



THE HON. DR MIKE KELLY MP Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

Thursday, 6 May 2010

019 /2010

Supportive employers recognised in NSW

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, Dr Mike Kelly, has congratulated 30 New South Wales employers on receiving awards for the excellent support they offer to Defence Reservists.

The metropolitan Sydney area employers were recognised with Defence Reserves Support Council Employer Support Awards at the Sydney Cricket Ground last night (Wednesday, 5 May).

“Our Reserve Forces significantly enhance Defence capability, particularly in their support of current operations here and on deployments overseas,” said Dr Kelly.

“Working closely with employers, building mutual understanding and providing financial and other support is critical. These awards clearly demonstrate the value Defence places on the importance of their relationship with employers.”

In an unusual first, all recipients were presented a special Defence Reserves Support cricket stump, personally signed by former Australian Cricket Captain Steve Waugh.

Chair of the Defence Reserves Support Council Jack Smorgon, Head Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division Major General Greg Melick, DRSC New South Wales Committee Chair Rodney Cavalier and other distinguished guests joined the award winners at the Members Pavilion of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

AWARD WINNERS:

Airservices Australia, Australian Federal Police – Close Personal Protection, Australian Federal Police - Computer Forensics Team, NSW Police - Liverpool Area Command, NSW Police -Goulburn College, South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, South-Eastern Illawarra Area Health Service, Australian Customs and Border Protection Services – Border Protection, Australian Customs & Border Protection – Tariff and Compliance, Lithgow High School, Sydney West Area Health Service - Blacktown Community Health, University of Western Sydney - College of Business, Wollondilly Shire Council, Royal North Shore - Intensive Care Unit, NSW Police - Hawkesbury Local Area Command, Downer EDI Rail, Lend Lease Design, Scania Australia Limited, Xstrata Coal Tahmoor, Acor Consultants Pty Ltd, DMS Maritime Pty Ltd, St Augustine's College, Visy Industries - Corrugated Carton Products, Woolworths Limited, Aurecon Australia Pty Ltd, Penrith Anglican College, The Cram Foundation, Cub Campers Pty Ltd, Total Survey Systems Pty Ltd and Able Tyre Plus Brookvale.

Media contacts:

Elyse Gatt (Dr Mike Kelly): 02 6277 4840 or 0437 502 246

Deanna Nott (Defence Reserves): 0438 013 548

Defence Media Liaison: (02) 6127 1999 or 0408 498 664