

Co-hosts: Military History and Heritage Victoria (MHHV) Inc. and the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC), School of International, Political and Strategic Studies (IPS), College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP), Australian National University (ANU)

Conference Program

Day 1 - Saturday 20 September 2014

8.00 – 9.00 am Registration.

SESSION ONE

9.00 am Conference Opening and Welcome:
Colonel Marcus Fielding (former Brigade Major West Force, INTERFET).
Conference Chair and President MHHV.

Opening Remarks:

Doctor John Blaxland (former Intelligence Officer West Force, INTERFET and author of *The Australian Army from Whitlam to Howard*).
Senior Fellow, SDSC, IPS, CAP, ANU.

9.20 – 10.00 am Admiral Chris Barrie, AC (Rtd) (former Chief of the Australian Defence Force).
Adjunct Professor, SDSC, IPS, CAP, ANU.
Creating an Australian-led multi-national coalition.

10.05 – 10.45 am Major General Surasit Thanadtang.
The significance of Thailand's contribution to INTERFET.

10.45 – 11.15 am Morning Tea.

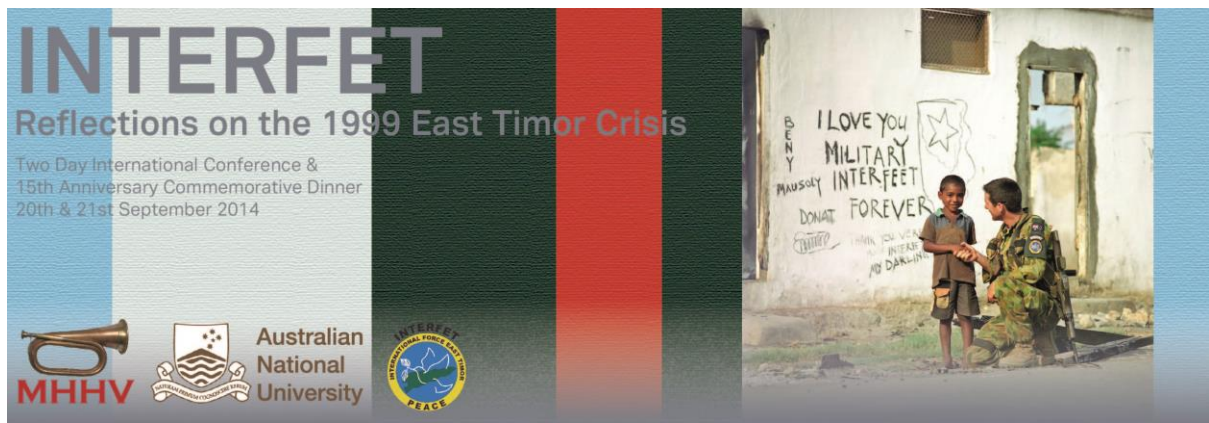
SESSION TWO

Session Chair: Doctor Andrew Carr, Research Fellow, SDSC, IPS, CAP, ANU.

11.15 – 11.55 am Doctor David Connery (author of *Crisis Policymaking*).
Lessons Learned for Australia's higher level defence and security decision making from INTERFET.

12.00 – 12.40 pm Colonel Kevin Burnett, ONZM (Rtd) (former Commanding Officer New Zealand Battalion).
The significance of New Zealand's contribution to INTERFET.

12.40 – 1.30 pm Buffet lunch.



