

Major General John Baker complex opens at Bungendore



Personnel move between complexes at the new \$300 million Headquarters Joint Operations Command complex (above) at Bungendore, NSW, named after General John Baker, which was opened and named on March 7. A short parade of the Federation Guard, followed by speeches and the unveiling of a bust of General John Baker, was held in the presence of: the Minister for Defence, Joel Fitzgibbon; the

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, Dr Mike Kelly AM; the Chief of the Australian Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston; and the Chief of Joint Operations, Lieutenant General Mark Evans. **Inset:** The Prime Minister Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd, Air Chief Marshal Houston, and Mrs Margret Baker with a bust of her late husband, General Baker at the opening of the new Joint Headquarters.



The Chief of Defence Force Parade at the Australian Defence Force Academy on February 27 was held to welcome 332 Navy midshipmen and Army and Air Force officer cadets to the Academy and to the Australian Defence Force. Dr Mike Kelly AM, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, representing the Minister for Defence, was received by the Parade. The Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, reviewed the Parade. The Australian Defence Force Academy invited family, friends and members of the community to join in welcoming the young men and women to the Australian Defence Force. The Chief of Defence Force Parade marks the completion of five weeks of intensive military training for these new midshipmen and officer cadets, who marched with the entire ADFA cadet body for the first time at the parade. They have learned about leadership, physical

training, adventure training, drill and ceremonial skills, equity and diversity, military law, weapons handling and field craft. They are developing the professional abilities and the qualities of character and leadership appropriate to future officers and future leaders of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Over the next three to four years they will continue to develop these skills while gaining an excellent university education through the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy. This training will equip these midshipmen and officer cadets to meet the many interesting and varied challenges of their military careers. Three RAAF BAe Hawk 127 lead-in jet fighters conducted a flypast over the academy parade ground during the parade. **Above,** the Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, reviews the parade.