

Invitation to breakfast with the Navy Clearance Diver Trust and

The Hon Kim Beazley, AC

Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Australian Ambassador to the USA



Mr Beazley was elected to the Federal Parliament in 1980 and represented the electorates of Swan (1980-96) and Brand (1996-2007).

Mr Beazley was a Minister in the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments (1983-96) holding, at various times, the portfolios of Defence, Finance, Transport and Communications, Employment Education and Training, Aviation, and Special Minister of State. He was Deputy Prime Minister (1995-96) and Leader of the Australian Labor Party and Leader of the Opposition (1996-01 and 2005-06). Mr Beazley served on parliamentary committees, including the Joint Intelligence Committee and the Joint Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee.

After his retirement from politics in 2007, Mr Beazley was appointed Winthrop Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Western Australia. In July 2008 he was appointed Chancellor of the Australian National University, a position he held until December 2009. Mr Beazley took up an appointment as Ambassador to the United States of America in February 2010. He served as Ambassador until January 2016.

Upon returning to Australia he has been appointed as President of the Australian Institute for International Affairs, Distinguished Fellow at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Senior Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre and Board Member of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue.

In 2009, Mr Beazley was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia for service to the Parliament of Australia through contributions to the development of government policies in relation to defence and international relations, and as an advocate for Indigenous people, and to the community.

Please join Hon Kim Beazley, AC and the Navy Clearance Diver Trust for Breakfast at the University Club of UWA

Mr Beazley will discuss his views on the upcoming US election, tensions within the Republican Party and wider implications for US foreign policy.

When

Friday 16 September 2016, @ 07:00 to 09:00

Please arrive at 07:00 sharp for registration. Breakfast commences at 07:15.

Where

The University Club of Western Australia

Hackett Entrance #1, Hackett Drive, Crawley, WA, 6009. Limited parking is available immediately adjacent to the Club in Car Park 3. Additional full day parking is available in Car Park No. 23 (corner Hackett Dr and Mounts Bay Rd), and along Hackett Drive.

Donation

Tickets are \$100.00 per head.

Proceeds to aid the Navy Clearance Diver Trust, a not-for-profit Trust which provides financial relief and other support to injured and deceased RAN Clearance Divers and their families.

Bookings

Bookings online @:

www.ncdt.org.au/eventtickets.php

Or call Ian on 0419 045 072 for payment by phone including direct debits. Alternatively post cheques to NCDT Secretary at PO Box 130, North Fremantle, 6159.



Thank you for supporting the NCDT.

What is the NCDT?

The Navy Clearance Diver Trust (NCDT) is a perpetual not-for-profit trust fund that aims to provide relief to current and former members of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Clearance Diving Branch and their dependants, who become deceased, damaged or permanently disabled in, or as a result of, their service or training.

Why we setup the Trust

RAN Clearance Divers routinely work in an inhospitable environment, undertaking varied tasks including explosive ordnance disposal, counter terrorist duties and high risk ship boarding's. The risk to Clearance Divers being killed, badly injured and/or made permanently medically unfit to dive, in the course of their work is high. Sadly, like others in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), Clearance Divers are not well compensated through workers' compensation schemes, or other industry based funds, and cannot access legal chains to remedy this. The NCDT aims to address this.

Clearance Divers



All members of the Australian Defence Force voluntarily subject themselves to greater risks and hardships on a daily basis, than the general public. Members of highly specialised units such as the Clearance Diving Branch, the Special Air Service Regiment, 2 Commando Regiment and the Incident Response Regiment do so at an even greater level because of the intensity and hazardous nature of their methods of operation.

This was clearly highlighted following the 1996 Blackhawk helicopter tragedy in Queensland when eighteen of Australian servicemen lost their lives during a training exercise. Fifteen soldiers were from the SAS Regiment based at Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne, Western Australia. One further soldier was rendered paraplegic and many more were seriously injured.

The SAS Resources Trust (SASRT) was created in 1996, by a group of prominent and concerned West Australian citizens following the Blackhawk disaster. The SASRT disburses over a hundred thousand dollars each year to family and loved ones of soldiers killed or individuals wounded in service.

Although Clearance Divers have been fortunate enough to have avoided a mass casualty event like the Blackhawk disaster, service as a Clearance Diver inevitably results in significant physical injuries often concomitant with psychological injury. An indication of the need is the recent incident where a young Clearance Diver lost an arm and leg in a shark attack. During the branch's sixty year history twenty Clearance Divers have lost their lives in the service of their country. Their families continue to pay the price.

With the kind support, guidance and encouragement of the SAS Resources Trust a group of former Clearance Divers united to setup up the Navy Clearance Diver Trust, modelled on the SASRT, for the benefit of Clearance Divers and their families.

Clearance Divers encounter many of the same challenges and dangers as SAS personnel in the course of training and operations. This risk occurs on a constant basis during both training and active duty within Australia and overseas. Their efforts are for the benefit and security of all Australians.

The NCDT is indebted to the support given to the Trust by law firm *Allens Arthur Robinson*, accountants *Breally Quill Kenny*, auditors *Price Waterhouse Coopers*, website designer *Brand&Profile* and Kate Geraghty of *Fairfax Media* for many of the photos used on the site. The Trust also appreciates the help provided by Mr Clayton Scott in designing the NCDT logo.

Most importantly though, the NCDT is greatly indebted to the SAS Resources Trust, for their support, guidance, and encouragement, without which the NCDT would have had a much more difficult path to creation. The continuing support of the SAS Resources Trust and the Commando Welfare Trust represent the best traditions of the ADF and the very close working relationship Clearance Divers, SAS Soldiers and Commandos have had for more than 30 years.

The Trust does not have an expiry date. It is there for as long as there are Clearance Divers. The NCDT is there to provide support RAN Clearance Divers and their families whether they are on operational service or in training.

For more information, see www.ncdt.org.au

