



## Mr R A C (Bob) Durbin

Born in South Australia 25th June 1953.

### Service

Joined the Royal Australian Navy at HMAS NIRIMBA as an apprentice in January 1970.

### *Ships Served in:-*

HMAS SYDNEY – Troop Transport  
HMAS MELBOURNE – Aircraft Carrier  
HMAS DUCHESS – Daring Class Destroyer  
HMAS YARRA – River Class Destroyer  
HMAS STUART – River Class Destroyer

### *Shore Postings:-*

HMAS WATERHEN – Mine Warfare and  
Patrol Boat Base

HMAS CARPENTARIA – ANRUK (United Kingdom)  
HMAS KUTTABUL – FLEET STAFF  
HMAS CERBERUS – Naval Training Establishment

Specialised in technical training, Quality Control/Assurance and Vibration Analysis. Discharged January 1990 having attained the rank of Warrant Officer. Joined and remains a member of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve

### Civilian Employment

Mannesmann Demag – Maintenance Manager  
Australian Industrial Publications – Defence Support  
The Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) – Branch Projects Manager

### Current Employment

Chaplain - RSL LifeCare - The War Vets – Narrabeen.

### League Service

Bob joined the City of Blacktown RSL sub-Branch in 1990 and has maintained his membership there. Positions held in the City of Blacktown RSL sub-Branch have included Pensions Officer, Delegate to the Far Western Metropolitan District Council, Delegate to the State Council Sports Council, Minutes Secretary, Honorary Secretary and President.

In August 2000 he was elected to the position of State Councillor Far Western Metropolitan and held that position until the Annual State Congress of 2008 when he was elected as a State Councillor – Metropolitan. Bob has served on many State Council

Committees including Youth Council, George Quinsey OAM Memorial Fund, Australia My Country, ANZAC House Trust, CCWA by-Law Review, Trustees Review, St Marys Memorial Trust, Agenda, Awards and served as a Director of RSL Life Care.

City of Parramatta RSL sub-Branch – Secretary/Pensions and Welfare officer from January 2000 to September 2010.

#### **Campaign Medals, Decorations and Awards**

Defence Force Service Medal with 1st Clasp

Australian Defence Medal

Life Membership of the RSL of Australia

Australia Day Medallion 2008 for services to veterans

#### **Other**

With a daughter in the Royal Australian Navy Bob has a vested interest in both the Serving and ex-Service Defence family.

An accredited and Commissioned Lay Preacher of the Uniting Church in Australia, Bob provides a range of support to the Defence family.

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