

Reverend Andrew Edward Carl Nixon

Senior Chaplain, NSW Police Force

Chaplain, RAN Reserve

Andrew commenced as Senior Chaplain to the NSW Police Force in January 2022, a role to which he brings more than 30 years of Defence, ministry and chaplaincy experience.

Andrew hails from the bush, having grown up on a wheat and sheep property in the South West of NSW. After completing the HSC at Cootamundra High School he retired from farm work and joined the Navy where he completed an undergraduate degree in Science at UNSW. He went on to serve as an officer for almost 14 years, specialising in training and gained a masters degree in Adult Education at UTS, Sydney before leaving as a Lieutenant Commander in 2001 to pursue full-time Christian ministry.

Over the next 20 years he was trained and ordained, and worked in 2 parishes before taking on a number of executive roles in Anglican and NFP organisations. These included: Executive Director of the “Connect 09” diocesan outreach campaign; Director of the Youthworks Year 13 Gap Year for school leavers; Principal of Youthworks College; Director of Mission at Anglican Retirement Villages; and, Executive Head of Pastoral Care and Volunteer Services at HammondCare.

Along the way he answered the call to return to Navy as a Reserve Chaplain, a role he has relished for the last 10 years, getting out of the meetings and getting alongside the troops at the coalface. His chaplaincy reserve service has coincided with his appointment by General Synod to the Defence Force Board, where he now serves as honorary secretary.

Andrew is married to Jenny, an Anglicare counsellor and professional supervisor, and they have 4 children.

