

Presidents' Column

It is with great pleasure that, as President of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies New South Wales (RUSI NSW), I write this column jointly with our National President, Paul Willee.



Next year, *United Service* will become the RUSIDSS-A national journal. This move is very welcome. RUSI NSW has previously been responsible for the producing the journal as state-based publication, albeit distributed to RUSIDSS-A members nationally. RUSI NSW, however, will still be responsible for producing the journal and leading its policy committee, which will be strengthened by a representative from each of the state and territory United Services Institutes (known within RUSIDSS-A as 'constituent bodies').

I would like to welcome the new editor designate of *United Service*, Colonel Joe Matthews (Ret'd), who will take over as editor on 1 January 2022. He has accepted the challenge of continuing the exceptionally high standards set for this journal by our outgoing editor Dr David Leece. David has edited this final 2021 edition. He has made an enormous contribution to RUSI NSW and RUSIDSS-A over the last two decades, a special highlight of which is the high quality of this journal accompanied by the international recognition it has earned, including being adopted now as our national journal.

I now look forward to the future success of *United Service* as a national journal.

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