



Charlie Lynn OAM OL

Charlie Lynn served in the Australian Army for 21 years. This included tours of duty in Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and the United States. He is a graduate of the Army Command and Staff College and retired as a Major.

During his time as an exchange instructor with the United States Army he completed their Special Forces HALO parachute jumps from 20,000 feet with full combat equipment - on oxygen - at night.

He was appointed Captain of the Parachute Display Team at Fort Lee in Virginia and completed 200 jumps during his tour of duty.

After leaving the army Charlie organised endurance marathon events which included the annual Westfield Sydney to Melbourne Ultramarathon, and ran outback survival programs for mining companies in remote areas.

In 1986 he held the NSW Ultra-marathon record by running a distance of 213 km in 24 hours and was placed second in the NSW 100 km championship.

Over the past 32 years he has led 101 treks across the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea, has climbed Mt Wilhelm twice, and explored ancient burial caves in the highlands.

Charlie was elected as a Liberal MLC in the NSW Parliament in 1995 where he serviced for 20 years. He was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs from 2011-2015.

In 2015 Charlie was inducted as an Officer of the Logohu (OL) by the PNG Government in their New Years' Honours List *'for service to the bilateral relations between Papua New Guinea and Australia and especially in the development of the Kokoda Trail and its honoured place in the history of both nations over the past 25 years'*.

In 2019 he was inducted as a Member of the Order of Australian (OAM) for his service to the Parliament of New South Wales.

Charlie was appointed to the KTMW Board in July 2023.