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Reserve Forces Day - 2017

Reserve Forces Day is a day for all Australians to recognise and appreciate the enormous contribution reservists make to our nation.

Whenever Australians have served in armed conflict, our militia's and reservists have been there—answering the call, bolstering our defence capabilities and bringing their own unique, diverse and critical skills to the operations of the ADF.

Those who serve as reservists are a special and dedicated breed. Their everyday lives are punctuated with another life in the military. To do this as successfully as they do, is testament to their strong desire to serve their communities, the Australian people, and the nation they clearly love.

Today we recognise our reservists for their drive and dedication and all they contribute. We also pause to recognise the support of their families and employers around the country whose understanding and support is critical to all they achieve.

To all reservists I express a nation's heartfelt thanks for the genuine and significant difference you make to all our lives and to the ADF.