

**Rear Admiral Clinton Thomas, AM, CSC, RAN**  
(Commander Joint Logistics)



Rear Admiral Clinton Thomas was appointed Commander of Joint Logistics in November 2012 and as Australia's Senior Defence Strategic Logistician, is accountable for the oversight and assurance of the Defence logistic capability. In previous postings to Joint Logistics Command, Rear Admiral Thomas was Director General Strategic Logistics and Director General Supply Chain where he led the Defence Integrated Distribution System contract remediation team, improving logistic services to the Australian Defence Force, for which he was awarded a Chief of Defence Commendation

During the early stages of Rear Admiral Thomas's career he developed wide experience across Navy logistics including; supply systems, logistics services, financial management, movements and transport functions. His operational experience also included several deployments to the Persian Gulf as the Supply Officer onboard HMAS Darwin and further as Supply Officer HMAS Adelaide, OIC Log Services HMAS Cairns and as the Deputy Fleet Supply Officer. During this time, Rear Admiral Thomas was also employed in Training and Development, for which he received the coveted "Peter Mitchell Prize" and a Chief of Navy Commendation for excellence in Officer Training. Rear Admiral Thomas's excellence in the field of Training and Development was later combined with his logistics expertise through postings as Head of Supply and Health Facility and as Commanding Officer HMAS CERBERUS which coincided with his appointment as Training Authority—Logistics, where his values based and holistic approach to training garnered great success.

Rear Admiral Thomas enjoyed further successes as the Guided Missile Frigate Capability Element Manager and was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in the 2003 Australia Day Honors for his outstanding achievement in the management and preparation of Guided Missile Frigates for the War Against Terror.

In 2006, Rear Admiral Thomas was appointed Director General Sea Change Implementation Team. In this capacity Rear Admiral Thomas led an ambitious workforce renewal program and in 2008 Rear Admiral Thomas was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia. This accolade was awarded for his exceptional service in his appointments as Commanding Officer HMAS CERBERUS, Training Authority—Logistics, Director General Strategic Logistics, Director General Sea Change Implementation Team, and Chairman of the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund.

Prior to assuming his appointment as Commander Joint Logistics, Rear Admiral Thomas was the Director General Logistics—Navy and Head of Supply Community. During this period Rear Admiral Thomas substantially elevated the profile of Navy logistics and the Supply Community through Project DEMETER.

In addition to his current duties, Rear Admiral Thomas continues to support Navy people and values as Chairman of the Navy Central Canteens Board and as Patron of the Navy Australian Football Association. He is also a Director of the Australian Defence Credit Union (ADCU), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, a Member of the Australasian Mutuals Institute, a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Member of the Risk Management Institute of Australasia. Rear Admiral Thomas also holds a Masters of Management in Operations/Logistics from Macquarie Graduate School of Management.

He enjoys following his favorite football teams, Geelong and South Sydney, and spending time with his wife, Helen, and their two adult children, Darran and Carissa.