



Major General Mick Ryan graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1989 as a Combat Engineer. Early career highlights include: serving with the 6RAR Battalion Group in East Timor in 2000; in 2003, being the lead planner for development of the first ADF Network Centric Warfare Roadmap; and in 2005, serving as the Deputy J3 for the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq, Baghdad.

Major General Ryan commanded the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment from 2006 until 2007. He also commanded the 1st Reconstruction Task Force in southern Afghanistan from August 2006 to April 2007, and was awarded the Order of Australia for the command of this Task Force. In 2008, he served on Army Headquarters, working primarily on the Adaptive Army strategic reform initiative. In 2009, he served as the Military

Assistant to the Chief of Army.

From 2010 - 2011, Major General Ryan worked in the Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell (PACC) on the US Joint Staff, as the Division Chief for Governance, Development and Engagement, and subsequently in a new Strategy and Policy Division. During this time, he also led the Joint Staff effort for the President's Afghanistan-Pakistan Annual Review for the National Security Committee in 2010 and led PACC support to General John Allen in his Senate Confirmation for command in Afghanistan. In January 2013, was appointed Director General Strategic Plans in Army Headquarters. During this appointment, he was responsible for Army's contribution to the Defence White Paper and Force Structure Review, Army's development of future structures, experimentation, and fostering professional discourse through the Army Journal and establishment of the online Land Power Forum.

Major General Ryan has a Bachelor's degree in Asian Studies from the University of New England and is a graduate of the Australian Defence Force School of Languages. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and a graduate of the USMC School of Advanced Warfighting. In 2012, he graduated with distinction from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, earning a Master's in International Public Policy.

From October 2014 until February 2016, Major General Ryan commanded the Darwin-based 1st Brigade, the Australian Army's oldest and most operationally experienced combat formation. From February 2016 until October 2017, he led the education, training and doctrine efforts in Army as Director General Training and Doctrine. During this, he authored and implemented the Ryan Review, a fundamental and future-oriented strategic review of Army's

approach to education, training, doctrine and lessons learned. During this appointment, Army's revised strategy for PME was developed and a broader roll-out of online PME delivery was implemented.

Major General Ryan has deep experience the fields of strategy, interagency and joint operations, command and leadership as well as professional military education. He possesses a long-standing interest in national and military strategy, military history, as well as organizational innovation and adaptation. He is President of the Defence Entrepreneurs Forum (Australia), an undertaking to nurture innovation in the ADF's junior leaders. He is a proud Member of the Military Writers Guild. Major General Ryan was appointed Commander, Australian Defence College in January 2018.