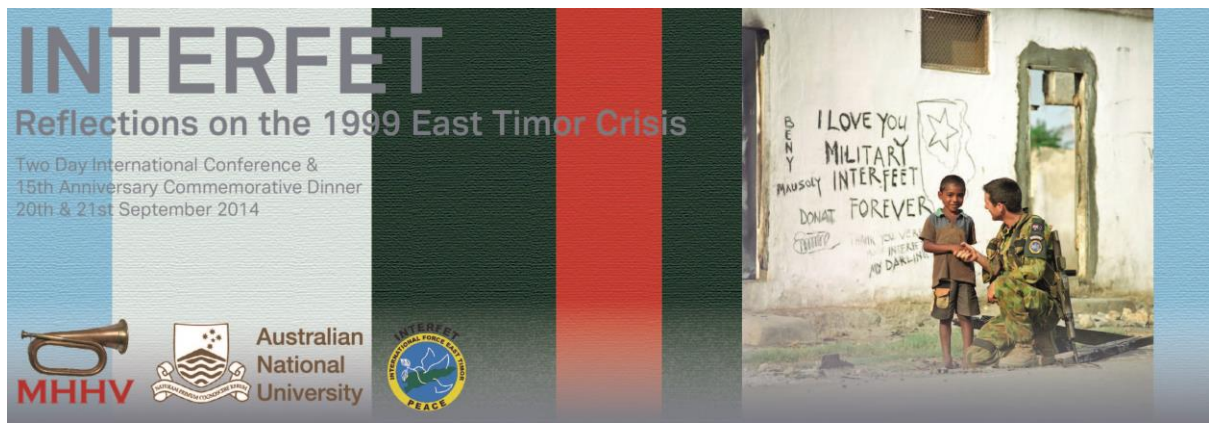
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SESSION THREE

- Session Chair: Major General Jim Barry, AM, MBE, RFD, ED (Rtd).
Patron Military History and Heritage Victoria Inc.
- 1.30 – 2.05 pm Major General Orlando Ambrocio (Rtd) (former Commander of the Philippines Humanitarian Support Mission to East Timor).
The significance of the Philippine's contribution to INTERFET.
- 2.10 – 2.45 pm Lieutenant General Kiki Syahnakri (Rtd) (former Martial Law Administrator and author of Timor Timur: The Untold Story).
The Indonesian perspective on the 1999 East Timor crisis.
- 2.50 – 3.25 pm **Keynote Speaker:**
His Excellency the Prime Minister of Timor Leste, Xanana Gusmao, GCL, CNZM.
(former East Timor independence leader).
- 3.25 – 3.45 pm Afternoon Tea.

SESSION FOUR

- Session Chair: Dr Jim Wood, RFD, ED (Colonel Rtd).
Vice-Patron Military History and Heritage Victoria Inc.
- 3.50 – 4.30 pm **Keynote Speaker:**
His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, MC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.
(former Commander INTERFET).
- 4.35 – 5.10 pm Lieutenant General Ash Power, AO, CSC (Rtd) (former Colonel Operations INTERFET).
INTERFET and regional multi-national coalitions.
- 5.10 pm Close of Day - Conference Chair.



Day 2 - Sunday 21 September 2014

9.30 – 10.00 am Venue open and morning tea.

SESSION FIVE

Session Chair: Doctor Joanne Wallis, Lecturer, SDSC, IPS, CAP, ANU.

10.00 – 10.40 am Lieutenant General Mark Evans, AO, DSC (Rtd) (former Commander West Force, INTERFET).
INTERFET: A Tactical Commander's Perspective.

10.45 – 11.30 am Colonel Neil Thompson, CSC (Rtd) (former Commander Response Force, INTERFET)
INTERFET: The Special Forces Perspective.

11.35 am – 12.15 pm Associate Professor Bob Breen (author of *Mission Accomplished, East Timor: The ADF Participation in INTERFET*).
The lessons learned by the ADF in the lead up to and as a result of INTERFET.

12.15 – 1.15 pm Buffet lunch.

SESSION SIX

Session Chair: Professor Peter Edwards, AM.

1.15 – 1.55 pm Brigadier Gary Hogan, AM, CSC (Rtd) (former Head of Australian Defence Staff Jakarta).
The East Timor Crisis and the Australia - Indonesia Relationship.

2.00 – 2.40 pm Professor Damien Kingsbury (author of *East Timor: The Price of Liberty*).
The evolution of regional geopolitical relationships as a result of INTERFET.

2.40 – 3.20 pm Afternoon Tea.

3.20 – 3.50 pm Reflections: Doctor John Blaxland.

3.50 – 4.00 pm Conference Close: Colonel Marcus Fielding.