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WELCOME HOME PARADE TO MARK END OF OPERATION CATALYST

The purpose of this DEFGRAM is to invite Defence personnel to attend a Welcome Home parade to mark the conclusion of Operation CATALYST, which will take place in Canberra at 1400 h on 21 November 2009 at the Australian War Memorial. Spectators are invited to arrive by 1345 h.

The parade will also recognise the contribution of Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Defence personnel to the stabilisation and rehabilitation of Iraq. More than 300 current and former ADF veterans and Defence civilians who have served on Operation CATALYST will take part in the parade.

The parade will feature Australia's Federation Guard, the Band of the Royal Military College of Australia and the Royal Australian Navy Band, marching from Anzac Parade onto the Australian War Memorial Parade Ground. A fly past and a number of static displays of equipment used during Operation CATALYST are planned.

Parking

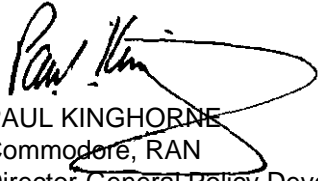
Due to limited parking at the Australian War Memorial, parking will be available at Russell Offices and shuttle buses will loop from Russell Drive to Treloar Crescent behind the Australian War Memorial.

The first bus will depart Russell Drive 1300 h.

The last shuttle will leave the Australian War Memorial at 1600 h.

Please note: This is an outside ceremony, do not forget your water, hats, sun block and suitable clothing for the weather conditions on the day.

Anyone planning to attend the parade as a spectator can register their interest in attending via email to defence.parade@defence.gov.au.



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