

## **BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD MEMBERS**

### **COMMODORE RICHARD LAMACRAFT RAN**

Commodore Richard Lamacraft joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1964. After graduation from the Royal Australian Naval College and twelve months sea training he attended the Royal Engineering College in Plymouth UK from 1968 to 1972. He graduated as a Bachelor of Science (Engineering) with Honours and completed a Marine Engineering Applications Course.

On return to Australia he joined HMAS MELBOURNE as a watchkeeping Engineer Officer. This posting was followed by the fifteen month Advanced Marine Engineering course again in the UK. Three years service in Navy Office Canberra followed, initially with Marine Engineering Design and then Naval Industrial Policy.

In 1978 he was the Marine Engineering Officer of HMAS PARRAMATTA during her modernisation at Williamstown Naval Dockyard. Two sea posting followed, firstly to HMAS DERWENT as Marine Engineer Officer and secondly to HMAS MELBOURNE as Senior Engineer.

On completion of the Naval Staff Course in June 1982 he was promoted to Commander and became the Destroyer Escort Modernisation Project Director. In 1985 he commenced two years exchange service with the Royal Navy as the Naval Engineer Overseer at Newcastle on Tyne UK. He returned to Canberra in January 1987 to become Marketing Officer for the Inshore Minehunter Project.

In November 1987 he joined the Fleet Maintenance Branch as Deputy Director Fleet Engineering Policy (Ships Systems). He was selected for promotion to Captain in December 1987 and became a member of the Naval Logistics Implementation Team in February 1988. Following completion of the team's activities he was posted briefly as the Director of Fleet Engineering Policy.

His next posting in March 1989 was to the new position of Director Naval Logistic Policy. He served on the staff of the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff - Materiel as Chief Staff Officer from January 1991 until his posting as Australian Frigate Project Director in August 1991. Highlights of this period included the sea trials, delivery and acceptance into service of the new HMAS MELBOURNE and the launch of NEWCASTLE. He was

promoted to the rank of Commodore in November 1992 when he became the ANZAC Ship Project Director. During the period from 1992-1997 four ships were launched and two delivered. The Project Office was the first within Defence to be accredited to a recognised Quality Standard (AS 3902).

In January 1998 he was posted to the Defence Intelligence Organisation as the Director General Intelligence Operations. In March 1998 he assumed his present appointment as the first Director of the new Australian Imagery Organisation.

Commodore Lamacraft is a member of the Institution of Engineers (Australia).

## **CAPTAIN RUSSELL BRYAN SCHEDLICH RAN**

Captain Schedlich joined the Navy in 1977 whilst studying medicine at the University of New South Wales. Graduating MB BS in 1979, he undertook his internship at Gosford District Hospital in that year.

His first posting as a medical officer was to the Naval Air Station, HMAS ALBATROSS in 1980. The following year, he served at sea, initially in the aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE, and then the destroyer escort HMAS SWAN. In 1982 he was posted to HMAS CERBERUS serving there for two years.

At the beginning of 1984 he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and posted to HMAS LEEUWIN as Senior Medical Officer. Following LEEUWIN's closure at the end of 1984, he was posted as Senior Medical Officer HMAS STIRLING and Command Medical Officer Western Australia. During his service in the West, he was responsible for the medical management of all diving accident victims in WA, and in 1986 was awarded an Assistant Chief of Naval Staff - Personnel Commendation for this work.

In 1986, he was posted on exchange service to the Royal Navy's Institute of Naval Medicine, serving in the Undersea Medicine Division in a research and policy-formulating role. On return to Australia in the middle of 1988, he served at the School of Underwater Medicine at HMAS PENGUIN, being appointed Officer-in-Charge in October 1988. He was awarded a Diploma of Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine in that year.

In January 1989, he was appointed Fleet Medical Officer, and promoted to Commander, managing the transfer of that position from its former afloat role to that of a full time staff officer at Maritime Headquarters. He initiated the deployment of surgical support teams into ships of the Afloat Support Force for Exercise Kangaroo 89, and contributed to the deployment of health support in ships proceeding to the Gulf War in 1990.

In 1991 he spent 12 months studying for a Master of Public Health at the University of Sydney, being awarded the degree in 1996 on submission of the necessary treatise.

In 1992 he was appointed Medical Officer-in-Charge of Balmoral Naval Hospital. He supervised the accreditation of the hospital by the Australian Council on HealthCare Standards. Balmoral Naval Hospital was the first ADF facility to gain such accreditation, which is recognition that the quality of its care is the equal of major civilian hospitals.

In May 1993, Captain Schedlich was seconded to Maritime Headquarters to develop a concept for providing surgical and intensive medical care at sea. This project has resulted in the inclusion of a 40-bed Primary Casualty Reception Facility in each of the RAN's Amphibious Transports, HMA Ships MANOORA and KANIMBLA.

In October 1996, he was appointed, for the second time, to the position of Fleet Medical Officer, being promoted to Captain the following year.

Captain Schedlich is also Vice President of the Australian Military Medicine Association, the peak professional and scientific body in Australia devoted to the study of military health issues, and editor of its journal.

## **COMMANDER E.G.WALSH CSC RANR**

Commander Ted Walsh was born in London. He joined the Royal Navy in 1956 as a boy seaman, after spending two years nautical training in the old four masted barque ARETHUSA. He became a Radar Plot Sailor and saw service in HM Ships ROEBUCK, EAGLE, VICTORIOUS, YARMOUTH and BELFAST.

