

Student reflection

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

Through researching women in Service, we learned that women had very strict restrictions in the past, like having to leave the army when married and then when they had children. Now, they are allowed to stay in the army, even when they have a family. Women were also paid less and weren't welcomed fairly when they first signed up. We also learnt that going to war is stressful, especially when you have a family at home. Warrant Officer Schwartz talked about the medals that the children get when their parents are at war or on deployment for being brave while their mother is away on deployment.



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

Both Brigadier Whelan and Warrant Officer Schwartz were amazing. They displayed leadership, kindness, strength and perseverance. They are self-sacrificing, trustworthy, commanding and brave. They have managed life with a family at home, mixed with army life. These are extraordinary women that we should be grateful for, and we are. Both They worked very hard in the Army and also looked after their families at home, which would not have been easy. They helped and inspired lots of people around them and showed that women can do great things in the Army too. I think they

are extraordinary women and we should all be thankful for everything they have done for our country and for the people they lead.