



## Blamey Oration: Some issues of Command in the Twenty-first Century

Rear Admiral James Goldrick AM CSC RAN spoke to the RUSI of Victoria in Melbourne on 19 May 2011 as he delivered a Blamey Oration

*The Royal United Services Institute of Victoria hosted a presentation by Rear Admiral James Goldrick AM CSC RAN, Commander Australian Defence College in which he delivered a Blamey Oration to the Institute. He spoke of the nature of modern warfare, drawing heavily on his own extensive experience in joint, combined, coalition and national operations, and although speaking as a naval officer, provided significant insights into the application of military power in all theatres and across the traditional boundaries of strategic, theatre and operational warfare, comparing modern practices with the lessons of the past.*

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**Biography:** Rear Admiral James Goldrick AM CSC entered the Royal Australian Navy through the Naval College in 1974. He was promoted to his current rank in 2006 when he assumed command of the Border Protection Command. In 2008 he was posted to be the Commander of the Australian Defence College. Previous postings were Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy, the Director-General of the Military Strategy Division in the Department of Defence. He was also the Commanding Officer of HMAS Cessnock, CO Sydney 1996-1998 then 1999, Director of Sea Power Centre 1999-2000, Chief Staff Officer to the Chief of Navy 2001, and Commander of the Australian Task Group and Multinational Interception Force in the Persian Gulf in 2002. He is a widely published author, particularly on maritime matters. He is the CDF's representative on the National Council of the RUSI of Australia.