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David Stevens has been the Director of Strategic and Historical Studies within the Sea Power Centre – Australia since retiring from the Navy in 1994. He joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1974 as a cadet midshipman and subsequently completed a BA degree at the University of NSW. After graduation he spent time in a variety of Australian fleet units gaining bridge watchkeeping experience before specialising as an anti-submarine warfare officer. In 1984-86 he served on exchange in the Royal Navy and was one of the first Australians to conduct a Falkland Islands peace patrol. In 1990-91 he was posted to the staff of the Australian Task Group Commander during Operation DAMASK and the 1991 Gulf War. Prior to leaving the Navy he spent a number of years in the capability development area working on anti-submarine and communications projects. In 1992 he graduated from the Australian National University with an MA (Strategic Studies) and in 2000 received his PhD in history from the UNSW at ADFA. He remains a Commander in the RAN Reserve and in 2003 deployed on Operations BASTILLE and FALCONER (Iraq War) as the historian attached to the staff of the Australian Task Group Commander. More recently, he was lead author for the second edition of the RAN's capstone work of doctrine, *Australian Maritime Doctrine* (RAN Doctrine 1, 2010).

David Stevens has lectured extensively on naval history and maritime strategy and his published works have been translated into several languages. His major publications as author or editor include: *The Royal Australian Navy in World War II* (1996 & 2005); *In Search of a Maritime Strategy: the maritime element in Australian defence planning since 1901* (1997); *U-Boat Far From Home: the epic voyage of U862 to Australia and New Zealand* (1997); *Maritime Power in the twentieth century: the Australian experience* (1998); *Southern Trident: Strategy, History and the Rise of Australian Naval Power* (2000 with John Reeve); *The Royal Australian Navy: Volume III of the Australian Centenary History of Defence* (2001); *The Face of Naval Battle* (2003 with John Reeve); *The Navy and the Nation* (2005 with John Reeve); *A Critical Vulnerability: The impact of the submarine threat on Australia's maritime defence 1915-54* (2005); *Australia's Navy in the Gulf: From COUNTENANCE to CATALYST, 1941-2006* (2006 with Greg Nash); *Sea Power Ashore and in the Air* (2007 with John Reeve); *Strength through Diversity: The combined naval role in Operation STABILISE* (2007); *Presence, Power Projection and Sea Control: The RAN in the Gulf 1990-2009* (2009); and *Naval Networks: The Dominance of Communications in Maritime Operations* (2012). The Naval Records Society has also published his 'Australian Naval Defence: Selections from the papers and correspondence of Captain W.H.C.S. Thring, 1913-1934', in S. Rose (ed.) *The Naval Miscellany Vol VII* (2008). His new history of the Australian Navy in the First World War was published by Oxford University Press in November 2014.