



From: Commodore Michael Smith, RANR, Director General Australian Navy Cadets

Yesterday I had the pleasure of accompanying Rear Admiral Steve Gilmore, AM, CSC, RAN, the Commander Australian Navy Systems Command, in attending the Chief of Navy's office to witness Vice Admiral Russ Crane, AM, CSM, RAN promote Commander Eliot Fisher to the rank of Captain, ANC and appoint him as National Commander of the ANC.



I share with Vice Admiral Crane and Rear Admiral Gilmore in congratulating Captain Fisher on this career milestone. In doing so, I would also reflect on the extensive contribution to the ANC made by the outgoing National Commander, Commander John Goss. John has held the position of National Commander for the past 18 months, and has provided stalwart service to both the ANC and the RAN.

I look forward to CMDR Goss' continued contribution in the newly established role of the 'Director Systems', which will see him heavily engaged in ensuring the RAN and ANC interface continues to provide the best possible opportunities to enable the ANC to grow and prosper in partnership with the Australian community.

The challenge for us all now, is to bring about the changes to our organisation which have been approved by the Chief of Navy, on the recommendation of the Commander, Australian Navy Systems Command.

I hope that this change is embraced by all of us.

I have directed the National Commander to immediately bring together a small group of ANC staff as a Task Force to take us forward.

You will be hearing a lot more from Captain Fisher as we turn the ANC into a highly contemporary development organisation for the young Australians of the 21st century.

Yours Aye,

Michael Smith