



**Vice Admiral (Rtd) Peter Jones AO DSC**  
Member, Defence Council Victoria

## Profile

Peter Jones joined the RAN in 1974 through the Royal Australian Naval College. For most of his career he specialized in surface warfare but in his senior Defence positions his focus has been the acquisition of major capital equipment and ICT operations. During his career he has written on maritime strategy and Australian naval history. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Australian Defence Force Academy in the University of New South Wales.

## Experiences

- **President of the Australian Naval Institute (ANI) - 2015 to Present.** The ANI is a professional body of serving and former members of the Navy that seeks to provide a forum for informed discussion on naval and maritime affairs.
- **Patron of the Australian Defence Alpine Sports Association - 2014- Present.**
- **Member of the Defence Council Victoria - 2015 to Present.** The Defence Council provides strategic advice to the Victorian Government about opportunities for industry in the Defence sector.
- **Member of the Advisory Council to Saab Asia Pacific - 2015 to Present.** The Council provides strategic advice to the CEO of Saab Asia Pacific.
- **Chief of Capability Development Group, Department of Defence, Canberra - 2011-2014.** Responsible for the development of Defence's major capital equipment program and the provision of the individual proposals to government. The Group also undertook trials and evaluation of equipment. As Chief he chaired a senior Defence and Industry forum to enhance co-operation.
- **Head Capability Systems, Capability Development Group, Department of Defence, Canberra - 2010-2011.** Responsible for the development of major capital investment proposals to be presented to Government as well as the Defence-Industry innovation centre - Rapid Prototyping Development and Evaluation (Rear Admiral).

- **Head Information Communications Technology (ICT) Operations/Strategic J6, Chief Information Officer Group, Department of Defence, Canberra, ACT — 2008-2010.** Responsible for the operation of the Australian Defence Communications Network. This is the third largest ICT network in Australia. As the Strategic J6 is responsible for providing strategic communications advice to the Chief of Defence Force (Rear Admiral).
- **Commander Australian Naval System Command, Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Canberra — 2007-2008.** Responsible for naval establishments, personnel services, port services, engineering, communications and shore-based training. The Command had 5,000 personnel (Commodore).
- **Director General Integrated Capability Development, Capability Development Group, Department of Defence, Canberra, ACT — 2003-2006.** Responsible for the development of initial and detailed business cases for ICT-related projects in the Defence Capability Plan (Commodore).
- **Commander Australian Surface Task Group, RAN, Sydney, 2002-2003.** Commanded RAN Task Group 633.1 and for part of that period, the multinational Maritime Interception Force (MIF) in the Arabian Gulf. During that time the MIF enforced UN Security Council Resolutions against Iraq and then in the 2003 Iraq War took part in the Khowr Abd Allah Waterway Clearance operation. Peter was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the US Legion of Merit for service as the Maritime Interception Operations Screen Commander (Captain).
- **Director of Naval Strategic and Futures, RAN, Canberra, ACT — 2000-2002.** Responsible for the development of the Navy's Long Range Plan - Plan Blue and the Future Maritime Operational Concept. business cases for ICT related projects in the Defence Capability Plan. For performance in this position and command of HMAS Melbourne was made a Member of the Order of Australia (Captain).
- **Commanding Officer HMAS Melbourne, RAN, Sydney, NSW — 1998-1999.** During tenure in command the Melbourne took part in Exercise RIMPAC 98 in Hawaiian waters and enforced UNSCR against Iraq in the Arabian Gulf in 1999 (Commander).