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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL PRESENTATIONS IN TAMWORTH

Member for New England, Tony Windsor, is honoured to be joining Major Wayne Clarke, Executive Officer, 12/16 Hunter River Lancers in presenting Australian Defence Medals to recipients at the West Diggers Grand Ballroom, Tamworth on **Friday 14 November, 2008, at 11.00am.**

Major Clarke and Mr Windsor will be presenting 5 past Members of the Australian Defence Force with their Medals in recognition of their service and commitment to our Nation's security.

"The Australian Defence Medal was approved by Her Majesty the Queen in March 2006 and aims to recognise current and former Australian Defence Force Regular and Reserve personnel as well as volunteer and National Servicemen, who have served since the end of World War II," Mr Windsor said.

The Australian Defence Medal is being awarded to Members who have completed their initial enlistment period or four years service, whichever was the lesser, since World War II with service backdated from 3 September, 1945. It is estimated that over one million serving and ex-serving ADF members will be eligible for the medal.

Eligibility has also been extended to personnel who have died during service or are medically discharged due to permanent injury making them unable to serve for the minimum qualifying period or those who have honourably served but due to Defence policy at the time were unable to serve for the minimum qualifying period.

"I look forward to presenting these proud Australians with their medals and joining the community to provide them with the recognition they deserve" Mr Windsor said.

It is expected that one major medal presentation will take place around the New England Electorate every 6 months along with a few smaller presentations in the community to ensure all recipients have the opportunity to be formally presented with their medals.

Application Forms for the Australian Defence Medal are available from Tony's office or from the Defence website www.defence.gov.au or by calling 1800 111 321.

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