He was commissioned in 1968 and qualified as a Bosun (Plot Radar). He was appointed to HM Ships JAGUAR, LEANDER and LONDON before transferring to the General List of the Royal Navy and qualifying as a Principal Warfare Office in 1974. As a Warfare Officer and later as an Executive Officer he served in HM Ships GLAMORGAN, ANDROMEDA, SIRIUS and DIOMEDE.

Commander Walsh joined the Staff of Flag Officer Sea Training in 1983 as the Staff Seamanship Officer and was responsible for developing and introducing the Defence Watch RAS Team concept. In 1985 he took up an exchange posting in Australia as OIC NBCD School HMAS PENGUIN and then later transferred to the Royal Australian Navy in 1988.

On transferring to the RAN he served on the staff of Director Naval User Requirements as Staff Officer NBCD. He joined Maritime Headquarters in late 1989 as the Fleet NBCD Officer. During his time as FNBCDO he was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross and was fortunate to become a 'Peter Mitchell' prize winner. He remained in Maritime Command until late 1992 when he was posted as the RAN Liaison Office Singapore.

In April 1995 Commander Walsh was posted to Navy Headquarters as the Director of Safety Management-Navy and is currently serving in that position.

Ted is married to Margaret and they have two sons (Simon and Andrew). He enjoys swimming and golf and is a member of the Nautical Institute.

## **CAPTAIN C.W. FILOR PSM FNI**

Christopher (Kit) Filor is the Inspector Marine Accidents, the Marine Incident Investigation Unit of the Commonwealth Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business.

His first experience as a Mariner was when he became indentured to the BP Tanker Company Limited (UK) in 1960. He gained experience in a variety of tankers trading world wide. He left BP as a Chief Mate in 1970. In 1974 he joined the Cross-Channel ferry service Sealink which travelled between Weymouth/Portsmouth to Cherbourg and the Channel Islands of Jersey and Guernsey. He was appointed to command in 1977 and in 1978 was appointed as a Master of Roll On - Roll Off ferries, a position he filled in three ferries until 1982 when he and his family migrated to Australia.

In November 1982 he took up the position of Marine Surveyor in Devonport, with the then Commonwealth Department of Transport and Construction. In 1984 he was promoted to the position of Executive Officer of the Ship Operations Section in Canberra and later became Director of the Section in 1986. This section was involved with, amongst other things, Marine accident investigations.

On 1 January 1991, he was appointed Inspector of Marine Accidents, when the Marine Incident Investigation Unit was formed as an independent investigation body. This organisation is separate from the regulatory body AMSA.

In all, he has more than ten years experience in Marine Accident investigation. He has been responsible for nearly one hundred published investigations, which have covered such casualties as TNT Alltrans, Sanko Harvest, Kirki and Iron Baron.

In 1993 he was elected a Fellow of the Nautical Institute. He is also a member of the Company of Master Mariners (Australia). In the 1996 Queen's Birthday Honours Kit was awarded the Public Service Medal for services to Maritime Safety.

## **ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER L. CUNEO**

Assistant Chief Officer Lindsay Cuneo began his firefighting career as a volunteer with the Guildford Volunteer Fire Brigade in Perth in 1972. Following recruit training in 1976, he joined the Western Australian Fire Brigades Board as a permanent firefighter. Over the next ten years he served as a firefighter with the Perth Fire Station and at other locations around Western Australia.

In 1986 he was appointed a Station Officer at Perth Fire Station and for two years worked at various stations and platoons throughout the Perth metropolitan area. He was Officer in Charge at the scene of a wide variety of fire and rescue incidents. During this period he also qualified as a Breathing Apparatus Instructor.

He took up a temporary appointment in 1987-88 as Water Supplies Officer and undertook an analysis of water supply systems, recommending a number of changes that were subsequently implemented by the Fire Brigades Board.

His next appointment was as training officer with the Country Fire Department in June 1988, with a specific brief to improve Western Australia's training program for volunteer firefighters. He wrote a training manual and developed and delivered officer and skills development programs in both metropolitan and country locations.

When the WA Fire Brigades Board underwent a regional restructure in 1990, he was promoted and appointed to one of the inaugural Regional District Officer positions, responsible for the North East District of the Perth metropolitan area.

Between 1990 and 1993 he was District Officer attached to the Fire Brigade's Training Academy. He recruited the personnel and established the Training Framework to implement a new modular training program for firefighters. As part of the State Government's training reform agenda, he and his team wrote the subject modules, designed the curriculum and trained the personnel. Throughout this period he also assisted as a Breathing Apparatus and Rescue Officer.

In 1993 he was appointed District Officer at Perth Fire Station, accountable for the operations of Perth District and the fire service's Operations Centre. As Superintendent Fire Safety in 1994-95 he was responsible for the organisation's fire prevention activities.

He took up temporary appointments as Assistant Chief Officer Support Services over several periods in 1994 and was responsible for various functions, including chairing a Ministerial Committee which examined issues regarding the installation of smoke alarms in dwellings in Western Australia. In 1995 he was appointed Superintendent of the WAFBB Training Academy with the dual role of overseeing the development of a new training academy and implementing new training programs.

He was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief Officer in 1996. He has held the post of Director Perth Metro South Region, since 1996. His directorate is responsible for fire protection and service delivery by both career firefighters and volunteers.