



Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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RSIPF marks successful completion of Exercise Coastwatchers Training

More than a hundred Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) officers who have undertaken a coast watchers training run by the Australian Defence Force (ADF) have completed their training on 24 September 2026.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, Acting Commissioner of Police James Aitorea said, "Over this period, Exercise Coastwatchers successfully delivered a broad range of training activities that have significantly strengthened capability across our organisation.

A total of 22 training courses were conducted across nine different course categories, resulting in 173 trainees successfully completing the courses and receiving certificates."

Another significant milestone during this period has been the delivery of several courses for the very first time, such as the Administration Course, the Fitness Leaders' Course, and the First Vehicle Maintainer Operator Course for wider RSIPF personnel.

This is a remarkable achievement and reflects the commitment of both our instructors and participants and the enduring partnership between the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the RSIPF.

The success of these programmes is a direct result of the hard work, dedication, and professionalism shown by everyone involved.

"To the men and women of the ADF, thank you for your friendship, commitment, and enthusiasm in delivering another successful Exercise Coastwatcher," says Commissioner Aitorea.

Defence Advisor Emma Griffiths says, "Australia and the Solomon Islands have a long history of cooperation, founded on shared experiences strengthened through decades of partnership."

"Through the Defence Cooperation Program, Exercise Coastwatchers has built on that foundation, providing a practical demonstration of what can be achieved when we work together towards common objectives."

"At its core, the Defence Cooperation Program reflects our shared commitment to developing capability, enhancing professionalism, and supporting the ongoing advancement of our respective security institutions," DA Griffiths adds.

The certificates being presented today are a recognition of the dedication, effort, and professionalism demonstrated by each participant throughout this exercise.

Throughout the exercise, participants have embraced challenges, demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement, and consistently approached the training with professionalism and determination.

To all participants, congratulations on your achievements. Your commitment to professional development has contributed to the success of this exercise and will strengthen the capability of the RSIPF in the future.

On behalf of the ADF, thank you for your dedication, your partnership, and your contribution to another successful Exercise Coastwatcher. We look forward to continuing this important collaboration in the years ahead.

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