



**LEFT:** Proud father John Lingham and his Army Reservist daughter, Private Michelle Lingham make a good impression with students at the San Isadora Deaf School near Honiara in the Solomon Islands. PTE Lingham is an Army Reserve medic with the 41st Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment, and volunteered for the operational deployment with Rotation 19 of Operation Anode, staffed entirely by Army Reservists. Photo: WO2 Graham McBean



**LEFT:** A Special Operations Task Group Bushmaster vehicle takes up an overwatch position as troops prepare to clear the valley below. Photo: LSIS Paul Berry (image digitally altered for operational security)



**ABOVE:** Leading Seaman Boatswain's Mate Wade Foulis in HMAS *Kanimbla's* Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats gives a thumbs up whilst conducting ship protection at anchor in Pariaman, West Sumatra during the final stages of Operation Padang Assist. Photo: ABIS Andrew Dakin



**LEFT:** HMAS *Darwin's* ceremonial guard performs a ceremonial sunset as HMAS *Arunta's* commanding officer hosted participants of Exercise Bersama Lima 2009 for a cocktail party reception while berthed in Sembawang, Singapore. Photo: Evan Murphy



**LEFT:** All bets are on during a Melbourne Cup breakfast held at Poppy's recreational facility at Camp Holland in Tarin Kowt. Sergeant Renae Coulter and Signaller Andrea Wheeler from the 2nd Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force are kept busy collecting money for the Melbourne Cup sweeps. Photo: Jan-Kees de Meester



**MAIN:** An Australian Bushmaster is silhouetted against an Afghan night before embarking on a counter-insurgency operation in Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan. Photo: SGT Neil Ruskin

**CENTRE LEFT:** Governor General Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, is greeted on parade by Vice Chief of the Defence Force Lieutenant General David Hurley during a parade at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 21 November, marking the end of Operation Catalyst. Photo: Kevin Piggott



**LEFT:** Explosive ordnance detection dog Flo-Jo takes a break on the bonnet of an Australian Bushmaster after a hot morning's work in Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan. Photo: LSIS Paul Berry (image digitally altered for operational security)

**RIGHT:** Remembrance Day 2009 marked a special occasion for Royal Australian Air Force chemical warfare armourers and maintainers, with the unveiling of a plaque for the so-called Mustard Gas Men at Panthers Glenbrook. Pictured (L-R) are WWII veterans and former chemical warfare armourers Geoff Burn and Doug Bain, Director Maintenance-Air Command Group Captain Graeme Davies (representing Air Command Australia), Federal Member for Lindsay David Bradbury MP, and WWII chemical warfare armourer Arthur Lewis.