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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL PRESENTATION IN QUIRINDI

Member for New England, Tony Windsor, is honoured to be presenting an Australian Defence Medal to Mr Graham John Bullock at the Liverpool Plains Shire Council Chambers, Quirindi, **on Thursday 23 April at 9.30am.**

Mr Windsor will be presenting Mr Bullock with his Medal as a past Member of the Australian Defence Force in recognition of his service and commitment to our Nation's security. Also in attendance will be the Mayor of Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Cllr Ian Lobsey and the President of the RSL Sub-Branch and National Servicemen's Association of Quirindi, Mr Doug Hawkins, along with members of Mr Bullock's family.

"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 this proud Australian with his medal and joining the community to provide Mr Bullock with the recognition he deserves" Mr Windsor said.

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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