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DEFENCE HONOURS BIAS BOATING

BIAS Boating Pty Limited has been awarded a Defence Reserves Support Council Certificate of Recognition for its support of the Australian Defence Force Reserves.

Senator Sandy Macdonald, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, attended the ceremony at Parliament House, Sydney, in late May.

BIAS Boating Pty Limited, located in Rydlemere, was nominated by Private Dwyer-Gray from the 8th Brigade's 7th Field Regiment at Pymble.

BIAS Boating Pty Limited was nominated in recognition of its ongoing support and for having granted Private Dwyer-Gray leave for overseas deployment.

“The NSW Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council, through the Employer Support Awards, acknowledges employers who have adopted a supportive and positive role for their Reserve employees through leave arrangements and other special considerations to enable them to fulfill their Defence obligations,” Senator Macdonald said.

To be eligible for Employer Support Awards, companies need to have a supportive leave policy and must have released their employees for an extended period of Reserve service. Awards are presented in the categories of Government and Large Business, Private Enterprise - Medium Business and Private Enterprise - Small Business.

"It is important to recognise the support that employers give to our Reservists, who in turn play an important role in assisting the Australian Defence Force in all roles, but particularly in peace-keeping and humanitarian aid operations," Senator Macdonald said.

“By providing their staff with Defence service leave, Reservists have been able to complete their training, attend courses to enhance their abilities and participate in Defence exercises. They have also had the opportunity to deploy to countries such as Malaysia, Pakistan and the Solomon Islands, assisting in peacekeeping missions and natural disaster relief.”

"The Australian Government appreciates employers' efforts and one of the ways we thank them is through the Employer Support Payment Scheme, which sees eligible employers receive \$991.20 per week in order for them to employ a temporary replacement while their employee is performing Defence duties," Senator Macdonald said.

The Employer Support Payment will increase to \$1035.90 on 1 July.

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Major General Ian Flawith - Commander of the 2nd Division presents a DRSC Certificate of Recognition to Mr Jason McManus from Bias Boating Pty Ltd, accompanied by their employee Private Dwyer-Gray - 7 Field Regiment.