

Student Reflection

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**1. What new knowledge and understanding have you gained from completing the project?**

One of the biggest things we gained from completing this project is knowledge about women in service, especially about the limitations of women in the earlier years. The inequities faced by women in service are only now beginning to be addressed, and positive changes have been made. My school has realised how much work goes into these sorts of careers and just how far some women will go to protect our country. Women such as Brigadier Whelan and WO1 Schwartz which my school has been lucky enough to have interviews are with both amazing women. We learned a great deal from interviewing them. It was an amazing experience, and we couldn't be more grateful.



**2. What new knowledge and understanding have you gained from engaging with veterans or current ADF members and their personal experiences?**

We have gained so much knowledge and understanding from engaging with veterans and current ADF members.. We learnt that not long ago (1980s) there were only 3% of the armed services were women, and there positions were largely restricted, if they got married they had to leave or when they had children. Now when they have children they can stay in the army and males can take on the role as main career and can stay home and look after the children. Now at least 30% of women are in the ADF. It's also worth noting that both the Chief of Army and the RSM-A are women, holding the two highest leadership positions in the Army.