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2013 ANZAC AWARDS

National President of the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL), Rear Admiral Ken Doolan today congratulated Mr Andrew Harper on being awarded the 2013 ANZAC Peace Prize, and Mr Peter Dimopoulos, Mr Walter Scott-Smith and Mr Nigel Cox on being recognised for ANZAC of the Year Awards.

"Mr Harper was selected by the RSL ANZAC Awards Committee for the award of the ANZAC Peace Prize in recognition of his sustained and significant contribution to the protection, welfare and repatriation of refugees through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", Rear Admiral Doolan said. "He exemplifies the Spirit of ANZAC within the broader community through his dedication and commitment to others."

The ANZAC Peace Prize, announced annually, is awarded by the RSL to '*recognise any outstanding effort by an Australian citizen who has promoted the concept of international understanding and who, in so doing, has made a contribution to world peace.*'

"On behalf of the RSL National Executive and Members of the RSL I also congratulate the 3 outstanding Australians who have been selected for ANZAC of the Year Awards", the RSL National President continued. "These men are exemplars of community service."

The 2013 recipients are:

- Peter Dimopoulos of Western Australia
 - in recognition of over 50 years of dedicated service to veterans and to the community of Perth, through his involvement with many community organisations, particularly with the Bedford RSL Sub-Branch, the Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-Branch, the WA Junior Soccer Federation and the Jarrahdale Primary School.
- Walter Scott-Smith of New South Wales
 - in recognition of over 60 years of dedicated service to the community of Sydney, particularly through his service as caretaker and Chief Cenotaph Attendant at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney, the Scouting Association and Riding for the Disabled.
- Nigel Cox of New South Wales
 - in recognition of his years of dedicated and committed service over 30 years to the veteran and wider community of Singleton, particularly through his promotion of the ANZAC tradition and military history at Singleton High School.

The ANZAC of the Year Awards are made annually '*to recognise the efforts and achievements of up to seven Australians who have given service to their fellow Australians and to the community in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner.*'

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