



Mr Ray Rosendale CSM, BHS, BSocWk (Hons)

Ray Rosendale enjoyed a long and decorated career in the military, including as the first Indigenous cultural adviser to a military service chief and as a mentor assisting disadvantaged youth to prepare for a career in the Australian Defence Force, for which he was awarded a CSM on Australia Day 2015.

After leaving the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 2017 he was a case manager at Anglicare, the Community Services Officer at Cairns Regional Council and is currently the Australian Indigenous Program Manager and advisor on veterans issues at Movember delivering social and emotional wellbeing programs across Australia.

Ray holds a degree in human services and an honours degree in social work and is the only male Aboriginal veteran social worker in Australia. He is a Kuku Yalanji man of the Western Sunset People and is equally as proud of his Danish and English heritage and particularly of his service to our country which he continues today through his social work.

He has been engaged at the highest levels within Defence as a staff member in the Chief of Navy's office, as a senior consultant with the Queensland Government and directly with senior ministers and politicians at all three levels of government, he has also assisted RSL (QLD) with projects at a state level. Ray displays effective and proven governance, leadership and engagement experience and is registered as an Australian director .

As a qualified social worker he is dedicated to the welfare of veterans and was a founding director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Association. This directorship allowed him to represent alongside other veterans as part of the reference group supporting the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. Ray has been an active participant and keynote speaker at veterans social events such as the Yungaburra Avenue of Honour and RSL (QLD) memorial events.

He strives to support others and is focused on assisting people to improve their mental, physical and social health. He collaborates closely with the community to resolve concerns, issues, and problems that they may be experiencing. Through his professional and personal efforts Ray continues to demonstrate his commitment to redress the challenges faced by veterans today and into the future.