

## **Website Boost for Reserves**

Defence members going online to discover the latest about Reserve activities and issues now have a new-look resource at their fingertips.

The website - **[www.defence.gov.au/reserves](http://www.defence.gov.au/reserves)** - amalgamates the old Defence Reserves and Defence Reserves Support Council websites into one, easy-to-navigate site.

Reserve Policy Communications Director Deanna Nott said the new website contains most things a Reservist needs to know.

"From rights and obligations, to applying for leave and the protection offered to Reservists, this combined website is a valuable resource for all members to use," said Mrs Nott.

"The website also contains important information for employers of Reservists."

Mrs Nott said the website highlights different initiatives within Reserve Policy, including the Employer Support Payment Scheme, Office of Reserve Service Protection, Bosslift, Exercise Executive Stretch, and specific information about the benefits of employing Reservists.

"It's about showing Reservists and their civilian employers that Defence Service is a 'win-win' situation," she said.

Mrs Nott said the new site contains downloadable brochures and many case studies showing the mutual benefits for employers and Reservists.

Another initiative being rolled out with the new Reserves website is an e-newsletter. Mrs Nott said it was possible for employers and Reservists to sign up for the free resource via a form on the site.

"Employers and Reservists alike will find the e-newsletter both informative and entertaining," she said.

"Information on the website will be updated regularly, so visitors won't miss a thing."

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