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**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS**

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*A message from Head of Corps.*

As our centenary year draws to a close, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our signals community, especially those who contributed so much to this marvellous year. Our serving members have delivered again this year with success from Exercise Mercury Run in February to Exercise Pacific Sentry and Exercise Talisman Sabre and beyond. We have exercised with Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Tonga, Japan, New Zealand, the United States, United Kingdom, and we have participated in NATO exercises. Our people continue to do amazing things on operations in support of national interests.

The year has been one of change, much driven by the implementation of the 2024 National Defence Strategy. This has resulted in the transfer of 105 Signal Squadron to 10 Brigade in Adelaide and 102 Signal Squadron to 1 Signal Regiment in Brisbane. 2 Signal Regiment (110 and 145 Signal Squadrons) was re-raised to enhance support to 17 Sustainment Brigade.

Our centenary activities have been extraordinary, beginning in February with a spectacular parade in Melbourne. We honoured the significant contribution of women within our Corps as part of International Women's Day events in March, proudly led ANZAC Day marches in April, and welcomed the Royal Signals Rugby Tour in July. Freedom of Entry parades by 7 Signal Regiment, 1 Signal Regiment, and the Defence Force School of Signals reaffirmed our deep connection to the communities we serve. 103 and 104 Signal Squadrons proudly celebrated 60 years of service. The Royal Australian Mint released a commemorative coin and Australia Post released commemorative stamps both marking our century of service.

A lasting tribute to our centenary is the Certa Cito Centenary Sculpture created through the vision and generosity of the Certa Cito Foundation, the Corps' charity. This remarkable sculpture is the result of months of collaboration between artist Colonel Richard Barrett and our community—past and present members, families, and friends. Together, they designed and built a work that speaks to the heart of our identity. Its prominent location at the Defence Force School of Signals will eventually link to the Corps 50th sculpture creating a memorial walk. The sculpture is a powerful symbol of unity, heritage and strength of the signals family.

This year also saw the refurbishment of the Corps Museum—a space that now beautifully captures the key elements of our history and preserves our proud heritage. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our volunteers and the Australian Army History Unit. I encourage everyone to visit and experience the story of our Corps brought to life through their dedication. While the Museum is an outstanding success, gaps remain in our collection. A major outcome of the centenary year is the launch of the history project, which will continue to build and safeguard our legacy. Please support the Corps and the incredible Museum team in this vital endeavour to ensure our story endures for generations to come.

In November, we had the honour of hosting our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, for a truly memorable tour across Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane. In Sydney, the Governor of New South Wales welcomed us with a Garden Reception at Government House, paying tribute to the Corps. A moving Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park commemorated all who have served. At Victoria

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Barracks Sydney, the home of the Army, we staged a magnificent Centenary Parade and Garden Reception, attended by more than a thousand people and watched online by tens of thousands more. I pay special tribute to the Corps RSM, WO1 Benn Goulter, and all those on parade for delivering a spectacle that will be remembered for generations.

In Melbourne, our Colonel-in-Chief visited the home of the Corps at Simpson Barracks, spent time with soldiers, unveiled the Certa Cito Centenary Sculpture, and visited the Museum. The Victorian Governor hosted a Centenary Reception at Government House for more than 330 guests and smaller dinner where every rank from Signaller to Lieutenant General were represented. In Brisbane, Corps Week was linked to the Royal visit and included a capability demonstration, reception and Corps Week Sporting Carnival. The first Mercury Dash was won by Air Force. 152 Signal Squadron won the Caduceus Cup, 1 Signal Regiment won the Athena Cup and the Combined ACT team won the Grecians Cup. As a fitting send off as an independent squadron, 145 Signal Squadron won the Corps Rugby. Congratulations to the Signaller of the Year, Signaller Kirby, 1 Signal Regiment, and Lieutenant of the Year, Lieutenant Dunne, North West Mobile Force.

Throughout the year, our Associations have been central in bringing our community together hosting events and dinners that strengthened bonds and fostered esprit de corps. I extend my sincere thanks to the leadership and membership of every Association for their efforts in bringing our community together. I highlight the hugely successful National Reunion in Healesville and acknowledge the outstanding work of Mr Bruce Long and all who supported this memorable event. I also acknowledge the outstanding support and work of the Colonels Commandant and the dedication and commitment over a number of years from Colonel Chris Robinson, CSC, the Centenary Project Officer.

The legacy that Brigadier Alison Creagh, AM, CSC has made both as Representative Colonel Commandant and President of the Certa Cito Foundation is remarkable and I thank her for more than 40 years' service to the Corps. Alison has stepped down as Representative Colonel Commandant. I welcome Major General Murray Thompson, AM, CSC as the incoming Representative Colonel Commandant. I also acknowledge the outstanding commitment by Colonel Mike Brennan who has stepped down as Colonel Commandant Western Australia concluding more than 52 years' service to the Corps. I thank Mike for his outstanding service and welcome Colonel Daven Pettersen, CSC as Colonel Commandant Western Australia.

As I reflect on our centenary year I am absolutely thrilled how our signals family has come together. It has truly been a year of celebration and achievement. The challenge for us all is building upon these successes, advancing signals capabilities and strengthening our community.

I close recognising those on operations, on duty or at shortened readiness and thank those serving through the Christmas period. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the holiday period bring you rest with family and friends ahead of what promises to be an exciting 2026.



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Head of Corps

*Certa Cito!*

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