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Major General Tim Ford, AO (Retired)

Tim Ford lives in Sydney and the NSW Central Coast. He retired from the Australian Army in 2003, following an extensive 40-year career in the Australian Defence Force and the United Nations.

He was promoted to Major General in 1996 as the Commander of the 1st (Australian) Division. From 1998 until 2002, Major General Ford served in several high-ranking United Nations peacekeeping appointments including as the Head of Mission of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) in the Middle East, and as the Chief Military Adviser in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations at UN Headquarters, New York.

Following retirement from Defence, Tim continued to support the UN and other regional organisations as an adviser on peace operations and as a mentor for the UN Senior Mission Leadership (SML) Course until 2010.

Tim was Chair of the of the US based Peace Operations Training Institute from 2010-2017 and is the original author of their course “Leading Within UN Peace Operations”.

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From 2005 to 2018, Tim was the Chair of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project. This national memorial on Anzac Parade, Canberra was dedicated on 14th September 2017, the 70th anniversary of Australian peacekeeping.

Tim is the Lead for the Peace and Security Pillar Team at the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division). He continues to write and present about the United Nations and peace operations in a range of forums. He has recently returned in July 2025 from contributing to a UN Retreat on “The Future of UN Peacekeeping in view of the Contemporary Challenges”