



Robert Ridge

Robert Ridge served in the Royal Australian Navy for six years, joining as a Junior Recruit at 15 years old. He served four years at sea on *HMAS Melbourne* (CVS21), a modified Majestic-class aircraft carrier, and *HMAS Snipe*, a Ton-class mine hunter. In addition, once completing training at several shore bases, Robert served as a RADAR Plotter, Ships Diver and Navigator Yeoman.

Serving in the late 1970s and early 1980s, he met many veterans from WW1 and WW2. Understanding their sacrifice and personal journey post-military service has given Robert the drive and passion to ensure their legacy, and the servicemen and women who did not return, are remembered.

Robert has held senior management positions for over 30 years in Australia, the Pacific region and the United Kingdom. These positions have enabled him to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, to understand their challenges, to empathise and drive change.

Robert currently holds the positions of President of Five Dock RSL Sub-Branch, Trustee of Five Dock RSL Sub-Branch and President of Club Five Dock RSL, roles that he has held for over 12 years.

He has served on the Board of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway since December 2018.