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FAREWELL TO CAPTAIN ROBERT WARD

The Australian Hydrographic Service farewelled a long-serving member of its fraternity at a formal military-style Dining-out Night on 06 July 2007; CAPT Ward's last day at the Australian Hydrographic Office and in the Navy.

Several members of the Australian Hydrographic Service, including the current and two former 'Hydrographers of Australia' enjoyed a delightful meal and reminiscing at the Wollongong 'Wardroom'.

CAPT Ward formerly served in the RN (1970 – 1983) inclusive of a 1-year stint with the Merchant Navy, before joining the RAN in December 1983 as a LCDR. CAPT Ward served as the inaugural OIC-HODSU (1984/85) as a LCDR before joining HMAS COOK (1985/88) as its XO; then as OIC of the RAN Hydrographic School (1988/92). On promotion to CMDR in 1992, he posted to the Australian Hydrographic Office at Wollongong until his retirement, serving in the staff appointments of Manager Hydrographic Development, Head, Policy Development, Head, Doctrine & Futures, Director Hydrographic Operations, Chief of Staff & Deputy Hydrographer of Australia, Director, Innovation & Development & Head, External Relations. He was promoted to CAPT in December 2003.

CAPT Ward has accepted a five-year appointment with the International Hydrographic Bureau based in Monaco.



Photo shows CMDR John Maschke, LCDR Richard Cullen, LCDR Dave Rennie, CAPT Rod Nairn, LEUT Sara Lambden, CDRE Bruce Kafer, LCDR John Sperring, CMDR Tony Withers, LCDR Rod Shepherdson & LCDR Wayne Hoban (standing, with CAPT Robert Ward, CAPT Mike Beard & CDRE Geoff Geraghty.

