

From the Editor

Moving ahead

In this third year of publication, the *ADF Health* Editorial board has adopted the new logogram of the Defence Health Service for the front cover of the Journal. This depicts a dancing figure incorporating the golden stars of the Southern Cross on a purple background. The accompanying logotype is *Fighting Fit*, and the composite logo symbolises a vibrant and forward-reaching health service.

Commencing with this issue, *ADF Health* will now be available on the Internet in portable document format (PDF). Now, via the the World Wide Web, *ADF Health* will be more widely visible to potential readers in Australia and overseas, and a growing archive of articles will be readily available to all. *ADF Health* is available at the Defence Health Service website:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dhs/>.

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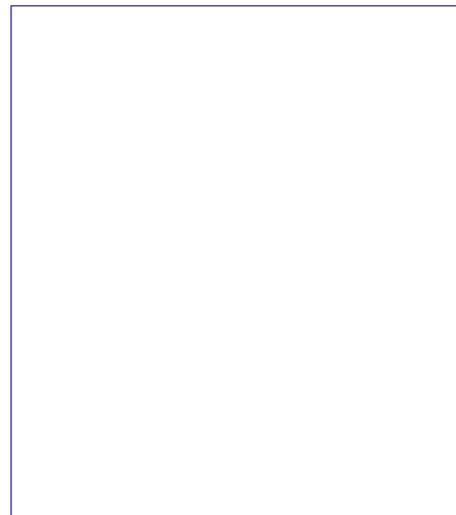
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Since 1994, the Defence Health Service has supported ADF deployments with the United Nations commitment to the largest island of the Solomons group, Bougainville, situated east of Papua New Guinea. The back cover article of this issue features the Defence Health Service facility at Loholo, Bougainville, and contains a brief overview of past and present health issues in this peacekeeping mission. The ADF deployment to the island of Timor, to the southwest of Papua New Guinea, in support of the UN administration of East Timor, has been operational since 1999. Both ADF commitments are ongoing, and the overall success of these operations thus far is in no small measure due to the excellence and dedication of both the full-time and part-time personnel of the Defence Health Service.



In the last issue, I introduced a brief update article entitled "Malaria in the ADF". This is to be a regular feature of *ADF Health*, and Major Scott Kitchener, on behalf of the Army Malaria Institute, Enoggera, Queensland, has provided a further report from the central malaria registry maintained by AMI (see inside back cover).

On behalf of the editorial board, I would like to thank the members of the Defence Health Service who have offered articles for publication, and the many others who have contributed to the peer review of those manuscripts. We are also grateful for the support of our readers. I look forward to the continuing growth of the Journal, and I encourage all our readers to make themselves writers as well, by submitting articles for publication.



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