



# Commanding Officer HMNZS Philomel



## Commander Quentin Randall, RNZN

Commander Quentin Randall was born in Hawera, New Zealand in 1972 and completed his secondary education at Whangarei Boys' High School before joining the Royal New Zealand Navy in 1990 as a Midshipman in the Seaman specialisation. Having completed initial officer and professional training, Commander Randall served in HMNZS Ships' TUI and WAIKATO, attaining his bridge watch keeping qualification in 1993. Following a number of sea postings, Commander Randall transferred to the Supply specialisation in January 1997. He went on to complete a number of junior staff appointments ashore to further develop his supply specialist competencies.

In 1999 Commander Randall was appointed the RNZN's Naval Liaison Officer to Australia's Deployable Joint Force Headquarters during operations in East Timor, but returned to sea later in the year as the Supply Officer of the survey ship HMNZS RESOLUTION. In 2001 he commenced the first of three appointments in the Navy's Supply Chain Group as the Prime Vendor Contract Manager, before completing the inaugural Senior NZDF Command and Staff Course in 2002, where he graduated with first class honours and received the Chief of Air Staff's Essay prize. Commander Randall returned to the Supply Chain Group as Inventory Manager (Navy) in 2003.

In 2005 Commander Randall was appointed the Supply Officer HMNZS TE KAHA, a career highlight that completed in 2007 with a successful work-up training programme. Following a brief appointment as PHILOMEL's Base Supply Officer, Commander Randall was seconded to the ANZAC Systems Programme Office in Western Australia for two years as the Engineering and Logistics Project Manager and undertook liaison duties for the RNZN's Fleet Support Organisation.

Returning to New Zealand in January 2009, and on promotion to his current rank, Commander Randall was appointed Director Naval Personnel Policy. He held this position for over two years, contributing to the transformational change programme occurring across the NZDF. Following a major restructure of the NZDF's Personnel Division, Commander Randall was appointed to the newly formed Capability Branch where he focused on amphibious and naval support capability development. This was an exciting time as the NZDF's amphibious aspirations were only just becoming clear. Commander Randall completed his tenure having authored the NZDF's first Amphibious Operations Operating Concept.

In January 2013 Commander Randall returned to the Navy's Supply Chain Group as Supply Chain Manager and Fleet Supply Officer, during which time he oversaw a significant redesign of the Supply organisation with a view to achieving a balanced military/civilian workforce that promotes professional development and sustainment of the RNZN's Stores Accounting Trade. Commander Randall holds a Master Degree in Philosophy (Defence and Strategic Studies) from Massey University, and is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport. During his leisure time, Commander Randall enjoys recreational boating, and fishing. He is married to Rebecca and together they have two daughters.