



# e-News July 2021

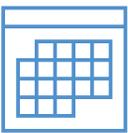
In this edition, we celebrate our Patron, AVM Clements' recent award and asked him about why Jesus makes a difference in his ADF career

## TEAMWORK



Chair, MCF-A, Jacob Choi, caught up with AVM Clements, our Patron to learn about how Jesus makes a difference in an ADF member's life.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Online Prayer  
4 Aug  
10 Nov

Stay tuned:  
Defence  
Christian  
Dinners TBA!

### Patron MCF-A Awarded Member, Order of Australia, shares about the teamwork and Christ.

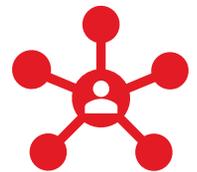
We're celebrating with our Patron and his family, Air Vice Marshal Clements, CSC, on his recent award as a Member of the Order of Australia. The award citation reads, *"For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in delivering the 2013 Force Structure Review, and in international engagement as Head of Australian Defence Staff, Washington"* as published in the [Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List](#). Through a career spanning 35 years, AVM Clements is humbled to reflect on his service, having been privileged to work with some very talented people and teams.

*"Defence is a team sport and throughout my career I have been incredibly privileged to contribute and lead talented people and teams. I am thankful to all those team members as my personal recognition is in a large part due to them."*

Members of MCF-A will also recall AVM Clement's testimony and story as shared at the 2016 Defence Christians' Dinner: you can check out the ["Resilient Leadership" article here](#), and how AVM Clements came to faith in Jesus Christ. *(Continued next page)*



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## What difference does Christ make?

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**What difference does Christ make?** We caught up with AVM Clements recently to find out:

*"I find that Jesus helps me focus my mind on leading through serving others. Leadership is about helping others be the best that can be in everything they do. Part of this is that Jesus helps me accept my own failings and weaknesses, helping me be more resilient and better equipped to lead others."*

AVM Clements transitioned from full time service in May of 2020. Since then, he has undertaken a variety of Defence advisory roles, as well as a being Deputy Commander, COVID Task Force from Oct 20 until Mar 21. AVM Clements recently commenced full time employment as Managing Director L3 Harris Australian Operations. His official farewell hosted by the Chief of Air Force is on the 5th of July – we congratulate him on his award, as well as a career of building teams and supporting our team of Defence Christians in MCF-A.

## Weather Watch Australia

**MCF Member and Representative, Sam Hays, shares about a new initiative outside MCF that commits to prayer for weather events and climate change.**

Climate change is generating more extreme weather events in Australia (and globally). For the past two years, intercessors of the Hunter Region in NSW, have been consistently praying into the weather patterns affecting their region, with promising results. Hunter weather prayer coordinator Sam Hays said: "Christians should be encouraged by this testimony of the power of prayer to protect our land from severe weather events and the negative impact of climate change. Jesus demonstrated His authority over the wind and waves in Matt 8:26 and He has given us this same authority by the power of the Holy Spirit to exercise it in our own region".

Sam is inviting interested Christians to be part of a team of intercessors who will implement a prayer strategy to protect our nation from future severe weather events and the effects of climate change. If you are interested in being part of this initiative, or for more information, please contact Sam Hays at [samuel.hays@defence.gov.au](mailto:samuel.hays@defence.gov.au).



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The MCF Office has a new, permanent phone number!

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