maritime strategy and doctrine worldwide with particular attention on regional aspects;
 - d. in conjunction with other Navy organisations, develops Australian maritime doctrine;
 - e. on behalf of the Chief of Navy (CN), conducts the annual Peter Mitchell Essay competition;
 - f. develops the curriculum for, and oversees the education of, junior naval officers in maritime affairs, strategy and naval history via the Maritime and Strategic Studies Program;
 - g. maintains, develops and promotes the history of the RAN, Commonwealth and Colonial naval forces, through liaison with the Australian War Memorial, international bodies, and interest groups;
 - h. provides a research facility for the conduct of strategic and historical research and analysis;
 - i. coordinates and oversees the collection of historical records of RAN operational deployments, including the forward deployment of SPC-A historians;
 - j. responds to Governmental, department and public inquiries on maritime doctrine, sea power and naval history;
 - k. contributes to regional engagement through sea power presentations to courses in the Asia-Pacific; and
 - l. provides advice to CN on RAN ship names and battle honours.

4. The SPC–A is an autonomous research centre intended to foster independent debate on Australian maritime issues, challenge orthodox wisdom, apply intellectual rigour to national maritime policy, and make informed recommendations on issues pertaining to Australia’s maritime defence. To this end, SPC–A is authorised to make appropriate public comment on Defence policy as it relates to the maritime strategic policy and principles, within the dictates of Defence Instruction (General) ADMIN 08–1—*Public comment and dissemination of information by Defence members*.

5. The target audiences of the SPC–A include the ADF, Department of Defence, other Government departments, defence associations, academic institutions, ‘think tanks’, special interest groups, the general public and both regional and allied military forces. Through its education processes the SPC–A contributes to enhancement of the Navy Image and Public Affairs organisational outcomes.

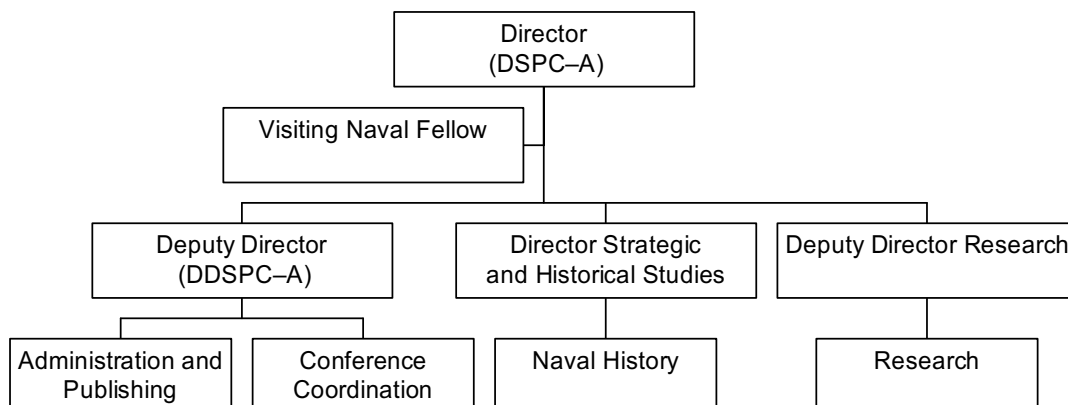
6. In order to promote the study, discussion and awareness of maritime issues and maritime strategy, the SPC–A produces or contributes to the following publications:

- a. Papers in Australian Maritime Affairs, which distribute substantial work by members of the ADF, as well as the Australian and international community, undertaking original research into maritime issues;
- b. Working Papers, which foster debate and discussion on maritime issues of relevance to the RAN, the ADF and to Australia and the region more generally;
- c. The Australian Maritime Doctrine series, which explains what and how the RAN contributes to Australian national security;
- d. The RAN Reading List, which provides guidance to RAN personnel on works that will contribute to their development as members of the Australian profession of arms;
- e. Semaphore, the monthly information newsletter of the SPC–A; and
- f. The Australian Defence Force Journal, where Director SPC–A is a Member of the Board of Management.

7. SPC–A has a formal arrangement with the Centre for Maritime Policy at the University of Wollongong, as well as a partnership agreement with the Australian Command and Staff College. SPC–A also maintains informal links with the Australian Defence Force Academy, the Australian National University, Curtin University in Western Australia, and a range of national and international institutions as required.

8. Flagship events in the SPC–A calendar include organisation and execution of the biennial RAN Sea Power Conference, a biennial King-Hall Naval History Conference, an annual Maritime Studies Seminar, and an annual Synnot Lectures series. The RAN Sea Power Conference and King-Hall Conference are held on alternate years.

9. The structure of the SPC–A is as follows:



Contact details

10. The SPC-A is located at Building 1A, Dairy Road, Fyshwick, Canberra ACT. The postal address of the SPC-A is Sea Power Centre—Australia, Department of Defence, CANBERRA ACT 2600. SPC-A can be contacted as follows:

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11. Comments/inquiries on the content of this instruction should be directed to the Deputy Director of the Sea Power Centre—Australia.

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