



2019 Newington Medal - Australia

LT. COL. (RET) JOHN MOORE (ON 1953) AM RFD CMC

For generations of Australians, John Moore was the voice of Anzac Day, providing engaging and knowledgeable commentary for the ABC broadcasts of Anzac Day marches, Dawn Services and Australian War Memorial commemorations over more than forty years. John has performed the same service at Newington's Anzac Service and Parade for many years. He has also commentated many times for the Head of the River, rowing championships and other sporting events.

A student at Newington from 1949 to 1953, John served as a Sub-Prefect and as a Cadet Sergeant. A keen sportsman, he represented the College in Athletics, Rowing and Rugby. In his final year at school he rowed in the Bow position in the 1st VIII and played in the 2nd XV.

John's long career in broadcasting, communications and public relations included working in the Rural Department of the ABC, in which he created material for and hosted such iconic radio programs as The Country Hour and To Market, To Market; serving in the Department of Defence, including as Chief of Army Communications (while still presenting the weather forecast at the end of the ABC TV News in Canberra); and becoming Newington's first Director of Community and Alumni between 1996 and 1999. He served for many years in the Citizen Military Forces (now the Army Reserve), reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

John has remained a keen member of Newington's alumni community through the Old Newingtonians' Union, Lodge Wyvern and The 70 Club. In addition to his long voluntary service as commentator at the College's annual Anzac Parade, he has been a keen contributor and donor, often behind the scenes, to a range of College initiatives and events, particularly for the Newington College Cadet Unit and Rifle Shooting.

In 1980 John was awarded the National Medal and in 2014 was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his significant service to the commemoration of Australian military and sporting events as a radio broadcaster and television presenter.

John's life of service to the nation, the enjoyment and learning that he has contributed to the national community, and his continuing love of Newington and service to our community all make it an honour to award John Moore the Newington Medal (Australia) for 2019.

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